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## SUNDAY SERVICES September, 2009

**August 30, 10 a.m. only**

**SUMMER GLEANINGS**

**Rev. Deborah Mero**

I'll be telling some of my bountiful harvest of stories from the summer. Hope to see you all again.

**September 6, 10 a.m. only**

**THE MARKETPLACE AND MORALITY**

**Religious Services Committee**

The economic system in this country utilizes free market capitalism, though not exclusively. The question for today is how participation in market economies affects the moral character of men and women who live and work in such systems. For answers, we will explore short essays from noted thinkers and writers around the world, which may be found on the web site of the John Templeton Foundation.

**September 13  
9 a.m & 11 a.m**

**SUMMER GLEANINGS FOR ALL**

**Rev. Deborah Mero**

On this Homecoming Sunday we will have the opportunity to share with one another what we have learned/gleaned from our summer experiences. This is a service for all ages. Welcome home! ***NOTE: DOUBLE SERVICES RESUME.***

**September 20  
9 a.m & 11 a.m**

**TASHLICH**

**Rev. Deborah Mero**

It is the custom on the Jewish New Year to symbolically cast away our "sins" and prepare for a fresh new year to come. As Unitarian Universalists we have no doctrine of sin (indeed no doctrine at all to speak of), but there is something we can learn from our Jewish heritage.

**September 27  
9 a.m & 11 a.m**

**TEACH OUR CHILDREN (AND OURSELVES) WELL**

**Rev. Deborah Mero**

Sunday School has long been one of the foundational elements of our faith, and its importance has not been nor can be slighted. What do we teach them, and what might we all want to learn about faith in general, and our faith in particular?

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

## THE SONG OF DEBORAH

The days of summer are waning even though it seems like summer just began. In terms of the weather, it did. We were blessed with a long string of beautiful, cool, verdant days that stretched into weeks, and it was great! Now the heat has come, but it will soon be gone replaced by the leaves of autumn and crisp cool days and nights.

My summer has been filled with trips, mostly short ones in terms of distance, but not in terms of time and history. Ralph and I visited Baltimore

and Colonial Williamsburg and were transported into the Revolutionary era when this country was first forming, when ideals and principles were everything and sacrifice, hard work, and danger were part of the way of life. We also visited Gettysburg and experienced another major chapter in the nation's history. The juxtaposition of the beautiful rolling hills both in Virginia and in central Pennsylvania with the reality of the wars and carnage that took place is something that gives me pause.

The role of faith in the founding of our country is something that isn't talked about much. I learned that before the VA delegation to the Continental Congress voted for independence, their deliberations were preceded by the proclamation of a day of prayer and fasting. Imagine something like that happening today. After much prayer and discussion, the Virginia delegates were the first to affirm that it was time to break

from England and form a new country. What a radical, monumental and faith-filled notion.

Fast forward to today and the country we have become and the freedoms we enjoy thanks to those faithful men (and the women behind them). We are facing many, many challenges. The economy has a ways to go before we see what a new "normal" will look like. Our environment is screaming for help and attention as greenhouse gasses threaten sustainability. We

continue to be involved in two wars for reasons that escape most of us, and it is hard to recognize who we have become as we learn more and more about the perpetration of torture that our government has been party to. Those are just the issues on the top layer. Being transported in time to walk the streets and ex-

perience where we have come from has helped grow my perspective. The faith of our forebears in what we could become has been a renewing experience reminding me that the obstacles before us are only as large as we make them, and with faith and dedication almost all things are possible.

This is some of what I have gleaned this summer. I plan to share more with all of you on Sunday, August 30, when I return to the pulpit. Summer is a great time to learn things and be taken outside of the everyday routine that we all live through. I hope you have been learning new things and doing your own gleaning. As we gather again on the first Sunday after Labor Day you will be invited to share your gleanings with us all. I've lots of stories to tell, and I hope you do too.

I am so looking forward to our next year together as we continue to build this wonderful community of memory and hope.

In anticipation of great things to come...

– Deborah

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees will not conduct a regular monthly meeting in August. Instead, they will attend the Leadership Retreat on August 21 and 22 to begin planning for the 2009-2010 year.

Board members for the new year include: Diane Cohle, President; Betty Grosse, Vice President; Eileen Kelly-Meyer, Secretary; Sandy Schaal, Juan Leon, Fred Frayer, and Rick Marts.

Regular board meetings will resume on September 8. 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 approval by the Board.

– Eileen Kelly-Meyer, Secretary

## CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Last year the Fellowship developed and agreed upon a new Mission Statement to guide and focus our actions as a congregation. Based upon this Mission Statement, the Board of Trustees sets goals for the congregation to be implemented through various committees of the Fellowship Council. All of these activities – indeed everything we do as a congregation – encompass the ministry. “Ministry” in this context includes the work of our minister and our leadership as well as the congregation.

The Committee on Ministry (COM) is responsible for periodically evaluating this ministry to determine whether we are adhering to and carrying out our Mission Statement. A survey of the congregation is an essential first step in this process. We need to have an accurate picture of ourselves as a congregation in order to move forward with the work of the Fellowship. This information will help us set a baseline for determining how well the ministry is meeting the guidelines and goals of our Mission Statement.

To start that process, in the next few weeks we be requesting the participation of members and friends in the completion of a congregational survey. We are asking what you think are the key elements of our ministry, how you currently participate in the ministry, and what you view are the

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responsibilities of the minister and members of UFWC.

We ask you to take the time to read and answer the questions thoughtfully. It is important that we have a high rate of participation in the survey. By looking at the responses, the COM and the Board can determine what the Fellowship would like our minister, the leadership and the congregation to concentrate on going forward. For example, from the last con-

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of my favorite children’s books is *I’m In Charge of Celebrations* by Byrd Baylor. The main character describes her celebrations – Last year I gave myself one hundred and eight celebrations – besides the ones they close school for. She keeps a notebook and writes about the celebrations. Some of the experiences that make her heart pound, and that she will remember for always, include seeing a rabbit standing quietly in the mist, watching a fireball that left a long red blazing trail across the sky, and experiencing the whirlwind moving up from the flats.

Every time I read this book, it reminds me to be cognizant of the little and big opportunities that I have throughout my days to be appreciative and to celebrate. As we start a new Fellowship year, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what am I grateful for today. One of the things is this congregation. What do I appreciate about this fellowship? I am thankful to have a place that supports me in my spiritual journey. I am thankful for the opportunity to build meaningful connections. I am thankful for having a variety of social justice activities in which I could become involved. Throughout the years, I have witnessed the UFWC accomplish many things. We have a building in which to gather. We have worship services diverse in subject and style. We nurture caring relationships and provide support for one another. We have a religious education program that develops our children’s UU faith and values. We are becoming known to the community at large. These are just some of my celebrations.

You are in charge of celebrations. What makes you grateful to be a member of the UFWC? What are your celebrations?

– Committed to working with you to achieve our mission,  
Diane

gregational survey conducted in 2005 prior to our ministerial search, our congregation indicated a strong preference for an increased emphasis on social justice issues. It is important to determine what areas the Fellowship views as high priority.

The COM would like to thank all of our members and friends in advance for your help in completing this important step in the evaluation process. We look forward to learning about our congregation from the survey results and communicating these results back to the congregation.

## REmarks – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Unitarian Universalist religious education is both about what we learn and what we do. This year, the learning portion for children in Pre-K through sixth grade will focus on the Jewish and Christian heritages out of which our Unitarian Universalist faith has grown. The seventh/eighth graders will focus on World Religions. And the ninth and tenth graders will be engaged in the Coming of Age program.

More information is included in the RE Brochure, which is available in printed form on the RE Library bookshelves in the downstairs hallway, and also on the UFWC website, [www.ufwc.org](http://www.ufwc.org).

Please take a few minutes to review the information in the Brochure and check out what your children will be exploring in their classes. It is also essential that you register your children. This is quick and easy to do online. If you prefer to fill out a paper form, please either see me or pick up a form downstairs.

As far as what we do, on our monthly Group RE Days for Pre-K through 6th grade, in addition to exploring aspects of Unitarian Universalism we will continue our Social Action projects, beginning in September with the United Nations' International Day of Peace.

Last month I wrote about helping our children understand the value of money and the good it can do in the world. A few days ago I learned that the West Chester Food Cupboard is running out of food to give to the increasing number of people in the community who don't have enough to eat. Until the state budget is passed, the organiza-

tion has available only what comes through donations from people like us. If the current situation continues, they will be out of supplies by the middle of next month.

There are several weeks before the start of classes on September 20, when we will resume our weekly collection of pennies and other change for charity. Please encourage your children to begin saving now, so that we will be able to contribute the most when it is needed the most.

The beginning of each new RE year is always an exciting time. This year, the excitement is tempered by the need to be proactive regarding the H1N1 (swine flu) virus.

I have been reviewing information available at [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) and [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov) as well as local school district websites, to see what measures are recommended. For now, we suggest following your school district's guidelines; primarily, keep your child home if he or she is exhibiting signs of illness, encourage covering mouth and nose with a tissue or elbow when sneezing/coughing, and practicing thorough hand-washing.

We will be stepping up our efforts to keep surfaces and items in the classrooms, snack area and restroom sanitary.

### Some upcoming dates:

- Saturday, September 12: Fellowship Work Party. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come for all or part of the time and help us get the building and classrooms spruced up.
- Sunday, September 13: In-

gathering Service for all ages. (9 and 11 a.m.)

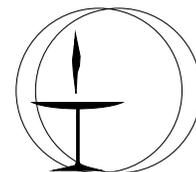
- Sunday, September 20: RE Program Begins (9 a.m.)
- Sunday, September 27: Parent Orientation between services, 10:15-10:45 a.m. (Feel free to bring your coffee with you.)

### Ways parents can help:

- We need a supply of snacks to start off the year. Please leave contributions downstairs on the counter to the left of the refrigerator in the Snack Hallway. Reminder: acceptable beverages are Juicy Juice and apple juice. (No added sugar or food dyes.) Favorite Snacks: Pepperidge Farm Goldfish, small pretzels, crackers, micro-wavable popcorn. Please – no cookies or other sugary stuff. And nothing with peanuts.
- Sign up as a Floating Volunteer at Parent Orientation, or contact Cathy Vogt at email: [re](mailto:re).

As always, if you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact me at email: [DRE](mailto:DRE). See you soon.

– Pam Baxter  
Director of Religious Education



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee is here to meet the needs of the Members, Friends and returning Visitors. No matter how long you have been associated with UFWC, we would like you to feel welcome and needed.

There are many ways in which you can become involved to the extent that is comfortable to each of you. Every week we need ushers and greeters, coffee hour volunteers, chair setup or takedown, etc. Other committees also have lots of ways to become involved.

If you are interested in being a part of the life of UFWC, please let us know. If you have previously expressed an interest and haven't been contacted, don't wait to be asked. Often times the same people just do what has to be done. The more volunteers, the more community. Please contact Mira Tryon or Barbara Long at email: membership, and we will listen to what you want to do and direct you to the right person to meet your needs/talents/interests.

## FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all congregants and friends who would like to join the UFWC Choir. We generally meet three Thursday nights each month in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. for rehearsal and sing once monthly during the service, usually the third Sunday.

This is a fun-loving group of singers who work hard, and it is a high point of my week to join them in music-making. We sing a wide variety of music to cover lots of musical tastes. The rehearsal schedule works out well for most people; if you need to miss an evening, you have two other chances to learn the music. In addition, a couple of choir members digitally record our rehearsals and make them available online so you can rehearse even if you can't make the rehearsal.

The first rehearsal will be September 10 at 7:30 p.m., with subsequent practices on September 17 and 24. We'll sing for the first time at services on September 27. We sing at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services but usually disband before the sermon during the second service.

If you've ever thought about joining us, this would be a great time to give us a try. There is no audition and no extended time commitment required – just an open mind and a willingness to have fun while making music. Please call or email me if you have any questions. I'm looking forward to another year of uplifting music-making.



– In joy and love,  
Helen Meacham  
email: choir

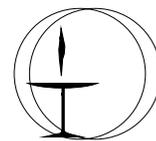
## YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group, **START YOUR ENGINES!** :) Calling all high-school-age teens. Looking for a place to really be yourself? To ask tough questions, have engaging conversations, raise money for charity, do something worthwhile in the community, and laugh a lot with people who accept you for who you are? Face-to-face, without even having to type anything? Give your texting thumb a rest, and come to Youth Group. Don't worry if you've never attended before – the door is always open.

On Sunday, September 20, we'll have our first Youth Group meeting at 10:45 a.m. Immediately afterward, at 12 noon, will be Youth/Parent Orientation with lunch in the sanctuary. Bring your questions, energy and ideas.

Coming attractions in October: our annual trek to raise money and awareness at the Philly AIDS Walk (on Sunday, October 18) and sending a vanful of teens and advisors to the JPD Youth Steering Committee's FallCON, October 23-25. Please remember that we like to see active participation in UFWC youth group meetings and activities in advance of attending a district CON.

Join us downstairs in the Youth Room at 10:45 on Sunday mornings, starting September 20. Questions? E-mail: youth-group or call Rob Sartain or Kate Cuffari.



# STONES IN THE SAME WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

As we wind down the summer, typically a time for vacations, fun in the sun, and relaxation, the harsh reality of the many problems our country faces looms large on every newscast, talk show and newspaper. It seems so overwhelming that I wouldn't know where to start or what to do if it were not for the many social justice projects and events sponsored by UFWC. We give you lots of opportunities in lots of ways to contribute to the welfare of our local community and beyond.

## FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

A phone call came into the Fellowship office from the manager of the West Chester Food Cupboard. She said that because the Fellowship has done so much for the Food Cupboard in the past, she thought she would contact us for help now. She said things were desperate. Specifically, because the Pennsylvania House and Senate have not passed a budget and the Food Cupboard has not received any funds for over 3 weeks. To make things worse, contributions have been down while the number of families in need has increased. If this continues, by mid-September they will be out of food. The manager said that the immediate need is for cereal, soup and canned meats (no tuna). Barbara Robinson said she would do what she could.

Barbara contacted a member of the social justice committee but wasn't satisfied to leave it at that. After work, she went to Shop Rite and bought what she could with \$45. (Pam Baxter generously offered to contribute half of the funds.) Barbara bought 8 boxes of cereal, 8 cans of soup, 4 cans of beans, and 6 cans of canned meat. How could this make a difference?

Barbara took the items directly to the Food Cupboard, where she found 4 adults and a cute little girl in the small lobby, waiting patiently for their food.

The receptionist said, "We need the food NOW. Please go through the door and someone will take it." Before she could go out to her car to get the other bags, the little girl, who was all of THREE years old squealed, "Look Mommy, Cheerios!" Her mother took her hand gently and told her, "The lady is leaving food off, and we need to wait our turn. We will have our Cheerios soon." Barbara hurried to get the rest of the bags back to the storeroom. As she turned around to leave, the adults in the waiting room looked at her and in unison said a quiet, "Thank-you." Barbara told me, "My heart broke. I wanted to be able to do so much more".

What would you have done if you were the person who received that call? What are you called to do as a Unitarian Universalist? This is where the "rubber meets the road" as the old saying reminds us. We say that we value deeds over creeds, that we are a congregation of doing. Indeed, several months ago, we finished building a house through Habitat for Humanity. Once again, we are called upon to act as a "catalyst for a just and compassionate world". Imagine helping people you may not know or ever meet, just for the sake of making the world a better place. John Lennon said it best:

*You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope someday you'll join us  
And the world will live as one*

The next time you go shopping, buy a few extra items or simply grab a few foodstuffs out of your pantry to bring to the Fellowship on Sunday. This small gesture can make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors.

The Social Justice Committee has recognized this food emergency by expanding our food collection efforts. Food will be collected every Sunday through the end of September.

Can't be at the service? You can drop off food items yourself at the West Chester Food Cupboard on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The address is 545 E. Gay Street, Gay Street Plaza. It is the first right after the DK Dinner, toward the back of the strip stores on the left. Their phone number is 610-344-3715. You can also take fresh produce or canned/boxed goods to the Salvation Army on Market Street on Mondays during the day. As always, you can contribute money toward food gift cards at the food gift card table after each service.

## HEALTHCARE REFORM

The UUA knows that national healthcare reform is an incredibly important issue in which many Unitarian Universalists are or would like to be involved. That's why the UUA has joined a coalition of more than 25 faith-based organizations called Faith for Health, and is cosponsoring "40 Days for Health Reform." Go to [www.faithforhealth.org](http://www.faithforhealth.org) to find out more and, if you wish, to sign the petition pledge.

The UUA is also a member of two other national healthcare coalitions: *Faithful Reform in Health Care* at [www.faithfulreform.org](http://www.faithfulreform.org), and *Health Care for America Now!* at [healthcareforamericanow.org](http://healthcareforamericanow.org).

In addition, The Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) has been working on health care for several years. The UUA Committee on Socially Responsible Investing (CSRI) works with ICCR.



## EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our next meeting is Sunday, September 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Fellowship. Our selection is *Funny in Farsi* by Firoozeh Dumas. The facilitator will be Kerri Petterson.

Please feel free to contact us at email: [diversity-book-group](mailto:diversity-book-group) or call Shelly Case or Ruth MacFadyen. All are Welcome.

## SUSTAINABLE LIVING

The American Clean Energy and Security Act, HR 2454, a.k.a. the Waxman-Markey bill, passed the U.S. House and will be reviewed by Senate committee in September and voted on by December. This is the first national bill to address global warming/climate change. Please urge Senators Casey and Specter (PA) to vote for a strong version of this bill, <http://casey.senate.gov> and <http://specter.senate.gov>.

The Alliance for Climate Protection, headed by Al Gore, opened an office in West Chester at 203 S. High St. Their mission is, "to persuade people of the importance and urgency of adopting and implementing effective and comprehensive solutions for the climate crisis." To achieve that goal, they are working on a Repower America campaign.

For more information, contact Diane Maguire.



**Sustainable Living Subcommittee Tip of the Month:** How old is your refrigerator? More than five years? According to Chris Baskind in *Home & Garden* magazine, if your fridge is similar to most, it uses about 40% more electricity than the ENERGY STAR certified units being sold today. And given the fact that your fridge is one of a typical home's biggest energy gobblers, that adds up to a pretty good chunk of change each year. Replacing your current refrigerator with a modern unit could save you upwards of \$70 and reduce your home's annual carbon dioxide footprint by a thousand pounds a year. Given that the life cycle of a fridge is ten years or more, it makes sense to replace aging units whenever possible.

## FOOD BANK REMINDER

The Chester County Food Cupboards are currently experiencing a food emergency. Members and friends have the opportunity of donating either cash or checks to the food bank any Sunday at the grocery card table in the back of the sanctuary. We will use the money to buy grocery cards to donate.

Our food bank donations go to Catholic Social Services in West Chester. This food pantry was selected by the Social Justice Committee in the spring of 2003. The agency appreciates our donating grocery gift cards since fresh produce, milk, etc. is not stored at the food bank so the participants need another way of purchasing these goods.



P.S. Don't forget to buy grocery cards for your own groceries. The Fellowship earns five percent of sales. This is a good way to help the Fellowship that doesn't cost you anything.

## FOLK SINGING

The August 29 folk singing get-together has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 19, at 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. All are welcome. No singing talent or experience is necessary. Capable musicians should bring instruments.

Bring a munchie, if you wish. Maps are in the foyer. Contact Steve at email: folk-singing.

## DELIBERATE LIVING

Meetings will resume on October 4, the usual first Sunday of the month. They take place at 12:30 p.m. after the second service in the Fireplace Room. Contact Heidi Buss at email: deliberate-living.

### COFFEE HOUSE SEPTEMBER 26

7 P.M. TO 10:15 P.M.

Featured Performers

*ACCOUSTIC  
BLENDER*

*Sign-up for acts  
begins at 6 p.m.*

We will need set-up helpers around 5:30 p.m, donations of cakes, and someone to sell these items at the coffee house. Contact Judy Perri at email: coffeehouse.

For more information about Acoustic Blender, go to [acousticblender.com](http://acousticblender.com).

Donations will go to the UFWC.

## MUSIC AND DANCE PARTY SEPTEMBER 12



Susan Gast, Gerry Giess and Who Needs Nigel invite the congregation to a Music and Dance Party. UFWC members and friends of all ages are welcome. We are also celebrating Susan and Gerry's 60th birthday, but the party and dancing is the focus. Beverages, snacks and cake will be provided. And please, NO GIFTS. Susan and Gerry would like the gift of your presence rather than a present. But, if you can't resist, please make a donation to UFWC or The Chester County Food Cupboard.

Join us at the UFWC Saturday, September 12, from 7-10 p.m. Dancers of all ages are welcome.

## GAME NIGHT – SEPTEMBER 4

We host a Game Night at the Fellowship on the first Friday of most months. Please don't think that this is just for families, because everyone is welcome to Game Night. You can come by yourself, bring a friend, or bring your whole family. It starts with a potluck dinner. After dinner, we break into various-sized groups to play whatever games we have brought. Last month, we played PDQ and Bananagrams while others played Scrabble and another group played Magic the Gathering. As you can see there was a quite a variety.



We can't tell you what we will be playing this month, because it is up to those who come. Sometimes we try something new, but there are always people wanting to play old favorites too. Come and join the fun. Bring what you like to play, but if you forget, there are plenty of games here.

Bring a dish and a beverage (for example, a 2-liter bottle of soda or a half gallon of milk) to share. If you don't have time to cook, pick up a pizza or cookies on the way. (Everybody loves pizza and cookies.)

We open the doors at 6:30 p.m. and start games around 7. If you are late, you can join a game or start a new one. Just come. It is a great way to end the work week and start the weekend. We are usually done between 8:30 and 9:45, but you can leave whenever you are ready.

There is no need to call ahead, but if you have any questions, contact Mary Yeager at email: game-night.

## FALL CLEAN-UP WORK PARTY

September will be here before you know it. So please plan to help with the building committee's Fall Clean-Up on Saturday, September 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donuts and coffee will be provided.

Many things go on in your building before the first fall opening Sunday, which is September 13. The rugs are cleaned, various systems are inspected, hedges are trimmed, landscape is spruced up, and the whole building is thoroughly cleaned and checked for items to be updated or repaired.

The Fellowship building is a reflection of your organization and is one of the first impressions that visitors experience. Make the commitment. Sign up for the Fall Clean-Up by contacting Mark Steel, acting building chair, at email: building.



## EVENING DISCUSSION GROUP

The Evening Discussion Group will continue in the fall and is open to members and friends, but attendance needs to be limited. Meetings take place on the second and fourth Thursday – in September on the 10th and 24th – at 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Youth Group Room.

These discussions provide opportunities to address meaningful subjects together in a reflective atmosphere while developing a deeper understanding of ourselves and others.

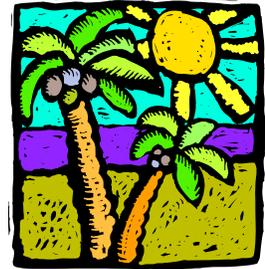
The topic of the next discussion is happiness, followed by one on love. Topics will typically be chosen by the group and may emerge from the previous discussion.

Contact Heidi Buss or Terry Rothermel at email: evening-discussion.

## ANNUAL FALL PICNIC LUAU STYLE

Celebrate our return from summer adventures at our annual picnic on Sunday afternoon, September 27, 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. Hoopes Park has plenty of sun, shade, and playground equipment. Feel free to bring sports supplies for basketball, tennis, baseball, and frisbee, and don't forget to bring musical instruments.



Carpooling is recommended since nearby parking spots fill up quickly. As usual, a light rain will not stop us. Worse weather will result in 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 will have a luau theme, so wear your Hawaiian shirts. 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*. If you have any questions, or if you can help set up, contact Mary Yeager at email: picnic.

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## LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet Friday, September 11, 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.

# FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

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

- Sep 2 Wed Religious Education Committee.** 7 p.m. Youth Group room. Contact Sue Quake, email: RE
- Sep 4 Fri Game Night.** 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 8.
- Sep 7 Mon Labor Day. Office Closed.**
- Sep 8 Tue Board Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. Office. All are welcome.
- Sep 10 Thu Social Justice Committee.** 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle, email: social-justice.  
**Evening Discussion.** 7:30 p.m. Youth group Room. Contact: Terry Rothermel or Heidi Buss, email: evening-discussion. See p. 9.
- Sep 11 Fri Exploring Our Spirituality Book Group.** 9:30 a.m. Offsite. Contact Susan Gast or Harriet Singer, email: spirituality-book-group  
**Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 9.
- Sep 12 Sat Fellowship Work Party.** Building and RE spruce-up. Everyone's help is needed and welcome. Please plan to help. 8 a.m- 1 p.m. See p. 9.  
**Gast/Giess Birthday Dance.** Sanctuary. 7-10 p.m. See p. 8.
- Sep 13 Sun Double Sunday Services Resume.**  
**Safe Harbor Dinner.** Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. To help, contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: safe-harbor
- Sep 14 Mon Beyond War Group.** 7-8:30 p.m. Fireplace room. Contact John Gribbin, email: beyond-war.
- Sep 16 Wed Religious Education Teacher Orientation.** 6:30-9 p.m. See. p. 4.
- Sep 19 Sat Folk Singing.** 8 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 8.
- Sep 20 Sun Share the Plate Sunday.** Benefits Safe Harbor Women's Shelter Capital Campaign.  
**Religious Education Program Begins.** 9 a.m. See p. 4.  
**Youth Group Begins.** 10:45 a.m. See p. 5.  
**Youth/Parent Orientation with Lunch.** 12 noon. Sanctuary. See. p. 5.  
**Membership Committee.** 12:30 p.m. Office. Contact Mira Tyron or Barbara Long e-mail: membership  
**Exploring Diversity Book Group.** 7-8:30 p.m. Office. See p. 7.
- Sep 22 Tue Fellowship Council.** 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: program
- Sep 24 Thu Evening Discussion.** 7:30 p.m. Youth Group room. Contact: Terry Rothermel or Heidi Buss, email: evening-discussion. See p. 9.  
**Religious Services Committee.** 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Curt Hoganson, email: religious-services.
- Sep 26 Sat Coffee House.** 7-10 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 8.
- Sep 27 Sun RE Parent Orientation, Pre-K through 8th Grade.** 10:15-10:45 a.m. Downstairs. See p. 4.  
**Annual Fall Picnic Luau Style.** 12:30 p.m. Hoopes Park. See p. 9.

**Groups meeting multiple times in a month:**

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| <b>Choir Practice</b>          | Thursdays Sep 10, Sep 17, and Sep 24. 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary. Contact Helen Meacham, email: choir. See p. 5. |
| <b>Youth Group</b>             | Sundays Sep 20 and Sep 27 10:45-noon. Youth Group room. Email: youth-group. See p. 5.                     |
| <b>Weekly Food Collection.</b> | Sunday mornings in the lobby. Email: social-justice. See p. 6.  |