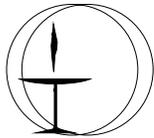


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SUNDAY SERVICES November 2010

November 7

TAKE THE QUIZ

Rev. Deborah Mero

The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life just revealed that atheists and agnostics know more on average than followers of most major faiths. Belief-o-Matic offers a quiz to help you find the faith that best suits you. What can we learn from these quizzes? Is there a way we can use them to help us on our journey?

November 14

HAPPINESS IS...

Rev. Deborah Mero

There was a song many years ago from the show, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* where the Peanuts crew sings, "Happiness is finding a pencil, pizza with sausage, telling the time..." and a lot of other things. There have been many studies trying to find the magic formula to happiness. What do they have to tell us?

November 21

THANKSGIVING BREAD COMMUNION

Rev. Deborah Mero

We are bringing back the celebration of our heritage as we break bread together on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Everyone is invited to bring some kind of bread representing either your immigrant roots or in some way telling your story. We will have separate accommodations for the gluten-free among us. This is a multi-generational service with both the Spirit Singers and the Intergenerational Choir.

November 28

**SPIRITUALITY FROM A YOGIC PERSPECTIVE:
HOW FAITH CAN BE A TOTAL LIFESTYLE**

Bob Butera, PhD

Yoga as an art of living encompasses spirituality at each turn without dogma. While the media presents Yoga as a set of poses for fitness, Yoga is much broader. The philosophy or theory of Yoga encompasses psychology, work, love, health and learning. The message will offer a practical step as a means of inspiring faith. See p. 3 for details.

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

THE SONG OF DEBORAH

In the past few months I've had the opportunity to watch craftspeople blow and shape glass in three different settings – at the Corning Glass Museum, at the Wheaton Arts Center, and at our own Simon Pierce. I am fascinated by the process that takes what is essentially sand and heats it up to very high temperatures and then forms works of art. Hot molten glass is pulled from an oven onto the end of a hollow steel pipe and then magic happens as it is allowed to sag, is twirled, has air blown into it, is formed and shaped with wet wood and metal tools. Color is added – or not – as the process unfolds.

But all of this does not happen in a swift procession of steps from one to the next. Many, many times along the way the molten glass is reheated, re-formed, re-blown to add either another element to the shape, or just repeated several times in order to get it just right. Many of the glass crafters work in teams of two adding an element or handing it off. It's almost like a dance at times. The end result is either a thing of beauty or a pile of glass that is returned to the oven to be melted down again to become something else. The artist then goes on to the next piece.

I see much of what we do together like the process of creating these glass objects. Everything we do requires more steps

than we think. It takes practice and reshaping and re-heating and adjusting. Sometimes we add color, sometimes not. Teamwork is absolutely necessary, and we hand our work back and forth doing what we do best. Sometimes we create a thing of beauty, or something very useful, and sometimes it's not quite right and we go back and either do it again or start with a new idea. For some things, the balance can be a little off, and it doesn't matter. For other things we keep trying until we get it right. As the character in Little Big Man said, "Sometimes the magic works, and sometimes it doesn't." What's always true though is that everything takes longer to accomplish than we think or hope it will.

Life is like that too. We are all works in progress. It isn't always the finished product that is most important. For some of us, learning a process and working at it until we get to a level of proficiency is the real prize. Sometimes we just want to have fun, and whether or not we master a craft is irrelevant. And sometimes, life itself throws us so many curves that it takes on shapes we had no idea existed, and we find beauty in surprising places.

The glass blowing really does fascinate me, and one of these days I may take a class in it and try my hand. In the mean time, I have a greater appreciation for glass art and a handy reminder

that everything we do takes time and care and craft and practice. As my brother sings in one of his songs, "Practice Makes Progress." As we travel our journey together, whether it be working our way through the governance model, putting together the new web site, or building up teams and committees to do new or different things, we will find ourselves re-shaping, re-heating, and re-working this thing that is our ever changing congregation. If we can do it with love and patience, we'll be creating things of beauty and feel fulfilled.

And as the holidays descend upon us, let us enter into the spirit of generosity and gratitude with the same kind of love and patience we need to apply to our daily lives.

– In gratitude for all you do to make this a welcoming and loving place,
Deborah



9500 LIBERTY UPDATE

Big thanks to all who helped with and participated in the kick-off event of our Embracing Diversity Team, the screening of *9500 Liberty*. We had 85 people in attendance including representatives of three nearby Quaker Meetings and at least three other churches. We also collected almost \$500 for the film makers to enable more screenings in other venues. Most important, we have begun a conversation and made new connections in the community.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the last two months you may have heard talk about our three pillars. Committees were aligned under a pillar which corresponded with the three areas of our mission: spiritual development, community building, and social action. When I think of a pillar, I think of a structure that supports and lifts up something greater than itself. Our three “pillars” support our mission and vision and make them come to life. Our mission states: *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.*

Since writing my last article, I have come to a realization that we have a fourth pillar. Several weeks ago I attended a building and grounds team meeting. After the meeting, I realized how much the members of that committee do for the Fellowship, and I am very grateful for their hard work and dedication. None of our vision, mission and ends could be completed without the safe and comfortable environment that they provide for us to complete our work. I must admit that I take for granted having the space, and meeting with them made me really thankful for their work. Many thanks to the following: Jack Butler, Tilo Stahl, Mark Steel (acting chair), Wayne Bullaughey, Gerry Giess, the late Richard Gerkenmeyer, and Brett Goldman.

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

WOMEN’S RETREAT

JANUARY 7-9

REGISTRATION IS NOW

OPEN

Last year we had an amazing time as 19 of us went off for a weekend retreat all the way to Reading. We laughed, we cried, we laughed until we cried. We had a chance to tell our stories and listen to one another talk about many things. We worshipped, we watched a movie, we ate treats that we brought. All that and more! If you are interested in finding out more about the retreat or signing up, the information and downloadable registration form can be found at <http://web.mac.com/revdeb/page19/page19.html>

If you want a paper copy and can’t download it, please contact Deborah and she will give or send you one.



CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH PILLAR TALK

Join us November 7 at 1:30 p.m. for dessert for the second of our Pillar Talks including: Women’s Circle, Religious Education, Music, Religious Services, Adult RE, Committee on Ministry, Stewardship. Contact Mark Steel at email: program.

YOGA EXPERT TO SPEAK AT UFWC

At our Sunday service on November 28, we will hear from Bob Butera, M.Div., Ph.D., who trains Yoga teachers at The YogaLife Institute in Devon and publishes the magazine, *Yoga Living*.

Yoga as an art of living encompasses spirituality at each turn without dogma. While the media presents Yoga as a set of poses for fitness, Yoga poses are a subtopic of one of the five major branches of Yoga. The philosophy or theory of Yoga includes each facet of life including Psychology (Raja or Meditation), Selfless Service (Karma or work), Devotion (Bhakti or love), Esoteric (Tantra or Health/Energy) and Intellect (Jnana or Highest Knowledge). The seminar will offer a practical step as a means of inspiring faith.

His recent book, *The Pure Heart of Yoga: 10 Essential Steps to Transformation*, has done well since its September, 2009 release. Bob’s degree in Spirituality is from the Earlham School of Religion (1993, Quaker) and his PhD in Yoga is from the California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco (1998).

This service was originally scheduled for February but was cancelled due to snow.

REmarks – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Occasionally, while you're sitting upstairs enjoying the service, you may hear a burst of laughter or exuberant voices from the classrooms downstairs. What's going on?

Well, mostly, the kids are having fun, as we want them to. But at the same time they're learning about our UU principles and how to put them into practice.

For instance, who wouldn't love creating a chest and filling it with treasures? That's what the Pre-K/Kindergarten class is doing this year, with a curriculum titled, "Treasure Hunting." Each week, through games, crafts, songs and stories, the children explore the meaning behind a Unitarian Universalist principle or value.

THANKS

Many thanks to UFWC member Nancy Schilling for taking my idea for a new curriculum for 6th/7th grade and making it a reality. The curriculum fills a void we had long felt existed for this age group. Nancy taught RE for four years and currently serves on the RE Committee. She has put in an enormous amount of time exploring existing programs and pulling out the best of each to support our program goals and vision. Thank you, Nancy!

A central feature is the class Treasure Chest, along with a smaller treasure chest each child makes to keep at home. Every week the children make or receive an object to put into their chests that symbolizes that week's principle. The object is also added to the classroom Treasure Chest.

Here's what happened in that class on October 17. (Thanks to teacher Julie Cottage for this report for our HomeLink to parents):

Today was a super day in the Treasure Hunting class. The lesson was called "The Power of Our Hearts and Minds." With the six kids participating we explored the UU principles of (#1) each and every person is important and (#5) everyone should have a vote about things that concern them.

We started off with the children framing a picture of themselves for our classroom treasure display. Then each child received a "magic stick" to use to vote on the gifts they would like to have. I was charmed by the unanimous vote to have the gift of Having Loved Ones Near. It beat out Being Able To Understand The Animals' Languages, Having A Flying Cape, and Being Able To Eat Whatever You Wanted. We heard the Russian folk tale "The Magic Lifesaving Stick" and wrapped up by reminding the children that they too can use their hearts and minds to help others.

In the other classes: the 1st and 2nd graders are using story books to discover UU principles in a curriculum titled, "Picture Book UU." The 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are learning how to put UU principles into action through a program titled, "Toolbox of Faith."

The 6th and 7th graders are learning about "Being UU" in a new, UFWC curriculum researched and compiled by Nancy Schilling. And the 8th and 9th graders are engaged in "Our Whole Lives," the UU comprehensive sexuality education curriculum.

More on these programs in future Fellowtarians. In the meantime, keep an eye on the Olympia Brown "Fireplace Room" as a Seven Principles Arch takes shape on the west-side wall.

INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR TO SING CHRISTMAS EVE

The Intergen Choir will sing October 31, November 21, and December 12 at Sunday services. This year our congregation will have two Christmas Eve services on December 24. They will be at **4:30 p.m.** and **7 p.m.** The Intergen Choir will sing at the **4:30 p.m.** service, which will be geared for families with children. Anyone who would like to join the Intergen Choir for the Christmas season is encouraged to contact Abby McGillivray at email: intergenerational-choir or come to the next practice on November 7 at 10:10 a.m.

– Pam Baxter

Director of Religious Education

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, October 12, 2010. Board discussion included how to become more visible to the congregation, improving the organization of volunteers within the congregation, the minister's goals, and a presentation about the Chalice Lighters program. Information about Chalice Lighters will be shared during Sunday services, the goal being to provide information about the program and encourage more member participation.

The focus discussion of the meeting was on the UFWC Stewardship program. Mike Miller, UFWC treasurer, made a presentation to the board on behalf of the Stewardship Committee giving a number of suggestions about how to strengthen our stewardship program by increasing the visibility of and congregational involvement in UFWC finances.

The Board encourages UFWC members and friends to share comments and concerns with Board members, as well as to attend Board meetings if interested. In November, the Board will review the new Strategic Plan. The Board meets in the office at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary after being approved by the Board. Members of the Board include Diane Cohle, president, Fred Frayer, Curt Hoganson, Dirk Troltenier, Helena Graham, Rick Marts, vice-president, and Sandra Schaal, secretary.

ARE YOU A CHALICE LIGHTER?

If your answer to that question is "no," please consider joining this valuable program and changing your answer to "yes."

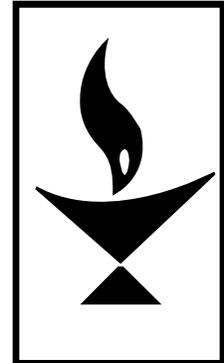
As I explained in a brief talk during Services October 17, Chalice Lighters is a program run by our Joseph Priestley District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Through Chalice Lighters, the JPD provides grants of up to \$20,000 to congregations to assist in growth-related initiatives, including the employment of ministers and other staff. Grants of up to \$40,000 are provided to congregations to assist with the rental or purchase of land or buildings that will foster growth.

The grants are funded by members of Chalice Lighters, who contribute a minimum of \$20 three times a year toward grants to congregations for specified projects. That's only \$60 a year per member, with couples considered one pledging unit, or one member. The money goes a long way; our own Fellowship has benefitted over the years with four Chalice Lighters grants worth a total of \$80,000.

I will be at an information table after services through November 7 to answer your questions and take sign-ups. No money is required when you sign up; you contribute only when you get a "call" to assist with a grant. My goal is to bring our membership in Chalice Lighters up to 33% of the Fellowship membership, which will earn us the status of an "honor" Chalice Lighters society. We had about 45 members at the beginning of the membership drive; I calculate that we need about 18 more to reach our goal. As of this writing, we are halfway there, with nine new Chalice Lighters signing on after the services on October 17.

Please consider signing on. You will be doing more than helping us reach our goal; you will be contributing to the future growth and vitality of our faith movement. If you miss me after services, you can always reach me at email: denominational-affairs. I hope to year from you!

– Flo Miller
Denominational Affairs Chairman



YOUTH GROUP

Your amazing Youth Group had a fantastic October: we discussed and debated rights and civil liberties in public schools; we hiked the Philly AIDS Walk, raising about \$1,000 of the total \$350,000 raised for support services for folks living with HIV/AIDS right here in the Delaware Valley; offered our services in the UFWC Service Auction, and we traveled to Towson, Maryland for the District Fall CON, focusing on leadership development.

What's on tap for November? Maybe a movie night lock-in or a costume bowling afternoon for fun and fellowship?

Want to be a part of it, offer your ideas, and share your inspirations? Yes, you can. High school-aged youth are invited to join us downstairs in the Youth Group Room Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. Questions? Contact us at email: youth-group.

STONES IN THE SAME WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

Five members of the congregation recently attended a district-wide racial justice conference held at the Media UU church. Almost 100 people gathered from congregations around the district. Some interesting speakers certainly gave everyone some food for thought. Were you aware that many African-American members of UU congregations left our denomination after a disagreement over funds promised to the civil rights movement?

In the past several years, the UUA has been supporting a number of efforts to bring us towards wholeness by examining issues of multicultural diversity, oppression, and racism. I'm sure you will hear more about this as the Embracing Diversity Team begins developing opportunities and events for congregation members.

In addition to the knowledge brought back to UFWC, the five people who attended this conference represent the willingness of people to take a significant part of their weekend and devote time to important social justice issues (in this case, racial justice) that really keeps our social justice efforts vital and alive. In today's world, it seems harder and harder to find some spare times, yet people do it on a regular basis. Some are on the work crew for Habitat while others donate time to environmental and climate change issues. The list of projects and efforts is a long one. Much effort happens under the name of UFWC and much happens in our individual lives.

– Ed Cohle, Social Justice Chair

PFLAG RECOGNITION

The Human Relations Council of Greater West Chester honored Joseph and Lynda Carcione as special guests at the HRCGWC Annual Awards Luncheon for their leadership of West Chester PFLAG (Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). PFLAG is a national organization headquartered in Washington D. C.

The Carciones spoke at the luncheon and credited UFWC members Robin Garrett and Rob Sartain with helping them start PFLAG and the first Gay Pride Day event in West Chester. PFLAG continues to be sponsored by our Social Justice Committee for free use of our building. They hold monthly meetings, participate at workshops and panel discussions for continuing education programs, attend and march at pride events, set up booths at diversity days at corporations, and speak at gay youth group organizations.

IMMIGRATION MOVIE/PANEL A SUCCESS

Sparked by Rev. Deborah's enthusiasm and significant work to bring the immigration documentary *9500 Liberty* to UFWC, the Embracing Diversity Team sponsored their inaugural event. There were 85 people in attendance, a mixture of UFWC members and people from outside our congregation. The movie was thought provoking and showed how the immigration issue split apart a Virginia community. Two members of the UU congregation from that area were on the panel as well as someone from the New Sanctuary Movement and the PA Immigration and Citizenship Coalition (PICC).

Interesting conversation and questions from the audience followed this emotional documentary. A free will offering was held to help fund other groups being given access to the film. Over \$450 was donated (an indication of how well received this movie was by the audience). Also in attendance was Rep. Barbara McIlvaine Smith who contributed legislative information to the discussion.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

Our monthly food collection is on **Sunday, November 7**. Look for collection baskets in the lobby. Suggested items for November are **dried and canned legumes**. Examples are black beans, pinks, and lentils (but not green beans). Dried beans are particularly appreciated. Reminder: Please check expiration dates. Items past expiration cannot be distributed. As always, other donations are gratefully accepted, too.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING COMMITTEE

If you'd like to receive our emails about events, upcoming meetings and information on environmental issues, please email Charlot at email: sustainable-living. Our next meeting is November 15 at the UFWC or via Skype. To learn how to use Skype, contact Charlot for free instruction. We'd love to have you join us.

John Gribbon gave a wonderful sermon in October on his personal commitment to reducing his environmental impact by recently becoming vegetarian. John inspired others to consider occasional or permanent vegetarian options and locally grown, raised food products. Listen to his sermon by borrowing the CD located in the lobby.

We have compiled a list of places that sell locally raised/grown and low impact foods:

- West Chester Growers Market, westchestergrowersmarket.com Great veggies, fruit, flowers, meats and happy people on a Saturday morning in West Chester.
- North Star Orchards, Cochranville and at the West Chester Grower Market www.northstarorchard.com. Owned by our own UFWC friends, Ike and Lisa Kerschner
- Soon to come on Church Street in the West Chester Borough, Farmhouse Markets, www.farmhouse.com
- Milky Way Farm, Chester Springs, milkywayfarm.com
- Northbrook Orchards, West Chester, www.northbrookmarket.com So many delish things, and a great place to pick up some milk from Farmer Baily
- Highland Orchards, West Chester, www.highlandorchards.net
- Victory Brewing Company (check out the solar coming on the roof)
- Kimberton Whole Foods, in Downingtown and Kimberton
- Even more: <http://dsf.chesco.org/agdev/lib/agdev/pdf/locfoodguide.pdf>

Please vote your conscious in November. Check out the League of Women Voters, (<http://palwv.org/voting/vg.pdf>) as a great site to summarize and offer nonbiased information on which to base your choice.

UUSC HOLIDAY ITEMS

They are coming! Beautiful new Holiday Cards from UUSC (UU Service Committee). There are 10 cards per package and four designs. Each package sells for \$10. You can see them to the right.

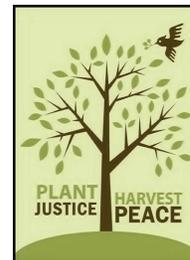
Not only do these attractive cards carry your best wishes to family and friends, but they also convey the message that you support human rights and social justice this season and every day. The first three cards have non-religious messages inside. The fourth has none.

But wait – there's more! We are also going to have the following merchandise from UUSC on sale: aluminum water bottles, shopping bags, tee shirts, flash drives, jewelry, and more. So look for the display starting November 14 and continuing through December. Do all of your holiday shopping and help the ONLY human rights organization that begins with the letters UU. Last year we had the fourth largest sales in the ENTIRE nation. This year we can do better. Not a member of UUSC yet? Now is the time to support this organization. Talk to us about joining when you purchase your cards and gifts.

SHARE-THE-PLATE GENEROSITY

The share-the-plate contribution for September was \$210 given to the Domestic Violence Center. Much thanks to all who have contributed and continue to contribute so generously.

We are please to once again provide support to our share-the-plate recipient on November 21 (third Sunday of the month), Open Hearth. Open Hearth provides innovative programs to help people end the cycle of homelessness and achieve financial self-sufficiency. The organization supports and empowers people as they acquire affordable housing, or a means of transportation and teaches valuable savings habits.



SCARCITY AT WEST CHESTER FOOD CUPBOARD

The shelves at the West Chester Food Cupboard are looking very sparse. There are several reasons for the shortage. Pennsylvania state food help is unavailable due to what seems to be an annual budget impasse. Food drives and donations are down somewhat, and need is up. The food cupboard is now serving 425 households.

In addition to contributing food on November 7, you may also make a financial contribution to the food cupboard any Sunday by putting a check in the collection plate. Write the check to "UFWC" and put "West Chester Food Cupboard" in the memo line. We will use the money to donate grocery cards to the food cupboard so they can buy whatever is needed most.



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Parent Support Group is a new group that has formed to provide mutual support to parents who have young adult children with multiple issues (learning disabilities, mental health, substance abuse), the combination of which makes becoming a functional adult a daunting task. We meet to discuss such issues as: How do we help them to learn the skills they need to be more independent? How do we walk the line between appropriate support and allowing them to become too dependent on us? What resources are there that can help?

We also meet to learn how to take care of ourselves through this. How do we support them without stressing out? How do we not get caught up in their chaos? How do we nurture ourselves so we can remain healthy and whole? We meet to share our stories and frustrations, as well as resources and sources of hope we have found that help us through.

In 2011 we will begin meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Fellowship at 7 p.m. In the meantime, we will meet on October 27 and December 8, also at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship. If you have a young adult child with multiple issues and are feeling the need for support, please join us – it really helps to talk with others who are dealing with similar issues! For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy at email: parent-support or by phone.

THANKSGIVING AT THE STAHLs

Reminder: The deadline for signing up for Thanksgiving at the Stahls (November 25 at 4 p.m.) is November 10. This is not an "open house" event but is intended for those who wish a holiday destination. RSVP to the Stahls to coordinate a dish to share. See the October *Fellowtarian* for details.

FINANCIALLY YOURS

A big topic of discussion during this summer's Leadership Retreat was Stewardship and how we make it more than a couple of hectic months of pledge solicitation every spring. Stewardship implies a responsibility for the care or provisioning of a household and as our Fellowship is our spiritual home we are all stewards and are charged with this responsibility. This should be a year round effort involving everyone, but currently, we have only a small core group taking on this important activity.

A number of us will spend a Saturday next month learning more about Stewardship, but what about the rest of you? We know that you care. We think you understand the needs. We invite you to get involved. We need 25 people who will agree to be the stewardship link to six families or individuals in the Fellowship. Yes, it will involve finances, but not just pledge solicitation. We need people who can answer questions about our budget and our finances and are willing to spend a little time learning about them.

We also need your ideas for making our Stewardship programs better. As many of you know, each year we select a theme for our Stewardship campaign. In previous years, we have had "Making a Difference", "Light of Compassion" and "Fire of Commitment." You may recognize these themes from our Mission and Vision Statements or from familiar titles in our hymnals. What will it be this year? You can help decide. Please give this subject some thought and send your ideas to me by e-mail (email: finance) or just offer them during discussions after the service or during a social event.

By spreading the effort we increase the visibility and decrease the mystery of what it takes to run our Fellowship. That's a reward worth achieving by more than the effort of a small core group of people.

– Mike Miller

LUNCHEON POTLUCK

Come one, come all to the November 7 Potluck after the second Sunday service. Starting at 12:30 p.m., share in the food and conversation of your fellow members and friends at UFWC.

With our recent Sunday Service about our Seventh Principle in mind, we suggest that you bring either a vegetarian dish to share, or one that includes ingredients from ethically treated animals. Examples include buying milk, eggs, or meat directly from a farm or from a market that gets them directly from a farmer who offers her animals room to roam and access to sunlight.

Two web sites providing very helpful information about local growers and farmers can be found at www.buylocalpa.org/chester and www.ccdwell.com. Of course all dishes are welcome – and we hope to see you there. Please bring your food in a cooler in case our refrigerators fill up that day – we would appreciate it. (Please remember, people with specific dietary concerns appreciate a note listing the ingredients in your dish.) For questions or more information, contact Mary Yeager at email: fun.

FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Friday (instead of the usual Saturday), November 19, 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.

EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP NOVEMBER 14 7-8:30 P.M.

This month's book is *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. A celebration of triumph over adversity, Hirsi Ali's autobiographical story tells how a young girl from Somalia evolves to become an outspoken, pioneering and courageous voice for the rights of Muslim women. As Western countries struggle to balance democratic ideals with religious pressures, this book is timely and significant. Pam Sapko will facilitate our discussion.

Please feel free to contact us: Shelly Case or Ruth MacFadyen or email: diversity-book-group. All are Welcome.

HOLIDAY PARTY UPDATE

Every year around the holidays, a few of our members and friends open their homes for some holiday cheer. At the time of this writing, the Fun and Fellowship Committee is looking for two more hosts for holiday parties, one for the weekend of December 17-19, and one for New Year's Day. The hosts open their home and provide the beverages and one dish; the guests provide finger foods; and the Fun and Fellowship committee coordinates it all (maps, RSVPs, announcements). Please speak with Barbara Long (email: holiday-potlucks) if you are interested in hosting. Check the December *Fellowtarian* for details on all of the holiday parties.



POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT

Our next Potluck and Game Night is Friday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship building. Everyone is invited; just bring a dish and a beverage to share as well as any game(s) you would like to play. Dinner is at 6:30 followed by games at around 7. We usually play till 9 or 10 p.m. People of all ages come, so don't feel that you won't be welcome. Contact Mary Yeager at email: fun.

LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet Friday, November 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.

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

All email addresses @ufwc.org unless otherwise noted.

- Nov 1 Mon Embracing Diversity Team.** 7 p.m. Office. Contact Helena Graham, email: embracing-diversity.
- Nov 3 Wed Religious Education Committee.** 7 p.m. Youth Group Room. Contact Clarke Arnold, email: RE
- Nov 4 Thu Religious Services Committee.** 6:30 p.m. Office. Contact Gerry Giess and Diane Minka, email: religious-services
- Nov 5 Fri Potluck & Game Night.** 6:30-9 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
- Nov 7 Sun Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2 a.m.** Move your clocks back one hour this morning (or last night before you go to bed).
- Sunday Food Collection.** Lobby. See p. 6.
- Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal.** 10:10 a.m. Downstairs. See p. 4.
- Chalice Lighter Information Table.** After services. See. p. 5.
- Potluck Luncheon.** 12:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
- Spiritual Growth Pillar Talk.** 1:30 p.m. Office. See p. 3.
- Nov 8 Mon Beyond War Group.** Fireplace Rm 7-8:30 p.m. Contact John Gribbin, email beyond-war.
- Nov 9 Tue Board Meeting.** 7 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Diane Cohle, email: president
- Nov 10 Wed Deadline to Sign Up for Thanksgiving at the Stahls.** See p. 8.
- Nov 11 Thu Social Justice Committee.** 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle, email: social-justice.
- Nov 12 Fri Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 9.
- Nov 13 Sat Coffee House.** 7-10 p.m. Sanctuary.
- Nov 14 Sun RE Enhanced Coffee Hour.** 10 am. Office. Contact Pam Baxter, email: DRE
- Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal.** 10:10 a.m. Downstairs. See p. 4.
- Fun and Fellowship.** Office. 10:15-11:15 a.m. Contact Mary Yeager, email: fun.
- UUSC Holiday Cards and Merchandise Sale Starts.** See p. 7.
- 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
- Exploring Diversity Book Group.** 7-8:30 p.m. Office. See p. 9.
- Nov 15 Mon Women's Circle.** 7-9 p.m. Youth Group Room. Contact Debby Kern, email: women's-circle
- Sustainable Living Committee.** 7 p.m. See p. 7.
- Nov 19 Fri Folk Singing.** 8 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 9.
- Nov 21 Sun Share the Plate Sunday.** Benefits Open Hearth. See p. 7.
- Nov 22 Mon Parent Support Group.** 7 p.m. Office. Contact Sharon Meyer-Conroy, email: parent-support. See p. 8.
- Nov 23 Tue Fellowship Council.** 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: program
- Nov 25 Thu Thanksgiving.** Office closed.
- Thanksgiving at the Stahls.** 4 p.m. Advance sign-up is required. See p. 8.

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

- Spirit Singers** Practices 7:30-9 p.m. 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. 5.