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SUNDAY SERVICES

June, 2009

June 7 9 a.m. Service

R. E. SUNDAY

“Welcoming” is the theme of our annual RE Sunday. Join us as we commemorate this year’s RE classes, recognize our OWL graduates, and honor our volunteer teachers. Hear our fabulous UFWC drummers and take part in a brain teaser conducted by our 6th and 7th graders. After the service, enjoy an Enhanced Coffee Hour in honor of our teachers. Come help us celebrate!

June 7 11 a.m. Service

YOUTH BRIDGING SERVICE

Please join us as we celebrate our congregation’s graduating high school seniors in their transition from youth into young adulthood. Hear their thoughts about their personal journeys and stand together in community to provide support as they “cross the bridge” and look toward their futures.

June 14

MINISTRY IS WHAT WE DO TOGETHER

Rev. Deborah Mero

There is no minister anywhere who can do all of the ministry that is done in any congregation. We are lucky to have an exceptionally talented, dedicated, and creative group of members and friends who make so much happen at UFWC. This is a Sunday for Thanks Giving.

June 21

FLOWER COMMUNION AND REMEMBRANCE

Rev. Deborah Mero

We will again celebrate the ritual that was begun by Rev. Norbert Capek in Prague in 1923. Please bring with you a flower(s) to share with others in this beautiful and heart-felt ritual. We will also take time to remember those lost to us this past year.

June 28

VACATION REVELATIONS

Brett Goldman

Vacations – rest and relaxation, sightseeing and personal growth, work placed aside. All of these describe our hopes and goals for vacation. But how often do we truly meet these goals? And what can we do to “vacate” our typical daily experience and truly re-energize our tired minds and souls, even on workdays? From a look at our workaholic tendencies to the teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh, let’s prepare together for the lazy months of summer.

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

THE SONG OF DEBORAH

A few weeks ago when we had our “topsy turvy” Sunday, one of the segments taken from *Through the Looking Glass* was the Duchess’ statement that sometimes she thinks up “six impossible things before breakfast.” It is a wonderful antidote to whatever may ail us. The possibilities are endless and can be fun and stimulating.

I’ve read recently that scientists are closing in on inventing a real invisibility cloak like the one that appears in the popular Harry Potter books. The one being developed is extremely small but who knows, we may see the day when it is realized in a useful form. Without the idea to even begin investigating the possibilities, it could never have happened. Our discussion during both services led to talking about what makes things impossible. Mostly, it seems, it is a lack of imagination—and yes, there are the laws of physics to deal with, but without exploring, we wouldn’t even have those laws.

When my friend and Presbyterian colleague, Rev. Sandy Strauss spoke to the congregation she told the story of a minister and a convert rescuing people from a river flowing in front of them. More and more people appeared to need rescuing as time went on. The minister was happy for the privilege of being in the right place and time to do the rescuing, until the convert pointed out that they might want to go to the top of the river to find out why so many people were falling in and in need of rescue.

It is a wonderful story and metaphor for the kind of peace and justice work that we often find ourselves doing. Yes, there are so many people in need of help who have fallen through the cracks for

one reason or another. And yes, there are and will be more of such people in the future. For those of us who have the ability to help it is a gift we are given to be able to help others. At the same time, we need to look at the reasons and systems that are causing people to wind up in situations where they need help.

How can we look up at the top of the river and find ways to change the system or to add help before the need grows? That is the challenge for us all as we live our lives. We find ways to be charitable whenever possible, but justice calls us to do more. Often the “more” seems to be impossible (one of those things to think of before breakfast), but more often it requires more imagination than we usually lend to a task or idea.

We are winding down our normal church year and heading into a time for rest and regrouping. It isn’t a time for hibernation or detachment. I’m hoping, for me, as well as for you, that it will be a time of dreaming of impossible things and how we can make them possible.

Our mission statement calls us to transform lives, ours and

others’, with spiritual deepening, making meaningful connections, and actively engaging in peace and justice work. I will be challenging myself, and I invite you to do the same, to cultivate ideas while I cultivate my garden, dream up projects to share, and experiences to create to take us from fantasy to reality.

One of the things that separates religious community from so many other endeavors is that we

look at the contrast of life as it is and life as it should be with a desire to be the change, make the difference to bring us closer to the ideal in which we would want to live. As we enter

into the Summer may we dream dreams and find possibilities to enrich our lives and the lives of others. There will be opportunities for you to share your ideas and dreams so that we can build our congregational life into one that reflects our mission and our vision. There is so much to do. So many opportunities. May we take up the task with joy and hope.

In Faith,
Deborah

As we enter into the Summer may we dream dreams and find possibilities to enrich our lives and the lives of others.

THANKS FROM THE BOARD

The Board, Council, and Minister would like to extend our deepest thanks to Pam Sapko and Sandy Marts for showing us the Light of Compassion as they led our successful canvass campaign. In addition to the talented leadership, they were ably assisted by Rick Marts, Gerry Giess, Mike Miller, Barbara Long, Ed Cohle and Jim MacFadyen. It was a challenging task in a challenging time. Let us all give thanks for their hard work and dedication.

FROM THE PRESIDENT MISSION AND ENDS

At our last Board meeting in May, the Board formally approved the first version of policies that will define UFWC under the new policy governance model, and we approved By-Laws changes to reflect this change – these, of course, will be voted on by the congregation at our Annual Meeting on June 7. It's important for all members to come to this.

I'm very proud of the work this Board has accomplished in such a short time, and I am hopeful that this model will help accomplish two goals: first, that it will be suited to our growing congregation, and second, that we will now use these policies rather than work on them (and we should be using them to focus on our Mission).

My plea to all members and friends is to put some effort into understanding what our Vision, Mission and Ends statements mean, both for UFWC and the community, but also for each of us individually. It's good to have a good sense of mission, but much more rewarding to live it. I also strongly urge everyone to get involved in the discussion that is about to take place where we attempt to translate these lofty goals into more specific and measurable action plans and accomplishments.

Nothing about policy governance is being forced. It's merely a framework that allows us to be clear about our goals (Ends) and to be clear about roles so that we know who's doing what to accomplish them. But the true value of this system is that the congregation is empowered, encouraged, even expected to take part in the hard work of clarifying exactly what we mean by our Ends statements, and to take part in altering them or refining them where needed. This is the real work of the congregation.

A large part of me is sorry not to be formally engaged in the next phase as a member of the Board. Of course an even larger part of me is ready to step down so no worries there. But I know the incoming Board will be energized by this work, and will depend heavily on an educated and involved congregation to help them. And I don't need to be part of the Board to be involved, nor do you. Don't let this opportunity to make UFWC stronger with your input get away from you – I know I won't.

– Bob Scott, Board President

ERIN BEHLER TO CONTINUE WITH UFWC

The Fellowship Music Committee has received the following letter (edited for brevity) from our pianist.

Dear Friends:

After a lot of thinking, I have decided not to attend Eastman in the fall. I have decided to stay in the West Chester area, continue working with my students, and continue playing at the Fellowship for at least the next two years. This decision is definitely the best choice for me, and I'm glad to have finally come to this conclusion. While I realize how incredible the opportunity is to go to a school like Eastman, I just don't think it's the best "next step" for me. I love being in West Chester. I love being at the Fellowship. I love my students. I have all of you to thank for my being so happy with where my life is, and I'm truly looking forward to continuing to work with all of you at the Fellowship.

Erin Behler



MISSION

As a diverse liberal faith congregation we make a difference in our lives, our children's lives, and the wider community by creating an environment for spiritual growth and fulfillment, for building meaningful connections, and for actively advancing peace and justice in the world.

COVENANT

The members of the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester covenant and affirm that in our lives together:

- We communicate with kindness and support.
- We accept responsibility for our individual actions.
- We build trust by acting with honesty, integrity, and respect.
- We honor our diversity as a source of strength.
- We actively minister to one another in times of need.
- We challenge ourselves and each other to live the UU principles in our daily lives and to accomplish our mission.

We serve with compassion and commitment and pledge our time, talents and treasure to the common good of the congregation.

REmarks – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

I hope you will be able to join the RE Committee and me in our annual RE Sunday Celebration at 9 a.m. on June 7, when we will present vignettes from our classrooms and recognize teachers and our OWL class graduates. Between services, everyone is invited to help us honor our volunteers at our Teacher Appreciation Brunch. I also hope you will be able to attend the 11 o'clock service and witness the rite of passage from youth to young adulthood as our graduating seniors take part in the Bridging Ceremony. This is always a moving and inspirational service.

This is a busy time. We're planning for the June 7 celebration, scheduling summer family fun events, finding new members to serve on the Committee, and filling out our teaching teams for 2009-10. With that accomplished we will be able to enjoy our summers with peace of mind.

What have the children learned this year? If we were to give them tests, I'm sure we'd find that they have absorbed a lot of the material in their classroom curricula. But I know that they've learned many things that we can't possibly test for.

Being UU is about who we become and continue to develop as people, and that's hard to quantify, though we see evidence of it constantly. Here's a wonderful example. When I saw that some parents were giving their children dollar bills to put in the Pennies for Peace collection jar I sent out a group email to make sure that parents and children understood that the idea was for the gifts to come from the children: from allowance, gifts, or the occasional coin on the sidewalk.

One mom told me that when she explained this, her daughter told her there was no way she was

going to dig into her savings to contribute to charity. (The savings are for the horse she hopes to buy someday, so her vehemence is understandable!) But the story doesn't end there. This first-grader painted a series of paintings, then took them door to door selling them to her neighbors, in order to earn money to contribute. (Her four-year-old brother followed suit, but he gave his paintings away. That's a story in itself.)

Can our religious education program take all the credit for this? Of course not, but I think we've helped this child deepen her own sense of doing what's right and fair in the world. I also believe that she

is going to teach us a few things over the next few years!

We come to the Fellowship to learn together. We also learn from each other. Teacher to student, student to teacher, older to younger, younger to older. We're all on this journey together, and what we learn from one another enriches that journey in ways we can't predict or measure. My sincere thanks to everyone who has been a part of the religious education and spiritual development of our children this year. Thanks for all the gifts you bring and share, and for what we have learned from you.

– Pam Baxter
Director of Religious Education

R.E. ICE CREAM SOCIAL WITH REV. MERO

RE families are invited to join Reverend Mero and the RE Committee for ice cream and fun on Saturday, June 6, from 1:30 – 3 p.m. at Deborah's home. We'll provide the ice cream and toppings – all you have to do is show up ready for fun. If the weather is warm, we'll turn the sprinkler on, so bring a bathing suit and towel. If you can, please RSVP by June 4 so we'll know how much ice cream to get. If you can come at the last minute but didn't RSVP, come anyway. Contact Sue Quake at email: RE.

YOUTH GROUP

This May the UFWC Youth Group combined thought and fun and work, as we so often do. We had a rousing discussion about the War on Drugs, planned the service to honor our graduating seniors, and went bowling in costume – just because we can! We'll begin June with our bridging service on June 7 at 11 a.m. to celebrate the transition from youth into young adulthood. Watch your e-mail for info about a wrap-up movie overnight. Join us downstairs each Sunday morning at 10:45. Questions? Reach the youth advisors at email: youth-group.

FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Saturday, June 13, 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. Maps are in the foyer. Contact Steve at email: folk-singing.

STONES IN THE SAME WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

Each event, each action is another stone in the wall of social justice

It's amazing that in tough economic times, our congregation is willing and able to help those in need. Monthly food donations as well as the share-the-plate collections have been strong. Instead of giving less, we are giving more. The phrase "deed, not creed" certainly describes the UFWC.

Want to know what groups are saying about us? The West Chester Food Cupboard wrote this in a thank you letter: "Thank you for partnering with us as a neighbor caring for neighbors." We received this in response to the donation of food gift cards for the arson victims in Coatesville: "Your commitment to helping our community and the arson victims is sincerely appreciated... Thank you for your concern, commitment and action in helping others!" From safe harbor comes this: "When the events of the world, nation, our community might bring us down, I remind myself to look at the kindness and generosity of people like you that makes the days shine a little brighter." A personal note from the Executive Director of the Friends Association: "We were very moved and honored to be chosen for this month's gift."

I know each of you does not give with the expectation that you will be recognized or thanked. You give because you want to "make a difference in our lives, our children's lives, and the wider community by creating an environment for spiritual growth and fulfillment, for building meaningful connections, and for actively advancing peace and justice in the world." Making our mission a reality. Yeah, that's what I'm talking about!

UUSC UPDATE

"10 in 2010" is the latest project of the UU Service Committee (UUSC). Very simply, it means let's work toward raising the federal minimum wage to \$10/hour in the year 2010. Why? Because a job should keep you out of poverty, not keep you in it. This is just one example of the type of justice that our human rights organization, UUSC, fights for.

Because UUSC gets no denominational or government funds, it depends on our memberships – speaking of which UFWC has the highest percentage membership out of 111 "large" congregations in the entire northeast. But we missed the 75% level last year and the year before by one person! Won't you help us to avoid this situation again this year by renewing your membership or joining anew?

Your fellow congregants will thank you, as will the millions of marginalized people around the world. Remember, students can join for just \$10, and seniors for just \$20.

For more info, ask Robin Garrett, Linda Sander, or Tom Townsend at email: uusuc.



SHARE-THE-PLATE GENEROSITY

The share-the-plate collection of \$385 for April was donated our Habitat for Humanity project. The house is almost done (and paid for). The share-the-plate recipient in June is the West Chester Food Cupboard. Hard times have fallen on many of our neighbors in Chester County. People in need of just the basics such as food continues to rise.

You can help support our neighbors by giving generously June 21 when the next share-the-plate collection is taken.

BEYOND WAR EVENT

Interfaith Forum on US-Sponsored Torture – Theme: "US-Sponsored Torture: Investigate...Legislate" Sunday, June 14, from 2- 4p.m. at the Fellowship. This event is part of Chester County Peace Week Co-hosted by: CCRCAT (Chester County & Philadelphia Area Religious Campaign Against Torture), CCPM (Chester County Peace Movement) and UFWC. Panel discussion, followed by a showing and discussion of NRCAT's 20-minute video, *Ending US-Sponsored Torture Forever*.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

Reminder: We collect canned and boxed foods the first Sunday of every month. The next food collection will be June 7. The food is donated to the West Chester Food Cupboard which distributes it to food cupboards throughout the county. Food items should be put into the baskets in the lobby. The amount of food collected is slowly growing each month. Thank you to everyone who contributed last month.

The following items are particularly needed: Personal Care Items: shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, pull-ups 36 mos. and up, tampons, maxi-pads. Non-Perishables: canned fruit, canned meat, spaghetti sauce, cereal, fruit juice, salad dressings, soup, rice (1 lb bags), instant potatoes. Perishables: potatoes, apples, milk (boxed milk that will last on the shelf).



Sustainable Living Subcommittee Tip of the Month:

Carbon dioxide is the most abundant greenhouse gas contributing to global warming. When a gallon of gasoline is burned, 20 pounds of carbon dioxide is released. The half-life of CO₂ is 150 years. This means that half of the CO₂ will decompose into carbon and oxygen in 150 years, but half will remain; a quarter of the CO₂ will still be in the atmosphere in 300 years, and so on. Please keep this in mind when driving your car or mowing your lawn with a gas-powered mower. Perhaps this summer would be a good time to plan a low maintenance lawn. Planting GROUND cover that does not need to be mowed would reduce your carbon footprint and give you more time to enjoy life.

DELIBERATE LIVING

Our next meeting is June 7, the first Sunday of the month as usual. We meet at 12:30 p.m. downstairs after the second service.

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. This time Alex Miller from the Downingtown Quaker group, who has repeatedly been enthusiastically received, will lead. Some other members of his group will probably join us as well and participate in discussion.

Alex's topic is, "Bad Sin – Good Sin, Friendly Sin. He credits Quakers' "Continuing Revelation" for a life-transforming experience. He will share his transformation and will challenge the group to think in terms of "Friendly sin". 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees conducted its regular monthly meeting on May 12. The primary focus of this meeting was finalizing and approving the Ends statements and governance policies that will guide the work of the Board and the Executive Team going forward. This work represents the final step in our adoption of Policy Governance. In addition, because of the establishment of these policies, some By-Laws changes were also finalized and approved by the Board. These changes will be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting on June 7.

Other topics of discussion for this meeting included: planning for the annual meeting on June 7 (Please plan to attend.), our upcoming feedback survey (watch for more on this in email), voting for the UUA President, and approving the use of reserve funds to replace smoke detectors in the fellowship building.

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

EVENING DISCUSSION GROUP

During the summer we anticipate interest in engaging in group discussions again. These discussions will be open to all members and friends, as in previous summers. This provides continued opportunity to share thoughts and feelings about meaningful subjects in a smaller and reflective atmosphere, while developing a deeper understanding of ourselves and others.

Possible topics include, Our Place in the Universe, Connections, Reincarnation, Concepts of God, The Soul's Purpose, as well as other topics developed by the group. The meetings will be the second and fourth weeks of the month starting Thursday, June 25, following completion of the Evensong Gatherings. Dates will vary. July dates are Tuesdays, July 14 and 28. August dates are Thursdays, August 13 and 27.

Leadership will vary as well, depending on preferences and preparation. Contact Terry Rothermel or Heidi Buss at email: evening-discussion.

Coffee House

An evening of Music

Saturday, June 20
7-10 pm
at the Fellowship



Featured Act

Terry Merriman

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

Contact Judy Perri at email:
coffee-house

EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

We held our last regular meeting on May 17 and will get together this month for our end of year Pot Luck Celebration at Shelly Case's home. Date and time are still being worked out, but please feel free to contact either one of us at email: diversity-book-group. At this get-together we will select our books and movies for 2009-2010.

So please let us know if you would like more information and/or would like to be added to our email list. All are Welcome. Stay tuned for Summer Reading Lists and notice of books for next year. Our next regular meeting will be September 20.

LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet Friday, June 12, 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.

BE A HAPPY CAMPER

Plan on joining us July 10-12, (Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon) at Susquehannock State Park – south of Lancaster, overlooking the Susquehanna River. We have two nights reserved for a large group campsite which accommodates 100 people. Come when you can and leave when you must. Our traditional joint dinner/BBQ and folk singing will be Saturday night.

There are many options for recreation. Our campsite is next to a field for group sports. Go hiking, bird watching, play games, and sit around discussing life, the universe and everything. Relax by the campfire and enjoy being with other UU happy campers.

The 224-acre Susquehannock State Park is on a wooded plateau 380 feet above the Susquehanna River and gives a great view of the scenic river valley. Just to the south is Mt. Johnson Island, the first piece of land set aside as a bald eagle sanctuary. Bald eagles, osprey, turkey and black vultures, and many other raptors can be seen riding the wind at this beautiful park. There are 5 miles of scenic hiking trails that offer a wide variety of interesting habitats and evidence of people's past use of the area.

Look around on the website: www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/susquehannock.aspx

Susquehannock State Park, 1880 Park Dr., Drumore, PA 17518

Sign up and direct questions to Sharon Sweitzer at email: camping. Watch for more details in the July *Fellowtarian* and in emails. (You must sign up for camping to get the emails.) A small fee will be charged to cover costs of the park and dinner.



FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

All email addresses @ufwc.org unless otherwise noted.

- Jun 2 Tue Fellowship Council.** 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: program
- Jun 3 Wed Religious Education Committee.** 7 p.m. OWL room. Contact Sue Quake, email: RE
- Jun 4 Thu Religious Services Committee.** 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Curt Hoganson, email: religious-services
- Jun 5 Thr Potluck and Game Night.** 6:30-9 p.m. Sanctuary. All are welcome.
- Jun 6 Sat RE Family Ice Cream Social with Rev. Mero.** 1:30-3 p.m. Rev. Mero's home. See p. 4.
- Jun 7 Sun First Sunday Food Collection.** Lobby. See p. 6.
Deliberate Living. 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Rm. See p. 6.
Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck. 6 p.m. Dinner. 7 p.m. Meeting. Sanctuary. See below.
- Jun 8 Mon Beyond War Group.** 7-8:30 p.m. Fireplace Room. Contact John Gribbin, email: beyond-war
Website Committee. 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel. Email: program
- Jun 9 Tue Board Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Bob Scott, email: president
- Jun 11 Thu Social Justice Committee.** 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle, email: social-justice
Evensong Gathering. 7:30 p.m. OWL Rm. Email: evensong-gatherings
- Jun 12 Fri Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 7.
Exploring Our Spirituality Book Group. 1:30-3:30 pm, offsite. Contact Susan Gast or Harriet Singer, email: spirituality-book-group
- Jun 13 Sat Folk Singing.** 8 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 4.
- Jun 14 Sun Interfaith Forum on US-Sponsored Torture.** 2-4 p.m. Sanctuary. 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
- Jun 20 Sat Coffee House.** 7-10 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 7.
- Jun 21 Sun Share the Plate Sunday.** Benefits West Chester Food Cupboard. See p. 5.
Exploring Diversity Book Group Potluck Celebration. At the home of Shelly Case. See p. 7.
- Jun 23 Tue Fellowship Council.** 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: program
- Jun 25 Thu Religious Services Committee.** 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Curt Hoganson, email: religious-services.
Summer Evening Discussion Group Begins. See p. 7.

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

Choir Practice Resumes at the end of summer.

Youth Group Most Sundays, 10:45-noon. OWL room. Email: youth-group. See p. 4.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - IMPORTANT FOR ALL TO ATTEND

Our annual meeting will be held Sunday evening, June 7 beginning at 7 p.m. This is a very important meeting to attend as we have a few important topics to discuss and vote on. We will be altering our by-laws to reflect the new policy governance model, and then we'll use this new structure to elect the nominated slate. We'll spend a short time discussing the new policies just adopted by the Board, especially the high level Ends statements that will serve as framework for our more specific planning. We'll approve a final budget at this meeting as well, and a few other items of interest will be discussed.

Please make every effort to attend. New members in particular are encouraged to take part as well as longer term members.

We'll begin the evening with a pot-luck dinner starting at 6 p.m., so bring a dish of any sort – entrée, salad, dessert, vegetable, beverage, whatever suits your fancy. Anyone who can help set up please try to show up by 5:30 so we can start the dinner, and the meeting on time.

Look for your announcement of the meeting in the mail – it will include the details you need.