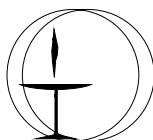


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## SUNDAY SERVICES

September, 2008

**September 7**  
**9 a.m. and 11 a.m**

**SUMMER GLEANINGS,  
AN INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE**

**Rev. Deborah Mero**

As time goes on, fewer of our congregations are bringing their collected water from their summer travels in to share their stories with one another. There are many reasons for the migration away from that service format, but when we gather after many of us have been away we do have much to share with one another. On our "homecoming" Sunday we ask that you bring with you something you learned about yourself or the world, some wisdom or story that you "harvested" something that you feel aided in your growth as a person. Our service will give us an opportunity to share wisdom with one another. **DOUBLE SERVICES RESUME.**

**September 14**

**AS THE SPIRIT MOVES**

**Rev. Deborah Mero**

Many congregations I have served have monthly newsletters with deadlines at least two weeks before the month begins. Choosing sermon topics a month to six weeks ahead presumes that what seems important today will remain so in several weeks. As an experiment, I will be including perhaps monthly, perhaps less frequently, a slot left open to address a topic that the "spirit" seems to make timely or relevant. So we will see where the spirit takes me a month from this writing.

**September 21**

**WE'RE ON A MISSION FROM...**

**Rev. Deborah Mero**

The Blues Brothers declared they were on a "Mission from God." They were driven in one direction with one focus. The UFWC has a wonderful vision of what we want to see in the world and in our community, but now it is time to focus on our mission. What is it that motivates us to be who we are, where we are? How would the world be different if we did not exist? What are we called in community to do and be? The journey to discover that focus begins.

**September 28**

**POETRY**

**Dianne Herrin**

Dianne Herring will lead a service on poetry.

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

## The Song of Deborah

Where has the summer gone? It seems like it was just last week that a bunch of us were ascending the many escalators and staircases to the top level of the stands to watch the Phillies play the Angels last June. A lot has happened since then, but mostly it was a break from the fast paced and full year of packing, moving, acclimating, and getting settled in to a new area, a new congregation and a new routine. And now, it's time to get back in gear and move forward.

Ralph and I attended GA as did Flo Miller. We all tended to find our way to different activities, workshops and events and will share what we gleaned with you over time. One of the presentations I went to was done by what the UUA calls a "breakthrough" congregation, one that has grown rapidly in a short period of time. In truth, it is a myth that growth happens in a short period of time because much of the growth takes place after some solid preparation work.

In any case, looking at the "story outline" prepared by this particular congregation, the first item on it is "*Occupying Holy Ground*," which is explained by the question, "where in the world is... (this church)?" and the statement "Transformation—setting free the ministry in you." What they mean by those statements is that the first step is questioning where they are—given who they are and where they are, what is their calling to ministry in their particular location? How are they to be a force for transformation

both as a congregation in their community and as individuals in the congregation? What justifies their presence on or being a site for Holy Ground? In a word, what is their mission?

That a breakthrough congregation put mission first on their list is no surprise to me, nor is it to the leadership of the UFWC. It is a question/conversation we have been having periodically throughout my first year with you. I am excited that we will be embarking on a process to determine our mission with the participation of the entire congregation in the next

couple of months. There is a fabulous task force that has been working through the summer to design the process that we shall be using, and it will be invigorating to bring everyone into the conversation to discover in concrete terms what it is that we are about together. It will be an exciting opportunity to include the thoughts

and ideas of so many new members into the fabric of the congregation in such a meaningful way. You will be hearing more about this from me and others as we gear up and charge ahead. Your questions will be answered and your input sought.

As we determine our collective mission, there will be ample opportunity for each of us to examine our own understanding of our personal mission, our reason for being in this complex world in which we find ourselves living and working, our calling in life. I hope that the experience will be a renewing and rejuvenating one for many of you.

So we begin the year with some stimulating and meaningful work ahead of us. I can think of no better way to start and no better group of people with which to do it. In a world where there is so much fear and doubt, let us build our foundation on love and enter into commitment to overcome those fears and doubts and reach out to help others do the same.

Peace and joy to all.

—Deborah

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### **NEWCOMER ORIENTATION AND INTRODUCTION TO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM**

**Sunday September 21  
12:30 p.m.**

The first of two sessions, this one will be about UU history and Theology with Rev. Mero.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT -- HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hmm, what's he talking about? Well even though the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester works on a fiscal year from July to June, many of us feel that our true church year starts in September. Summer is a time for re-grouping, for reflecting on the past year, for getting ready for the next year.

It also is increasingly a time for many very interesting services, although my own summer schedule prevents me from attending as often as I'd like. This

improvement is part of our changing and growing community. Strong summer programs are now part of our culture, and I invite everyone who lays low in summer to come on out more often.

We on the Board and many others in the Fellowship are gearing up for a new year. We'll be having a Board retreat to come together as a group with three new members and to establish our working relationships and our goals and timelines for the year. Other committees are similarly getting themselves ready for the busy times ahead. The calendar for the fall is already pretty full. I always look forward to getting back to the increased activity, although I'm always sad to see summer go.

One activity in particular that's gearing up for the fall has me pretty excited – we're going to work as a congregation on discussing and agreeing on a mission statement for UFWC. Some will wonder why

I find this exciting. Haven't we done this already? Don't we have a great vision statement (Yes!). Why do we need to do this now?

One of the most rewarding aspects of this Fellowship for me is when we get together and have good long conversations with each other about where we're going next. We did this as part of our decision to get on a growth path a few years ago. We did it as part of our long range plan discussions.

We did it when we agreed on that great vision statement that describes who we are to the rest of the world so elegantly. We did it when we worked with Tom Chulak in our growth consultancy. And we did it as we described ourselves to the search committee and to prospective ministers.

I believe that our Fellowship is quite dynamic in its membership and activities and that a regular deep reflection and sharing of views about who we are and where we're going is crucial to the health of our congregation. We need to honor and include the views of our many new members and to combine them with the traditions and views we have long shared in shaping our direction forward. The Board in particular, acting as a representative

for the entire congregation, needs this input as we do our work.

Mission is also important at this time because it forces us to answer the hard questions of purpose and benefit. Why exactly are we gathered as a congregation? What benefit comes from our existence? What are we trying to accomplish, and for whom and how much are we willing to give of ourselves to get it done? And of course, given that we are limited in resources, this forces us to make priority decisions. This mainly means that we need to decide what to focus on and what to let go (the very hardest thing in many cases).

I encourage everyone to take some time as summer winds down to do some soul searching along these lines and to be an active participant in this work as the mission committee announces its plans. The Board will use the outcome to craft our Ends statements under policy governance, and the Minister and all the committees will use this mission in setting our collective goals and measuring how we're doing against them. And the world will benefit all the more from our existence!

Sort of like New Year's resolutions that we help each other keep! Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing everyone back at the Fellowship.

– Bob Scott

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## REmarks RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

The Religious Education Committee and I welcome you back to another great RE year. Our 2008-09 classes will center on Unitarian Universalism – our Principles, our UU history, and what it means to be a part of this liberal faith. Since being “a catalyst for a just and compassionate world” is an important part of UUism in general and of our Fellowship in particular, this year we will expand our social action efforts, with a focus on ways to relieve hunger in our area and around the world.

Each year we publish an RE Brochure that gives a full description of the classes and general RE information, including the members of the RE Committee, the teaching teams, and our Mission Statement. A printed copy is given to parents. Printed copies for members and friends are also available – either in the foyer or on our website. I invite you to pick up a copy and learn more about the program.

### Important Dates:

#### Sunday, September 7

Ingathering Service for All Ages (9:00 and 11:00 a.m.)

#### Wednesday, September 10

Teacher Orientation (6:30 p.m.)

#### Sunday, September 14

RE begins (ingathering group activity) 9:00 a.m.

#### Sunday, September 21

First day of RE classes (9:00 a.m.)

Parent Orientation between services (10:15 – 10:45 a.m.)

O.W.L. classes will start in October.

**Note:** Registrations are due by Sept. 21. You may fill out the form on-line at [www.ufwc.org](http://www.ufwc.org), under “Religious Education,” or fill out a printed form and return it to me (either in person, or leave it on my desk downstairs). Printed forms are available in the foyer, in my office, or you may print a form from the website.

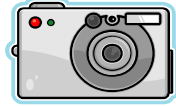
The Religious Education program could not function the way it does without the financial support of the Fellowship, our volunteer teachers, and our aides. When the RE volunteer coordinator asks you to help out, please say yes!

– Pam Baxter  
Director of Religious Education



## NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

Do you sometimes wish you could more easily put names to the faces you see at the Fellowship? That you'd like to figure out which children and youth go with which parents? Well...it won't be long until you can. We're putting together a new photo directory this fall! We expect that it will be an invaluable resource in helping all of us to get to know each other better.



Everyone will have the opportunity to get a professional family portrait taken here at the Fellowship. Each family will get a free 8 x 10 color portrait from our sitting, and, of course, a free photo directory of our congregation's members and friends. If you wish to purchase additional photos, it's up to you.

Stay tuned – beginning in October you can sign up for a photography appointment that suits you. Choose a sitting Monday through Thursday, November 17-20, from 3:00 to 9:30 p.m.

– Membership Committee

## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

The format for Small Group Ministry for the Fall is undecided. To help us gauge the degree of interest, if you are interested in Small Group Ministry or have questions, please contact Gerry Giess.

## COME TO THE COMMITTEE FAIR

**Sunday,  
September 14,  
during each  
coffee hour.**

*The various committees of the UFWC will have display tables for all to visit.*

*A great opportunity to see what is going on at UFWC and how you can get involved!*



## SUNDAY SERVICES COFFEE

The Coffee Committee is looking for three or four volunteers for each week to make coffee and set up before the first service (about 20 minutes of work); to freshen up during services and make more coffee (15 minutes of work) and to clean up after last service (20 minutes work).

If you enjoy the coffee hour and would like to “give back” or would just like to get involved as a necessary part of the congregation, please email: coffee.

## WE’RE ON A MISSION. BUT WHAT IS IT?

We have a *vision* of where we want to be as a congregation in the next few years. Our vision statement is posted in the lobby, on our website, and is repeated at every service.

In contrast, a *mission* is a statement of what we should be *doing*. Our congregation exists to serve our mission, according to UUA guidance. A clear mission statement will maintain our focus as we choose our pathway. It will be the touchstone against which we determine if we are achieving what we should.

*So what is our mission?* This fall we will choose one sentence that states our mission. To arrive at a mission statement, we will be considering: Whose lives do we intend to change and in what way? What can we change within ourselves? Among ourselves? Beyond ourselves? What difference can UFWC make? The mission is to change the lives not only of our members, but of others as well, so we must look beyond our doors.

*Our mission will be the touchstone against which we determine if we are achieving what we should.*

This fall, a committee of UFWC members and Rev. Mero will be prompting your thoughts about our mission through sermons, articles, posters, announcements and small group meetings, then will use all of your input to draft a mission statement for review and approval.

The UUA has provided invaluable background for this project, including a characterization of key features of a mission statement: It should address *ends*, not means, *results* not “righteous effort.” This means avoiding language such as try, seek, influence, encourage. The mission statement should avoid reference to something that will be ongoing and instead focus on outcome. It should state what difference UFWC will make for its beneficiaries, not just describe what we will be doing. Finally, and this is critical: BREVITY! A rambling, lengthy statement will bury the main point or obscure the fact that there isn’t a central, compelling focus.

Committee Chair Diane Cohle and members Ed Cohle, Betty Gross, Eileen Kelly-Meyer, Jim MacFadyen, Ellen Schipul, Sue Stedman and Mark Steel welcome your questions and input. You can contact the committee by telephone through the UFWC office, or through email: mission.

## EMAIL FELLOWTARIAN

If you would like to receive *The Fellowtarian* by email, rather than by post, send your request to Steve Sander at email: fellowtarian. Each month, you will receive the current issue in Adobe PDF format (version 5 or above required).

You will get your issue sooner (the same day we send it to our printing service), and it will save the Fellowship printing and mailing costs.

## STONES IN THE SAME WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

How do you live out your faith? Many people spend much time on their inner journey without thinking about the facet of using our faith to make this a better world. How we express our faith in our personal relationships, interactions with each other, and in a variety of settings is very important. Our faith is also often expressed as we turn outward toward the world around us. Social justice is a big part of that. It is the outward expression of what we believe. It is what people from the community see when they think of Unitarian Universalists. Thanks to all who have participated in our projects and to those who will participate in the future.

### UUSC UPDATE

Did you see the letter to the editor on August 10 to *The New York Times* by the head of our human rights organization, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)? Some people just won't give up, and Charlie Clements is one of them. Although it's a short letter about Darfur, it includes the word "women" four times and "girls" twice. That's because it's vitally important to call the world's attention to the plight of women and girls in that war-torn and largely forgotten country. Kudos to Charlie and all who are members of UUSC.

If you have not yet joined the UUSC, please e-mail us at social-justice and we'll tell you how.

### SINGING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Ecumenical Choir will do a concert and fund raiser for the Habitat homes on Sunday, November 2. This will be a coalition of many churches, and we need to recruit singers and instrumentalists for the accompanying orchestra. Contact Tom Buglio for more details.

### OUR HOUSE IS A VERY, VERY, VERY NICE HOUSE

Progress to date: The foundation of our house is poured, and the walls are going up. We have been working on the other three homes as well as ours, so we have a real community effort going on with the work force at the Habitat site.

**Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed:** Our next UFWC volunteer week is September 11-13. There are many ways you can contribute besides heavy manual labor. We need the following:

- Work crew volunteers for any part of Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, September 11 through 13, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Just one day or even a half day is fine. Both skilled and unskilled labor is needed.
- Donate lunch for the work crew (food for 8-10 people). You can serve it too, or just buy the food – whatever you can do is okay and is helpful.
- Serve lunch to the crew on one of those days, around 11:45 a.m. This is a fun way to help out the team and will really be appreciated.
- Donate a T-shirt (\$15) for a member of the work crew. We'd like to have our crew identifiable with "Co-Habitat" T-shirts that say "UFWC" and even personalized with the crew member's name (avoiding the need for duct-tape name tags).



Not available for the UFWC week in September, but still want to help out? Volunteer to work with our other Co-Habitat partners by joining their work crews on other weeks. Let us know what days (any Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat) this summer you are available, especially on short notice, and we'll be prepared to help backfill our partners' work crews when they come up short. This is a wonderful way to foster closer relationships with new friends in our partner churches/schools while working along side them.

Contact Mike Stevens at email: habitat to volunteer for any of the above. We're planning through September now. THANK YOU to everyone who has donated and volunteered time already – your energy and generosity are truly heartwarming.

## BEYOND WAR TAKES IT TO THE STREETS

Our Beyond War subcommittee will have a table at this year's Chester County Restaurant Festival on Sunday September 21, from 12 to 5.30 p.m. in downtown West Chester. We will be spreading the word about this effort to build the foundation for a world that resolves conflict without violence, and we will also promote the Beyond War activities being offered in this area (our congregation and beyond).

Come visit us on North Walnut Street, between Gay and Market. If you would like more information about this event, you can contact Doug Campbell.

## ONE POTATO, TWO POTATO...

We have a number of backyard gardeners out there, and we thought that instead of giving that extra tomato or zucchini to your neighbor, we might be able to establish a way to give it to people in need in our community.

The RE program has already made kits for growing potatoes available to the congregation and their garden can be seen each time you walk up to the front of our building. Now it's your turn.

If you have something in the garden that you can donate to people who are in need, leave it in the basket in the lobby any Sunday. The food then goes to the Cares Food Network for distribution.

## FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

As our gleaning project picks up momentum, let's not forget the professional growers, the farmers whose living is determined by the produce they sell. That's what "Fair Trade" is all about—paying a fair, sustainable wage to the farmers. So please take home coffee, tea, and chocolate from the lobby. You'll like it doubly because it tastes good and you will have helped a family to achieve a better existence.

Just look for the small display case on the stairs going up to the office. It's self-serve. Before or after the service, take what you need and leave the money in the envelope. It's that simple.



## A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD BEYOND WAR STUDY CLASS

It's your turn to take the Beyond War study class. Last year, 30 people from our congregation and the community took these classes and learned about the possibilities of peace in the world and the implications of peaceful living in our day to day lives.



We guarantee that you will be stimulated by the material which is very consistent with our UU principles. Classes begin on Monday, September 15, from 7-8:45 p.m. and continue for the following seven weeks. There is no cost for the class. Register early by e-mail at [beyond-war](mailto:beyond-war) or call John Gribbin.

## GLOBAL WARMING

**Global Warming Watch.** According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, "We are now observing real changes due to higher temperatures. Here are some examples: 1) The Mt. Kilimanjaro glacier, which has survived the past 11,000 years, is currently at risk of disappearing by 2020 if present rates of melting continue; 2) Enormous tracts of Siberian peatlands are beginning to thaw and release carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere."

**GW group's Tip of the Month:** Trees absorb carbon dioxide, a global warming gas, and produce oxygen, necessary for our survival. Fall is an excellent time to plant trees. You can start planning now for planting. For a list of native trees, see the PA Dept of Conservation & Natural Resources <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/wildplant/native.asp>



Do you have questions for the group? Send an email to [global-warming](mailto:global-warming).

## POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT

Join us for a potluck dinner followed by games on September 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fellowship. Everyone one is welcome. This is for individuals and families. All ages of people come.

Bring a dish and a beverage to share as well as any game you have a hankering to play.

You are welcome to skip the games if you choose and just relax and chat. 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! Contact Mary Yeager if you have any questions at email: game-night.



## DELIBERATE LIVING

Our next meeting will be on October 5, the usual first Sunday of the month. We skip the September meeting, since it overlaps with other UFWC activities, as well as Labor Day weekend.

We did have good meetings all summer. We have asked ourselves questions about pathways toward reaching our authentic core, and how do we live it out? These are significant opportunities to integrate with our larger membership via a reflective and personable atmosphere. Contact Heidi Buss at email: deliberate-living.

## AN INVITATION TO ALL: EXPLORING OUR SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP

Out of a small group came an interest in initiating a new book group focused on spiritual reading and sharing. It is called the Exploring Our Spirituality Book Group and will meet monthly to consider a spiritual-focused book or readings and to share spiritual practices. Below are the details. Everyone is invited to join.

Name: Exploring Our Spirituality Book Group

Meeting Time: Second Friday of the month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Harriet Singer's home in Exton.

First Meeting: October 10 to discuss *The Seat of the Soul* by Gary Zukav, to be led by Emma Mellon. The group will decide future books, readings, and sharing.

Format: Chalice lighting; spiritual check-in; discussion of a book, readings, or personal sharing, including spiritual practices (with confidentiality of primary importance); and a closing.

Commitment: Willing to commit to as many months as possible during 2008-09 year.

To join or find out more: Contact Harriet Singer or Susan Gast at email: spirituality-book-group.

## LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet Friday, September 12, at 11:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 1103 West Chester Pike, near Shop Rite. Newcomers are welcome. E-mail Linda Sander at email: lunch-group to be added to the e-mail reminder list. The reminders are an easy way to RSVP, so we can save enough seats for everyone. If you don't have e-mail or you change your mind at the last minute, come anyway. Everyone is welcome.

## UFWC CAMPING TRIP WAS GREAT COORDINATOR NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR

This year we had 27 people attend our camping weekend July 12-13 at Susquehannock State Park. Our tents were in the woods, and our campfire was in the open. We hiked, watched bald eagles (both immature and adults), played softball, sang folk songs, and made s'mores. Dinner was cooked on an open fire and supplemented by a variety of side dishes and desserts. There were more than enough baked goods, eggs and coffee for breakfast. The bathrooms were very clean and modern. The weather was warm and dry. What more could you ask for?

Thank you Dan Meyer and Eileen Kelly-Meyer for organizing this trip. Unfortunately, they won't be able to coordinate the camping trip next summer. If you would like to ensure that we have a camping trip again next summer, please volunteer to coordinate it. Dan and Eileen will share with you their tried and tested procedure on how to do it. If interested, contact Nancy Artus at email: fun.



## ANNUAL PICNIC

Celebrate our return from summer adventures at our annual picnic on Sunday afternoon, September 7, at Hoopes Park in West Chester. We will start at 12:30 p.m., but you can come later if you wish. We will have chicken, hamburgers, and hotdogs.

This year, in recognition of the seventh principal and the concerns brought to our attention by the Global Warming Group, we will serve grass-fed beef hamburgers as well as turkey burgers and veggie burgers. The Fun and Fellowship Committee will provide the beverages, paper products, main course, ice and condiments.

Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Feel free to bring sports supplies for basketball, tennis, baseball, and Frisbee. Hoopes Park has plenty of sun, shade, and playground equipment. Car pooling is recommended since the near parking spots fill up quickly. As usual, a light rain will not stop us. Worse weather will result in us picnicking in the sanctuary while the food is grilled outside. We ask for a donation of \$4 for adults, \$3 for children to cover the cost of the food and the park rental.

Come and rekindle your Fellowship ties. We all look forward to seeing each of you there and to sharing stories of our summers. Sign up by phone or in response to a reminder in the weekly *Connections*. Maps to the park will be available in the foyer and in the *Connections*.

Contact Mary Yeager at email: picnic if you have any questions or if you can help set up.



## EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our next meeting is Sunday, September 21, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., at the Fellowship. Our book is *Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance* by Barack Obama. If you'd like to get started on some of our

other selections as well, a partial list was in the July *Fellowtarian* as well as some additional summer reading recommendations and a description of *Dreams from My Father*.

Remember, all are welcome to join our group at any time during the year. So please don't hesitate to contact either of us – Shelly Case or Ruth MacFadyen or by email at diversity-book-group.



## WANT TO HOST A HOLIDAY PARTY?

It is already time to get the holiday parties on the UFWC calendar. Every year, a few of our members and friends open their home for some holiday cheer. The hosts provides their home, the beverages, and one dish; the guests provide finger foods; and the Fun & Fellowship committee coordinates it all (maps, RSVPs, announcements). It is easy and fun!

If you are interested in hosting a party this year or have any questions, contact Nancy Artus at email: holiday-potlucks. First come, first serve.



## FOLK SINGING

The UFWC Folk Singing Group meets once a month to get together and sing. But despite our name, we do not limit ourselves to traditional and modern folk songs. We have a list of nearly 200 songs that include many pop favorites, country songs, and songs for just plain fun. Everything from Bob Dylan and Woody Guthrie to the Grateful Dead and the Beatles.



Our next meeting is Saturday, September 6, at 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander, 320 Sissinghurst Drive, in Westtown Township. Maps are available in the foyer.

No singing talent or experience is necessary. We are not a performance group – just people who like to get together and sing. If you can play a guitar, bring it. Newcomers are always welcome. Bring a munchie, if you wish, as well. Contact Steve at email: folk-singing.

# FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

*All email addresses @ufwc.org unless otherwise noted.*

- Sep 3 Wed **Religious Education Committee.** 7 p.m. OWL room. Contact Cathy Vogt, email: RE
- Sep 4 Thu **Global Warming Group.** 7-8:30 p.m. Lobby. Contact Diane Maguire. See p. 7.  
**First Choir Practice of the Year.** 7:30-9 pm. Sanctuary. Contact Helen Meacham, email: choir
- Sep 5 Fri **Game Night.** 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 8.
- Sep 6 Sat **Folk Singing.** 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. See p. 9.
- Sep 7 Sun **Annual Picnic.** 12:30 p.m. Hoopes Park. See p. 9.
- Sep 8 Mon **Beyond War Group.** 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact John Gribbin, email: beyond-war. See p. 7.
- Sep 9 Tue **Board Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. Office. All are welcome.
- Sep 10 Wed **RE Teacher Orientation.** 6:30 p.m. Entire Downstairs. See p. 4.
- Sep 11 Thu **Comfort Shawl Group.** 10 a.m.- noon. Fireplace Rm. Contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: caring  
**Social Justice Committee.** 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle, e-mail: social-justice. See p. 6.  
**Habitat for Humanity Work Day.** 8:30-3:30 p.m. See p. 6.
- Sep 12 Fri **Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 8.  
**Habitat for Humanity Work Day.** 8:30-3:30 p.m. See p. 6.
- Sep 13 Sat **Habitat for Humanity Work Day.** 8:30-3:30 p.m. See p. 6.
- Sep 14 Sun **Caring Committee.** 12:30 p.m. OWL Room. Contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: caring  
**RE Ingathering Group Activity.** 9 a.m. Downstairs. See p. 4.  
**Committee Fair.** During each coffee hour. Sanctuary. See p. 5.  
**Mission Statement Committee.** 12:30 p.m. Office. Email: mission. See p. 5.  
**Safe Harbor Dinner.** Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. To help, contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: safe-harbor
- Sep 15 Mon **Beyond War Study Classes Begin.** 7-8:45 p.m. Fireplace Rm. See p. 7.
- Sep 20 Sat **Coffee House.** 7-10 p.m. Sanctuary. Email: coffeehouse.
- Sep 21 Sun **RE Classes Begin.** See p. 4.  
**RE Parent Orientation for Pre-K-7th.** 10:15-10:45 a.m. Downstairs. See p. 4.  
**Beyond War Group.** Manning a table at the W.C. Restaurant Festival, 12-5:30 p.m. See p. 7.  
**Newcomer Orientation and Introduction to Unitarian Universalism with Rev. Mero.** 12:30-2 p.m. Youth Group Rm. Email: minister. See p. 2.  
**Exploring Diversity Book Group.** 7-8:30 p.m. Fireplace rm. See p. 9.
- Sep 25 Thu **Membership Committee.** 7:30 p.m. Lobby. Contact Mira Tryon or Barbara Long, e-mail membership  
**Religious Services Committee.** 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Curt Hoganson, email: religious-services.
- Sep 28 Sun **Comfort Shawl Group.** 7-8:45 p.m. Fireplace Room. Contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: caring  
**OWL Parent Orientation.** 9:00 a.m. Downstairs.  
**Newcomer Orientation with Leadership.** 12:30-2 p.m. Youth group rm. Email: membership.

## Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

- Beyond War Study Classes** 7-8:45 p.m, Fireplace Rm. Sep 15 – Oct 27. See p. 7.
- Choir Practice** The three Thursdays before the third Sunday (when they sing at services). No practice on the fourth Thursday. Contact Helen Meacham, email: choir
- Peace Vigils** Saturdays 11 a.m.-noon. High and Market Streets. Email: social-justice.
- Small Group Ministry** Twice a month. Groups are now forming. Contact Gerry Giess, email: sgm. See p. 4.
- Yoga Classes** Thursdays 6:15-7:15 p.m. Downstairs. Contact Mira Tryon, e-mail: yoga.
- Youth Group** Most Sundays, Sundays, 10:45-noon. OWL room. Email: youth-group.