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November 2

CALLING ALL SOULS

Rev. Deborah Mero

This weekend ushers in a brief window of “liminal time” where the boundaries between the spirit world and the “real” world are almost permeable. As we face a fateful election, what would the souls of our past Unitarian and Universalist leaders have to say to us if they could join us?

November 9

WHAT'S NEXT?

Rev. Deborah Mero

On my favorite TV show of all time, *The West Wing*, when President Bartlet finished one task he hardly took a breath before asking “What’s next?” Holding an election is one thing. Then the work begins. What will we be facing? That this is the 70th anniversary of Kristallnacht adds a perspective and perhaps some urgency to the conversation.

November 16

ARE WE GROWING IN SPIRIT?

Rev. Dr. Stephan Papa

Rev. Papa is the organizer within the UUA of Association Sunday. He writes: “We may not have a consensus on what spirituality means, but we agree on the need to be more clear, centered, and effective in our faith. We need to Grow Our Faith in one another, in Unitarian Universalism, and the good we can and should do for others.”

November 23

INTERGENERATIONAL THANKSGIVING BREAD COMMUNION

Last year we celebrated together on the weekend before the holiday by invoking our heritage or an essential part of our story by bringing and sharing some kind of bread that reflected them. Now that we have figured out how that works, we will try it again. Please bring some bread — or bread-like substance — that tells us part of who you are or where you came from. Then we will have a feast in the sharing of bread and more stories. This is a family service for all. For the smallest, wiggliest children there will be activities in the classrooms.

November 26, 7:30 p.m., Offsite

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Religious Council of Greater West Chester will offer a service of thanksgiving on the eve of the holiday. This year it will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 130 W. Miner Street in West Chester. All are welcome.

November 30

**THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY:
WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT**

**The Rev. Dr. Carol Ann
Taylor, retired**

No matter the century, the location, or the culture, people have always searched for and sustained spiritual homes. What is it we are looking for that can't be found anywhere else? Why is this human search so common among us regardless of culture, place, or era? Join me as I explore what I believe to be at the root of our searching.

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

THE SONG OF DEBORAH

To say the least, it has been an interesting week since the deadline of the newsletter passed me by. Apologies to all who were anticipating it earlier and to Steve and Linda who work hard to get it to you on time. That said, only a few days before that deadline I reiterated in a sermon the old cliché “sometimes life gets in the way of your plans.” When it does, it can do so in monumental ways.

As we watch the financial markets ride up and down on a giant roller coaster we can't help but wonder about the plans we made that are at least on hold if they have not disappeared entirely. We can't help but wonder what our lives are going to look like over the next year or two and beyond because there are so many unknowns. We await the election to find out who will be the next leader of this country. (I dare not say leader of the free world, as that may no longer be operative.) We wonder about our jobs, the prospects our children will be facing, how the fabric of our communities will hold up to the challenges ahead.

All of that got put into perspective for me last week as a doctor sat down with me and showed me pictures of Ralph's heart and arteries. Four little tubes made of living tissue no bigger than the size of a shoelace were at the brink of closing up and cutting off his life. The next five days were about waiting and worrying for me. For Ralph it was about working his way back from near death. For the Board and Staff, it was about keeping the

Fellowship running and giving the minister the space she needs. For all of you it was mostly unknown until word went out and the offers for help came rolling in. Eileen Kelly Meyer and Mark Steel jumped right in to try to do whatever they could for me and to help me figure out the next days and

weeks. Pam Baxter took over my Sunday morning job. Barbara Robinson continued to do what she so ably does. And the rest of the world went about its business.

Yesterday, a 92 year old man, a volunteer named Rick showed up at the

Cardiac unit at Chester County Hospital with a wheelchair. He came to help escort Ralph out the door and send him on his way home to heal. Perspective happens.

There are so many of us in the congregation who have had our perspective radically changed by one life event or an-

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other. The most we can hope for is that it changes us for the better and that we have caring, loving people in our lives to get us through the rough patches and open, compassionate people with whom we can share our stories and learn from those stories. Then by learning and sharing and caring, we reach out our hands to offer hope and help to others and widen our circle of love. Whatever the future holds, we have the ability to get through it. We have the faith, the community, and the larger vision calling us forth.

To say that we are blessed to be in this community with all of you is an understatement by magnitudes I cannot right now define. We thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and offers of help. It has been, and will be, a transformative part of who we are together in ministry. We are looking forward to the next chapter whatever it brings. Thank you for everything!

Blessings and love to all.

— *Deborah*

YOUTH GROUP

Talk about a full house (but always room for more...)! We've had over 20 people at every meeting this year, and we're already fired up with activity. October included walking in the Philadelphia AIDS Walk and raising money for education and people living with HIV/AIDS, sending a group to the JPD Leadership Development CON, and having youth representatives at the Racial Justice Conference in Philadelphia.

In November, we'll be heading to Annapolis for an OWL CON (November 7-9) – stay tuned for registration information. We'll also be planning for a Battle of the Bands on Friday, December 12, and chances are we'll have some eye-opening, laugh-inducing, and thought-provoking conversations along the way.

Remember, you can visit or join us at any time. Questions? Contact Rob Sartain or Kate Cuffari or email: youth-group.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you probably know by now, the Board has made the decision to adopt a new governance model this year and is going forward. We've formed several subcommittees on the Board to work through the details. One is the communications sub-committee, charged with finding ways to keep the congregation and friends informed of what we are up to and how it's going, and to provide a way to answer questions people may have. We're working on a full information piece that describes briefly the reasons, the process, and the way you can be involved.

I thought I would include a couple of paragraphs from the early draft in this article and encourage everyone to participate in the mission process which is a key component of this activity.

Why Transform the Way we Govern Ourselves?

This year, as we revisit and refine our congregational Mission, we'll also aspire to evolve our governance model – the process by which we organize our collective activities. Why undertake this transformation? The governance model we have identified, Policy Governance, is one well-suited to keeping our Mission at the forefront of congregational life while offering the greatest freedom and support to all members, volunteers and paid staff as they work to realize the Mission's goals.

How do I Participate?

Policy Governance serves to promote the Mission. The Board will be using our Mission as the basis for forming more specific Ends policies. These are effectively goal statements that are consistent with the Mission, and which identify clear and focused outcomes of our work together as a UU congregation. Consequently, participating in the shaping of the mission now is the most direct way to contribute to the resulting Ends that will be developed in 2009.

Hope this helps a little. And I encourage anyone with interest or questions to talk to Board members about the work we're doing this year – pretty exciting stuff!

— Bob Scott, President

IS THE EMAIL *FELLOWTARIAN* FOR YOU?

If you want to receive the *Fellowtarian* earlier than the snail mail recipients do, the email *Fellowtarian* is for you. You get the exact same document in PDF format that we send to our printer — on the same day that we send it to the printer. It's easy, fast and convenient. It also saves the Fellowship printing and postage costs.

To make the switch from snail mail to email, contact Steve Sander at email: fellowtarian.

PHOTO DIRECTORY – TIME TO SIGN UP

We've grown a lot! We have lots of new faces! A photo directory will help us put names to all these faces. Please help us make it a success by being a part. Each family/household will receive a complimentary directory and a free 8 x 10 Custom Color Portrait.

Members and friends are invited to reserve a photography appointment that suits your schedule. Sign up on Sundays in the back of the sanctuary or visit www.signup.olanmills.com (use the fellowship phone number 610-692-5966 and follow directions).

Portrait appointments are Monday, November 17, through Wednesday, November 19, 3 - 9:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 20, 3 - 7 p.m. Your entire appointment should take less than an hour and probably even less.

Please use the afternoon appointments if possible so there will be enough evening appointments for those that cannot come in the afternoon. Thank you.

Questions? Please contact Cyndy Bullaughey at email: directory.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

What is the status of Small Group Ministry? When is a good time to meet and talk about it? If interested in participating in Small Group Ministry in some form, or if you are just curious or want more information, please contact Gerry Giess at email: SGM.

REmarks – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

In **September**, we welcomed a number of visiting children and are glad to have many of them returning to classes with us: Sofia Cupano, Evin McEntee, Sean McEntee, and Eleanor Stark.

In their Religious Education classes, our children are building villages and talking about what it means to “create home,” and how our Fellowship is a kind of home. They’re hunting up Bible facts and trivia. They’re discussing spiritual and theological questions raised by episodes of “The Simpsons.” They’re exploring talents they possess that they can use to help others, and are planning service projects. They’re learning about famous and not-so-famous Unitarians and Universalists and their contributions to the world – in science, the arts and humanity.

If you want to learn more about what goes on in RE, I invite you to visit some of our classrooms on a Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Just send me an email in advance .

Our social action theme for the year is hunger, in conjunction with our Social Action Committee.

Projects Underway:

October:

- Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF
- Hunger Banquet service

November:

- Preparing and serving lunch to our UFWC Habitat for Humanity house-building volunteers
- Guest At Your Table fundraiser begins (program of the UU Service Committee)

Reminder: You and your children can contribute to the cause of hunger any time through several websites. Go to www.thehungersite.com. Click each day to donate food (provided through sponsors). Each click equals one cup of food. At www.freerice.com, you and your children can play a vocabulary game, contributing 20 grains of rice for each correct word. It’s challenging and fun to play – the difficulty level advances as you get more and more words right – and the grains add up quickly.

The Religious Education Committee recently participated in a team-building workshop, led by a facilitator from the Joseph Priestley District. The main goal for the workshop was to have an excellent committee coalesce into an even better team with clear goals, responsibilities, and a focus on our mission. We reviewed the main benefits of policy governance and looked at how we can change what we’re doing to achieve empowerment of our committee members. It was a great session – helpful to see what we have already done in this regard and to find ideas for going further. I know the group found it very helpful. I personally came away feeling recharged and able to see more clearly how we can define individual responsibility and accomplish our goals.

— Pam Baxter, Director of Religious Education

ENHANCED COFFEE HOUR

On November 9, join the Religious Education Committee for “Enhanced” Coffee Hour downstairs between the services, and see where the children of our Fellowship hang out while you’re upstairs at the service. Get your coffee or other beverage upstairs, then bring it downstairs and enjoy delicious muffins, coffee cake, fruit and other goodies while you browse the classrooms and circle area. Learn more about the Religious Education Program, and what the children and our wonderful volunteer teachers are doing on Sunday mornings. See you in RE!

UFWC BOOK EXCHANGE

Have you noticed the small bookcase in the Fireplace room filled with mostly fiction books? If you haven’t, go check it out! It’s the UFWC book exchange, set up as an easy way to circulate books through our community (and maybe save some money!) Bring in one or more books you have finished reading, and exchange them for books you would like to read. It’s that simple.



If anyone has a larger bookcase they can donate, we could accommodate more books, expanding the selection. Please let Sharon Mayer-Conroy know (email: book-exchange) if you can donate a bookcase. At times, people have left more books than they have taken, which can make the existing bookcase look messy.

ASSOCIATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 16, we will join with Unitarian Universalists across the nation in celebrating our connection with other UUs and the UU movement in a growing tradition called "Association Sunday."

At this special service – which is generally held in the fall – we take time to strengthen our common bonds and focus on the common purposes that define us as UUs. We remind ourselves that we are not alone, but rather, are part of a wider movement that spans the globe. We re-commit to working together to create a more peaceful, loving world.

We are especially fortunate this year to have the Rev. Dr. Stephan Papa as the guest speaker at our service. Stephan is the organizer of Association Sunday and the Special Assistant to the President of the UUA for Growth and Funding. Before he assumed this position he was the senior minister at the Main Line Unitarian Church. His topic will be "Are We Growing in Spirit?" "We need to Grow Our Faith in one another, in Unitarian Universalism, and the good we can and should do for others," he writes, explaining in part the issues he will address.

A special offering will be allocated to projects determined by an extensive survey of ministers and UU lay leaders. Acting on that survey, half of the funds collected will be used by ministers, religious educators, lay leaders, congregations and theological schools to develop new lay theological and spiritual education programs. The other half will be equally divided among programs to develop excellence in our shared ministry; provide scholarships to students preparing for

CARING CORNER

Thanks to the efforts of members of our Comfort Shawl Group, we now have a good number of shawls available to anyone in the congregation who may be feeling in need of a little extra comfort and support for any reason. These shawls have been made with special care and blessed with much love and healing energy, so that they may remind the wearer of the love and support of this community. Several pass-around-shawls will be placed in the library where anyone who wishes to borrow one may sign it out, then return it later when they are doing better.

If anyone has a more serious or chronic situation and would like to have a shawl to keep, please contact the Caring Committee by speaking to one of the members or at email: caring.

Many thanks to the following who have completed shawls: Susan Sluk, Pat Orban, Florence Ploener, Sarah Austin and and Sallie Blinckmann. Sarah and Sallie have greatly added to our stash by completing numerous shawls!

The Comfort Shawl Group has meetings on the second Thursday of the month (November 13) at 10 a.m. and on the fourth Sunday of the month (November 23) at 7 p.m. Knitting instructions and yarn are available for anyone who needs them.

We welcome Ann Rice, Lauren Kelly and Jen Feld who have recently joined the Caring Committee. If you find yourself in need of help, please feel free to ask. We have Helping Hands volunteers who can provide rides, meals, do chores, etc., for people in time of need. You can speak to Rev. Deborah Mero, or anyone on the Caring Committee: Sharon Mayer-Conroy, Heidi Buss, John Orban, Pat Orban, Jen Feld, Lauren Kelly and Ann Rice. You can identify us by the hearts on our name tags. We can also be reached at email: caring.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

We will resume our class on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the minister's office. The current reading book is the *Tao Te Ching*. Classes will be held on November 5, 12, and 26.



the ministry; and provide support for ministers of color.

Last year, the association raised \$1.4 million from 626 congregations for Association Sunday. Approximately \$41,000 of the money raised came back to our own Joseph Priestley District for use in growth-related activities. The JPD Board is discuss-

ing plans to allocate the money in grants to congregations. Further details will be forthcoming when those plans are finalized.

Please plan to show your support of the UUA by attending church on Association Sunday.

— Flo Miller
Denominational Affairs Chair

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees conducted its regular monthly meeting on October 14. With the neighborhood meetings during the month of October our work on defining our Mission and Covenant is in full swing. These will form the basis of the work we do going forward with Policy Governance. Another board sub-committee is focused on ways to best keep the congregation informed about our steps toward fully implementing Policy Governance during the coming year. Watch for news in the *Fellowtarian*, on the website and in various other communications from the Board.

Nominees for the Committee on Ministry (COM), which are jointly appointed by the Board and the Minister, will be contacted in the very near future so that this important committee can begin its work. Mark Steel reported progress on planning the annual auction to be held on November 15. Other topics of discussion included: membership – we now have 200 members; attendance – both at Sunday services and UFWC events; and coordination of volunteers.

Current Board members include: Bob Scott, President; Craig Talbot, Vice President; Erach Patel, Executive Treasurer; Eileen Kelly-Meyer, Secretary; and Diane Cohle, Sandy Schaal, Juan Leon and Betty Grosse, Trustees. Rev. Deborah Mero, Pam Baxter, Director of Religious Education, and Mark Steel, Program Coordinator, also meet with the Board. Members and friends of the Fellowship are encouraged

LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE AND LOTTERY FEATURING OUR OWN COHLE-MILLER DUO AS AUCTIONEERS

The Service Auction is coming to UFWC on Saturday, November 15, beginning at 6 p.m. Expect fun, excitement, entertainment and even a free light dinner. We are calling this year's auction a FUN-raiser. Ed Cohle and Mike Miller have written silly songs, silly skits, and silly movies, and they promise that they will be anything but professional auctioneers!

We are not doing the online auction this year. Instead, it is all taking place at UFWC the night of November 15. Auction books will be sent out ahead of time by email so that you can begin planning your bids before you come. The book will explain how the auction works and will have descriptions of all of the items and services being auctioned.

For the two Sundays prior to the auction, the silent auction will be set up and raffles tickets will be for sale. The silent auction will continue at 6 p.m. the night of the auction and end at intervals between 7 and 7:30. The 50-50 raffle tickets, basket raffles, and lottery envelopes will be sold throughout most of the evening. Raffles will be drawn during breaks during the live auction. The live auction begins at 7:30. Those of us that have seen Ed and Mike in front of an audience know that this is not something to miss. Who knows if they will manage to raise any money for the fellowship, but watching these two guys have a good time will be well worth it.

Babysitting and supper will be available downstairs. It is necessary that you sign up your children in advance. Send the names and ages of the children you plan to bring to email: auction. A modest donation to UFWC is requested for the babysitting service.

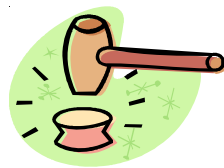
If you have not yet submitted a description of your donation to the auction, please send it ASAP to Dan Meyer at email: auction-donations. Donations received after the book is published will be included in an addendum. Donations cannot be accepted the night of the auction.

Finally, we are looking for volunteers to help with the food, set-up, clean-up, and more. If you can help, talk to Craig Talbot or Mark Steel or email: auction. See you November 15!

to share comments and concerns with Board members, as well as to attend Board meetings if interested. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the office. Meet-

ing minutes are posted to the members section of the UFWC website after being approved by the Board.

-- Eileen Kelly-Meyer
Board Secretary



STONES IN THE SAME WALL

LEARNING ABOUT ISLAM

Several members of UFWC recently attended a dialogue between Moslems and Christians sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church in West Chester. An Old Testament scholar and an Islamic scholar gave the keynote talks. We were split into small study groups, each with a Moslem teacher, and we addressed some key questions about the similarities and differences of the Bible and the Qur'an.

It was a fascinating experience. Great Middle Eastern food, too!

One of the primary speakers at the dialogue will be the leader of a ten week course in Islam hosted by our very own UFWC. It will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning in late January. No reading or homework is required. You only need to attend and listen. What could be easier? Stay tuned for more information on the course.

SINGING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Ecumenical Choir will do a concert and fundraiser 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.

SUPPORT UUSC

With the holiday season fast approaching, it's time to draw up a gift list and send greeting cards — and support OUR human rights organization, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC).

First, the gifts: What better way to honor someone special than to give them a membership in UUSC. And for the people that you want to give something tangible: How about Fair Trade coffee, tea, or chocolate, available at the display on the stairs in the lobby? As for greeting cards: Four beautiful designs will be sold after the services throughout November, so look for them at the UUSC table.

Second, on November 23, the Guest at Your Table boxes will be distributed. When they are collected at the beginning of 2009, plan to join yourself or renew your membership. Belonging is a proud tradition at UFWC, where we want to exceed 75% membership this year (maybe even reach the magic level of 100%).

All of these are ways that you can support human rights and advance social justice in the UU tradition. For further information, just ask Robin Garrett, Linda Sander, or Tom Townsend.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Volunteers needed: Our next UFWC volunteer week is November 5-8. There are many ways you can contribute besides heavy manual labor. In addition to helping with the actual building of the house, we need the following support:

— 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.

Contact Mike Stevens at email: habitat to volunteer for any of the above. THANK YOU to everyone who has donated and volunteered time already – your energy and generosity are truly heart-warming!



GW GROUP'S TIP OF THE MONTH: If you'd like to sign up for email alerts concerning state and federal legislation related to global warming, contact us at email: global-warming and request that your address be added to the list.

HOLIDAY IDEA *THE STORY OF STUFF*

To celebrate the holidays with a smaller environmental footprint, you can begin by watching a 20-minute online presentation with your family. *The Story of Stuff* at <http://www.storyofstuff.com> exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues and calls us to create a more sustainable and just world.

Perhaps you'll decide that this year, you'd like to focus more on doing things than giving things at holiday time.



THANKSGIVING AT THE STAHLs

Kora and Tilo Stahl are hosting Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27, at 4 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited. The Stahls will provide turkey and drinks. We welcome those who wish to come spend the holiday with us — it is a time for sharing our foods (please bring a dish) and our holiday. It is not an “open house” type of event for those with many stops to make in their journey, but is intended to be for those who wish a holiday destination.

RSVP by November 15 to coordinate a dish to share. Contact the Stahls. You should be comfortable around large friendly dogs.



FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

On the first Sunday of every month, we will collect canned and boxed goods in the baskets set up in the lobby. Parents, this is a great chance to teach your kids the value of giving to others. Help them pick out something at the store (maybe even use their allowance to purchase it). The food will be donated to the Cares Food Network which will distribute it to food cupboards throughout Chester County.

It's also a great chance to donate food items that you no longer want because you may have purchased too many or are just tired of eating them (think about those giant packages you buy at BJ's for example). Please be sure that the food is not expired.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

How much do we know about the food we eat — where does it come from, who produced it, is it good for us, and why does it cost so much?

The Global Warming subcommittee offers two discussion groups to enlighten us on one of the most important aspects of survival, of people and of the planet. These are scheduled for Sunday afternoons, November 2, 16, and 23 from 1-2:30 pm; or Tuesday evenings, November 11, 18, and 25 from 7-8:30 p.m.

It's important to register ASAP by contacting Diane Maguire at email: global-warming. The book, *Menu for the Future* (no it's not really menus), will be available for \$18.

EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP NOVEMBER 16, FROM 7 TO 8:30 P.M.

Our selection for November is the much acclaimed *Three Cups of Tea - One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. This book follows Mortenson after his failed attempt to climb K2 in remote Pakistan and his encounters with the people there and in Afghanistan. It tells the story of his determination to build schools in these neglected regions of the world. Pam Sapko will lead our discussion.

A church in our area has also read this book, and we are working on having them join our discussion on the 16th. Stay tuned to Fellowship emails for more details.

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 at email: diversity-book-group.

All are Welcome.

COFFEE HOUSE

The next coffee house is Saturday, November 22, at 7 p.m. with our very own Jennifer Feld and Bob Scott performing as a duo. Please come out and support this fun, entertaining event. Contact Judy Perri at email: coffeeshouse.

DELIBERATE LIVING

Our next meeting is on November 2, the first Sunday of the month as usual. We meet at 12:30 p.m. downstairs.

In living deliberately, 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. Alex Miller from the Downingtown Friends Meeting group will lead this time. He has been a valued participant with us on several occasions, and a leader among the Friends group. Alex has expressed interest in more interaction and participation between UFWC and their activities and meetings, especially as he found that our principles are basically identical.

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 to be a part of our typical dynamic flow of good energy. No preparation is needed. No commitment is required, though continuity is best. Contact Heidi Buss at email: deliberate-living.

POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT

Please join us Friday night, November 7, at 6:30 p.m. for a Potluck and Game Night at the Fellowship. This gathering is not just for kids or families; everyone young or old is welcome. Bring a dish and beverage to share. Paper products will be provided. No need to call ahead, just come. Relax and enjoy the company. If you wish, learn a new game or play an old favorite. Contact Mary Yeager at email: game-night.

FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Saturday, November 1, at 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. All are welcome. No singing talent or experience is necessary. Bring a munchie, if you wish. Guitar-players are welcome to bring their instruments. Maps are in the foyer. Contact Steve at email: folk-singing.

LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet Friday, November 14, at 11:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 1103 West Chester Pike, near Shop Rite. Newcomers are welcome. To be added to the e-mail reminder list, contact Linda Sander at email: lunch-group. 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.

HOLIDAY PARTIES

Friday, December 5 – Holiday Potluck and Game Night. We will have a stepped up game night at UFWC from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. with holiday music and treats. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to RSVP. Bring the kids.

Sunday, December 7 – Gingerbread House Decorating Party. Our second annual Gingerbread House decorating party will be at the Fellowship on December 7 from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Please bring a pre-baked gingerbread house (sold in all craft and grocery stores) and a donation of \$5 for decorations. We supply icing, pretzels, gummy candy, licorice, graham crackers, snacks, and more icing. This event is for children and all ages. We will also have several experienced gingerbread decorators there for any assistance you may need. Signing up early lets us know how many supplies to order. For more information or to sign up for this event, please e-mail Jen at shorthillz@gmail.com

Saturday, December 13 – Holiday Party at the Hecks' home, 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Look for details in the December *Fellowtarian*. You will be asked to RSVP to the Hecks in December.

Friday, December 19 – Holiday Party at the Steels' home, 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Look for details in the December *Fellowtarian*. You will be asked to RSVP to the Steels in December.

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

All email addresses @ufwc.org unless otherwise noted.

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| Nov 1 | Sat | Folk Singing. 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. See p. 9. |
| Nov 2 | Sun | Food Collection. The first Sunday of the month. Lobby. See p. 8.
Deliberate Living. 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Room. See p. 9.
Mission-Covenant Committee. 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sanctuary. Contact Diane Cohle, email: mission
Ecumenical Choir Habitat Fundraiser. 3 p.m. St. Agnes Catholic Church. See p. 7. |
| Nov 3 | Mon | Beyond War Group. 7-9 p.m. Office. Email: beyond-war. |
| Nov 5 | Wed | Religious Education Committee. 7 p.m. OWL room. Contact Sue Quake, email: RE |
| Nov 5-8 | Wed-Sat | Habitat for Humanity Work Days. See p. 7. |
| Nov 6 | Thu | Global Warming Group. 7-8:30 p.m. Lobby. Contact Diane Maguire, email: global-warming |
| Nov 7 | Fri | Game Night. 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p.9. |
| Nov 9 | Sun | Enhanced Coffee Hour. Downstairs between services. See p. 4.
Mission-Covenant Committee. 12:30-1:30 p.m. Fireplace Room. Contact Diane Cohle, email: mission
Safe Harbor Dinner. Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. To help, contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: safe-harbor |
| Nov 11 | Tue | Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Office. All are welcome. |
| Nov 13 | Thu | Comfort Shawl Group. 10 a.m. Fireplace Rm. Contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: caring
Social Justice Committee. 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle, email: social-justice. |
| Nov 14 | Fri | Lunch Group. 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 9.
Exploring Our Spirituality Book Group. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at home of Harriet Singer. Contact Harriet Singer or Susan Gast, email: spirituality-book-group |
| Nov 15 | Sat | Service Auction - Live and Silent Auction, Raffle, and Lottery. 6 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 6. |
| Nov 16 | Sun | Exploring Diversity Book Group. 7-8:30 p.m. Fireplace Room. See p. 8. |
| Nov 17-20 | Mon-Thu | Portrait Appointments. See p. 3. |
| Nov 20 | Thu | Religious Services Committee. 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Curt Hoganson, email: religious-services. |
| Nov 22 | Sat | Coffee House. 7-10 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
Mission-Covenant Committee. 10 a.m. Sanctuary. Contact Diane Cohle, email: mission |
| Nov 23 | Sun | Guest At Your Table Box Distribution. See p. 7.
Comfort Shawl Group. 7-8:45 p.m. Fireplace Rm. Contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: caring |
| Nov 25 | Tue | Fellowship Council. 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: program |
| Nov 27 | Thu | Thanksgiving at the Stahls. 4 p.m. RSVP required. See p.8. |

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

- Adult RE.** *Reading Sacred Texts.* 11 a.m., Wednesdays Nov. 5, 12, and 26. E-mail: minister
- Choir Practice.** Generally the three Thursdays before the third Sunday (which is when they sing at services). No practice on the fourth Thursday. Contact Helen Meacham, email: choir
- Menu for the Future.** Sunday Discussion Group Nov 2, 16, and 23, 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday Discussion Group Nov 11, 18, and 25, 7-8:30 p.m. See p. 8.
- Peace Vigils.** Saturdays 11 a.m. to noon. High and Market Streets, West Chester. Email: social-justice.
- Yoga Classes.** Thursdays 6:15-7:15 p.m. Downstairs. Contact Mira Tryon, email: yoga.
- Youth Group.** Most Sundays, 10:45-noon. OWL room. Email: youth-group.