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SUNDAY SERVICES

March, 2008

February 24

OUR FLAMING CHALICE

Rev. Deborah Mero

What is that thing we set on fire every week? This is a relatively new ritual in our congregations. Knowing its history and significance will help us answer the question when newcomers ask it.

March 2 at 9 AM Only

COMPASSION

Robin Garrett and Other Lay Leaders

This service will explore compassion, the role it plays in one's life and value system, and the challenges involved in maintaining an open heart. In place of a sermon, ideas about compassion will be briefly offered, and then we will have discussions in small groups so all attending can share their own ideas. (Rescheduled from February 24)

March 2 at 11 AM Only

TBA

Guest Minister

March 9

ROAD TRIP THROUGH SPIRITUALITY

Youth Group

Come join UFWC's amazing Youth Group for a roving journey through spiritual and philosophical ideas that might only be found among Unitarian Universalists. Buckle up and enjoy the ride!

March 16

THE FIRE OF COMMITMENT!

Rev. Deborah Mero

Single Service at 10 AM Only

Commitment Sunday

As we kick off our pledge drive, we will do so with great music, great spirit and the enthusiasm and excitement and energy that is so much a part of UFWC.

March 23

EASTER SUNDAY

Rev. Deborah Mero

So if we're not Christian, what do we talk about on Easter? Our roots do come from Christianity but we have a different understanding of what that means. Come find out what that is.

March 30

UUSC JUSTICE SUNDAY

Social Justice Committee Members

Hear what the UU Service Committee, OUR Human Rights Organization, has to say about the costs of war: Iraq, Kenya, Darfur. As Dr. King said, "A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death." Let's renew our commitment to avoiding this tragedy. Learn what the Social Justice Committee of UFWC is already doing. The UFWC drummers will perform.

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

The Song of Deborah

The planning for the installation of me as your called minister is now in full bore. It is an exciting time for me as it also is for you—at least I hope you are beginning to feel the excitement. It has been a long time since the UFWC has “installed” a minister. This isn’t about nailing down flooring or putting a new program on your computer. Probably many of you have never taken part in such a ceremony and perhaps don’t even know what it is. So let me take a first crack at it for you.

The Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester is an institution that gathers for the purpose of affirming our values, joining on a spiritual quest, teaching our children about such things and celebrating rites of passage. We are all that and more. We are a covenantal community. We aspire to be active and do great things together and to support the institution that guides our way. We make promises to one another each time we come together.

When, on May 6 of last year, you had a formal meeting of the members of the congregation and voted to call me as your minister you were affirming that you wanted me to be with you as we journey together. You wanted to offer me a free pulpit to preach about our values and truth and justice. You wanted me to come and help you build this institution. You want me to be with you in your trials and celebrations, in your joys and sorrows, to share the great and awful times in your lives. That is what a religious professional is trained to do both by formal education and by the in-

tentional living and observing of life in all of its glory and it’s tragedy.

You voted to invite me to be here. To move to West Chester, to be your spiritual leader. I accepted your invitation, sold a house, bought another, packed and moved, unpacked and started working. We just started doing what we agreed to do, and here we are. What we have not done is formally celebrate the rite of passage, the actual act of affirming a covenant between a minister and the members of a congregation. We

are planning to do just that on April 6. This rite of passage is not about me. It is about the covenant we make to one another. And it is about the institution, the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester, that is now 54 years young and growing. It is about the greater Unitarian Universalist movement and its long traditions of the learned clergy, free pulpit, and congregational polity. It is about our history and our future.

There will be great words, great music, great food, great joy and good will abounding.

Invited to this event will be members and friends, children and youth of the congregation, clergy from the UU Joseph Priestly District, members of the Religious Council of West Chester, elected officials of the Borough and of the state legislature, and my friends and family. You will come and they will come to witness and to take part in a ceremony that has a great tradition in the liberal church. You will hear a fine sermon, you will be given a charge as will I by some of my esteemed friends and colleagues. There will be great words, great music, great food, great joy and good will abounding. But most of all this ceremony will be about us and how we will officially walk hand in hand into the future together, the commitments we will make to one another. This is our institutional rite of passage. Much time and energy is going into the planning of this special day by a wonderful committee of talented people. I am so looking forward to it. I hope you are too.

In anticipation and with hope and love,

– Deborah

NEWCOMER ORIENTATION

The next Newcomer Orientation will be a two-session event. The first session is tentatively being scheduled for March 16 after the service, and the second session will be announced. Stay tuned for more details of time and dates.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed in a variety of capacities for the coffee hour after each service. There are phone calls to make to recruit and remind volunteers, supplies to be checked and restocked, and helping out when needed. More people make less work so we all can enjoy socializing. Please email coffee or see Mira Tryon.

FROM THE PRESIDENT - MISSION AND GOVERNANCE

Sounds like a daunting article to read, imagine writing it! But this month I want to bring everyone up to speed with some of what we on the Board and leadership in general will be working on during the next few months.

Many of us are convinced that while we have several Fellowship wide discussions on the table, including name change and long term building issues to accommodate our growth, the most important next discussion to have revolves around our mission as a UU congregation and as individuals. The reason for the need is that with a clear mission in our minds, other decisions such as budget priorities, committee make-ups and governance in general, and activities we engage in and support can be made in light of whether or not they support that mission. Without it, we find ourselves a bit too scattered and trying to do too much without being able to measure whether we're furthering that mission.

It's a hard thing to define. We have a great Vision Statement that we worked very hard on. It tells the world what kind of community we see ourselves as being, or wanting to be, and it's a powerful statement. My understanding of a mission is that it's the end result or change in the world that we hope occurs because we exist that wouldn't otherwise occur. It's our goals in terms of tangible results, it's the reason we pour in our time, money and energy, and it will have spiritual, social, and justice components to it as does our vision.

In pure Carver based policy governance, this job is the responsibility of the Board, and the execution of program and opera-

tions to achieve it is left to the Executive team (more later) and the Council of Committees. But we are a congregation where the owners – our members – are both represented by the Board and also play key roles on executing the program. So here, the entire congregation will take up the mission. Deborah and I and others feel strongly that this important work get started.

We are forming a task force now from the Board, the Committee on Ministry, and the congregation to define the term and come to agreement on a process that engages everyone in defining this mission – and that is highly inclusive of all our new members as well as our long standing members. We will also challenge everyone to think about his/her own personal mission within this congregation and this society – an exercise that several of us who attended a growth and vitality workshop went through recently and found very powerful. So stay tuned, and feel free to talk to me about this if you have questions.

The second issue I'd like to go over is the executive team discussed above. The Carver policy governance model prescribes the Board as the group doing strategic mission related work, big picture goals and such, while the day to day execution of the program and operation is in the hands of an executive. There are a few UU congregations, mostly very large, that put the Senior Minister in the role of executive, but rarely is this done with smaller groups such as ours. More typically an executive team is created that includes the minister and several other mem-

bers of the congregation – this group collectively is responsible for monitoring the program in concert with the mission, and moderating the Council of Committees.

Our current by-laws call for the Vice-President and Minister to co-chair the Council, effectively defining this team. But we all feel

it needs a deeper look and so the Board has named a temporary executive team with the intention of having that team spend the next few months in that role both doing and defining it, and with

the goal of coming back to the board and the congregation with a recommendation for the composition of this team that we can put in our by-laws at our annual meeting.

This temporary team consists of our minister - Deborah Mero, our Vice-President – Craig Talbot, our Treasurer – Erach Patel, our Office Administrator Barbara Robinson, and our President – myself. I'm there in mostly an advisory role this year and there is no way the Board President should be on this team going forward. But there are many models to explore and we'll be working that out in our monthly meetings going forward. Contact any of us if you have input or questions, we're very open to all ideas.

So some hard work ahead, but I've always said that working for UFWC, a caring community that is fully respectful of each other, is not really work – it's ministry for me.

— Bob Scott, President

We will challenge you to think about your own personal mission within this congregation.

REmarks – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

As our Fellowship continues to grow both in numbers and in activities within and outside of our congregation, the scope of our Religious Education program is changing as well. Although there is still an “upstairs/downstairs” situation by virtue of the architecture of our building, I think we have come a long way from when our children’s involvement in the Fellowship was through classes, a few moments upstairs, and perhaps a holiday pageant.

In recent years the children have converted “trash to cash” to buy food for, and have cooked meals to share with the Safe Harbor homeless shelter. They do annual block and parking lot trash pick-up. They make welcoming cards to send to visitors to their classrooms, and cards of caring for members of the Fellowship. They join in at Game Nights, our New Member potluck dinners and other social events. Some recent graduates from RE have become involved in teaching RE classes themselves. Some have participated in our district’s annual Spring Conference. Some attend UU summer camp. Some have become official members of the Fellowship.

Moving us further toward better integration of children in our spiritual community, last fall Reverend Deborah stated her intention of scheduling and creating intergenerational services to help weave together the lives of all of us, of every age; to create opportunities to worship together and to create dialogue around important issues. A case in point is the upcoming service on March 16: the children will be present for a portion of the service, in which Deborah will talk about Steward-

ship as we enter into the annual canvass.

In addition, Deborah wants the children to be a part of her Installation Service. She and I have begun talking about this and I have also begun a conversation with the children, which I will continue during the rest of the weeks up until April 6. We began last month with the idea of “covenant,” which the children recognize from the classroom covenants they create and enter into when RE resumes each September. From there, I will be meeting with the children, brainstorming what they want to promise Deborah and what they hope for from her.

We are still very much in the beginning planning stages on this. As details around the Instal-

lation emerge, I will be in email contact with parents regarding children’s presence at and participation in the service, and also regarding child care as may be needed during the service and the reception following .

An Installation is both a joyous and a solemn occasion, and represents part of our institution’s foundation, an important ritual that I am pleased our children will be able to witness and have part in.

— Pam Baxter,
Director of Religious Education

Note: We had a wonderful response to the requests in *Connections* for donations of items for the RE program. Thanks to everyone for your contributions.

THE FIRE OF COMMITMENT 2008 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN EVENT

We wish to welcome you to the 2008 Stewardship campaign event, The Fire of Commitment, on Sunday, March 16, at a single service at 10 a.m. The service and celebration will feature our fabulous choir and musicians, inspiring words from our minister and leadership and an opportunity to make your confidential financial pledge commitment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008. Members and friends will be invited to add their personal symbolic flame of commitment to our chalice.

Following the service will be an expanded coffee hour with delicious brunch offerings. We hope you will join us on March 16. Our Fellowship depends on all of us affirming our commitment.

We will carry forward our Fire of Commitment theme to the Celebration Dinner on April 26. Please plan to attend this fun annual event.

— Gerry Giess, Mike Miller and Pam Sapko
Stewardship Chairs.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

Sometime within the next week or two, members and friends of UFWC will be receiving an invitation to the installation service of our minister, the Rev. Deborah Mero, at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, in the Fellowship sanctuary. A reception in a large social room at the West Chester United Methodist Church up the street will follow.

By now, it's my hope that you'll be familiar with the importance of this occasion. But to review: This service is perhaps the most significant and history-making event to occur in our 54 years as the West Chester Fellowship. During the service, the membership of UFWC will stand and enter into a formal covenant with Deborah as our newly called minister. She, in turn, will enter into a covenant with us. These jointly pledged covenants will reaffirm the commitments made when the membership called Deborah last spring, and she accepted the call.

Please understand that only members may take part in the actual covenanting process. If you are a friend who has been considering joining and would like to participate in that process, we encourage you to speak with Deborah or the Membership Committee (chaired by Mira Tryon). Be reassured, however, that as a friend you are more than welcome at the service.

Because of their central role in our congregation, our children and youth will also be represented in the service. Our Religious Education Director, Pam Baxter, is working with Deborah to plan for their participation and presence. Parents should watch for an email from Pam advising them of those plans and of the availability of childcare.

In addition to our own members and friends, neighboring UU clergy, clergy representing other congregations in West Chester, and local government officials are being invited to the service and the reception. This is our opportunity to "show off" to them what a welcoming, enthusiastic, and caring congregation we are!

Finally, it is critically important that the Installation Planning Committee know how many of our members and friends plan to attend. Without this information, we cannot arrange appropriate seating for the service or provide the appropriate amount of food for the reception. You will receive

a pre-stamped, RSVP postcard with your invitation. Please fill out this card, indicating whether you will or will not attend the service and reception, and return it. Your cooperation will make the planning process easier for all involved.

We will be providing updates and reminders in Connections and the Order of Service. If you have specific questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please email installation, call me as the committee chair, or look me up after a service.

— Flo Miller, Chair
Installation Planning Committee



DENOMINATIONAL DOINGS

We may be in the winter doldrums, but summer isn't that far away. While you're exploring vacation ideas, you might consider The Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute at Radford University in Radford, VA, or its counterpart, the Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community at DeSales University in Center Valley, PA.

Both run from July 20 to 26 this summer, and both offer intergenerational opportunities to have fun and be nurtured intellectually and spiritually in a community of UUs.

UFWC member Bob Radcliffe is on the Nature staff for SUUSI and can speak directly (and with enthusiasm) about the program. He can also put you in touch with other Fellowship members who have attended. Pulling from the SUUSI website, he describes it as "an intentional community of approximately 1,000 people who gather to explore our interconnectedness, learn new ways of seeing our world and each other, share outdoor adventures, dance and sing, commune with nature and explore personal growth. We have programs for youth, teens and young adults, so bring the whole family."

Bob says the program is volunteer led and volunteer run, with a limited number of "SUUSIships" to help with expenses. Full information is available on the website, www.SUUSI.org.

For information on UUMAC, you can check out their website at www.uumac.org. Still more information is available on the website of the Council of Unitarian Universalist Camps and Conferences, www.cuc2.org. Happy planning!

— Flo Miller, Denominational Affairs Chair

STONES IN THE SAME WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

“I know we’re all pretty small in the big scheme of things, and I suppose the most you can hope for is to make some kind of difference, but what kind of difference have I made? What in the world is better because of me?” That quote from Jack Nicholson in the movie *About Schmidt* could not express my sentiments any better. Hopefully it resonates with you, too. It is a question that challenges us all. What in the world is better because of me? Close your eyes. Take a moment to reflect on that. Now imagine that you’ve been given the opportunity to make a difference. Imagine you’ve joined a group of people all working to make the world a better place. Imagine that the world is better because of you. Don’t feel so small anymore? Open your eyes and what do you see? UFWC, of course. Here are some more ways to make a difference. We make it easy for you. Choose one, choose two, choose three but choose something. Want to know other ways to make a difference? Contact email: social-justice to ask about other opportunities. Do it for yourself, your children, and all those yet to come.

UU SERVICE COMMITTEE (UUSC) UPDATE

Who recently appeared before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health? The President of OUR Human Rights organization (UUSC), Charlie Clements, M.D., and also the Director of Programs, Dr. Atema Eclai, who is a native of Kenya. They reported the findings of their emergency trip to Kenya in January. The topic: the extent and root causes of the political and humanitarian crisis that has engulfed that country. And also on the African continent: UUSC partners in South Africa will take Johannesburg Water to the High Court to contest the installation of pre-paid water meters on their property because South Africa has one of the few constitutions in the world that protects the human right to water. So this is where our money goes—to help people in the U.S. and around the world. And don’t forget the UUSC-UUA Kenya Crisis Fund! For more information, go to the UUSC website: www.uusc.org.



TIME TO BUILD

Our Habitat for Humanity subcommittee is very excited to break ground this spring on the house we are co-sponsoring with our other Co-Habitat partners. Yes folks, it’s a reality. The beginning phase of site preparation is just around the corner.



We will be looking for volunteers later this spring and especially over the summer to help build the house. Stay tuned for more information in Connections as well as the Fellowtarian. There is a skills inventory form available to make your abilities known for this project. See Tom Buglio or Mike Stevenson to obtain a copy.

A spring Italian Bistro Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will be held in cooperation with the WCU students. It is going to be at the Neuman Center at WCU sometime in March. You get great food and support the building of an affordable house at the same time. Stay tuned to your weekly Connections for more details.

GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TASK FORCE

The Chester County Commissioners have formed a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Task Force which will recommend to the county commissioners ways to deal with climate change and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Fellowship members Chuck Shorten (steering committee), Diane Maguire, Dianne Herrin, Rich Cole, and Tilo Stahl (volunteers) are members of the task force. Stayed tuned!



Global Warming Group’s Tip of the Month: *Kilowatt Ours* film

summary: the filmmaker and his wife reduced their electric bill by 50% simply by switching to compact fluorescent light bulbs and buying an EnergyStar-rated refrigerator. With the money they saved, they purchased renewable energy in the form of wind power from their electric utility company, reducing their contribution to greenhouse gases. See www.energystar.gov.

STONES IN THE SAME WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

STILL GOT STUFF?

Got stuff to get rid of that has some value? Don't have the time or interest to do it? Let our Habitat sub-committee help! We now offer to any UFWC member or friend the service of selling your stuff on-line. Give us the information about what you want to sell. We'll advertise it on the web and sell it for you. You will donate a minimum of 50% of the selling price to our Habitat for Humanity fund. You are encouraged to consider donating a higher percentage (up to 100%). Contact Tom Buglio.

HONOR THE 3R'S ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Reduce, re-use and recycle—the golden rules for lowering the impact of our consumer-oriented lifestyle on the environment—will be put into practice at our **Annual Flea Market on Saturday, April 12.**

The case for donating your unwanted goods to our flea market so that others can put them to use is made eloquently in the on-line video, *The Story of Stuff* (see www.storyofstuff.com and double click on "Play").

Co-chairs Kora Stahl and Sue Stedman expect to sell great Unitarian "stuff" at the flea market — "stuff" that is cluttering your closets, cupboards and attics but will be prized finds for someone else. Money earned supports the UFWC operating budget. Habitat for Humanity will host a bake sale in support of the West Chester project.

Start your spring cleaning, and we'll look for you in April.

A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD

You are still needed at the Peace Vigil every Saturday from 11 a.m.-noon at the corner of High and Market Streets. Take an hour of your time to make a statement about the need for peace in the world and the end of the war in Iraq. Bring a sign to express your thoughts, borrow one of the signs that are available there, or come without a sign. A large group from West Chester U. has been coming as well as some high school students. Peace is for everybody. Wouldn't it be great if we could swell the ranks of UFWC members beyond the group already attending every Saturday? Let West Chester know that we are people of faith willing to take a stand.

Catch the next showing of the INTRO TO **BEYOND WAR** video at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1 at Grove United Methodist Church, 490 West Boot Road, West Chester (610-696-2663). Stay for a combined UFWC/GROVE POTLUCK at 6 p.m. to meet study series participants from both churches.

The Beyond War Philosophy is based on three Guiding Principles:

1. War is obsolete.
2. We are one on this planet.
3. The means are the ends in the making.

Personal responses leading to a world beyond war include commitment to these three Guiding Principles AND to the following Core Practices:

- I will resolve conflict. I will not use violence.
- I will maintain an attitude of goodwill. I will not preoccupy myself with an enemy.
- I will work with others to build a world beyond war.

Contact email: beyond-war for more information.



JPD CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Are you interested in Social Justice, or would you just like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism in the company of UUs from neighboring congregations? Then consider attending the conference of our Joseph Priestley District, March 28-30 at the Doubletree Hotel in Bethesda, Maryland.

The 65 congregations in the JPD come together annually to worship, socialize, learn from one another, and conduct the business of the district. This year's theme is Social Justice, with Rob Keithan, director of the Washington Office for Advocacy of the UUA, the keynote speaker. There are lots of workshops on social justice, plus other workshops focusing on issues of general interest to UU congregations. Check out the full program on the JPD website at www.jpduua.org.

The conference is open to all members and friends of the congregation, but for the purposes of the business meeting, we will need to appoint official voting delegates. It would therefore be helpful to know everyone who plans to attend. Please contact me at email: denominational-affairs if you are interested. I hope to see a full contingent from the UFWC at the conference!

— Flo Miller, Denominational Affairs Chair

CARING CORNER

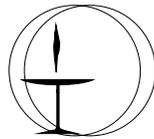
The **Caring Committee** is working on several new projects. At the Committee Fair a few weeks ago you might have noticed the file boxes under our table. They comprise our **Support Resource Library**, and they contain a wealth of information about resources available to people in our area on many different topics, including education and training programs, medical resources, volunteer opportunities, nursing homes, and many, many others. The Support Resource Library is located in the Fellowship library to the left of the stage and will be available during Coffee Hour, so check it out!

We would also like to start a group to make **Comfort Shawls** to bestow upon members of our community who are facing serious illness. These shawls may be knitted, crocheted, or quilted. We expect the group to meet once or twice a month, with crafters working on their own or with others in round robin fashion between meetings. If you are interested in joining in, please send an email to caring noting your phone number, email, and what meeting days/times would work for you.

We also have the chance to host a **Red Cross Training on Preparing for and Responding to Disasters**. This 3-hour training is geared for people at the individual/family level to prepare for the event of a large scale disaster (including fire, flood, and pandemic) and would allow one to then go on and get more in-depth Red Cross training. The Red Cross provides the training at no cost, but we do need 15 participants in order to host it here. Please email the above address if you are interested in participating.

At the current time, Pat Orban is recovering from surgery and will be receiving ongoing treatment. Rev. Deborah Mero's mother and Cathy Vogt's brother are also recovering from surgery. Sandy Schaal's beloved uncle died. Please keep these friends and all those with losses and serious illness close in your hearts.

While we try to keep up with what is going on in the congregation, we are aware that some things may not come to our notice, and we apologize to all who whose joys or losses have not been noted here or in an email announcement. If you have a significant event in your life that you would like to have announced, please email your request to caring.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee sponsored another fantastic New Member Potluck recognizing the 36 members who have joined since January, 2007. It was a wonderful way to get acquainted with the new members, meet new friends, and catch up with "old" members and friends. If you are thinking of becoming a member, check the *Fellowtarian* or Connections email newsletter for the next UU class, or contact the minister or email: membership.

YOGA CLASSES

Yoga classes are held every Thursday night from 6:15 to 7:15 P.M. in the classroom area of the Fellowship. All are welcome regardless of level or experience. As long as you can breathe and relax, we can work on the rest! Give us a try. Cost is \$8.00 per class. Contact Mira Tryon at email: yoga.

YOUTH GROUP

What are our youth doing in March? "Only" planning and running an entire Sunday service **twice!** Come one and all to Youth Sunday services on March 9. Our theme is "Road Trip through Spirituality." We'll have food for thought, energy, music and a cameo appearance from our favorite stuffed lagomorph.

Thanks to all of our youth who came out to prepare and serve dinner for Safe Harbor in February — and special thanks to the good-natured Werners for the use of their kitchen. We made chili and brownies in massive quantity, stacked up quite a few soda cans, and even managed to clean up after ourselves. Stay tuned for SpringCON (and the JPD Annual Conference) in Bethesda, Maryland at the end of March (March 28-30). Never a dull moment in YRUU! Questions? Contact email: youth-group or call Rob Sartain or Kate Cuffari).

THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY DANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2-4 P.M. AT UFWC

Join us for a memorable afternoon of simple American and English line, square and circle dances called by Ridge Kennedy. All dances are taught; no partner or experience is necessary.

The dress is comfortable and casual — shoes should be flat and soft-soled.

Bring the entire family and a snack to share after the dance. An admission fee (\$5 adults, \$2 children 5-12) is charged to cover the cost of the live band and caller. For more information see the February *Fellowtarian* or contact Nancy Artus at email: fun or Cathy Vogt at email: re.



DELIBERATE LIVING (Formerly Simplicity Circle)

We have a new name that reflects our current discussions more clearly. The old name didn't readily convey the essence of the meanings we are pursuing.

We have asked ourselves questions. What are we really after in our life? What are our deepest longings for a complete life? What are some of the pathways toward reaching our authentic core, and how do we live it out? These pathways have many dimensions.

Our next meeting is March 2, the usual first Sunday in the month, at 12:30 p.m. Rosana Mayer-Conroy, currently our youngest member, will lead us off this time. We look forward to her insightful contributions, which will continue in our typical dynamic flow of good energy.

These discussions are significant opportunities for new friends and members to be integrated with our larger membership via a reflective and personable atmosphere. Come and join us. No preparation needed. It's a good group for new-comers, no commitment required, though continuity is best. Contact Heidi Buss at email: deliberate-living.

LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet on Friday, March 14, at 11:30 a.m. at Panera Bread Company, located in West Goshen, near Shop Rite, at 1103 West Chester Pike. New-comers are welcome. E-mail Linda Sander at email: lunch-group to be added to the e-mail reminder list. Please try to respond so we can save enough space for everyone. If you don't have e-mail or you change your mind at the last minute, come anyway. Everyone is welcome.

FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Saturday, March 1, at 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. Bring a munchie, if you wish. Maps are available in the foyer. Newcomers are always welcome. No experience or talent is necessary. We are not a performance group — just some folks who like to get together and sing songs. Contact Steve at email: folk-singing.

EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP MARCH 16 7:00-8:30 PM

This month: *36 Views of Mount Fuji* by Cathy Davidson.

Cathy Davidson's memoir takes us to Japan to experience living in a culture so different from our own and helps us to better appreciate what it means to be with friends and to be the outsider at the same time. Discussion will be led by Ruth MacFadyen.

Contact Shelly Case or Ruth MacFadyen at email: diversity-book-group. All are Welcome.

NOTE: Our book for April 20 is *Sky Burial: An Epic Love Story of Tibet* by Xinran Xue, led by Susan Gast.

COFFEE HOUSE

AN EVENING OF MUSIC

Saturday, March 15

7-10 pm

At The Fellowship



**Featured
Act
Craig
Talbot**

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

Contact Judy Perri at email:
coffeehouse

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

All email addresses @ufwc.org unless otherwise noted.

Mar 1	Sat	Volunteer Work Day. 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Entire building. Come and go as your schedule permits. Contact Bruce Koepcke, email building
		Folk Singing. 8 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 9.
Mar 2	Sun	Deliberate Living. 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Room. See p. 9.
		Third Annual Community Dance. 2-4 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
Mar 6	Thu	Caring Committee. 1-3 p.m. Sharon Mayer-Conroy's home. Contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: caring
		Global Warming Group. 7-8:30 p.m. Lobby. Contact Diane Maguire, email: global-warming. See p. 6.
Mar 7	Fri	Potluck and Game Night. 6:30 p.m. dinner. 7 p.m. games. Sanctuary. Contact Mary Yeager, e-mail game-night
Mar 9	Sun	Safe Harbor Dinner. Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. To help, contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: safe-harbor
Mar 10	Mon	Beyond War Group. 7-9 p.m. Fireplace Room. Email: beyond-war
Mar 11	Tue	Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Office. All are welcome.
Mar 12	Wed	RE Committee. 7:00 p.m. OWL room. Contact Cathy Vogt, email: RE
Mar 13	Thu	Social Justice Committee. 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle or Linda Sander, e-mail: social-justice
Mar 14	Fri	Lunch Group. 11:30 a.m. See p. 9.
Mar 15	Sat	Coffee House. 7-10 p.m. Sanctuary. (Performers sign-up 6:30-7 p.m.) See p. 9.
Mar 16	Sun	Commitment Sunday Expanded Coffee Hour. After the single 10 a.m. service. See p. 4.
		Newcomer Orientation. Tentative date. After the coffee hour. See p. 2.
		Exploring Diversity Book Group. 7-8:30 p.m. Fireplace Rm. See p. 9.
Mar 22	Sat	Lunch for the Needy. Provided by our Fellowship at the Salvation Army. To help, contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: salvation-army
Mar 25	Tue	Council Meeting. 7 p.m. Office. Contact Craig Talbot, email: vice-president
Mar 27	Thu	Religious Services Committee. 6:30 p.m. Office. Contact Curt Hoganson, email: religious-services
Mar 28-30	Fri-Sun	JPD Annual Conference. See p. 7.
Apr 6	Sun	Rev. Deborah Mero's Installation. 5 p.m. See p. 5.

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

Small Group Ministry	Weekly Monday, Tuesday., and Thursday evening and Tuesday day-time groups are active. Contact: Gerry Giess, Email: sgm
Adult RE	Women in the Hebrew Bible Course. Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. Fireplace Rm. Contact Rev. Mero, email: minister
Choir Practice	Thursdays, 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary. Contact Barbara Kovacs, Choir Director, email: choir
Yoga Classes	Thursdays 6:15-7:15 p.m. Downstairs. See p. 8.
Peace Vigils	Saturdays 11 a.m.-noon. West Chester Court House. High and Market Sts. Email: social-justice. See p. 7.
Youth Group	Most Sunday mornings. 10:45 a.m. OWL/Youth Group rm. Contact Kate Cuffari, email: youth-group. See p. 8.