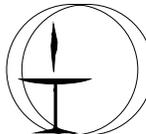


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SUNDAY SERVICES

May 2010

May 2

**MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL:
REFLECTIONS ON HOW WE SEE THINGS**

**Rev. Deborah Mero
and Pam Baxter**

In ancient times, mirrors were thought to have magical powers to affect one's luck and to see into the future. Many folk and fairy tales from around the world contain stories about mirrors, luck, and magic. The fascination continues into current tales, as young Harry Potter is entranced by the image of his parents in a magical mirror. Are mirrors today simply reflectors, or do they somehow influence the way we see ourselves and our world? This is a service for all ages. Please come and plan to stay for brunch. (See "Hugs & Quiches" on p. 3.)

May 9

THE MANY FACES OF MOM

Rev. Deborah Mero

The job of being a mom has changed quite a bit since I was a child growing up in the 1950's and '60's. From June Cleaver to the women of the Braverman family on NBC's Parenthood it's a different world with different challenges for us all.

May 16

MUSIC SUNDAY

Led by Helen Meacham, et. al.

Join us as we celebrate the joy and healing that music brings to our lives. These two Music Sunday services will feature a wide variety of talent, drawing from a very deep talent pool both in our congregation and in the larger community as well. Led by Helen Meacham and assisted by the newly-named Spirit Singers (our adult choir), we will worship for an hour with hardly a word spoken. The Intergenerational Choir will help us out early in the first service, so be sure to get there early.

May 23

YOU'RE WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Stephan Papa

This annual "Association Sunday" service is designed to affirm our common bonds as Unitarian Universalists and grow our faith. This year the focus is on "Growing Our Diversity." Rev. Papa, the organizer of Association Sunday, will share stories and experiences that exemplify the challenges involved. A special collection will be taken, with the funds earmarked for programs to encourage diversity in our programs, membership, and religious leadership. Please make Rev. Papa feel welcome, and plan on attending. (See page 7.)

May 30

MEMORIES AND GRIEF

Rev. Deborah Mero

On this Memorial Day weekend we'll take a look at how we help create the memories and stories that ease us through the process of grief and loss. Each religious tradition has its own ways of approaching loss and each person has his or her own needs. Doing this well can be a rich experience that fills the inevitable emptiness of loss.

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

THE SONG OF DEBORAH

It was wonderful to meet with thirteen “newcomers” after the services on April 18. Actually two of them, Phil and Rebecca Kerper, weren’t exactly newcomers as they began attending last fall and have already signed the membership book. The orientation gives me an opportunity to spend some time with new people when we can share a bit of our spiritual journey with one another. I always ask them what their religious heritage is and how they found us.

This time it was especially interesting since three of the couples said that they found us through taking a test on the website Beliefnet. I first heard about the test quite a while ago and took it myself for fun but hadn’t really thought about how many people are “out there” questioning their beliefs and searching for clues to their spiritual path on a website.

Not only are people taking the test, but obviously some are following up on what the test said and sought us out. I’m really glad of the fact that Beliefnet actually includes Unitarian Universalism as a real option for people to investigate. In case you are curious, try taking the test yourself at <http://www.beliefnet.com/>

Entertainment/Quizzes/
BeliefOMatic.aspx

In a time when Facebook is becoming almost a lifestyle for people and virtual communities of all kinds are popping up on the internet, it is gratifying to see that people are still searching for real community with flesh and

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blood people. It is a need that we all have and, as extended families living near one another, is not as ubiquitous as it used to be, having others with which to share holidays,

food, ideas and activities which build a better, stronger and more just society fills so many needs.

We have a lot to offer those seekers, and we need to help them find us. On that note, we had a really productive meeting working on the new web site which we hope to have up and running sometime this summer. Just as the façade of our building doesn’t show people what’s inside of it, a web site can never reveal our spirit, but we feel that the new site will be able to show more of it. Stay tuned and we will let you know how that is progressing.

As Diane wrote in her column, the transitions and changes that we are going through are taking longer than we thought they would (the

website falls under this too) but we ought not feel discouraged. We’re right on schedule – or so we have learned.

On that note, we also have a newly inaugurated Pastoral Care team which has taken a while to get off the ground. We had our first training session, and I am thrilled at the team that has formed. Ellen Schipul, long a hospice chaplain, is the team leader with John Gribbin, Cindy Heck, Eileen Kelly-Meyer, Jon McCormack, Bruce Neff, Fatima Patel, Sharon Sweitzer, and Amy Spare.

They will be an invisible network of support whose role is to share resources, provide a listening ear, follow up with those who have pastoral needs, and generally add another layer of caring in our community.

Our regular meetings will be theme oriented and learning about the many aspects of caring will be part of what the team does. They will be a great help to me and to all of you. I am smiling broadly as I type this. Another of the pieces of the building blocks of community is falling into place.

We have a solid foundation on which to build, and slowly we’re expanding on that foundation. We are doing what our mission calls us to do in so many ways, and this is one of them.

– Yours In faith and gratitude,
Deborah

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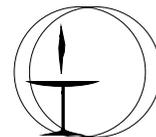
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I attended the Joseph Priestly annual conference in King of Prussia on April 16-17. The agenda was filled with a variety of workshops, meetings and worship services. One of the sessions that I attended was a meeting with members of the Joseph Priestly Board and presidents from other churches. We had a roundtable discussion expressing celebrations and concerns. I left the meeting feeling grateful for all that we have at the UFWC. It is easier to realize when you are among other Unitarian Universalists how very blessed we are.

Many congregations now are also struggling with governance issues. Many are involved in this change in order to improve the daily functioning of the church organization and to provide a dynamic vehicle to use for anticipated growth. As we work our way through the beginning stages of implementation, I realize that we all have more to learn. As our recent survey indicated only about 50% understand the concept of policy governance and 38% expressed that they do not have enough information to understand policy governance.

The Board should be focused on the long-term well-being of the fellowship rather than on administrative detail. The board retains important planning, goal setting, and evaluation tasks for itself. In order to focus on these tasks, the day-to-day implementation of the church activities falls to the executive team, the fellowship council and existing committees.

For those of you wanting more information, please check our website for our by-laws, our ends policies, our governance policy, our limitation policies, and the board executive team relationship policies. These documents are our rules on how we operate, and it is a great place to start to gain more knowledge. If you prefer a hard copy, please contact me at email:president.

Throughout this year, the Board has been reading and discussing the book, *Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership*, by Dan Hotchkiss (UU minister). Dan's book provided us with conversations, and we recommend his book as an excellent read for anyone who is interested in thinking more about church leadership or governance.

I appreciate the risk that we all took in deciding to change our governance. I ask your patience and continued teamwork as we all work out bumps in our implementation. Dan's book has an entire chapter that addresses the inevitable bumps in the road as transitions take place. From what I heard at the JPD meeting and read in Dan's book, we're actually doing really well. It will get easier as time goes on and we have more experience with the system.

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

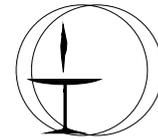
NEWCOMER ORIENTATION PART 2

Sunday, April 25, at 10 a.m., will be Part 2 of the Newcomer Orientation. Representatives from various committees and the Board will talk about what goes on to make the Fellowship work. Anyone interested in finding out more about UFWC is welcome.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Greeters, Ushers, Board Members, Leadership, Members and Friends are encouraged to meet and greet visitors each week, especially as summer is approaching and it is typically a time for people to visit new places of worship. Visitors can be identified by their "welcome" name badges. If during your conversation you discern a particular interest that someone else might better answer, please introduce them to whoever is the appropriate person.

The Membership Committee follows up weekly with visitors, but the more exposure visitors get on a Sunday, the more we can build on. Remember when you made your first visit.



HUGS & QUICHES

On Sunday, May 2, after the second service, we will combine our second annual "Unbirthday Celebration" with a "Hugs & Quiches" potluck brunch. Since we do have so much fun when we eat together, and we had so much fun last year, we thought we'd do it again.

Please plan to attend and bring a brunch-like dish to share. The birthday cakes will be our dessert. We will need twelve cakes – one for each of the Chinese Zodiac calendar years: the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. If you can bring a cake, let Pam Baxter know at email: DRE.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees conducted its regular monthly meeting on April 12, 2010. Treasurer, Mike Miller, presented the current state of the budget and the to-date results of this year's stewardship drive. We are on budget for the 2009-2010 church year, but the pledges received thus far fall short of the anticipated budget for next year. The finance committee would like to conduct an informational meeting to address the shortfall and is asking the teams and committees to try to reduce expenses for this year in order to carry over part of this year's income to cover next year. More details about this process will be made available shortly.

The Board continued its ongoing discussion about how our policy governance is working and how to communicate this to the congregation better. The Ends team reported on the March 14 workshop on Building Community, and set the goal to have the more detailed Ends statements ready to be approved by the Board and presented to the congregation at the annual meeting in June. As we continue to structure the work of UFWC around our mission, it may make sense to structure our committees around its three main parts – social justice, spiritual development and community building.

Other topics of discussion for this month included progress on the new UFWC website, other technology-related improvements, and the nominating committee's work to build a slate for this year's elections.

Members and friends of the Fellowship are encouraged to

REmarks – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

In a program titled "Articulating Your UU Faith," author Jaco B. ten Hove suggests a different way of looking at our seven principles. He considers each principle as a building block. Then he uses the blocks to build an arch, with the 1st and 7th principles as the footers – the blocks that support the other five.

I love this approach, because it puts the "worth and dignity of every person" and "respect for the interdependent web of all existence" on equal footing. And because it invites us to bring to the front and give more attention to the last principle, which tends to get forgotten in curriculum programs as we focus on Unitarian Universalism, social action, an awareness and appreciation of other faith traditions, and a working knowledge of the Hebrew and Christian bibles.

Over the past several years, I've looked for ways to bring the 7th principle into our religious education program with our vegetable-planting projects and bringing in items from nature to share with the children and inviting them to bring in and share what they've found.

I've also been sending out "Nature Notes." These begin with a photo of something interesting, unusual, or seasonal that I find outside in my yard or on my walks that I think will impart a bit of information and hopefully pique a greater curiosity about what lies outside the walls of home, school and church.

A typical Nature Note consists of a photo, a few facts, and some questions that invite the children to do some exploring of their own. For instance, to listen for the sound of Spring Peepers or find spring flowers while the days and nights still feel like winter; to consider what animals are awake at night while we sleep; and to look into the heart of an apple or pear and find the five-pointed star pattern that places these trees in the Rose family.

Earlier this year, a generous gift allowed us to purchase a digital microscope for the RE program. The 5th and 6th grade class in particular has enjoyed using the microscope to take a closer look at the world around them, including butterfly wings and parts of plants.

It is incredibly encouraging that protecting the environment and being "green" is moving more and more into our cultural consciousness. But without a hands-on, personal experience of the fragments of the web of life right in our own back yards, I think that the goal of caring for the earth is more of a challenge, and even a bit hollow.

It is my hope that by giving our children more opportunities to get "up close and personal" with the natural world, they will become passionate stewards of the "interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part."

– Pam Baxter, Director of Religious Education



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.

FINANCIALLY YOURS

We are nearing the end of two financial cycles at UFWC – our 2009-2010 Financial Year and our 2010-2011 Budget Process. How are we doing? Well, the good news is that we should finish the 2009-2010 year with a surplus, i.e., we will receive more income than we plan to spend, and the surplus will be carried over to the new financial year. With 3 months to go in our fiscal year we have cash in hand for 2+ month's budgeted expenses. Thank you to everyone who faithfully paid their pledges throughout the year. If you have not kept up, please try to do so. We depend on you.

Next year's finances are a little more problematic on the income side. Our budget currently consists of four income streams: Pledges, Fund Raisers/Other, Gifts and Carry-over. Pledges is self explanatory and so is Fund Raisers/Other, which includes rentals, collection plate, interest, etc. These sources of funds are reliable, recurring and somewhat predictable. On the other hand, Gifts and Carry-over are non-recurring and less predictable. Gifts are often called "One Time Gifts", because they are made on an ad hoc basis and are not repeated. Carry-over represents money that was not used in the year it was received and is used in a subsequent year. It means we either received a lot more income than we expected or we avoided expenses we planned to make. Typically, it's the latter.

Our 2009-2010 budget relied heavily on Gifts and Carry-over to bring it into balance. We had hoped that we could grow pledges and fund raisers to avoid depending on these income sources in the following year. Unfortunately,

NEW MEMBER PROFILE: HAVE YOU MET ERICA AND WILLIAM TUCKER?

If you haven't met new Fellowship members Erica and Will Tucker, you now have the best ice breaker around: The Tuckers welcomed their son Elijah to the world on April 9 at 4:36 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measuring 20.5 inches. Not sure which couple they are? Just look for the tell-tale signs of newbie parents – yawning and puffy-eyed, with that awe-struck expression of incredulity and wonder. (Or better yet, just look for a baby!)

Along with the joys of new parenting, the Tuckers, who have lived in West Chester for the past four years, love summers in the Poconos with family, traveling, and the great outdoors. Erica is an elementary school teacher who describes herself as outgoing, fun, loving, empathetic and passionate. Will, who is quiet, calm, loving, practical and aware, works in pharmaceutical research.

The Tuckers officially joined the UFWC in March to, "become members of a loving community and to introduce our children to acceptance and diversity." In fact, the informal, diverse community and welcoming/accepting feel of its members are what they admire most about the Fellowship. Erica has been involved in event planning for the UFWC, Will has taken on light maintenance/handyman work, and both have helped with Fellowship community volunteer efforts.

As for a motto that keeps the Tuckers going: "Peace in every step!" And future goals? Their new bundle of joy says it all: "Raise a loving and compassionate family."

– Sharon Breske

TOPS FOR THE TUCKERS

Favorite book? Erica: *The Giving Tree*; Will: *Atlas Shrugged*

Favorite place? Erica: Scotland; Will: Stockholm

Favorite celebrity? Erica: Ellen DeGeneres; Will: Ed Norton



that hasn't happened. Pledges from the Stewardship campaign are expected to be about the same as last year. Hence we have a significant shortfall to make up. That's a little discouraging, but some generous people have already come forward to propose a matching gift challenge. Yes, we have to do it again, but we are worth it. We're the gym for your brain and the work out for your soul. You couldn't buy athletic club membership for an average

pledge. Shortly we'll announce our supplemental campaign. Please give some thought to what the Fellowship means to you and how you will respond. We'll also be holding two information meetings to go over the budget. Please plan to attend a meeting and become familiar with our finances by reviewing the financial reports posted in the Fellowship and in the members' area of our website. Want more information? See me, Mike Miller, Executive Treasurer.

STONES IN THE SAME WALL SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

It is clear from the recent survey taken by the Committee on Ministry that the congregation wants social justice activities and projects to be one of the cornerstones of who we are. Many of you have stepped forward in the past and become involved on a regular basis with projects. Still others have stepped forward for some of our once and done projects (e.g., MLK day of service). We want to continue to provide both types of opportunities. We also want to develop a family friendly social justice activity and hope to be starting up a project in the near future in concert with the RE program.

If you are letting others do the social justice work, I am asking that YOU think about getting involved too. We can only do the work if there are people to do it. Think about getting involved even if it only means attending our events and not committing yourself to ongoing efforts. We need all types of skills, interests and involvements to continue our good work. You'll see several opportunities in this issue of the Fellowtarian to get involved on a once and done basis.

– Ed Cohle, Social Justice Chair

RESPONSE TO TERRORISM

A minister and a college professor walk into a Unitarian Universalist church. No, this isn't the beginning of a joke. It's another one of our stellar discussion panels. This time, however, it is a dialogue between a college professor who argues that there is such a thing as a "just war" and a minister who is the Executive Director of a peace group in New Jersey. These ideas will be extended to the "war on terrorism". The discussion and audience questions promise to be another thought provoking event. If you missed our last panel, don't miss this one.

People from the peace movement will be in attendance as well as "tea partiers" and people from the victory movement. This dialogue is entitled ***Terrorism: What should America's Response Be?*** and will take place on **Sunday, May 16, from 3-5 p.m.** Please support this event. Where else can you see a civil discussion of these divergent ways of thinking? Support UFWC as the center for these kinds of dialogues.

WORLD FAIR TRADE DAY (AND WEEK!)

World Fair Trade Day is a celebration of Fair Trade and what it means to developing countries across the globe. This year, World Fair Trade day falls on May 8. Since the Social Justice Committee loves Fair Trade so much, we have decided to celebrate **May 8-15** as Fair Trade Week. We hope you will join us in purchasing Fair Trade items for yourself, your home, and your loved ones.

Conveniently enough, Mother's Day is May 9, right at the start of Fair Trade Week. Show your Mom how much you care by purchasing her a Fair Trade gift this year. You can even purchase Fair Trade flowers at (<http://www.transfairusa.org/content/flowers/where.php>) By making a Fair Trade purchase for your Mom, you will also be helping moms across the world better care for themselves and their families.

We are asking that all members of the congregation who purchase Fair Trade items bring in the wrapper/packing to the May 16 service.

We would love a visual of how many Fair Trade items we purchased over a week. Deposit the used wrapper, box, etc., in the basket in the lobby marked for that purpose. Let's see how many items are purchased as well as the variety.

To learn more about where to purchase Fair Trade, visit <http://transfairusa.org/content/WhereToBuy/>

To learn more about World Fair Trade Day, visit <http://www.fairtraderesource.org/wftd-10/wftd-toolkit/about-wftd-2010/>

To learn about how Fair Trade benefits women, visit http://getinvolved.transfairusa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Donate_impact



SHARE-THE-PLATE GENEROSITY

The share-the-plate collection for March in support of the West Chester Food Cupboard raised an outstanding \$565. Thanks to all who contributed.

The share-the-plate recipient on May 16 (third Sunday of the month) is Safe Harbor. This shelter for people who are homeless is now able to provide this much needed service for men and for women. As you may know, UFWC donated funds toward the expansion of the building to accommodate women (we were recognized as a contributor at their ribbon cutting ceremony).

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Our monthly food collection is on **Sunday, May 2**. Look for collection baskets in the lobby. May is condiment month. Mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, salad dressings, etc. are requested for donation. As always, other donations are gratefully accepted, too. Reminder: Please check expiration dates. Items past expiration cannot be distributed.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

The Sustainable Living Committee wants to know how you want us to focus our efforts. Please go to the UFWC website and fill out the survey.

The committee participated in the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day event sponsored by WCU. Afterward, we attended the Henderson High School Environmental Club's inaugural Earth Day Fair.

Watch your email for notice of our May meeting.

TRANSGENDER FAIR

UFWC has joined with about ten other UU congregations in sponsoring an ad and a table at the upcoming Mazzoni Center Health Transgender Fair in Philadelphia on June 3-5. The social justice committee felt that it was a great opportunity to let the Unitarian Universalist acceptance of diversity be known to the Transgender community.

People will attend from a number of different states. In addition to our financial contribution, this collective of UU congregations may also need people to help staff the table. If you are interested, drop us a line at email: social-justice.



CELEBRATE OUR CONNECTIONS AT ASSOCIATION SUNDAY

We are so busy with the activities within our own Fellowship, it's easy to forget that we are part of the wider movement of Unitarian Universalism. Yet in many ways that wider movement sustains and supports us. The Rev. Dr. Stephan Papa, our guest speaker at the May 23 service, will help us reconnect and "grow the spirit" with other UUs.

This service represents our Fellowship's participation in the annual Association Sunday program, which was established several years ago to affirm our common bonds and through a special collection raise funds to help UUism grow. This year the focus is on "Growing Our Diversity."

Given the changing demographics of our society, the topic is timely and extremely important to the enduring strength of our faith. Through sharing stories and experiences, Rev. Papa will explore the challenges involved in growing more diverse and provide some insights into why we should be more welcoming to persons of differing ethnic, cultural, and racial backgrounds. His words may well serve as a springboard for further discussion among our membership.

The organizer of Association Sunday, Rev. Papa is a Special Assistant to the President of the UUA for Growth Funding. He has also served the Main Line Unitarian Church in Devon, the First Universalist Church in Denver, and congregations in Fort Lauderdale and Buffalo. He served on several committees such as the Ministerial Fellowship Committee, the Fund for a Just Society, and three district growth committees. He was with us last year for our Association Sunday service as well.

The special collection at this service will provide adult education materials to help us understand racism and multiculturalism, support our ministers of color and the congregations that call them, and provide ministry for the increasing number of children of color and their families in our churches.

I encourage you to give as much as you can to this important cause, knowing your gift will help UUism grow into the future. But mostly, I encourage you to show your support for UUism by attending this service.

– Flo Miller
Denominational Affairs Chair

YOUTH GROUP

Not only is the UFWC Youth Group amazing – it's now unparalleled! In April, the Fellowship was acknowledged by the Joseph Priestly District as a Youth Empowering & Supportive congregation. That's right, we won another YES Award. This is the seventh consecutive year that UFWC and its youth have won this award, which is given to celebrate a congregation's support of varied, enriching and youth-empowering programming. CONGRATULATIONS to all and thanks for such incredible dedication.

We also brought a delegation of six youth to the JPD youth CON in Devon for a weekend of worship, music, work and incredible connection with teens and adults from many other congregations in the district.

What's happening in May? In addition to intense discussions and the usual dose of fun at our weekly meetings, we'll be planning the service honoring our graduating seniors. Our annual Youth Bridging Service will be the 11 a.m. service on June 6. Please come to support and celebrate them at an important juncture in their lives.

JOIN US downstairs in the Youth Room at 10:45 on Sunday mornings. Questions? Want to get on our e-mail list? Contact us at e-mail: youth-group.



GAME NIGHT

Please join us Friday, May 7, for Potluck and Game night at the Fellowship. Everyone is welcome, and you are encouraged to bring a friend. Bring a beverage and dish to share as well as a game you would like to play. Plates and cups are provided. There is no need to call ahead, but you can contact Mary Yeager at email: game-night if you have any questions.

LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet Friday, May 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.

DELIBERATE LIVING

Our next meeting is on May 2, the first Sunday as usual. We meet at 12:30 p.m. downstairs after the second service.

In living deliberately, we have asked ourselves questions: What are some of the pathways toward reaching our authentic core, and how do we live it out? These pathways have many dimensions.

Heidi Buss will take a turn this time, leading us off with questions: What do we mean by, "Accepting life as it is?" or, "Accepting people as they are?"

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. Any questions or comments contact Heidi Buss at email: deliberate-living.

EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP

MAY 16 7 - 8:30 PM

May's selection is the 1992 Pulitzer Prize winning and now classic Graphic Novel, *Maus I: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History* by Art Spiegelman. This story unfolds in words and drawings as Art interviews his father Vladek Spiegelman about his experiences in Hitler's Europe. The struggles between father and son and their past and present lives are vividly brought to life for us in this remarkable book. Join us for the discussion.



For more information please contact Shelly Case or Ruth MacFadyen or email: diversity-book-group. All are Welcome.

FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Saturday, May 22, 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.

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

All email addresses @ufwc.org unless otherwise noted.

Apr 25	Sun	Newcomer Orientation, Part 2. Office. 10-11 a.m. See p. 3.
May 2	Sun	First Sunday Food Collection. Lobby. See p. 7. “Hugs & Quiches” Potluck Brunch. After the second service. See p. 3. Deliberate Living. 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Room. See p. 8.
May 5	Wed	Religious Education Committee. 7 p.m. Youth Group Room. Contact Sue Quake, email: RE
May 7	Fri	Potluck & Game Night. 6:30-9 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 8.
May 8	Sat	Coffee House. 7-10 p.m. Sanctuary.
May 8-15	Sat-Sat	Fair Trade Week. See p. 6.
May 9	Sun	Stewardship Committee. 10:30 p.m. Office. Contact Pam Sapko, email: stewardship Safe Harbor Dinner. 6 p.m. Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. To help, contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: safe-harbor
May 10	Mon	Beyond War Group. 7-8:30 p.m. Fireplace room. Contact John Gribbin, email: beyond-war
May 11	Tue	Board Meeting. 7 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Diane Cohle, email: president
May 13	Thu	Social Justice Committee. 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle, email: social-justice.
May 14	Fri	Lunch Group. 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 8.
May 16	Sun	Share the Plate Sunday. Benefits Safe Harbor. See p. 7. Fair Trade Finale. Bring in wrappers/packing from your fair trade purchases made during our Fair Trade Week. See p. 6. Terrorism: What Should America’s Response Be? Dialogue and audience questions. Please support UFWC as a center for civil discussions in our community by coming to this event. Sanctuary. 3-5 p.m. See p. 6. Exploring Diversity Book Group. 7-8:30 p.m. Office. See p. 8.
May 17	Mon	Women’s Circle. 7-9 p.m. Youth Group Room.
May 22	Sat	Folk Singing. 8 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 8.
May 25	Tue	Fellowship Council. 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: program
May 27	Thu	Religious Services Committee. 7:30-9 p.m. Office. Contact Curt Hoganson, email: religious-services
May 31	Tue	Memorial Day. Office closed.

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

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

Youth Group Most Sundays, 10:45-noon. Youth Group Room. Email: youth-group. See p. 8.