



## THE SONG OF DEBORAH

Our culture is in the midst of yet another series of challenges, differences in beliefs and world views. This isn't new, as was pointed out in the service on January 16. Since then I've seen quotes even from Teddy Roosevelt lamenting the violent rhetoric of his day. Some things don't change. What has changed is the way we get information and how it surrounds us in all aspects of our daily lives and how the sources of information are both more consolidated and diverse at the same time. What we are seeing, very boldly, is what has been called the "culture war" played out on the airwaves and the internet. It has entered every social issue from economics to health care to education and beyond.

There really are differences in the ways that people view how society should be. Are we to be a nurturing collaborative and collective society where we take care of one another and make sure that everyone's basic needs are met? Or are we to be a society of winners and losers where the "worthy" are rewarded and the rest...well you can see where that leads. Granted, these are two extremes and most of us don't live in either

one, but the public discourse is very polarized.

As there seem to be fundamental differences in how we all view our place in the world and how we are to get along. Dr. King, in his words about non-violent resistance wrote and spoke about using the power of persuasion to reduce tension and bring about the beloved community. The theory is well and good. In practice, it is a major challenge, to say the least.

I don't know if there has been a time in my life when it has been more important to not only hold on to the values I treasure, but to be able to articulate them to others. Our Principles, our Mission, our Vision, all are fundamental to who we are. Being able to talk about them with and to others is how we bring our "gospel" or good news to others.

We will start a series on February 16 that will look at the seven virtues that are supposed to lead to a happy, fulfilling life – in a way, our gospel. The video series was made last summer at General Assembly. I sat through one of the sessions and was impressed by my colleague Rev. Galen Guengerich's ability to weave many threads together of current cultural ideas and classic ones. The videos are

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really a tool to stimulate conversation among ourselves about that which we value and how we live those values. It is a very Unitarian Universalist way of looking at the world and of looking at ourselves.

We will be kicking off our Annual Pledge Drive next month. What better way to begin the discussions of how we contribute our time, talents, and treasure to this institution is there than delving into why we are who we are and why it is so important to treasure it and nurture it? I hope many of you will want to come to take part in the series and spend some time and thought on your place in our community and in the universe. These are the kinds of qualitative conversations that help us along our individual spiritual journeys as well as build community as we share them with one another. Please join us for some great conversation about what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist today.

– Grateful to be serving you in faith,  
*Deborah*

## CHANTING IN THE SPRING

Coming on Saturday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m., Ramanchants will bring us the blissful experience of kirtan chanting. Bring your friends – bring your family to sing along with these energetic and eclectic musicians using call and response Sanskrit mantras. This is guaranteed to put a smile on your face, a skip in your walk, a lift to your spirit, and a warm glow in your heart.

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## REMARKS – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

On January 16 we had a great time exploring and creating in a way we've never done before. First, we learned a little about the life and work of West Chester native and African American artist Horace Pippin. Then we spent the rest of the time creating art using some of Pippin's paintings as our inspiration. The children were invited to either copy a Pippin painting or create one entirely their own. The ultimate goal was to be able to put together an art exhibit upstairs, celebrating Horace Pippin's life.

The Pre-K/Kindergarten kids (with paper and colored pencils) used a Pippin painting based on *A Peaceable Kingdom* by Hicks. We asked, "Can you imagine what it would be like if all the animals lived together in peace? Where birds and other wild animals would let you walk right up and touch them? What would living in harmony look like?"

The 1st/2nd grade class (with pastels and paper) used a painting of Pippin's own neighborhood and some interior house scenes. We asked, "What makes a house a home? What do you think it felt like to live in Horace Pippin's childhood house? Would you like living there? Do you need a lot of money to make a house a home?"

The 3rd/4th/5th graders (acrylic paint on canvas boards) used scenes from Pippin's life and from Black American history (slaves on a cotton plantation, and the hanging of John Brown). We noted that in their works, artists often tell about history and culture, as well as their own lives, thoughts and feelings. We

asked: "How do you feel as you create a reproduction of one of these paintings? How can you make it your own? If you painted a picture of your neighborhood, what would be important for you to include?"

Our 6th/7th graders logged onto the Internet and started gathering information on Pippin to put into a PowerPoint presentation to share with the congregation. There's still some work to do on this, but we hope it will be able to be part of the art exhibit. We asked, "Is there something in you that you just have to do? That no one can talk you out of?" We got some interesting answers that helped us learn more about each other.

This day was so much fun, and the artwork that came out of it is beautiful. We look forward to displaying it next month for the congregation to view and to learn about West Chester "native son," Horace Pippin. Pippin will also be the focus of our February 13 multi-generational service. Thanks to the Embracing Diversity Team for asking the children to create a display to honor our congregation's commitment to multiculturalism. This opened up the opportunity to do some very different, and the children are excited to do something that no RE group has ever done before at our Fellowship.

– Pam Baxter  
Director of Religious Education

### BRING-A-FRIEND SUNDAY

Is there a family with children you've thought about inviting to the Fellowship? Here's the perfect opportunity: February 13 has been designated our first Family Bring-a-Friend Sunday. The multi-generational services, focusing on art and creativity, will be engaging and fun. All you have to do is invite a friend, and we'll take care of the rest. To sweeten the proposition, this is also our annual Feast of Decadent Chocolate.

### SUUSI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPROVED FOR UFWC

The executive committee of the UFWC has taken a step to help more of our members and friends afford the experience of a week at SUUSI (the Southeast UU Summer Institute). The UFWC will set up a voluntary donation fund to act as a scholarship fund dedicated to help people from the UFWC who wish to attend SUUSI. The program will be needs-based.

SUUSI is the largest gathering of UU's outside of the General Assembly. Over 1000 UU's meet for a week of fun and fellowship on the campus of Radford University each summer during the third week in July.

Watch for our announcement in the March *Fellowtarian* of the steps that you can take to help pay for a week at SUUSI.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the last few days, I have attended three invigorating Fellowship events.

First, the Stewardship Committee presented a Finance Workshop. This was an interesting and informative program where the members of the Stewardship Committee addressed what it takes to operate our Fellowship. Budget numbers were given showing our expenses and income. Graphs and charts compared our Fellowship numbers with numbers from other religious organizations. We were given a history of UFWC stewardship campaigns over the last five years and how that relates to ideas presented at a workshop that the members of the committee attended (“Beyond Fundraising”, Dr. Wayne Clark, UUA).

Stewardship also discussed the spiritual nature of giving and how the act of giving can be a joyful and uplifting experience. I encourage everyone to become involved in the financial health of our Fellowship. Many thanks to the members of the Stewardship Committee: Mike Miller (chair), Gerry Giess, Jim Mac Fadyen, Ralph Mero, and Dirk Troltenier.

Second, I attended a Fun and Fellowship Committee meeting. The members of this committee planned activities for the second part of the program year. At least one major event for enriching our community was planned for each month. The purpose of these social events is to nurture the health of the Fellowship by fostering and establishing connections.

This month I hope to see you at game night, a neighborhood meeting, the Feast of the Decadent Chocolate, and/or the BiCarb Bistro. My sincere appreciation goes out to the members of the

Fun and Fellowship Committee: Mary Yeager (chair), Nancy Artus, Heidi Buss, Jen Feld, Barbara Long, Marie Steel, and Sharon Sweitzer.

Third, I participated in a meeting of the newly reformed Name Study Committee. The Board formed an *ad hoc* committee to study how to reopen our discussion about a name change. Their first priority is to inform people of why some people are proposing a change and how it can benefit the Fellowship. They also want to provide information so that we all have an understanding of key ideas and better answer two questions: What does our name convey to people who don't know us? What term best describes our community to ourselves and to others? Changing our name to include the word “church” will not be considered.

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 at the congregational meeting in June.

I am pleased to report that work is being done in all of our pillars. Although I did not participate in any of the Social Justice Committee activities recently, I know that they have been working hard on their ends statement to actively work to eliminate oppression and create a peaceful, just and sustainable world. None of us can accomplish our vision and mission by ourselves but together that is another possibility.

– Committed to working with you  
to achieve our mission,

Diane

### **THE NECESSITY OF VIRTUE AN EIGHT WEEK DISCUSSION SERIES BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 7 P.M.**

“In a culture that champions the individual, virtue is an approach to ethics that we as Unitarian Universalists can believe in. It's time for a renaissance of virtue! Each of us has the capacity to be wise, courageous, compassionate, just, temperate, transcendent, and hopeful.” So says the cover of the DVD set *The Necessity of Virtue*.

Rev. Dr. Galen Guengerich, Senior Minister at All Souls Unitarian Church in New York City, presented eight consecutive workshops at last year's General Assembly. The workshops were recorded and are now in our possession. We will spend eight consecutive Wednesday nights beginning on February 16 and ending on April 6 watching the presentations and then discussing the material. The sessions are:

1. The Key to Happiness
2. Wisdom
3. Courage
4. Compassion
5. Justice
6. Temperance
7. Transcendence
8. Hope

Come to one or to all. Everyone is welcome.

## FINANCIALLY YOURS

Thirty five members and friends gathered at the Fellowship on Saturday, January 15, to learn about how we conduct the financial business of the Fellowship and how we raise money to pay for all the good things that we do here. Attendees were also treated to a moving discourse by Rev. Ralph Mero on the spiritual nature of giving. Finally, attendees heard about the up-coming Stewardship Campaign and how they can play a greater role in ensuring the financial wellbeing of the Fellowship.

As a result of lessons learned by the Stewardship Committee during a workshop in November, we have concluded that the best means for conducting this year's campaign will be through personal contact between members and friends. Like other congregations we learned that small group gatherings, kick-off events, and "Commitment Sundays" serve us well for awhile but need to be refreshed and alternated to retain interest. A number of years ago we used personal contacts for our stewardship campaign, but this method also grew stale, and we made it too difficult to conduct. Now it is time to renew this program, but this year, we promise to be different.

This year we are introducing the "Visiting Stewards" campaign. We hope to make this a lighter program starting by reducing the number contacts each Visiting Steward makes and by providing better training and program information. The key to this program is to have as many Visiting Stewards as possible. We were gratified to have a dozen people volunteer after our workshop.

But we need three times that number to be successful. Won't

you add your name to this list? You simply need to visit four fellow members or friends and talk to them about our great community. It is a wonderful way to get to know new people and an easy way to contribute to the Fellowship. Visiting Steward training will take place on February 20 and 27. Please see Mike Miller, Gerry Giess, Jim MacFadyen, Dirk Troltenier, or Ralph Mero to express your interest. We think you'll enjoy the experience.

Finally, please help our Income Treasurer, Tom Townsend, properly determine how you wish you contributions to be handled by writing your intentions clearly in the memo line of your checks. This will help Tom credit your contribution to the right account. And don't forget to thank him for his hard work when you see him.

– Mike Miller  
Executive Treasurer

## NEW MEMBER POTLUCK DINNER DON'T MISS THIS ANNUAL EVENT

On Sunday, January 30, at 6 p.m. we will welcome 16 new members to the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester. Yes, that's 16 new members who have joined since last January. As usual, the Membership Committee will sponsor an icebreaker game to play during the evening, as well as music by Nigel Unlugged. So please come and share in the excitement.

The new members are exempt from bringing a dish to share. If possible, try to bring a dish that does not require electricity to keep the food warm, since we only have a limited number of outlets for this purpose. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a main dish or dessert. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 30th.



## UFWC THINGS-TO-DO

Have you ever discovered a neat, fun, or interesting show, concert, place, trip, or other activity you really wanted to go to, do, or experience – but didn't have someone who had the same enthusiasm to go with you? If so, you need to subscribe to the Fellowship's things-to-do-list. This is an email discussion list that serves as a way to communicate and connect with other Fellowship members and friends to share a common activity.

As a subscriber, you can post a message with a request or invitation for an activity to email: things-to-do-list. The message is then delivered to all the subscribers. Those who are interested can then contact you, work out the details, and have fun.

You must be a subscriber to participate, and large attachments are not permitted. If you are interested, send a request to subscribe to email: fun.

## ANOTHER ELECTION, UUA STYLE (CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH)

Last month, I told you about an important election in our Universalist Universalist community, to happen on April 9 at the UU Church in Harrisburg. At that time, we will join other congregations in the Joseph Priestley District (JPD) of the Unitarian Universalist Association in choosing a new trustee to represent us on the UUA Board. We currently have three candidates for the position.

The JPD, one of 19 geographical divisions in the UUA, comprises congregations in southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and northern Virginia. The trustee we elect will join a board that includes representatives from all the districts plus 4 at-large trustees.

The trustee we elect can easily be seen as only one individual among 23 who form part of a bureaucracy with little direct influence on us. We do not exist in isolation, however, but as part of a larger denomination, and our health depends on the health of that denomination. Discussions are underway for major organizational changes in the way the denomination conducts business. The trustee we elect will have input into the discussion. If we care about the future of our own congregation, we need to care about this.

I've met with the Fellowship Board of Trustees, and we agree on the following:

FIRST, we need full representation at the election, which will be part of the annual conference and business meeting of the JPD. We are entitled to four voting delegates, but that doesn't mean more of us can't attend and confer with those who are voting. In addition to the business meeting at which the vote will take place, the Harrisburg con-

ference will offer workshops on a variety of topics plus the opportunity to talk with Unitarians outside of our congregation. The conference will extend into Sunday, but you can attend for only the Saturday session if you wish.

SECOND, a forum at which the candidates will present their views will be scheduled in the Philadelphia area prior to April 9. I do not yet have the date and place but will let you know as soon as they are decided. We would like a large representation from our Fellowship at the forum.

THIRD, the Board has scheduled an information session for between services on Sunday, April 3. At that time, those who attended the candidates' forum will report back on the candidates, and members of the congregation can ask questions. There will not be an offi-

cial vote taken on the candidate preferred by the congregation, but folks can certainly offer their opinion.

WHAT DO WE WANT now? Commit, if you can, to attending the April 9 meeting in Harrisburg, and let me know of your commitment. Also, access the JPD website ([jpduua.org](http://jpduua.org)) for information on the candidates. Sometime within the next month or so, the website will also have information on the conference. As more information on all this becomes available, I will let you know through emails and/or the Sunday Service announcements. This is an important election, and it does affect our future. If you have any questions, contact me at email: [denominational-affairs](mailto:denominational-affairs). Thanks.

– Flo Miller  
Denominational Affairs Chair

## CLOSURE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Winter is upon us. This is a reminder to our members and friends about our closure notification procedure. The process is in place to help everyone be informed if we need to cancel Sunday Services (or any other big event) due to either inclement weather, power loss, or something unforeseen.

- An announcement will be placed on the Fellowship voice mail recording (610-692-5966) if services/events are cancelled.
- The following radio and TV stations will be notified about cancellations:  
Radio: KYW 1060 AM  
TV: CBS3, NBC10, FOX 29
- You may be directly contacted by phone, or you may get an email about cancellations.
- If possible, a notice on the home page of our web-site will show any cancellations.



We hope, by using all types of media, everyone will be informed and most of all safe. If in doubt, call or check the web site. Also, we urge everyone to always keep one "old fashioned" telephone, one that is not wireless or does not require electricity to work, plugged into a telephone outlet somewhere in your house. Should there be a power outage, you may want to be able to make or receive phone calls.

## STONES IN THE SAME WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

The Martin Luther King Day of Service activities coordinated through St. Paul's Baptist Church were once again a big success. It was amazing to see not only our Youth Group, adult advisers Dan and Rob and a number of our members there but also a number of UU's from the Wellsprings Congregation. We are an important presence as a ministry partner for this event as several of us were part of the steering committee. Newcomers to the coordination of the effort this year were Shelly Case, Debby Kern and Abby McGillivray. Marie Steel, who has been on the steering committee in the past, and Mark Steel helped organize the food collection drop off area, and I arranged for a food donation drive at six supermarkets. We collected a large amount of food. I think it took six trips in a pickup truck to get all the food to the food bank.

Once again, not only did Deborah help with the coordination but reprised her role at the end gathering in St. Paul's sanctuary in recognizing all the different groups there. This involved a lot of cheering and clapping by the various congregations and groups involved. St. Paul's may be interested in doing a joint project with us later in the year. A congregation is often known to the community through its social justice projects. We continue to reach out and partner with a diverse group of people not currently represented in our congregation.

– Ed Cohle, Social Justice Chair

### ANIMAL MINISTRY

For those interested in moving from the mere celebration of the "interdependent web of existence" into practices that affirm species interdependence in our everyday personal, social, economic and political lives, the newly formed UU Animal Ministry Chapter wants you.

The Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry (UUAM), formerly the Unitarian Universalists for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2011, and we can play a role in helping to advance its goals of promoting justice and compassion for all creatures. For more information, please visit UUAM's website and/or contact John Gribbin at email: animal-ministry to join.

### FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

**This month's Suggested Items:  
Personal Care (e.g., diapers, toilet  
paper, towels, tissues, soap)**

Our monthly food collection is on Sunday, February 6. 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, so **please keep this month's needs in mind when you donate** – see above headline. As always, other donations are gratefully accepted, too.

Reminder: Please check expiration dates. Items past expiration cannot be distributed.

### SHARE-THE-PLATE GENEROSITY

**We are pleased to announce that our share-the-plate recipient on February 20 (third Sunday of the month) will be the Domestic Violence Center.** The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, (DVCCC), serves women and their children who have become homeless as a result of domestic violence and abuse. One of their excellent programs is a daycare and after school program, designed to provide support to these often traumatized children.

The minister's collection on Christmas Eve was an outstanding \$1,310 which was split between the Maternal & Child Health Consortium in Kennett Square and the West Chester Food Cupboard.



## OUR MULTICULTURAL FUTURE

Paula Cole Jones, District Director for Racial and Social Justice conducted an assessment and workshop on multiculturalism in our congregation recently. Twenty seven members of the congregation attended. One of the activities we did was to rate our congregation's institutional progress on various issues. We thought about where we stand on Marriage Equality, Multiculturalism and other issues of importance to our denomination. It seemed clear that while many of us individually hold up certain values, we have not fully embraced them as an institution. The evening will serve as a

start to the conversation about who we are, who we want to be, and how we will get there as a congregation.

Mark Steel and Ed Cohle volunteered to help an organization that serves Hispanic families in the Kennett Square area. We heard about the organization from a woman who was invited by Helena Graham to attend the Embracing Diversity Team meeting. They needed someone to help with a family dinner and photo with Santa. Mark brought his professional equipment and Ed printed up the photographs that were then cut and put into frames by two volunteers

and then given to the families before they left. It was very touching when we were told that most of the families could never afford such a picture and that many lived in housing with bare walls (decorations taking a backseat to food, shelter and clothing). The families were excited and appreciative to get these photos. This year has been the beginning of our involvement in the local Hispanic community. This was a direct result of Deborah's ability to get several speakers on immigration issues at our last panel discussion. We are trying to capitalize on one event to lead to the next.

## UUSC QUIZ

The UU Service Committee's "Guest at Your Table" boxes are being collected in the wheelbarrow at the back of the sanctuary. Look for the sign. As of this date we have raised \$1,375 to match the \$3,500 previously given. See if you can determine the country in which each of the following is occurring:

1. Employers steal workers' tips, don't pay overtime, pay less than the minimum wage, or don't pay workers at all.
2. Rape and sexual violence are routinely experienced.
3. Loans have been changed to grants, erasing that country's debt.
4. Workshops have been held on building relationships with the Muslim community.
5. True/False – My contribution of \$100 or more to UUSC will be matched resulting in a doubling?
6. True/False – Any contribution I make to UUSC designated "for Haiti" will be quadrupled?

Answers:

1. United States (Arkansas)
2. Sudan (Darfur)
3. Haiti
4. United States (District of Columbia and California)
5. True!
6. True!

(See the UUSC website, [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org), for details)

For complete information on the above, join UUSC and you will receive *Rights Now*, which has complete articles on each of the above questions. For more information, see Robin Garrett, Linda Sander, or Tom Townsend, email: [uusc](mailto:uusc).

Haiti Volunteer Program: UUSC is developing a medical mission to Haiti and invites interested parties to contact the experiential learning staff which is seeking health-care professionals for medical trips to Haiti.



## GLEANING

It's that time again – time to start planning for warmer weather! Once again, this summer the Yeager's are donating their time, part of their garden, and sweet potato plants. Last summer we planted, weeded, and harvested almost ¾-ton of sweet potatoes for the Chester County Food Bank.

The Food Bank estimates that 1 person in 10 in Chester County goes to bed hungry each night. This is where you come in: people are needed on an irregular basis about half a dozen Saturday mornings in late spring and during the summer to help. No experience or tools needed – just the willingness to help feed the hungry. You can come on a single day or to all of them.

We will email you in advance. Last year when we put out the call, we always had enough people. So if you're interested or have questions, contact Tom Townsend (email: [gleaning](mailto:gleaning)). We'd like very much to add you to the list.

## YOUTH GROUP

In January, we piled in our big white van and drove to the JPD Youth Steering Committee's weekend-long WinterCON in Frederick, Maryland, which focused on social justice. Several of us served in leadership positions, including presenting workshops on social action.

The day after we got back, along with almost 400 others, the UFWC youth group turned a day OFF into a day ON working in the West Chester area Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Youth group teens and adults worked on two projects: painting at the Bridge of Hope in Coatesville and knitting caps for babies at UFWC. Look for photos on the UFWC website.

What's happening this month? On Sunday, February 13, we'll gather at the Mero home to prepare food and serve dinner at Safe Harbor. We'll meet in the late afternoon to share a little pre-Valentine's Day culinary love and expect to finish around 6 p.m. Watch your emails for details. We'll also start to plan our Youth Sunday service (March 27) and prepare our application for the JPD YES award. Let's step up and earn an eighth one!

JOIN US downstairs on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. High school-aged newcomers are always welcome. Questions? Email: youth-group.

## FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Friday, February 18, 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.

## BICARB BISTRO AND POTLUCK

It's time for the Fellowship's Bicarb Bistro. On Saturday, February 26, at 6 p.m., the Fellowship Bicarb Bistro will showcase our members' and friends' culinary skills. Anyone of any age may participate. This year, our three categories are soup, vegetarian soup, and cookies. To honor the seventh UU principle, we encourage you to bring a vegetarian soup, but any variety you want to share is welcome.

The Bicarb Bistro is a fun Fellowship tradition where you can make a dish to be taste-tested by the judges. Voting is anonymous. The dish with the most votes in each category wins a fabulous prize. (Fabulous is a relative term.) We need chefs, judges, and an audience. So as long as you enjoy good food, this is the event for you. While it is a competition, most of all the Bicarb provides us with an excuse to gather to enjoy each others' company and try some tasty new dishes at the same time.



As our congregation has grown, this popular event has had some practical difficulties. This year we are asking everyone to bring food whether or not you are competing. If you want to compete, bring soup or cookies, otherwise it's your choice.

Another change is that only the first 40 people to arrive will taste entries and be judges because there is usually only enough food for 40 people to taste. Of course, everyone gets to partake of the potluck.

Whatever food you bring, please provide a legible list of ingredients so that people with allergies/sensitivities can participate. Especially note if there is any seafood, raw onions, nuts, wheat or wheat products, or foods with gluten (such as wheat, rye, barley, or oats). Wheat products include flour, bread crumbs, bulgur, soy sauce, beer). At the door, we will ask for \$2/person (or \$4/family) to defray the costs of the prizes and expenses including non-alcoholic beverages. Beer and wine will be available for \$1 donation per drink.

Those competing should :

- Arrive at 6 p.m. If you arrive after 6:15 you might not be able to be included in the contest. Bring enough food for 40 people to sample (which is at least 1 gallon of soup or 40+ cookies)
- Bring any condiments that you need for you dish such as grated cheese or croutons.
- Make sure to mention whether or not your soup is vegetarian when you sign in that night.
- Bring a list of ingredients.

Don't let the thought of competition scare you away – this is most of all a fun social event. Bring a friend. This is a great event to introduce someone to the Fellowship. Contact Jen Feld or Mary Yeager at email: fun if you have any questions.

## COFFEE HOUSE

The next coffee house is Saturday, February 12 at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship. The featured act is Jeff Simpson, singer-songwriter. For more information, contact Judy Perri at email: coffeeshouse.

## POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT

Please join us Friday night, February 4, at 6:30 p.m. for a Potluck and Game Night at the Fellowship. This gathering is not just for kids or families; everyone young or old is welcome.

Bring a dish and beverage to share. Paper products will be provided. No need to call ahead – just come. Relax and enjoy the company. If you wish, learn a new game, or play an old favorite. Contact Mary Yeager if you have any questions at email: fun.

## EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP FEBRUARY 13 7-8:30 P.M.

In the opening pages of Jamie Ford's stunning debut novel, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, "Henry Lee comes upon a crowd gathered outside the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle's Japantown. It has been boarded up for decades, but now the new owner has made an incredible discovery: the belongings of Japanese families, left when they were rounded up and sent to internment camps during World War II. As Henry looks on, the owner opens a Japanese parasol," and so our story begins... Pat Shorten will facilitate our discussion. Please contact us with your questions at email: diversity-book-group, or call us – Shelly Case or Ruth MacFadyen.

We will meet in the Fellowship office. All are Welcome.

## KIM AND REGGIE HARRIS CONCERT AT UFWC SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AT 7P.M.



Join us for an unforgettable evening of inspirational music about the Underground Railroad and the modern civil rights movement. Consummate musicians and storytellers, Kim and Reggie Harris combine a strong folk and gospel legacy with a solid background in classical, rock, jazz and pop music. Kim and Reggie will also perform special music for the Sunday, February 20 service.

The concert is sponsored by the Music Committee and the Social Justice Committee. Tickets are \$10 and profits support the Fellowship. Contact Marie Steel at email: music.

## LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group meets Friday, February 11, at 11:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 1103 West Chester Pike, near Shop Rite. Newcomers are welcome. To be added to the e-mail reminder list, contact email: lunch-group. The reminders are an easy way to RSVP, so we can save enough seats. If you don't have e-mail or change your mind at the last minute, come anyway.

## FEAST OF DECADENT CHOCOLATE

On Sunday, February 13, the Fun & Fellowship Committee will sponsor our Annual Feast of Decadent Chocolate, one of our favorite Fellowship feasts. Chocolate lovers will remember this occasion fondly and non-chocolate lovers will remember their amusement at the attraction chocolate holds for some people. For anyone new to the Fellowship, the Feast is actually just a special potluck chocolate social hour after both of the services that Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to bring his/her favorite chocolate treat to share. (A list of ingredients is helpful to anyone with special dietary concerns/preferences.) We encourage you to bring a homemade treat, but it is your choice. We also encourage you to make use of Fair Trade chocolate in your favorite recipes.

Since so many of us love to share our passion and recipes for chocolate, this is a popular social event as well as one of our culinary classics. If you have a friend whom you have been thinking about introducing to the Fellowship, this is the perfect event to attend. We will have invitation cards in the lobby for you to give to a friend (or use as a reminder for yourself).

Remember the success of the Feast relies of you bringing your favorite chocolate treat on February 13. If you aren't ready to indulge your chocolate cravings after the 9 a.m. service, we will have goodie bags so you can take home a sampling. We look forward to seeing you and meeting your friends. Contact Mary Yeager at email: fun if you have any questions.

# FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

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

- Jan 30 Sun New Member Potluck.** 6 p.m.. Sanctuary. See p. 5.
- Feb 2 Wed Religious Education Committee.** 7 p.m. Youth Group Room. Contact Clarke Arnold, email: RE
- Feb 4 Fri Potluck and Game Night.** 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 10.
- Feb 6 Sun First Sunday Food Collection.** Lobby. See p. 7.  
**Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal.** 10:10 a.m. Downstairs. Contact Abby McGillivray, email: intergenerational-choir.
- Feb 7 Mon Embracing Diversity Team.** 7 p.m. Office. Contact Helena Graham, email embracing-diversity.
- Feb 8 Tue Board Meeting.** 7 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Diane Cohle, email: president
- Feb 10 Thu Social Justice Committee.** 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle, email: social-justice.
- Feb 11 Fri Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 10.
- Feb 12 Sat Coffee House.** 7 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
- Feb 13 Sun Bring a Friend Sunday.** See p. 3.  
**Feast of Decadent Chocolate.** After each service. See p. 10.  
**Name Study Committee.** 12:30 p.m. Office.  
**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. 10.
- Feb 16 Wed The Necessity of Virtue.** Adult RE Group begins. 7-9 p.m. See p. 4.
- Feb 18 Fri Folk Singing.** 8 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 9.
- Feb 19 Sat JPD Training.** 9 a.m. Sanctuary. Contact Rob Sartain.  
**Kim and Reggie Harris Concert.** 7 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 10.
- Feb 20 Sun Share the Plate Sunday.** Benefits Domestic Violence Center. See p. 7.  
**Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal.** 10:10 a.m. Downstairs. Contact Abby McGillivray, email: intergenerational-choir.  
**Visiting Stewardship Training.** See p. 5.
- Feb 21 Mon Women's Circle.** 7-9 p.m. Youth Group Room. Contact Debby Kern, email: women's-circle
- Feb 22 Tue Fellowship Council.** 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: program
- Feb 23 Wed The Necessity of Virtue.** Adult RE. 7-9 p.m. See p. 4.  
**Parent Support Group.** 7 p.m. Office. Contact Sharon Meyer-Conroy, email: parent-support
- Feb 24 Thu Religious Services Committee.** 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Gerry Giess, email: Office.
- Feb 26 Sat Bicarb Bistro and Potluck.** 6 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
- Feb 27 Sun Visiting Stewardship Training.** See p. 5.

## 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. 9.