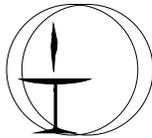


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## SUNDAY SERVICES

### January 2011

**January 2**

**THE TWO-HEADED GOD**

**Rev. Deborah Mero**

We are caught at this time of year in the conundrum of looking in both directions, like Janus. While we spend most of our time looking forward to what lies ahead, the new year forces us into seeing the cycles of life and both our past and future at the same time.

**January 9**

**TITLE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

This service is being facilitated by women who attended the first women's retreat and who are attending the women's circle. Come prepared to enjoy.

**January 16**

**THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN REVISITED**

**Rev. Deborah Mero**

In November of 1967 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gathered his allies and advisors to plan a Poor People's Campaign to address issues of joblessness, poverty, and housing. They were working on an Economic Bill of Rights. It seems an opportune time to revisit what it was that called out for such an effort, one that seems relevant to the times in which we are now living.

**January 23**

**POETRY POWER**

**Diane Herrin**

Bring your favorite poems and read them at this free-for-all poetry service. Original works are encouraged, as are any non-original poems that are special to you in any way. Please let Dianne Herrin know if you'll be reading and, if so, which service suits you.

**January 30**

**I SECOND THAT EMOTION**

**Rev. Deborah Mero**

Feelings are a mixed bag— we don't always know what we are feeling when we are feeling them, and when we try to sort them out, we often find they are very mixed up and sometimes contradictory. The recent PBS salute to Stephen Sondheim reminded me of this through a song in his show *Company*, "Sorry-Grateful." Mixed emotions are the stuff of life.

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

## THE SONG OF DEBORAH

It is a challenge to write a monthly newsletter column well in advance of the month to come. Right now it is made especially tricky in that I am writing these words Christmas week. I'm not quite ready to think about January – yet. But that is a part of life that we all face. Deadlines approach for the next thing while we still haven't finished the thing we're in the middle of. We may want to move on to the next task – or we may want to linger for a while to savor the present and not rush head long into the future.

If you are reading these words and are still immersed in the holidays, enjoy what you can while you can – time will rush on without our prompting.

The new year makes us aware of time in a different way than we normally are. The holidays cause us to reflect on years past and traditions and gatherings, and we always wonder where the time went. We add up the years and are startled – at least I am. The days and months and years seem to be careening madly toward some unknown future that is closer than it used to be. That tells me it is time to slow down and pay attention to the moment, which is not something I easily do.

Probably the most longstanding tradition of the new year is to make resolutions, which, for most of us, almost always fade quickly. The usual resolutions tend to include getting more exercise, eating more healthy foods, and cutting back on excesses in general.

I'd like to suggest a different focus (or an additional one for those

who actually intend to alter their physical health habits). The new year offers us an opportunity to attend to our spiritual health as well. For some of us that means adopting or resuming a "traditional" spiritual discipline – meditating, tai chi, yoga, writing, or contemplative prayer are a few. Just committing to attend regular worship services is a start. (It is also the best way to build our community.) Getting involved with one or more of the many groups and activities we offer – trying something new – all are ways to grow.

There are also other ways to develop the spirit. Service to others both within our UFWC community and in the greater West Chester area where there are many needs is a way to feed the soul.

*While we all value the friendships and connections we have, we are called to be a part of something greater than ourselves.*

Taking part in musical groups does so as well. I'm sure you can make your own list of ways you can deepen your connections to spirits both inner and transcendent. This is as good a time as any to make that list.

As we enter into the new year, may we do so with open minds, open hearts, and a desire to grow in new directions. While we all value the friendships and connections we have with one another, we are called to be a part of something greater than ourselves. Getting in touch with what that is for each of us will bring lasting satisfaction and a deeper sense of meaning to our lives. I wish for each of you an opportunity for renewal and growth as we enter the year 2011 together. May it be a happy, healthy, and deeply rewarding year for each and every one.

– Peace and blessings,  
*Deborah*

### PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS: THE NECESSITY OF VIRTUE

The Rev. Dr. Galen Guengerich from All Soul's Unitarian Church in NYC presented an eight-workshop series at General Assembly last summer on the Necessity of Virtue. The entire series was taped, and we have the DVD set and will be offering the series beginning the first week of February. The inside cover of the discs reads:

*Unitarian Universalists have often been described as believing in salvation by character rather than by grace or by faith. In other words, we believe in virtue: the personal spiritual discipline of becoming the kind of individuals we ought to become, so that we might live as human beings ought to live.*

*This presentation aims to examine our individual capacity to strive for moral excellence always and everywhere. What is your ethical basis for deciding what to do and how to live? How do you determine what you ought to do?*

The eight sessions are – the Key to Happiness, Wisdom, Courage, Compassion, Justice, Temperance, Transcendence, and Hope. Dates and times will follow in the February issue of the *Fellowtarian* and Connections. Stay tuned.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we celebrate the beginning of a New Year, I like to look ahead and make plans for what I need to accomplish. One of the questions that the board and I would like to revisit is our discussion of a name change. Back in 2006 and 2007, an ad hoc committee authorized by the Board met to determine congregational interest in a name change for UFWC. This committee's initial task was to explore what a new name might mean to our congregation. In the fall of 2007, the committee reported its finding at informational meetings. The meetings were to relay information for educational purposes. Topics included the history of the fellowship movement, definitions of commonly used congregational names, types and names of congregations in the JPD District., sources of those names, and a process which included timelines, benefits and ramifications. The committee summarized their findings by asking all members to reflect on 2 important questions: What does our name convey to people who don't know us? What term best describes our community to ourselves and to others?

Due to many things happening at UFWC at the time, the project was put on hold. Since we never resolved this issue, some people are asking us to continue. In addition, a generous donor will pay for a new permanent sign in front of our building. The Board is forming an ad hoc committee to study how to reopen our discussion. They will determine the process that should be completed for tackling such a sensitive issue. It is important that we all have an understanding of key ideas. Why are some people proposing this change? How can it benefit our fellowship? What does the data say about names of reli-

## NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS

There are many ways to be a part of the Fellowship – Social Justice, Sunday Services, Religious Education. Sometimes, we are so busy doing things at the Fellowship and in our day-to-day life that we may not realize who at the Fellowship our actual neighbors are. The Fun and Fellowship Committee is organizing social gatherings in Neighborhood Groups so that you can meet people from the Fellowship who live in your area.

We hope this will be another way for you to make healthy connections through the Fellowship – to find people with whom you have a lot in common – to meet people who make you look at life from a new perspective – to make new friends. These gatherings are an opportunity to make some new connections.

We will schedule get-togethers where we can meet to get to know each other and perhaps talk about things we might want to do as a group. Some possible advantages to fostering enhanced relationships within the Neighborhood Group: transportation (car pooling, help in emergencies), common interests (gardening, hiking, knitting, daily walks, etc.), socials (potlucks, book discussion groups), phone trees and, most of all, friendships. You may think of others.

We are looking for people to host the initial gatherings in their home, so please consider opening your home one evening to your Fellowship neighbors. These groups will be started one at a time. You will be notified as to which group you are in by email or telephone. Because there are over ten groups, it may be months before your group is contacted. Each group will have a unique meeting time and place.

These are purely voluntary gatherings. We think you will benefit from getting to know your neighbors better, so please attend at least the first gathering and give it a try. If you have any questions or if you would like to host a gathering, contact us at email: fun.



gious organizations? We all need to be informed members before making a choice of whether we would like to consider a name change or if we should keep our present name.

Please contact me if you would like to join this committee (email: president). Again, for the first step,

we are just opening up the discussion to ask all of you to consider if we should pursue a name change.

Wishing you all the best in the New Year,

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

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## REMARKS – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Last fall, as the congregation began focusing on the three pillars of our Mission, the RE Committee reviewed its goals against the pillars. Not surprisingly, we found that what we are already doing in support of the RE program fits within one or more of the pillars. So, none of our existing goals change, however, having the pillars as a guide is helping us think differently about where we might go in the future; what elements we might tweak or add. There is plenty of room for growth, and that's exciting.

### RE Committee:

The Committee will gather for its annual retreat in January. Our retreat focus this year is to continue work on creating a Safe Congregation policy. We are also working on plans to bring back our Winter Indoor Camping event. Look for details in an upcoming issue of Connections.

### Recently in RE:

What's been happening in RE? Here's a look at a recent 3rd/4th/5th grade "Toolbox of Faith" session. Thanks to teacher Rick London for this "snapshot."

"Today our "Tool of The Day" was water (water bottle/canteen). Water, the life-affirming, ever-staying and ever-changing Spirit of Life.

"The children were introduced to the concept that the water before them—from the tap, a creek, a tea – is as old as the planet itself. It only moves from one thing or from one place to another. That water stays in its basic molecular structure of H<sub>2</sub>O but changes in form from water to ice to an invisible vapor of steam or humidity, means that it is ancient. The students started their own discussion

when one said, "Only 1% of the water in the world is drinkable." Another piped up, "It's 2.8%!" And by the end of this discussion every one concluded that water is a sacred part of life that needs to be guarded.

"Everyone was asked to write a small paragraph about an experience they had to share about water. When completed, we went around the room each reading our paragraphs. Applause abounded. We also played with water by mixing tempera paint, dish liquid and water in bowls. Blowing small bubbles into each bowl and pressing paper against the bubbles to make art. Three different colors made a spectrum of colors.

"I played a tune on the banjo called "The Water Song" while they had their snack.

"At the end we talked about the Big Bang theory and the origins of water, and we took turns reading the passage from the Book of Genesis on the origins of earth in 7 days where water was created by God."

From the Curriculum: *In this session, we reflect on different ways our faith leads us to think about and connect with how the Spirit of Life works in our lives. Reflections may include how pain and hurt as well as joy and wonder can bring a sense of the Spirit of Life, when one may feel connected to everything. The Spirit of Life is a part of everything fluid and pervasive, like water.*

– Pam Baxter

Director of Religious Education

## BEYOND FUNDRAISING

Please sign up for the UFWC Finance Workshop being held at the Fellowship from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, January 15. The Stewardship Committee is working hard to create an interesting and informative program which we hope will be the basis for a new openness in the way we talk about money and what it takes to operate our Fellowship. We also plan to discuss the spiritual nature of giving and how the act of giving can be a joyful and up-lifting experience. Additionally, we will present multiple ways in which everyone can become involved in maintaining the financial health of our Fellowship. Bagels, pastries, coffee and tea will be served.

Strange news! The Fellowship has received three cash contributions from an anonymous donor. Together they total over \$1,000. Even more mysterious is that they were received in unmarked envelopes through the mail slot in our front door. We thank our benefactor for these gifts and would be happy to acknowledge them in private if the person or persons involved contacts the Minister or Executive Treasurer.

The Fellowship continues to maintain a positive cash flow with income exceeding expenses for the first half of the year. In the second half, income slows down while expenses remain steady. Therefore, please stay current with your monthly pledge or (hint, hint) pay your pledge early and get a bigger tax deduction in 2010. There is still time to do this before the end of the year.

– Mike Miller

## ANOTHER ELECTION, THIS ONE UUA STYLE

The November election may be history, but the voting isn't over for UUs in our Joseph Priestley District (JPD). On Saturday, April 9, in Harrisburg, as part of the district's Annual Meeting, we will elect a new trustee to represent us on the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

The JPD includes UU congregations in southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia and northern Virginia.

The new trustee will replace Charles Wooldridge, who has served us ably for the past four years and is now stepping down. The trustee will become part of a 23-member board that includes representatives from each of the 19 districts in the UUA plus four elected at large. The term of office is four years.

The UUA Board of Trustees operates under Policy Governance and as such writes the policies under which the UUA operates and oversees their implementation by the association staff under the leadership of Association President Peter Morales. At this critical time in our history, the trustees are taking a close look at the way our association is organized, with possible changes in the configuration of districts and in our association's annual General Assembly. It is also possible that the Board itself will be reduced in size in the future. With the potential for such major changes, it's important that we elect the person we feel will best serve us on the UUA Board.

We currently have three candidates for the position. They are Natalia Averett from the UU Church of Arlington, VA; Elyse

Reznick from the First Unitarian Church in Wilmington, DE, and Ken Shilling from the Goodloe Memorial UU Congregation in Bowie, MD. Additional nominations may be made by congregations or individuals up to a deadline of February 8, following procedures outlined in the JPD By-laws. Full information on the candidates and the procedures is available on the JPD website at [jpduua.org](http://jpduua.org).

You will be able to meet the candidates at forums in the southern, northern, and western sections of the district – dates to be decided. It's possible some candidates may also visit our Fellowship, and there may well be printed materials circulated through the district about them.

The election itself will be by delegates to the JPD Annual Meeting. We are entitled to four lay delegates and a ministerial delegate. Delegates can vote their individual consciences, or the congregation can express its preferences and instruct the delegates to vote accordingly. The Board plans to discuss its options in January. Board members welcome your input.

As the secretary of our Joseph Priestley District Board, I am deeply involved in the process of monitoring the election and I am keenly aware of its importance. Please familiarize yourself with the candidates through the website and plan to attend the forum in our area. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to ask. Please know, however, that due to my position on the JPD Board, I cannot endorse a candidate.

– Flo Miller  
Denominational Affairs Chair,  
Secretary to the JPD Board

## FUN AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING JANUARY 15 AT 12:30 P.M.

The Fun & Fellowship Committee plans social events to help us meet and get to know each other. Making meaningful connections is one of the main reasons we come to the Fellowship. Social events and activities are good ways to establish and strengthen our relationships.

We will meet on Saturday, January 15, at 12:30 p.m. to plan activities and events for the second half of our Fellowship year. We have two major planning meetings a year and six shorter meetings between services through the year to follow up on our plans. I invite you to come to our planning meeting and participate in organizing our fun and enriching events.

Some of the activities we have in the works are the Feast of Decadent Chocolate, Monthly Game Nights, Art Goes to the Fellowship, a Community Dance, and our unique potluck – the Bicarb Bistro. Maybe you have an idea for enriching our community. Come to our planning meeting and share your ideas; together we can do great things.

In January, we will discuss our plans over lunch at Mary Yeager's home. You don't need to bring anything. Contact Mary at email: fun to let us know you are coming and to get directions.



## STONES IN THE SAME WALL SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

As we begin the New Year, it is traditional to take a look back at the previous year and look forward to the possibilities to come. We did so much to help the food bank this year. We are one of their main supporters in time, money and food. We continued to help service organizations in our area through our Share-the-plate program. Work crews for Habitat for Humanity, great information from the Sustainable Living Group, interesting books from the Diversity Book Discussion group, Safe Harbor dinners, and a host of other efforts engaged our spirit, minds and hearts.

We've made a new connection, too, with the Hispanic community through our panel discussion and movie on immigration issues. The Embracing Diversity Team, Library Advocates group and the fledgling UU Animal Ministry group confirm that we are expanding into new areas of social justice. We look forward to cosponsoring several scheduled concerts with social justice themes.

For now, please consider volunteering your time at the annual MLK day of service in January. We had almost 50 people participate last year! As in past years, we are one of a number of ministry partners with St. Paul's Baptist Church who coordinates this effort.

– Ed Cohle  
Social Justice Chair

### OUR MULTICULTURAL FUTURE

This past year there has been a growing interest in our multicultural future. The Embracing Diversity Team is a group that formed to take the energy around this concern and apply it to our congregation. We are working on collaborations with other congregations and organizations whose members and affiliations are different from our own.

As a primary step in this journey, we have invited the Director for Racial and Social Justice from our UU district office to help us assess where we are in our quest to become more multicultural. We are asking that members of the congregation participate in this process by attending a three hour session.

Date: Wednesday, January 5  
Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m. – Light fare served  
RSVP: Helena Graham, email: embracing-diversity

### ATTENTION, ANIMAL LOVERS

Vegetarians, ethical eaters, and those interested in bringing more compassion for animals into the moral agenda of our denomination now have an outlet. A chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry is soliciting members within the Fellowship. If interested, please contact John Gribbin at email: animal-ministry.

### MLK DAY OF SERVICE

We will again this year take part in the Martin Luther King Day of Service, which is being organized by various groups and congregations in the greater West Chester Area with St. Paul's Baptist Church taking the lead. It will be on Monday, January 17, and take a little over half the day.



Last year we made up probably the second or third largest group represented in the area. It is a very popular and worthwhile event. This year's focus will be on food collection – in our neighborhoods and, hopefully, with grocery stores in the area. Several of the projects we have done in the past will be repeated. Some will not. More details will be forthcoming so please watch for information in Connections and in announcements at the Fellowship.

## UUSC

What makes the UU Service Committee (UUSC) different? It's the "partnership" model – they don't tell people what they need – they ask people. And they concentrate on helping those people at the margins of society that other human rights organizations overlook.

What also makes UUSC different is the leadership. The new leader is Bill Schulz. Who's he? He's the former president of the UUA (OUR denomination) and of Amnesty International, US, and now he has accepted the presidency of OUR Human Rights Organization, UUSC. He says, "The reason [we] give our time and support to UUSC is because we believe it truly makes a profound difference in the world."



This year UFWC is trying something new. UUSC's devoted supporters have raised a challenge grant to the rest of us; they have pledged \$3,500, and we're going to try to match that amount with our Guest at Your Table boxes.

If you didn't get a box when they were handed out in November, please take one. There are extras at the back of the sanctuary and in the lobby. And take a *Stories of Hope* booklet, too. Put them on your table and drop a few coins in at every meal. They will be collected in January, and it's OK to remove the money and put a check – made out to UUSC – in its place.

Also, think about giving enough to become a member (\$40/individual; \$75/couple).

For questions, ask Robin Garrett, Linda Sander, or Tom Townsend, email: uusc.

## FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

Our monthly food collection is **Sunday, January 2**. Look for collection baskets in the lobby. We participate in a special program that assures the food bank of specific items on any given month. *Suggested item for January is **canned fruit**.*

Reminder: Please check expiration dates. Items past expiration cannot be distributed. As always, other donations are gratefully accepted, too.

## EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP

JANUARY 9, 2011 \*7-8:30 PM

The documentary film *Food, Inc.* by filmmaker Robert Kenner asks us to consider, "How much do we really know about the food we buy at our local Supermarket and serve to our families?" Join us to explore this question and others raised by this fascinating and often disturbing film. Pat Shorten will facilitate.

Please contact us with your questions by email: diversity-book-group.

All are Welcome

\*Last month we met at a member's home to first watch our film and then talk about it, and we may decide to do this again. If so, we will notify you by email and by an announcement in the Order of Service.



### Sustainable Living Committee Tip of the Month:

Part of the deregulation that allows PECO to raise its prices also allows us to choose who provides the power. It is wise to do some research and pick your energy provider. There are several provider choices. A list of providers can be found at: <http://www.papowerswitch.com/shop-for-electricity/shop-for-your-home/by-distributor/peco-energy/rs/>

## FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Saturday, January 15, 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.

## KARAOKE RETURNS TO UFWC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 7 TO 9 P.M.

Shake off the winter doldrums and come on down to the Fellowship on Saturday, January 22, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for some fun and entertainment. Good singers, not-so-good singers and appreciative listeners/fans are all welcome. Willingness to have fun is the only requirement.

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share if you would like. Beverages will be provided. Questions can be directed to Mary Yeager at email: fun.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY PARTY WITH WHO NEEDS NIGEL?

The Fun & Fellowship committee welcomes all members and friends to a New Year's Day party on Saturday, January 1, 6 - 10 p.m., or perhaps later, at UFWC. Our in-house, 1960's-70's rock band, Who Needs Nigel?, will play for part of the time, so bring your dancing shoes. Please bring finger food to share and BYOB; non-alcoholic beverages and cake will be provided. Children of all ages are welcome.



To help with planning, we ask that you please RSVP if you plan to come with the number of adults and children in your party by sending a message to email: holiday-parties.

## LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet Friday, January 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.

## YOUTH GROUP

The UFWC Youth Group had a fun-filled November and December. We camped out in the sanctuary for a night of nonstop movies, and we had a chance to think and ask about life after high school (and see old friends) in UFWC's annual service with recent high school graduates.

What's on our horizon for the new year? We'll trek down to Frederick, Maryland, for the social action-focused JPDYSC WinterCON January 14-16. The very next day, Monday, January 17, we'll roll up our sleeves and work together with youth and adults from other denominations in West Chester on the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. We'll also start planning for serving dinner at Safe Harbor (February 13) and brainstorming for our youth-created, youth-led Youth Sunday service (March 27). Watch your e-mails for details.

Join us for meetings at 10:45 a.m. Sundays downstairs in the Youth Room. Questions? Contact us at email: youth-group.

## GAME NIGHT

Start the New Year off with a new tradition; join us on January 7 for Game Night at the Fellowship. We gather at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy each other's company and share a potluck dinner. At around 7 or 7:30, we choose what games to play. Sometimes we play old standards like Scrabble or Dominos; other times we play modern favorites like Apples to Apples or Taboo. You decide what you want to play. Bring along a game that you want to play or choose from those others bring.

This is a potluck night so bring a game or two, a beverage, and a dish to share. Whether it is something you made at home or a pizza you picked up on the way, it doesn't matter – just come.

We usually have 10-20 people, so it isn't too crowded. There is no need to RSVP – just come.

If you wish to be included in the Game Night email list or have any questions, contact Mary Yeager at email: game-night. If there is ever a question about whether Game Night is canceled due to bad weather, check the website. We will also send out a cancellation email to those on the game night email list. Usually if travel is dangerous we will cancel.

# FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

All email addresses @ufwc.org unless otherwise noted.

- Jan 1 Sat New Year's Day Party with Who Needs Nigel?** 6-10 p.m. Sanctuary. RSVP. See p. 8.
- Jan 2 Sun First Sunday Food Collection.** Lobby. See p. 7.
- Jan 3 Mon Office closed.**
- Embracing Diversity Team.** 7 p.m. Office. Contact Helena Graham, email embracing-diversity.
- Jan 5 Wed Multicultural Assessment.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sanctuary. Light supper provided. RSVP. See p. 6.
- Religious Education Committee.** 7 p.m. Youth Group Room. Contact Clarke Arnold, email: RE
- Jan 7 Fri Game Night.** 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 8.
- Jan 7-9 Fri-Sun Women's Retreat Weekend.** See December *Fellowtarian* p. 9.
- Jan 8 Sat Coffee House.** 7 p.m. Sanctuary. Contact Judi Perry, email: coffeehouse.
- Jan 9 Sun 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. Any location change will be announced. See p. 7.
- Jan 11 Tue Board Meeting.** 7 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Diane Cohle, email: president
- Jan 13 Thu Social Justice Committee.** 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle, email: social-justice.
- Jan 14 Fri Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 8.
- Jan 15 Sat UFWC Finance Workshop.** 9-11 a.m. Office. See p. 4.
- Fun & Fellowship Committee Planning Meeting.** 12:30 p.m. at Mary Yeager's home. See p. 5.
- Folk Singing.** 8 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 7.
- Jan 16 Sun Share the Plate Sunday.**
- Stewardship Meeting.** 12:30 p.m. Office. Contact Mike Miller, email: treasurer.
- Jan 17 Mon Martin Luther King Day of Service.** See p. 6.
- Women's Circle.** 7-9 p.m. Youth Group Room. Contact Debby Kern, email: women's-circle
- Jan 22 Sat Religious Education Team Retreat.** 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 2.
- Karaoke Party.** 7-9 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 8.
- Jan 23 Sun Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal.** 10:10 a.m. Downstairs. Contact Abby McGillivray, email: intergenerational-choir.
- Jan 25 Tue Fellowship Council.** 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: program
- Jan 26 Wed Parent Support Group.** 7 p.m. Office. Contact Sharon Meyer-Conroy, email: parent-support.
- Jan 27 Thu Religious Services Committee.** 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Gerry Giess or Diane Minka, email: Office.
- Jan 30 Sun Annual New Member Potluck.** Sanctuary. Details to come. Contact: Barbara Long, email: membership.

## 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. 8.