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## SUNDAY SERVICES

### August, 2007

**NOTE: During the summer, there is a SINGLE service at 10 a.m.**

**August 5**

**THE POETRY OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Dianne Herrin**

Poetry, like any art, is about shared experience. When we can observe the world through others' eyes, we understand them better, and in doing so we take the first step toward achieving true compassion and peace. Please come share your poems of understanding with the congregation. If you know that you'd like to read, please let Dianne Herrin know. If you come with a poem to share at the last minute, that's OK too.

**August 12**

**STONES IN THE SAME WALL**

**Social Justice Committee**

The congregation has expressed an interest in more social justice efforts in the coming years. It's time to take stock of what we are currently doing as we move ahead with new efforts. The social justice committee will talk about the many projects we already have. Like the stones in a wall, each is related to the other. Each small stone makes the whole wall stronger. Come hear how we are contributing to a more sustainable, just, and peaceful world.

**August 19**

**GLOBAL WARMING FROM THE  
TOP DOWN AND THE BOTTOMS UP**

**UFWC Global Warming Group**

Now that the majority of us have accepted responsibility for this crisis in the making, we're confronting the reality of a complete lifestyle and cultural makeover. From the bottoms up, it starts with each of us as individuals – light bulbs, recycling, and fuel efficiency. From the top down it's no longer politics as usual; there are numerous ways for us to coordinate and shape our national response. The UFWC Global Warming Group covers the landscape of issues while keeping the emphasis local and spiritual.

**August 26**

**THE VIEW FROM HERE**

**UFWC Leadership**

A panel of congregational leaders will share their perspectives on Unitarian Universalism's function and meaning for each of them personally and also offer us a sense of their vision for our congregation as a whole as we enter this very special new church year.

**Services and Babysitting at 10 a.m. only during the summer.**

# The Song of Deborah

*"Sometimes you have to go a long way out of your way to come back a short distance correctly"*

— Edward Albee

And a hearty hello to everyone!

When last you heard from or about our progress in our move to West Chester I was trying to figure out where we were going to live—in a house, an apartment, by myself for a while or with Ralph. Everything was up in the air.

Well as of yesterday (I write this on July 15) we have signed the offer on the house in West Goshen that I originally felt was that house for us. We close on August 9 and will move the following week. Between our original visit and yesterday we continued to look far and wide at many houses of many types in many nearby (and not so nearby) locations. And we finally came back to the second house I looked at during candidating week oh so long ago.

As we were signing the papers our Real Estate agent in Framingham was about to fax us an offer on our house and the family that wants our house is in the middle of making a deal to sell their house. We are playing Real Estate Dominos which, hopefully, will all fall into place and everyone will come out happy. There will still be a relatively high stress factor for all of the parties involved until each closing is done and everyone has moved and begun to settle in. It is exhausting to even write about it let alone live it.

The quote above is from the one act play, *The Zoo Story*, by Albee. We read and discussed the play when I was a freshman in college and for some reason that line has stayed with me ever since. And every so often it seems to be the line that reflects the current

state of being in which I find myself. In this case, it is the hunt for a house. Sometimes it reflects a process that happens in a congregation. Sometimes it echoes some other aspect of my life.

There are times when we think we can find a short cut to accomplish something that really takes time and deliberation even though we think we know what the desired outcome should be and we think we can get there fast. But rarely does life work that way. And even more rarely does church work that way. The lesson for me is to take care to pay attention to "process" as well as "product." If I do so, then I can feel confident enough to move forward.

We will have many opportunities to reflect on process and on product in the years that we plan to spend together. I'm sure that there will be occasions again when I am reminded of that line in the Zoo Story. Until then, we have lots to do. Packing is about to begin in earnest as will the making of lists and attending to details. One thing

I have learned, over time, is how and when to ask for help. It is something that Unitarian Universalists are usually not very good at. We like to think we are independent folks who can take care of ourselves and everyone else around us. But being in community teaches us that it is not only OK to ask for help but it gives others the opportunity to reach out and feel good when they are able to do so. I will be asking for help now and again and will be grateful when any of you can oblige.

I am SO looking forward to settling in with you all and being one member of the team that is building this congregation and working to achieve the vision that you have so beautifully articulated. Until then...

— Peace and Love,  
Deborah

*(Next month I will explain the title of my newsletter column. I've used that same title throughout the years I have been a minister and it seems to serve me well.)*

## TOWN MEETING AND RETREAT

We will hold a congregational "town meeting" with the new leadership team, including Deborah, and moderated by our district executive Richard Speck on Friday evening, August 24, at 7 p.m. — preceded at 5 p.m. by a potluck. The goal is to begin the process of welcoming our new minister, Deborah Mero, on board and setting the stage for a leadership retreat to be held the next day. This retreat will draw on the input from the congregation on goals and directions that we get from everyone on Friday evening.

This will be the first of several congregational town meetings this year (probably quarterly) that the board has committed to holding, so that there is more of a chance for congregational input and questions on directions and goals for UFWC. Please plan to attend.

— Bob Scott

## FROM THE PRESIDENT – ALREADY?

It's July 15, 10:25 p.m. on Sunday evening. I just got back from the shore, where I finally got a chance to spend a weekend with Susie. I'm tired but relaxed. The *Fellowtarian* deadline is in an hour and a half.

I'm suddenly reminded of the short list of things that Flo warned me about. This deadline was at the top of that list. How did this happen? How did it get here so soon? I just wrote that last article last week wasn't it? What's happened since then?

Oh wait – there was GA.

That took a solid week away from work, and away from my family, during very busy times for both, and I've been trying to catch up since.

But what a week it was for me! I visited with my sister who lives in Portland for a day and we visited the Gorge – a national treasure. Then I spent two days with nearly 1000 UU leaders at UU University – Boot camp I'd call it. It was wonderful! Then about 5,000 more UU's descended on the Portland Convention Center for another 4-5 days of non-stop action and inter-action. Then we had dinner with former UFWC members Mary and Peter Hepokoski (thanks guys it was wonderful!) and off to the airport for the red-eye home and back to work.

I learned a lot – more than I could handle and I'm still wading through my notes and reading books I bought and emailing contacts I made. One thing important I learned – that I sort of knew but didn't really know until I could put faces to it – is that we are not alone.

There are many UU congregations out there as exciting and vibrant as us, and there are many struggling with the same changes

we are. There's both lots of help for us when we need it, but perhaps more importantly there's a lot more opportunity for us to get our voice heard given how strong the association of congregations we belong to actually is. We've been inward looking a bit too much, we're part of a wild group of people that's out there making a difference the way we say we want to – we can join in with them and they with us. Pretty exciting stuff!

I also learned that the successful congregations take care of the important stuff and don't get bogged down in the small stuff. Duh! And they look the problems they have in the face and work them through. Double-Duh! But I met a lot of healthy congregations and a few not so healthy ones too. I was proud to be part of UFWC, I always had good stories to tell in breakout sessions – we're doing good work here and getting better at it.

I learned that “embracing diversity” is a strong phrase – one that we could probably do more to live up to. I learned that UU's are highly effective advocates for important justice and stewardship issues everywhere, and we can hook into this network. I learned that spiritual search is hard but there are great ways to keep this most important mission going strong. I learned that UU's are at the center of much of the good work done and being done in this country. I learned that I have a lot to learn. But what fun doing so!

I also was proud to be from UFWC and to be part of such a strong contingent from home – it

was great to hang with friends in the midst of all that chaos. I had lots of people come up to me and say how great for us that we've got Deborah coming – we said, “We know.” And lots of other people telling us that Patrick was giving us a lot of high fives in the minister meetings, we said, “He

deserved the best we could give him.”

The folks at the UUSC booth were happy to see us too. Our district people were speaking very highly of us. My feathers were

puffed I must say. (I'll have to show you my name badge with all the ribbons)

A great experience for me as you can see. I recommend every person in the congregation plan to go to GA at some point. It has really changed me. And now back to work, but I'll float in on a cloud.

We've had a board meeting with the new board – you folks are in good hands I must say, these people are great. We're getting ready to welcome Deborah to town, and Ralph too of course. We're talking already about having more contact between the board and the congregation, maybe some quarterly town meetings so we can hear what you have to say, come out August 24 for the first one (see article on retreat).

Now it's 11:35 – I'm emailing this to Steve now...he said he'd cut me a break on that deadline as president, as long as I don't abuse it. I'll save it for another month when I look up again and say, “Already?”

– Bob

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## REmarks – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

**Summertime Family Fun Events** – It has been great to see so many people turn out for our RE Family Fun events this summer. I hope you can join us in our last two events this month: Indoor Ice Skating, and Tubing on the Brandywine, both guaranteed to keep you cool! (See details on this page.)

**2007-08 Religious Education Program** – This coming year, we will be doing our World Religions rotation, which includes the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. On the Sundays scheduled as Group RE days, we will focus on Unitarian Universalism and Social Action projects. I've found two new curricula that look excellent: Bibleodeon (for 5th/6th grade,) which puts a new twist on old stories such as the Prodigal Son, and turns Cain's slaying of Abel into a murder investigation; and an expanded Coming of Age curriculum (for 9th/10th grade) that weaves in two retreats and a social action project.

If you have knowledge of or interest in a particular faith or religious/spiritual tradition, and would like to be part of RE this year, please let me know. We will need some additional help with our Neighboring Faiths class (7th/8th grades). It's a great opportunity to share what you know or to learn more about something that interests you.

**Multicultural RE** –At UFWC we aspire to be “a thriving, caring and welcoming community . . . that embraces diversity.” But what does that mean? Are we truly a multicultural congregation? What does being multicultural actually mean? In June, I attended a workshop for DREs that took us into these questions and encouraged us to begin thinking beyond what we currently do in our RE classes

and our congregations. The purpose was not to figure out how to get more people of color through our doors, although that might be a result of becoming truly multicultural. The purpose was to create awareness. For instance we got to see how we might have ingrained in us the unconscious perspective that “everyone sees things from a white perspective, don't they?” More accurately, it became clear that when you're not “other,” there's a whole lot that you're simply not aware of and never need to worry about.

We were invited to consider the fact that all our curricula are written by white people. From there, we looked at what might be communicated and taught when,

for example, Native American Spirituality is presented as a single spiritual approach. We looked at what stereotypes are perpetuated in some of our holiday celebrations. Who is celebrating? For whom might our party be a wake? In teams, we prepared lesson plans for different holidays (Thanksgiving, St. Patrick's Day, Halloween and Kwanzaa), trying to be aware of all that we had discussed. We talked about the differences between respectful sharing and cultural misappropriation. It was definitely a challenging session for me, but I came away inspired to find ways to incorporate what I learned into our program.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.  
See you in September!

— Pam Baxter, DRE

## R.E. FAMILY FUN

We have two RE FAMILY FUN events planned for August. Hope to see you there! (Kids all grown up? Bring your inner child! All are welcome!)

### **SKATING AT ICE LINE – Monday, August 6**

**WHERE:** IceLine, 700 Lawrence Dr., West Chester, Tel: 610-436-9670

**WHEN:** Monday August 6, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. — Public Skate

**COST:** Ages 4 and over: \$5,

**SKATE RENTAL:** \$2 (Smallest size: Toddler 8, Largest size: Men's 13)

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Cathy Vogt

### **TUBING/CANOEING ON THE BRANDYWINE - Saturday, August 18**

**WHERE:** Northbrook Canoe, 610-793-2279 or 1-800-898-2279 or <http://members.aol.com/railsriver/index.html>

**WHEN:** Saturday August 18 at 10 a.m.

**COST:** \$16 per inner tube for a 2 hour trip; \$35 per canoe for a 1 hour trip; \$40 for 1.5 hour trip.

**RSVP:** Please respond to Jim Brenner by August 6 with the number who will be going and if you would want to tube or canoe.

**SAFETY INFO:** For Logistics and Safety Info (e.g., age requirement, how many adults/children per canoe, etc.), go to <http://members.aol.com/railsriver/> and click on Policies.

**TUBES:** You must be 10 years and older or four feet and above to use these crafts. Tubes are single person crafts.

**CANOEES:** For safety there must be one adult per child (under age 10) in a canoe. No child under the age of 2 is allowed for safety reasons.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Fellowship Board of Trustees held its regular monthly meeting on July 9, 2007. The main business conducted was the decision to transfer money from three Restricted Reserves accounts into the account set aside to pay for the porch enclosure. The Board expects the remaining monies to be provided by non-interest loans from Fellowship members. President Bob Scott also updated the Board on the search for a new office administrator.

In addition, materials on Board protocol and the policy governance model were distributed, which the Board members reviewed and discussed, both as an orientation for new Board members and a kind of refresher course for remaining Board members.

The Board plans to start the new Fellowship year with a congregational gathering on August 24, at which time UFWC members and friends may offer their input to Board and Fellowship Council members. This meeting will be preceded by a potluck dinner. Then, on August 25, the Board and Fellowship Council members will meet together, with facilitation by Rev. Richard Speck; the main agenda will be to define leadership roles.

Board members, who invite questions and comments from members and friends, are Bob Scott, President; Craig Talbot, Vice President; Deanna Koepcke, Secretary; Erach Patel, Finance Chair; and Trustees Jack Butler, Diane Cohle, Fatima Patel, and Sandra Schaal.

— Deanna Koepcke,  
Secretary

## NOTE FROM PATRICK AND PATRICIA

*Editors' Note: On June 30, we received, for publication, the following letter from Patrick and Patricia:*

Dear UFWC,

Patricia and I wish to thank everyone in the Fellowship for the wonderful farewell picnic in the park! It was just perfect. We especially thank Mary Yeager and her committee and all who had a hand in arranging it all.

I wish to thank you also for the going-away gifts, the Jackie Robinson book and the contribution towards my new liturgical stole. Like everything else our Fellowship has done this year, these are things I will carry with me to my next ministry.

We expect to move on July 30 to our new home in Brooklyn Heights. Our new home address there will be:

O'Neill and Williams  
2 Montague Terrace Apt. 7A  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

My new church address is:

First Unitarian Church  
50 Monroe Place  
Brooklyn, NY 1120

I will be here in town packing boxes for the rest of July, and I will be "on call" at my home phone above for any pastoral emergencies until August 1, when Rev. Mero officially takes over. I know you will give her the splendid support and help that you gave to me during this Interim year.

And so, our "official" relationship as minister and congregation comes to a close, dear friends. The affection, friendship, and respect between us remains, I hope always. I will follow from afar your progress as a congregation, and if you're ever in the Big Apple, come worship with us in Brooklyn.

Thanks again for the privilege of serving this year as your Interim Minister!

Patrick T. O'Neill

### SMALL GROUP MINISTRY SUMMER SESSIONS OPEN TO ALL ALL SESSIONS 7:15 - 8:45 P.M.

Tue., July 24 — Spiritual Experiences — watch email for details.

Wed., August 8 — Topic to be announced via email

Wed., August 22 — Topic to be announced via email

Come join us.

## STONES IN THE SAME WALL — SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Our many social justice projects are interconnected like stones in the same wall.

One of the hardest things that the social justice committee has to do is to limit the time spent on any project or action that is outside the current focus of the congregation. Our main focus over the next year will be global warming, affordable housing and world peace efforts. For all the new actions and needs, we will be working on a way to let everyone know about some very worthy efforts you might want to consider doing outside the church. For the time being, we'll make announcements or get information to you as much as possible. This month's social action tip is:

If you are a gardener and have an abundance of food, you may want to share it with others not so fortunate. You can Share the Harvest and give a gift from your heart that will help people who need it most. Philabundance (the region's largest food bank and hunger relief org.) is coordinating the distribution of donated garden produce. Drop off sites are Saturdays through August 25, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Rose Tree Park, Media, or Gardener's Landscape Nursery, 535 W. Uwchlan Ave., Downingtown. For more information call 215-339-0900 Ext. 255 or see [www.philabundance.org](http://www.philabundance.org).

### Town Hall Event, July 24

Penn Action, Iraq Summer and UFWC are planning a town hall event for July 24, 7 p.m., in our sanctuary. The purpose of the event will be to send a respectful message to Congressman Gerlach, letting him know that there is support in his district for funding human needs programs in general but especially those found in the Labor-HHS/Education ap-

propriations bill. With so much money going to fund the war, it is ironic that programs for those in need have been cut, often involving veterans and their families. Among other topics, this town meeting will address the strain that military spending is placing on the federal budget.

### Share-the Plate for August

The Share-the-Plate recipient for August will once again be Open Hearth. This small organization based in Spring City provides innovative programs to help people end the cycle of homelessness and achieve financial self-sufficiency. Open Hearth supports and empowers people as they acquire affordable housing, a means of transportation and teaches valuable saving habits, offering a cash savings match. They are also addressing the need for more accessible housing for people with physical disabilities.

### Beyond War Study Series

A Beyond War eight week study series will be held at UFWC this fall. The series will be open to congregants and to the community.

Materials for the study session will be provided by the Beyond War group themselves. See their web site at [www.beyondwar.org](http://www.beyondwar.org) for more information.

Anyone who is interested in attending please send an email to [beyond-war](mailto:beyond-war) indicating that you are interested, and please give some sense of good times for you, so we can make a list and get this on our calendar. If you're interested in helping to organize or moderate, please indicate that also in your email.

We are working in coalition with our friends at Grove Method-

ist who will also sponsor the series at their church this fall. This is a follow-up to the presentation and discussion that we co-sponsored in the spring, which was led by the director of the Beyond War group.

### UUA Social Actions at GA

Six Actions of Immediate Witness were approved at the UUA 2007 General Assembly:

- Support for the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- Support Immigrant Families - Stop the ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) Raids
- Support Comprehensive Sexuality Education Legislation
- Stop US Sponsored Torture - A Religious Call to Action
- Repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"
- Pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act with Transgender Inclusion and Protection

In addition to the Actions of Immediate Witness, the delegates at GA passed the 2007 Statement of Conscience, "Moral Values for a Pluralistic Society"

To learn more about Statements of Conscience/Actions of Immediate Witness, visit [www.uua.org/csw](http://www.uua.org/csw).

This information about GA actions came from the UUA Advocacy News list. If you would like to stay in touch with UUA social action on a national level go to the UUA Washington Office website ([www25.UUA.org/uuawo/new](http://www25.UUA.org/uuawo/new)) and click on UUA Social Justice News Lists to sign up for the lists that interest you.

## OTTO AMANN

We report with sadness the death of Otto Amann, a life-long Unitarian and member of our Fellowship since 1993. Otto was 79 when he passed away in June at Crosslands, where he resided.

Otto was an active member of our Fellowship until declining health made it difficult for him to attend services or participate in other activities. Newer members may not have known him, but all of us – new and old — are benefiting from his dedication and commitment. He served a number of terms as chair of the Finance Committee and in that capacity was instrumental in starting our Planned Giving Program and our Endowment and Capital Projects Funds.

An avid reader, he also donated virtually all the books in our Fellowship library. If you are not aware of this Fellowship “gem,” check it out in the room to the left of the stage. The extensive collection focuses on religious themes in general and Unitarian Universalism in particular. Browse through the books and borrow one that strikes your fancy. As you do so, think back on the generosity of one individual who made the library possible and was a part of our community for an all-too-brief period of time.

Otto was also a member of the Building Committee, which he joined shortly after his arrival at the Fellowship. He kept up with the exciting news of our growth even when he was no longer able to contribute his time and talents, and we’re sure he was pleased with our renewed energy, our expanded programming, and our commitment to become an increasingly visible presence in West Chester.

Our Fellowship would not be the vital religious community it is today without the contributions of the many dedicated and caring Unitarian Universalists who served us in the past. Otto Amann was one such individual. We honor his contribution as we mourn his passing. We understand that the family is planning a Memorial Service at Crosslands for late summer or early fall. We’ll pass on the details to you as soon as they are available.

— In faith and memory of a great UU  
Flo Miller and Cyndy Bullaughey

*We honor  
his contribution  
as we mourn  
his passing.*

## UUSC UPDATE



Let’s face it – it’s hot! So it’s an ideal time to stay indoors, and surf the web – and what better website to visit than OUR charity, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, at [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org). It’s also a perfect time to write some letters and/or make some phone calls. You will notice in the upper right of the homepage, under the header “Take Action” that two of the items deal with the “Drumbeat for Darfur” campaign. UUSC is not going to let that issue rest until the genocide stops, and that will require our help – all of us. So please take a few minutes to work on making the world a better place by doing your share. The wounded, the tortured, the raped, the displaced – all thank you.

— Tom Townsend

## EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Exploring Diversity Book Discussion Group meets on the third Sunday of each month from September through May. We select books (and movies in December and January) that will help us better understand and appreciate differences in ourselves and others. Our selections typically include fiction and non-fiction. We have read a variety of books including plays, short stories as well as literature for young people.

We will start off on September 16 with a mystery, *Blood from a Stone: A Commisario Guido Brunetti Mystery*, by Donna Leon. Set in Venice, the story provides us with descriptions of the food and smells and culture of the city while engaging our minds in the lives of the nameless African immigrants who have arrived to sell goods to the tourists. They are further identified as outsiders by the color of their skin. Pat Shorten will lead our discussion.

Check the September *Fellowtarian* for details. Contact either Ruth MacFadyen or Shelly Case, or email [diversity-book-group](mailto:diversity-book-group).



## FUN & FELLOWSHIP PLANNING MEETING AUGUST 13

Do you have ideas or suggestions for social events, old or new? Are you looking for an easy, fun way to get involved with the fellowship? Maybe your committee would like to collaborate with the Fun & Fellowship committee on a new event? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, you should be a part of the Fun & Fellowship's planning meeting for 2007-2008.

The meeting will be a social event in itself and everyone is welcome! We will meet at L'Angolo di Tivoli Italian Restaurant for dinner and dessert on Monday, August 13, at 6 p.m. The restaurant is located at 1211 Old Wilmington Pike. You will have to pay for your own meal, but we will bring the wine. If you wish to come, please RSVP to Nancy Artus (email: fun) by August 10.

The Fun & Fellowship committee is short on members. For 2007-08, we are offering a variety of ways for you to get involved without necessarily making a large commitment. Check off your interests in the form below to let us know how you can help. Bring it to the August meeting, or send it to Nancy Artus (address in directory), or email the information to fun.

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**BICARB BISTRO (Fall)** -- Friendly cooking competition; everyone can judge

Chief Organizer     Help organize     Set-up and/or clean-up

**HOLIDAY PARTIES (Dec. and Jan. 1)** -- Hors d'oeuvre potluck open houses in people's homes

Will host a party     Help organize     Recruit hosts, write announcements

**FEAST OF THE DECADENT CHOCOLATE (February)** -- Chocolate buffet after each service

Chief Organizer     Help organize     Set-up and/or clean-up

**COMMUNITY DANCE (March)** -- Folk dance with live band and caller

Chief Organizer     Help organize     Set-up and/or clean-up

**CAMPING (Summer)** -- One night of camping at a group site nearby

Chief Organizer     Help organize     Set-up and/or clean-up

**PICNICS (Sept. and May/June)** -- Large picnic at a nearby park

Chief Organizer     Help organize     Set-up and/or clean-up

**KARAOKE PARTY (Anytime)** -- Pot luck and Karaoke singing at fellowship or in a large home

Chief Organizer     Help organize     Set-up and/or clean-up

**GAME NIGHTS (First Friday Monthly)** -- Pot luck followed by board and card games

Chief Organizer     Help organize     Set-up and/or clean-up

**COFFEE HOUR (Every Sunday)** -- Beverages and snack after each service

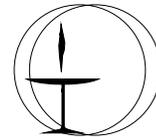
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YOUR NAME AND TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

## UFWC AUCTION OCTOBER 27

The annual UFWC Auction will be held Saturday, October 27. We'll welcome back Mr. Joseph Felice, returning for a second year as our auctioneer. Do you have connections with local businesses or like to network? Have the time to make a few phone calls? Do you like games of chance? Enjoy fast-paced action? If you have ideas on how to make this event bigger and better than ever, we want to hear from you! Email auction, if you'd like to get involved. The committee will begin meeting before the end of July. Watch your email for more information.

— Scott Klaum,  
Auction Coordinator



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee would appreciate whatever input you might have regarding your visits to other UU congregations while on vacation or business trips. We'd like to know what impressed you favorably or unfavorably about your visit. We're always open to what our congregation can do to make the Fellowship a place to which visitors will want to return. Contact Mira Tryon or Barbara Long at email: membership.

## COFFEEHOUSE SUCCESSFUL THANKS TO UU

The June 24 Coffeehouse exceeded all expectations, and quite a few dreams! This was the first of what we hope will be a recurring series of “unplugged”-style entertainment events. We were pleased to host many different acts, including a poet, singer songwriters, jazz and cabaret pianists, country, traditional, and pop players, even itinerant gypsy musicians. A huge breadth of talent was represented and virtually all are members and friends of UFWC. Thanks to all who performed, and to all who attended. It was truly a fun night, no matter on which side of the ‘footlights’ you found yourself.

Special thanks go to Judy Perri, Marie Steel, and Craig Talbot who organized the event, and to Leslie Stahl, whose original artwork graced the hall. Judy thanks Mira Tryon, Barbara Long and Bruce Koepcke who helped promote, decorate, and staff the event. Craig especially thanks Steve Wilcox and Juan Leon for their help with the sound system.

Please keep an eye out for our next coffeehouse. If you have suggestions, would like to help, or hope to perform in the future, please email us at coffeehouse.

## UFWC ONLINE

Check out all the ways you can experience the UFWC online:

Our website, [www.ufwc.org](http://www.ufwc.org), has everything you need in order to be “in the know” about the UFWC. On the Contacts page, you can find email “aliases”. These are email addresses that automatically forward your message to the correct “person in charge.” For instance, Rev. Mero’s alias is “minister” — to send a message to her, just send it to minister (@ufwc.org, or course).

We have two mailing lists that we use to get information out that can’t wait for the next issue of the *Fellowtarian*. One is a “General” list for all who want to keep “in the loop.” All members are automatically subscribed to the second list (of very limited use), which is of interest only to members. The leaders of the Youth Group also have a list used for dissemination of information. Contact them at youth-group for more information about this list. There are also two discussion lists — open lists to which any subscriber may post messages — one for social justice and one for global warming.

We also have a mailing list for those who want to receive the *Fellowtarian* in PDF format by email rather than by snail mail. This saves us money, and you get each issue sooner.

Please send all requests to subscribe or unsubscribe to Steve Sander at email.

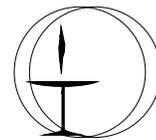
## SIMPLICITY CIRCLE

We will meet after the 10 a.m. service on August 6, 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 continue 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.

Our May, June, and July meetings have been smaller, due to Mother’s day and other activities. This has allowed more attention available for individuals present, which repeatedly turned out rather advantageous. Two visitors attended the July meeting, and it worked out very well to be able to give good individual focus. A larger attendance is expected in August, going by a number of reports. Focus continues to center on our strivings for a life of meaning. What do we really want out of life? How do we get there? Answers are varied, individual and personal.

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.

– Heidi Buss



## WELCOME REV. MERO PICNIC

Sunday, September 9, will be Rev. Mero’s first Sunday Service with us, and we want to celebrate with a picnic at Hoopes Park from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. September’s *Fellowtarian* will have all the details. We hope to see you there.

## FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

- Aug 3 Fri Potluck & Game Night.** 6:30 p.m. At the Fellowship. See below.
- Aug 5 Sun Simplicity Circle Meeting.** 11:30 a.m. Fireplace Room. See p. 9.
- Aug 6 Mon Skating at Ice Line.** 1-2:30 p.m. See p. 4.
- Aug 7 Tue RE Committee.** 7 pm. OWL Rm. Contact Cathy Vogt at religious-education.
- Aug 10 Fri Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. at Panera in West Goshen. See below.
- Aug 12 Sun Safe Harbor Dinner.** Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. Contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy at email: safe-harbor.
- Aug 13 Mon Fun & Fellowship Annual Planning Meeting.** 6 p.m. L'Angelo di Tivoli Italian Restaurant. See p. 8.
- Aug 14 Tue Board Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. Office. All are welcome.
- Aug 18 Sat Tubing/Canoeing on the Brandywine.** 10 a.m. Northbrook Canoe. See p. 4.
- Aug 22 Wed Council Meeting.** Large RE room. Contact Craig Talbot, email: vice-president.
- Aug 24 Fri Town Meeting and Potluck.** Potluck 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. See p. 2.
- Aug 25 Sat Lunch for the Needy.** Provided by our Fellowship at the Salvation Army. Contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy at email: salvation-army.
- Aug 28 Tue Social Justice Committee.** 7 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle at email: social-justice.
- Aug 30 Thu Religious Services Committee.** 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Curt Hoganson at email: religious-services.

### Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

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| <b>Small Group Ministry</b> | Open sessions on Tuesdays August 8 and August 22. See p. 4.  |
| <b>Youth Group</b>          | Contact email: youth-group for summer information.   |
| <b>Yoga Classes</b>         | Thursdays 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the basement. Contact Myra Tryon to be sure that classes will be meeting, email: yoga. |

### LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet on Friday, August 10, at 11:30 a.m. at the Panera, located in West Goshen, near Shop Rite, at 1103 West Chester Pike. Newcomers are welcome. E-mail Linda Sander at 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. All are welcome.

### GAME NIGHT

August 3 at 6:30 p.m. will be our next gathering. Everyone one is welcome; people of all ages attend. Bring a dish and a beverage to share as well as any game you have a hankering to play. Paper products are provided. There is no need to call ahead or be on time; just come! Contact Nancy Artus if you have any questions at email: fun.

### FOLK SINGING

The next get-together of the Folk Singing Group is Saturday, August 4, at 8 p.m., at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. No experience or talent necessary. Bring a munchie, if you wish. Brochures with a map are available in the foyer. Contact Steve at email: folk-singing.

**CANCELLED**