

# the FELLOWTARIAN

*Newsletter of the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester*

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

June, 2007

**NOTE: Single services at 10 p.m. begin with the June 17 service and continue through Labor Day.**

June 3

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Rev. Dr. Patrick T. O'Neill

June 10

R.E. SUNDAY  
CELEBRATIONS AND TRANSITIONS

Religious Education Staff

**9 a.m. Service** – Join us as we honor our volunteer teachers, celebrate the RE Classes and recognize the students who have completed the O.W.L. (Our Whole Lives) program. We will also investigate The Golden Rule.

**11 a.m. Service** – Our graduating seniors will mark the transition from Youth to Young Adulthood in a Bridging Ceremony celebrating this important rite of passage. Please come and be witness to this event, and join in welcoming our youth into the adult community.

June 17 at 10 a.m.

STUMP THE HYMNIST

Mike Werner and Erin Behler

This is an annual celebration of the music and hymns we love. Mike Werner will lead us through some reflection and appreciation of the hymns in our hymnal, *Singing The Living Tradition*. Our “unstumpable hymnist”, Erin Behler will play whatever hymns you choose from our hymnal. Today, everyone (almost) gets to hear their favorite hymn. **This is a single service at 10 a.m.**

June 24 at 10 a.m.

HEALING ABUSE, RENEWING HOPE  
AND CHANGING LIVES STARTS HERE

Karol Smith-Williamson

Ms. Smith-Williamson will offer insights as to what each and all of us can do to bring about a less violent and more peaceful world. She is the Director of Development and Communications for the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. **This is a single service at 10 a.m.**

**Services and Babysitting at 9 AM and 11 AM. Religious Education at 9 AM only.**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

“You guys are doing great things.”

With that quote from Bob Johnson, Director of Growth and Extension for the Joseph Priestley District of UU congregations, I began my first Fellowship column as your newly elected president nearly two years ago, Bob Johnson was describing us as he delivered the good news that we’d been granted a two year growth consultancy with Rev. Tom Chulak. With my term as president now coming to an end - and the consultancy past history as well

— we have indeed “done great things.” With Deborah Mero as our newly called settled minister and under the lay leadership that will succeed me, I’m sure the trend will continue.

I want you to know that I have regarded it as an honor, a privilege, and a challenge to serve as your Fellowship president during this exciting time of growth and transition. It has not always been easy; those who worked closely with me are all too aware of the frustrations I occasionally voiced as I attempted to navigate the ‘ins’ and ‘outs’ of the changing Fellowship scene. What kept me going through it all was my commitment to this Fellowship as the community that sustains and nurtures me in my own personal life’s journey. You are my family in a very real sense of the word.

In past columns, I have enumerated our many successes over the past two years, from the implementation of the Council form of governance to the membership growth that accelerated

under the interim ministry of Patrick O’Neill. That all pales, however, next to the energy and excitement generated by our overwhelming vote to call Deborah Mero – a vote that affirmed our faith in ourselves, in our new minister, and in the work of our exceptional Search Committee. I’m delighted to end my presidency on that note.

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It’s not in my nature, however, to leave you without at least one challenge. I’m sure that many more wait in the wings, but this challenge, if not addressed within the near future, could most definitely stall our growth.

The challenge lies in the way we conduct our administrative operations, and specifically, in the way we store and maintain our records. How many of you, as lay leaders, are keeping important records on your home computers? Speaking for myself, everything related to my term as president is being kept and filed at home. That includes Board agendas and reports as well as important documents that we might want for future reference such as our Chalice Lighters’ Grant Application. Sure, much of this has also been posted on our website and is available for the general membership through that source. But none of my records as president have been filed and placed in permanent storage in a central Fellowship location, either in a digital or printed format.

Is that true for you as well? I’m guessing that it probably is. Why else have I had to turn to our lay leadership instead of the Fellowship office when I have

needed important documents or records? This “home storage model” is very small church stuff, and we simply cannot continue to operate this way! Records are being lost, and even if they can be located, the process is convoluted and long. Thus, I challenge all of you to go to your home computers, search through them, and locate your Fellowship records in preparation for turning them over to a central filing system. We are just starting to define how that central system might be organized – be prepared to provide what you have when the request is made.

There are other administrative areas that need our attention as well. Specifically, our lay leadership continues to perform tasks that in a program-sized church are delegated to paid staff. The amount of work, given our size and our busy schedule of activities, is growing exponentially and we cannot sustain it much longer on a purely volunteer basis. That challenge is something I’m sure your new board will address.

For now, I’m preparing to lead my last congregational meeting as president of the Fellowship on June 3. My term as president has been a wild and crazy ride full of surprises, but for the most part fun and always rewarding. I have every confidence that the “ride” for our future presidents will be just as wild, crazy, and full of surprises. I also have every confidence that we will continue to have fun and to care for and support one another. Those qualities have sustained us in the past, just as I know they will in the future.

— Signing off for the last time,  
Flo Miller, President

## REmarks RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

**Celebrations and Traditions.** Sunday, June 10 is “RE Sunday.” At the 9 a.m. service, we will honor our volunteer teachers, celebrate the RE classes, and recognize the students who have completed the O.W.L. (Our Whole Lives) curriculum. Everyone is welcome at the “Enhanced Coffee Hour” that will follow the first service, in honor of all our teachers. The 11 a.m. service will feature a Bridging Ceremony for our graduating seniors, to mark their transition from Youth to Young Adulthood. Please come join in the celebration at 9:00 and be a witness to this important rite of passage for our youth at 11:00.

**Young Members.** Did you know that membership in the Fellowship is open to any person 14 years of age or older? Active members may vote at meetings of the Fellowship, are eligible for election as trustees, officers, or committee chairs, and are eligible to be delegates to the General Assembly of the UUA, the District and DVAC. (Per our Bylaws, active membership is maintained by participation in activities of the Fellowship and by making a financial contribution each fiscal year. For members aged 14-19 the minimum financial contribution is 50% of the annual per member contribution to the District and the UUA.)

Three of our young people under age 18 are now members of the Fellowship. Tylar Kelly and Clara Iliff signed the book this past month. Taylor Steel joined last year.

**SUUmer Fun.** If you are looking for fun and enriching activities for you and/or your children this summer, there are several camp opportunities in the eastern U.S.:

- UUMAC (held at DeSales University in Center Valley, PA from July 22-28)
- SUUSI (held at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA from July 15-21)
- Camp Unirondack (located in the Adirondack Mountains, in Lowville, NY, with programs for families and different age groups throughout July and August).

I have brochures for UUMAC and Camp Unirondack in my office, and I’ve seen a SUUSI brochure or two on the information table in the foyer. Information is also available on the respective websites.

**Looking Ahead.** A note to OWL class members and their parents: next year our Coming of Age program will be offered for 9th and 10th graders. During the first part of the year, the class will dig deeper into Unitarian Universalism. We hope to arrange a field trip to Boston to tour the offices of the UUA and visit some of the old Unitarian churches. During the second part of the year, each child will be teamed up with a mentor from the Fellowship as he/she explores some of the big questions of Life. The year culminates with the class members presenting their “statements of faith,” which is always an inspirational and emotional service.

— Pam Baxter  
Director of Religious Education

## TEACHER APPRECIATION COFFEE HOUR

After the 9 a.m. service on June 10, RE Sunday, the Religious Education Committee will host an “Enhanced Coffee Hour” to honor our dedicated teachers who spend a great deal of time, thought and effort preparing for classes and teaching the children of our religious community. We would greatly appreciate it if friends and members, especially non-teaching parents, would bring in some kind of brunch-type treat that morning: muffins, scones, coffee cake, bagels and cream cheese, bake-ahead egg dishes (can be kept warm in the oven downstairs during the service), fruit, juice, milk, etc.



## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

While the present small groups are scheduled to end in June, open sessions will continue through the summer. Open sessions (open to anyone!) will be held on the second and fourth **Tuesdays** in July (the 10th and 24th). In August, open sessions will be held on the second and fourth **Wednesdays** (the 8th and 22nd). Topics will be advertised in advance.

We hope to begin sign-ups for next year’s Small Group Ministry in the fall — come to an open session to see what it’s like.

## KUDOS, KUDOS, AND MORE KUDOS.... ARE WE GOOD, OR WHAT?

Bob Radcliffe, who attended the recent annual meeting of our Joseph Priestley District of UU societies, reports on an "honor board" posted at the meeting. It listed the names of the UU societies in the district that had met certain guidelines or goals set by the JPD or UUA. Specifically, the boards listed societies that:

- Paid their "fair share" of dues to the JPD.
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- Practice fair compensation for their professional staff
- Were Chalice Lighters "honor societies" – an honor awarded to congregations with 33% or greater participation in the Chalice Lighters Program of the JPD
- Had a Youth Group that won the YES (Youth Empowerment and Service) Award.
- Were Welcoming Congregations

According to Bob, of 65 congregations in the JPD, only two had their name listed in every single category. One was First Unitarian of Baltimore and the other was (drum roll, please) THE UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP OF WEST CHESTER!!

I would add that our youth won the YES award not just this year, but for an unprecedented four consecutive years! No other youth group in the JPD can lay claim to that honor.

I would also add that while membership in the UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) was not among the honors listed, we also have the highest participation rate in that organization in the JPD.

These distinctions were earned because of the commitment, dedication, and financial contribution of all of our members. We can and should stand tall and proud. We are second to none in the Joseph Priestley District.

Are we good, or what?

— Flo Miller  
President



## HOLIDAY CONNECTIONS

If you or your family tend to find yourselves celebrating holidays alone – because you're new to the area, live alone, and/or have no relatives nearby – and would be interested in getting together with others in the same situation, send an email to caring with your name, address, email and phone number. I will compile a list and make it available to everyone on the list to facilitate connecting up with each other.

— Sharon Mayer-Conroy  
Caring Committee Chair

## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

It is with great joy, exhilaration and appreciation that your Ministerial Search Committee submits this final article.

Many thanks to all who participated in, attended, planned and organized the events of Candidating Week. A good congregation brings out the best in a minister and a good minister brings out the best in a congregation. We saw both during

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candidating week and it reminded us that we are truly a healthy congregation. Thanks, too, for your enthusiastic endorsement of

our candidate. When we took the news of the vote to Deborah on Sunday, she gladly signed the paperwork to make it official. WE HAVE A MINISTER!

The Search Committee would like to express our gratitude for the support and encouragement we've received from all of you for the past two years. It was a difficult, enlightening and enriching journey for all of us. It has been an honor to represent such an outstanding congregation and we appreciate the tremendous trust you placed in us. The future holds great things for our congregation. Thank you for letting us be part of it.

— With love and joy,  
Jim, Curt, Cyndy,  
Ed, Eileen,  
Mark and Sandy

## UUSC NEWS

Just as it was there in response to the Tsunami and to Hurricane Katrina, so the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is there in Greenburg, Kansas after the tornado helping the vulnerable populations, including migrant workers and low-income families — the people that the other charities overlook.

Meanwhile, there's no rest because Pennsylvania was criss-crossed the last weekend in April by UUSC director, Charlie Clements as he led a workshop with overflow attendance at the JPD conference, gave the sermon at the Germantown church, was the lead speaker at the Philadelphia City Hall rally on Save Darfur Sunday, and spoke at the Foulkways retirement center.

As you can see, the folks at OUR charity never rest. There's always more work to be done. Aren't you proud to be a member! (If you're not, you can join online at [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org) or see Robin Garrett, Deanna Koeckpe, or Linda Sander. We still don't have 100% membership, but we're getting very close. Won't you help us reach that goal?)

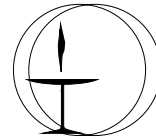
## MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

Last November we began Sharing the Plate once a month. The third Sunday of each month we give half of the two Sunday collections to a local organization that does good work in the community. So far we have donated an impressive \$2,932 from our collection plate. That's quite a commitment from our small, growing church especially since we only instituted the Share the Plate in November.

The Social Justice Committee has a box in the lobby for recommendations for potential recipients. There is a form to fill out so that you can provide the necessary information. Although there is no guarantee that an organization will be picked, we value your suggestions. We are particularly interested in local, small agencies or programs that don't receive large sums of money from government or other sources. These agencies and programs may be more affected by our donations since their budgets are often small. We will also continue to use the Share the Plate to further our commitment to current efforts (e.g., UUSC, Habitat). If you have a question about how to recommend an organization, please contact Jen Stevens at email: [share-the-plate](mailto:share-the-plate).

The donations so far have gone to:

- UUSC
- Safe Harbor
- Habitat for Humanity
- YWCA Chester County
- La Comunidad Hispania
- Lord's Pantry of Downingtown



The recipient for May will be the Coatesville Emergency Food Cupboard. In a county as affluent as Chester County, it's a shame that there are people who don't have enough food. This small, local agency provides food to people who are in need in the Coatesville area; included are low income families, senior citizens, individuals with disabilities and emergencies.

— Ed Cohle and Linda Sander

## ***AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH – A GLOBAL WARNING*** **JUNE 22**

UFWC's Global Warming Interest Group will show Al Gore's award winning documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, on Friday, June 22 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

With wit and entertainment, Al persuasively presents the scientific evidence that our climate is changing as a result of human activities. He presents the many potential consequences if we don't act now. He effectively argues that global warming is not just a political issue, but the biggest moral challenge facing global civilization.

Please bring a snack or a beverage to share, as well as a friend or two (particularly the skeptical ones). Arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 so that we can get our snacks and beverages before we start the movie at 7. The movie lasts 96 minutes and is rated PG.

Admission is free and open to the public. For more information on the film, see <http://climatecrisis.org/>. For more information on our June 22 showing of the film, contact email: [global-warmingor](mailto:global-warmingor) Nancy Artus.

## YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

May is a month of changes for our youth, with lots of winding down as well as lots of intense activity. There were numerous events — proms, pizzas, sports, recitals and theater, juxtaposed with finals, SATs and advanced placement tests, driver's license tests, graduation, summer job applications and college searches. Some days you just want to sleep late.

We convened an excellent meeting with Reverend Mero at the end of her candidating week — subjecting her to an abbreviated version of the infamous “Youth Sunday Ministerial Interview” — at 8:30 on Friday evening. A good time was had by all. We each learned a lot about each other. We are really looking forward to working with Reverend Mero.

We are already thinking about the Fall — whether it is starting a new job, off to college, back to school, or a new Youth Group year.

Michael Werner, who has advised our youth group for the past six years, has decided that it is now time to retire from this position. Rob Sartain, Kate Cuffari and Scott Klaum will continue as advisors and have identified several other adults who would like to get engaged with this awesome award-winning group.

There are always opportunities to get involved with your youth. If you have considered sharing your energy and talents by becoming an adult advisor to this amazing group, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Cuffari. The youth will be meeting and interviewing adult advisor candi-

## ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK SUPPER JUNE 3

Please set aside Sunday evening, June 3, for a potluck dinner followed by the annual meeting of our Fellowship.

The dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 6:30. We will be electing officers for the coming year, approving the budget, receiving year-end reports from the minister and other Fellowship leaders, and voting on other issues of importance. The full agenda will be mailed to you.

All members and friends are welcome to attend, but according to our Bylaws, only those who have been members for at least 30 days may vote.

This is an important meeting in that it determines who will lead us in the coming year. Your votes on other issues help set our direction for the future. We need a 20% quorum to conduct business, but I'm hoping for much more. It's your Fellowship — come be a part of the decision-making.

See you June 3.

— Flo Miller  
President

dates in anticipation of a really excellent new season.

The Youth Group will complete this year's programs with continued discussion of Archbishop James Ussher's Chronology of the World, in which he determined that the world was created on the evening preceding October 23, 4004 B.C. Sort of makes it challenging to reconcile things like Clovis points and dinosaurs.

This theory of the history of the world has a surprising number of adherents — including three very serious candidates for the presidency. The implications to each of us needs to be explored. It is easy and safe to believe what we believe when we are surrounded by like-minded individuals. How do you respond when your boss or a teacher

holds a totally contrary point of view?

And, to cap off the year, on June 10, we will celebrate the graduation of twelve seniors, the largest graduating class of seniors in the history of the Fellowship. An absolutely amazing accomplishment for everyone — the youth, their families and the Fellowship.

The Youth Group continues to meet virtually every Sunday during the second service, downstairs, from about 10:45 a.m. until noon. All UFWC affiliated youth from 9th through 12th grade are eligible to participate. If you have any questions about this incredible group, and want to think about becoming a member, or would like to support the group as a Youth Advisor, please contact us at email: youth-group.

## FAREWELL TO PATRICK PICNIC

Join us on Saturday, June 9 from 4-7:30 p.m. at a Farewell Party for Rev. Patrick O'Neil. Everyone is invited to attend this picnic at Oakbourne Park (just South of West Chester).

Burgers, dogs, chicken and all the fixin's will be provided as well as vegetarian fare. Lemonade, tea, water, and all the paper products will be there; you can bring other beverages if you wish. We ask that everyone bring a salad or dessert to share.



Oakbourne Park, has a pavilion, playground equipment and plenty of space to toss a Frisbee and play games. The park has acres of woods to hike in. Feel free to bring sports supplies, games, musical instruments, blankets, or lawn chairs.

This event is always lots of fun so bring the whole family. In case of a downpour we will picnic at the Fellowship instead.

We will have a basket under the pavilion for donations (\$3/adult or \$2/child) to cover the cost of the food. We ask that you sign up on the roster in the lobby or respond to the email message which we will send out, so that we have an idea of how many are coming. (Late-comers are welcome, if you have a last minute change in plans.) Maps of the park's location will be available in the church lobby in June.

We need a few volunteers to help with set-up that at 3 p.m. at the park, so let us know if you can help set-up. This event is organized by the Fun & Fellowship Committee. Contact Mary Yeager at email: fun.

## VOLUNTEERS FOR YARD WORK

The Building Committee is seeking volunteers to help with mowing and yard work. With enough volunteers the commitment is only about two hours every other month, so please sign up and help keep the Fellowship looking good. Volunteers please contact Tilo Stahl.



## FLEA MARKET NEWS FLASH

Many, many thanks to "The Flea Marketeers", including the "fringe group" that worked the sale hours. Right now it looks like we will net well over \$1100, possibly \$1200. Many non-UU's attended the sale, and several of these asked about the Fellowship and were interested enough to take our visitor packets. We also facilitated a great deal of re-use/recycling which honors our principle of earth stewardship. Because of the flea market, several items were donated that will be used by the fellowship, particularly RE. And it was fun, if exhausting.

— Sue Stedman, Chair

## CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee is now in the process of reinventing itself, rethinking what we do and how we do it. With continuing members Heidi Buss and Diane Cohle, new Chair Sharon Mayer-Conroy, and new members John and Pat Orban, we hope to more fully serve the needs of our growing congregation.

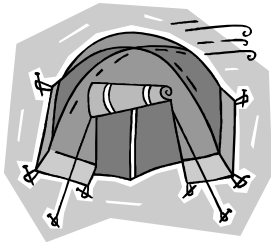
We are discussing ways to foster the supportive connections among friends and members outside the Fellowship. We are interested in exploring ways to support people with chronic, long-term needs as well as those with short-term concerns. We would be happy to hear from anyone who has ideas, thoughts or concerns regarding the needs of our community and how they may be better met. Reach Sharon at email: caring, or talk to anyone on the committee.

We are working on providing multiple ways for people to request help in a private manner, and we would like to provide help confidentially. In order to do so, we are compiling a list of volunteer "Helping Hands" whom we can call on to give rides, run errands, provide meals or companionship, etc. If you would like to be on the list, please send an email to caring, letting us know your availability and ability/preferences as to what you can do. In order for us to provide support to our community, we need to know what the needs are.

We know that it is difficult to ask for help. If you are aware that someone in our community is in need of aid and support, please let a member of the Caring Committee know so we can offer help.

— Sharon Mayer-Conroy,  
Caring Committee Chair

## SUMMER CAMPING TRIP SUSQUEHANNOCK STATE PARK JULY 21-22



We tried Susquehannock State Park last year but got rained out. So we're going to try again (though we first tried getting the favorite French Creek State Park campsite but it was already taken).

If you've not been there, Susquehannock State Park sits on a bluff overlooking the Susquehanna River in southern Lancaster County, north of the Conowingo Reservoir. You can find out more about Susquehannock at <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks>.

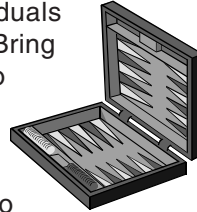
Convenient to the group camp site are a playground, a ball field and hiking trails. Unfortunately, the group camping at Susquehannock does NOT have a pavilion; hopefully we won't need one like we did last year! (Maybe a few of you have a dining fly you could bring?)

Please plan to come on Saturday, July 21 any time after 3 pm. Even if you're not a camper or can't spend the night, you are welcome to drop by to join in the fun, make some new friends and sing a few songs around the campfire. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby, along with park flyers (or sign-up by sending an

## POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT

Join us for a Potluck dinner followed by games on June 1 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. This is for individuals and families of any age. Bring a dish and a beverage to share as well as any game you have a hankering to play. This is an informal event with no agenda other than to have a good time. Paper products are provided. There is no need to

call ahead or be on time; just come!



We call it Potluck and Game Night and not just Game Night because you are welcome to skip the games and just relax and chat. Contact Mary Yeager if you have any questions at email: [game-night](mailto:game-night).

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## FOLK SINGING

June folk singing is Saturday, June 16, at 8 p.m., at the home of Linda and Steve Sander, 320 Sissinghurst Drive, in Westtown Township, just south of West Chester. No talent or experience necessary — just a



desire to have fun. Bring a munchie, if you wish. Maps are in the foyer. Contact Steve at email: [folk-singing](mailto:folk-singing). *Note for those who receive this issue in time: There is also folk singing scheduled for May 26.*

email to camping). To entice you to sign-up ahead of time, detailed driving instructions will be available via e-mail.

There is a nominal fee to cover the cost of the campsite and food (less than \$20/family). Hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, marshmallows and non-alcoholic drinks are provided for Saturday night; bagels, donuts, coffee and juice are provided for Sunday morning. We ask you to bring a side dish for Saturday night (salad or dessert) or Sunday morning

("brunchable").

Camping equipment you may need includes a tent, sleeping bag, air mattress, camp chair, flashlight and bug repellent. We'll need coolers and firewood; let us know what equipment you can provide.

If you have additional questions, please contact Dan Meyer and Eileen Kelly at email: [camping](mailto:camping). We hope to see you there.



## COFFEE HOUSE DEBUT PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF MUSIC

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 24 at 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**WHERE:** Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester

**WHO:** Talented Musicians, any genre of music will be considered. Sign up early (by June 8) to ensure a 2-3 song spot in the line-up. Slots will fill quickly. (If there are no more musical slots available for this event, join us anyway for a fun filled musical night and we will sign you up for the next Coffee House which we plan on doing again in the fall, and periodically throughout the year, so stay tuned.)



**COST:** Free

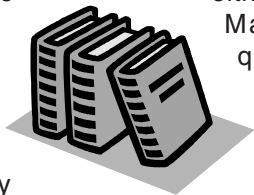
**CONTACT:** Judy Perri to sign up (maximum 2-3 songs per person). Note: Anyone who has ever organized a Coffee House Event and has knowledge or information to share to help our event, please give Judy a call)

All members and friends are invited to be supporters and or entertainers.

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## EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP NEXT MEETING — SEPTEMBER 16

We meet regularly on the third Sunday of the month, September through May. Plans for next year's reading and discussion topics will be announced in the July and August *Fellowtarian*, and we welcome your suggestions.



Please don't hesitate to call either Shelly Case or Ruth MacFadyen with your questions or contact us by email at [diversity-book-group](mailto:diversity-book-group).

## LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet on Friday, June 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the Panera, located in West Goshen next to Shop Rite at 1103 West Chester Pike. New-comers are welcome. E-mail lunch-group to be added to the e-mail reminder list. Please try to respond to the e-mail reminder so we can save enough space for everyone. If you change your mind at the last minute, come anyway. Everyone is welcome.

— Linda Sander



## SIMPLICITY CIRCLE

We will meet on June 3, at 12:30 p.m, the usual first Sunday of the month. We ask each person to present thoughts meaningful to you regarding the theme of the day. The group chose to share about mentoring that has impacted our lives, and the ways in which we have been affected. This could include mentoring we have done ourselves.

On Mother's Day in May, a small group met, which allowed plenty of attention to individuals present. Attendance at our previous meeting was larger than ever, with new members joining, and proved to be amazingly stimulating again.

This is a good group to attend by new-comers, who want to begin developing some relationships in a reflective, personable atmosphere. Contact Heidi Buss at email: [simplicity](mailto:simplicity).

## FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Jun 1</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Potluck &amp; Game Night.</b> 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 8.
<b>Jun 3</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Simplicity Circle.</b> 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Room. See p. 9. <b>Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper.</b> Dinner 5:30. Meeting 6:30 p.m. See p. 6.
<b>Jun 4</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Finance Committee.</b> 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Erach Patel , email: finance
<b>Jun 6</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Fun &amp; Fellowship Committee.</b> 7 p.m. Lobby. <b>RE Committee.</b> 7:00 p.m. OWL room. Contact Pam Baxter, email: dre
<b>Jun 8</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Lunch Group.</b> 11:30 a.m. at Panera in West Goshen. See p. 9. <b>Chester County Peace Movement Second Friday Film Series.</b> <i>A Force More Powerful.</i> 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary.
<b>Jun 9</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Farewell to Patrick Picnic.</b> 4-7:30 p.m. at Oakbourne Park. See p. 7.
<b>Jun 10</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Teacher Appreciation Coffee Hour.</b> After the 9 a.m. service. See p. 3. <b>Safe Harbor Dinner.</b> Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. Contact email: safe-harbor.
<b>Jun 12</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Board Meeting.</b> 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Office. All are welcome.
<b>Jun 15-16</b>	<b>Fri-Sat</b>	<b>Youth Group Retreat.</b> 7 p.m. Friday to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Fellowship. Contact email: youth-group.
<b>Jun 16</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Folk Singing.</b> 8 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 8.
<b>Jun 17</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Young Adult Group.</b> 12:30 p.m. Sanctuary.
<b>Jun 22</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>An Inconvenient Truth.</b> Arrive 6:30-7 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 5.
<b>Jun 23</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Lunch for the Needy.</b> Provided by our Fellowship at the Salvation Army. Contact email: salvation-army.
<b>Jun 24</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Coffee House.</b> 6-10 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
<b>Jun 26</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Building Committee.</b> 7 p.m. Fireplace Room. Contact Bob Scott at email: building. <b>Social Justice Committee.</b> 7 p.m. Office. Contact email: social-justice
<b>Jun 27</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Council Meeting.</b> Large RE room. Contact Bob Scott, email: vice-president.
<b>Jun 28</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Religious Services Committee.</b> 7:30 p.m. Office.

**Groups meeting multiple times in a month:**

<b>Small Group Ministry</b>	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday groups each meet twice a month. See p. 3.
<b>Youth Group</b>	Most Sunday mornings. 10:45 a.m. OWL/Youth Group rm. See p. 6.
<b>Yoga Classes</b>	Thursdays 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the basement.