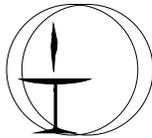


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***Our Mission:*** *As a diverse liberal faith congregation, we make a difference in our lives, our children's lives, and the wider community by creating an environment for spiritual growth and fulfillment, for building meaningful connections, and for actively advancing peace and justice in the world.*

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## SUNDAY SERVICES March 2011

**March 6** **STEP IT UP!** **Rev. Deborah Mero**

Toe in the water? Or jumping in feet first? How do we measure the steps we take to support our community and one another?

**March 13** **IT'S A MYSTERY** **Rev. Deborah Mero**

The topic for this Sunday is a mystery that is sure to be revealed in time.

**March 20** **INSPIRED AND ENERGIZED** **Rev. Deborah Mero**

Each day brings something that makes us take notice, drives us to do something, create something, act. Spring seems to bring this to light more than any other time of year.

**March 27** **R-E-S-P-E-C-T: FIND OUT WHAT IT MEANS TO ME** **Youth Group**

One of our principles as a Unitarian Universalist congregation is to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person. That sounds great on paper, but how do we put it into practice? Come see what the Youth Group thinks in our annual youth-led Sunday service.

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

## THE SONG OF DEBORAH

I am writing these words coming off the high of an amazing couple of weeks. I returned from Monterey and our first UU Minister's Association's Institute for Excellence having spent several days with 375 colleagues immersed in learning, sharing, worshipping, singing and breathing in the Pacific Ocean air. We talked of "big T and small t" transformations. It was a week filled with both for me.

I arrived home to celebrate the life of a local artist, the art-"ish" we all created and chocolate! And to top it all we just had a fabulous weekend of music with Kim and Reggie Harris in our own sanctuary and Sweet Honey in the Rock at First Unitarian Church in Philadelphia. One after another they each sang songs of freedom and liberation, peace and solidarity. Their songs told of chapters in the history of slavery and the civil rights movement. As they sang those words, we are bearing witness to history in the making.

The citizens of Tunisia and Egypt have toppled dictators. The people of Libya, Algeria, and Bahrain are attempting to do the same. The courage of people across the globe has been contagious. Union workers, students, friends, and families in Wisconsin and Ohio are standing up for their jobs and their unions, for their long held rights to bargain collectively. It's as if the words of the character Howard Beale in the movie "Network" have come alive—"I'm

mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it any more." Rather than mad, I find I am more hopeful now than I've been in a while. There is something awesome about people taking an active part in their destiny. And I get to share those stories with you as we watch it all unfold.

*If ever there was a time for us to be a meaningful presence in our community and in one another's lives, this is it.*

People are stepping up to support what matters to them. Many are putting their jobs, if not their lives, on the line. Compared to all of that, our annual budget drive seems almost trivial. But it isn't. Supporting the institutions we care about is fundamental to their survival. We are members of the world community. We are active citizens and residents of the U.S. We are residents of and participants in our local communities in the greater West Chester area. And we are members and friends of the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester.

If ever there was a time for us to be a meaningful presence in our community and in one another's lives, this is it. You will be hearing more from me about this shortly. For now, just know how important you are to me and to the rest of our wider community.

When the letters and brochure from our Stewardship Committee come in your mail, please take the time to read them. A great deal of time, talent and dedication has gone into planning to keep us financially stable—no mean feat these days.

We need each and every one of you to look deeply into your hearts and souls and weigh the importance of the UFWC in your lives. It is your time, your talents and your treasure that makes this community the vibrant one that it is. And it certainly is!

My heart and spirit are full. Thank you for being you and for all that we have done and will do together.

As Kim and Reggie sang in *All My Relations*, "We Are all related." And I'm so grateful.

— Deborah



### TO SEDER OR NOT TO SEDER?

For the past three years we have held a Passover Seder at the Fellowship. Seder means "order", and we read from a Haggadah, which means "story." We tell the story of the Exodus of the Jews from their oppressors, the Egyptians. With all that is going on in the Middle East right now it seems, well, unseemly to tell the same story the way we always have. **IF** there is interest in re-writing the Haggadah to reflect a larger story, we would like to go forward and re-vision our Seder. If not, we will take a pass this year. If you are interested in being part of a team to do the re-write, please contact Rev. Deborah ASAP. If there is no response, we will decline to schedule a Seder this year.

## REMARKS - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

This congregation is amazing. I don't know how long my 10th anniversary recognition on February 13 was in planning, but everyone obviously knew about it but me. Thank you! It was such a wonderful surprise, and I now have new admiration for your ability to keep a secret!

The past ten years – which have gone by remarkably fast – have been wonderfully rich for me, enhanced by opportunities for professional growth, graced by expanded relationships with people within our congregation and in the wider world of Unitarian Universalism, and charmed by our children, whose spiritual growth is my sacred responsibility.

I feel particularly blessed by those who have worked on the RE Committee. Together, we can point to many accomplishments: creating RE Vision and Mission Statements; developing a policy for children with special needs; and creating a curriculum rotation plan. We're currently working on developing a Safe Congregation Policy, which you'll be hearing more about as we progress. As part of the on-going process of curriculum evaluation, this year we've created our own program for our 6th/7th grade class.

Over the years we've worked to improve the RE space, adding child-sized furniture and a classroom sink area, brightening up the rooms, and transforming the nursery into a safe, inviting space. We added area rugs to help to warm the space visually and improve the acoustics. The Building Committee helped by repainting the entire basement floor and building a supply closet.

We developed an RE Manual, which includes job descriptions for RE committee members, teachers, floating volunteers, and our

Nursery care providers. We regularly host Family Fun activities and Enhanced Coffee Hours, and work to create community.

I am also grateful to the creative, energetic and generous members of our congregation who have volunteered as teachers. I get so much energy and inspiration from you all, and you help the children by modeling our principles in action. There are many others who contribute their time as Floating Volunteers.

I am grateful to all of you who support the RE Program through contributions to our annual Stew-

ardship Campaign. I hope you all take pride in knowing that you are helping to grow future Unitarian Universalists.

I am so grateful to Rev. Deborah for her support of me and the continuing development of the RE program.

And finally, I am grateful for the amazing, bright stars that are our children. It is truly my great honor and delight to be

able to be part of their spiritual development, and to participate in their growth as Unitarian Universalists.

– Pam Baxter  
Director of Religious Education

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## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: THE NECESSITY OF VIRTUE

Our series about how to live a virtuous, Unitarian Universalist life – one that brings fulfillment and (dare we say it) happiness – continues on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. through April 6 in the sanctuary. All are welcome. Come to one or all of the sessions.



### MISSING ITEMS

The small chalice banner that goes on the front of our pulpit is missing. If anyone knows its whereabouts, and/or if you are willing to help create a new one, should it not appear, please contact Rev. Deborah.

Also, our Standing on the Side of Love banner that was displayed on the front of the building is gone. We found some cut pieces of rope under the windows that suggest it might have been stolen. If anyone has any information about the whereabouts of the banner, please contact our administrator, Barbara.

## MEET OUR CANDIDATES FOR TRUSTEE ON THE UUA BOARD

Candidates for the trustee who will represent our Joseph Priestley District (JPD) on the Board of the Unitarian Universalist Association will discuss the issues facing our denomination at a forum from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, at the Unitarian Society of Germantown.

Natalia Averett from the UU Church of Arlington, Virginia; Elyse Reznick from the First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, Delaware, and Ken Shilling From Goodloe Memorial UU Congregation in Bowie, Maryland are running for the post. The election will take place on April 9 during the district's annual business meeting in Harrisburg. The meeting is part of the district's Annual Assembly, which will also feature workshops on numerous topics and the opportunity to socialize with UUs from the 67 congregations in the JPD.

The Fellowship is entitled to four voting delegates at the business meeting, but an unlimited number of members may attend the assembly and the meeting. All persons planning to attend are encouraged to meet the candidates at the March 26 forum. We will hold an informational meeting between worship services on April 3, at which time those who were present at the Forum will discuss and hear feedback from the congregation on the candidates.

Please let me know (email: denominational-affairs) if you are interested in the March 26 forum. Further information on the candidates and on the district's Annual Assembly is available on the district's website, [jpduua.org](http://jpduua.org).

– Flo Miller  
Denominational Affairs Chair

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

During the last few weeks the Stewardship Committee has asked several people to give testimonials. Each personal story answers three questions: How I came to be part of this religious community? What being part of it means to me? Why I take supporting it seriously? I think that it is important for me to answer those questions also.

First what brought me to the UFWC? Ed and I were married at the Unitarian church in Media, a neutral place his conservative Jewish mother and my Polish Catholic mother would attend. So when it was time for us to provide religious experiences for our children we looked to the Unitarian congregation in West Chester near our home. One thing that we both agreed upon was that our family would need to worship as one. I remember attending our first service in the L-shaped room on Marshall Street. It was very different from my Catholic background, but I enjoyed the service and found the people welcoming. That was in the mid-eighties, and we have been here ever since.

A book that the board has read and discussed, *Governance and Ministry* by Dan Hotchkiss, talks about the growth of a shopping attitude. Visitors look for the best buy and always prepare to change brands, even when the vendor is a congregation. This is not my belief. The concept of loyalty is important to me. Even when bumps in the road occur, I believe you remain and work things out. I have been committed to this congregation for the past 25 years.

Being part of this congregation has allowed me to belong to a diverse liberal faith community and has provided an environment for the spiritual growth and fulfillment of my children and me. I can't think of any other religion that honors key concepts from many different spiritual paths. I have found that when I am an active member of the congregation, I receive the greatest satisfaction. So through the years, I have volunteered in a variety of ways – as RE chair, as a board member, as a RE teacher, as a member of the stewardship committee, and now as president of the board. My support in volunteer hours is important, but so is my financial support. In fact, I view my financial support as a responsibility as a Unitarian Universalist. My contribution is needed so that I can not only have my spiritual needs met but also support our needed presence in this community and the spiritual needs of others.

I encourage you to reflect on your personal story and answer the three questions. Both your volunteer support and your financial commitment are needed so that we can continue to exist and grow.

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

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## FINANCIALLY YOURS

We just completed our first training session for Visiting Stewards in preparation for the annual budget drive. The meeting was lively and full of energy. The new Stewards are enthusiastic and ready to set forth. They perform a very necessary and vital service for our community, and we owe each of them our thanks.

We also owe each of them our help and understanding. While we've tried to limit the number of contacts for each Visiting Steward to four, and we've tried to equip them with good information to perform their job, their job remains difficult when they do not receive cooperation from all members and friends.

Please, please pick up the phone when they call, or if they leave you a message, call them back. It is terribly frustrating to continue to go into voice mail and not get a call back. When you do talk to them, please agree to a meeting at a mutually convenient time and place. At your home is the best, but a local coffee shop, restaurant or even at the Fellowship will serve nicely as well. Be creative. The meeting doesn't have to be long, but the Visiting Stewards will be interested in talking to you about your feeling for the Fellowship as well as discussing the finer points of our finances.

The Visiting Stewards are a hardworking bunch. Most have full time jobs and families to care for. We owe them our help and full attention.

In case you missed it, this year's theme for our annual budget drive is "Our Next Step". It derives from a comment that we need to step up our commitment

## NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS

The Neighborhood Gatherings have begun. The first two groups met in early February. Eleven people attended one of the potlucks and thirteen attended the other. The consensus was that the dinners were a success. Some people made new friends, while others enjoyed the company of established friends.

The Fun and Fellowship Committee is organizing these social gatherings so that you can meet people from the Fellowship who live in your area. An important purpose of the Fellowship is to make new connections – 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 such an opportunity.

This is not an effort to make more work or start a new "project" – it is to strengthen personal connections and foster enhanced relationships within the Neighborhood Group. Benefits include carpooling, help in emergencies, phone trees, discovering common interests and activities, and most of all, friendships.

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 contacted by email or telephone – in this way you will find out which group you are in. Because there are over 10 groups, it may be several months before your group is contacted. Every group will have its own unique meeting time and place. These are purely voluntary gatherings.

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



to our programs and finances. If you attended last month's Stewardship workshop, you saw the levels of pledging to the Fellowship represented as a bar graph that looked like a set of steps. Each step to the right on the graph represented an increase in the level of giving of \$25 per month. You will see this graph again. If everyone would take just one step to the right

from their current pledge level, we would go a long way toward our goal of funding 90% of our budget from pledges. Individual financial circumstances vary, but if everyone makes his/her best effort to take that one step to the right, we'll all take a step forward together into the future.

– For the Stewardship Committee  
Mike Miller

## YOUTH GROUP

Your Youth Group had an amazing February. We enjoyed the Feast of the Decadent Chocolate; we gathered at the Mero home to cook chili and fixin's for 30 people at the Safe Harbor shelter, and we sent a small group to serve dinner at the shelter. We also started planning for the highlight of this month: our Youth Sunday service.

Our big event in March will be our Youth Sunday Service on March 27. We'll host the two Sunday services at UFWC that day. Come – laugh, sing, and listen as our amazing youth group considers R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Find out what it means to us.

Coming up in April is the JPD SpringCON, April 8-10. Watch your email for details.

Join us downstairs in the Youth Room at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Questions? Want to get on our email list? Please email: youth-group.



## MAKING SUUSI MORE AFFORDABLE

The Southeast UU Summer Institute (SUUSI) is the largest gathering of UUs outside of General Assembly. Last year 26 people from the UFWC attended SUUSI on the campus of Radford University in Radford, Virginia. Because SUUSI is organized, managed, and staffed by volunteers, there are many ways that you can become involved.

Even if you are not able to pay all of your own expenses, there are ways to “earn” part of your week at SUUSI. There are three paths to get help with paying for SUUSI:

Create and Lead a Workshop: Workshop applications (contact: workshops@suusi.org) are normally due by mid-November, but those that are submitted later but before June 1st MAY be approved. Speak to Bob Radcliffe or Ellen Schipul about creating a workshop.

Apply to Be on Staff: At the website click on “Be on Staff” to access the application. Work up to 40 hours to offset all of basic costs (non-air conditioned room and meals – about \$400 to \$450 toward total cost of SUUSI).

Apply for a “SUUSISHIP”: SuusiShips (SUUSI Scholarships) are available to help people who may not be able to afford the full cost of a week at SUUSI. With the application (suusi.org/suusiships), you will be asked to work, if you are able, in a part time staff role.

For those applications which call for a reference, ask any of the SUUSI veterans who are workshop leaders or who have been on the SUUSI staff including Ellen Schipul, Elisa Cawley, Mark and Marie Steel, Erin and Taylor Steel, Helen Meacham, or Bob Radcliffe.

Join us for a SUUSI Sampler between services on March 20 to see and hear more about the Southeast UU Summer Institute. All SUUSI veterans are invited to attend the SUUSI Sampler and to wear your SUUSI T-shirts and hats to the services.

## LISTLESS IN WINTER?

In the February *Fellowtarian*, we described the things-to-do-list, an email discussion list devoted to suggesting activities or events that might be of interest to fellow members and friends. Previously, you had to request to be a subscriber. That list now has an open subscription policy. To subscribe, send a message from your preferred email account to:

**majordomo@ufwc.org**

Leave the subject field blank. In the body of the message type:

**subscribe things-to-do-list**

That's all there is to it. You will receive an automated confirmation message. See p. 5 of the February *Fellowtarian* for information on how to participate. Note: to unsubscribe, the procedure is similar – just type:

**unsubscribe things-to-do-list**

There are two other open-subscription discussion lists, but they have not been very active lately. If enough people subscribe and start posting, they can also become a lively part of the UFWC community. They are:

**sustainable-living-list**

**social-justice-list**

Subscribing and unsubscribing procedures for these are the same.



## STONES IN THE SAME WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

When Pam Baxter originally suggested that all of the projects we do in social justice are like “stones in the same wall”, it brought an image to my mind that really captured the spirit of our committee. It’s not that one stone is more important than the other or that a big stone is better than a small stone. All are needed to build the wall that represents a just, compassionate and loving world. Building the wall takes time, a long time, maybe a lifetime. We continue to receive great information about many worthy efforts in the community that our members and friends want us to get involved in. Unfortunately, other stones in the wall are currently garnering our time and money. This is the reality we all have to deal with and live by. As one stone is firmly set in the wall, others will be needed. We are trying to take the long term view of our efforts. Currently, there is a Animal Ministry group forming (see article in this issue). If you’ve never been part of one of our social justice groups, this is a wonderful opportunity to “get in on the bottom floor”.

– Ed Cohle, Social Justice Chair

### UFWC MEMBER WINS AWARD

Please join us in congratulating and recognizing the work **Dianne Herrin** has done in our community. Diane has devoted her energy to the issues of climate change and creating a sustainable and healthy community. She created and successfully laid the foundation for many local organizations that focus on climate change solutions. Dianne has been selected as the 2011 “Gene Wilson Award” by the Chester County Citizens for Climate Protection. Thank you, Dianne, for your time and effort to change Chester County.

### SHARE-THE-PLATE GENEROSITY

The share-the-plate contribution for January was \$315 given to Safe Harbor. Much thanks to all who have contributed and continue to contribute so generously. We are pleased to announce the share-the-plate recipient of our March 20 (third Sunday of the month) collection, the Friends Association. The Friends Association is dedicated to the care and protection of children. The organization provides short-term housing for mothers and their children who would otherwise be homeless.

### OUR FAIR TRADE MARKETPLACE

Those of you who patronize our Equal Exchange kiosk may have noticed that the prices are a little different this year. In October our purveyor, Equal Exchange, raised their prices on chocolate and coffee.

Since we only charge 25-60 cents more than Equal Exchange, we need to increase our fee when they do. For most of our products, we only raised our prices by 25 cents. The good news is tea prices have dropped, so we were able to lower those prices.

Equal Exchange sells a wide variety of teas, coffees, and chocolates, as well as some nuts, dried fruits, and t-shirts. The selection that we sell is limited by the volume that we sell and the space we can devote to this project.

Check out their website ([www.equalexchange.coop](http://www.equalexchange.coop)), if you want more information or are interested in purchasing more products from them. If you have any questions about our program, feel free to contact Mary Yeager email: [equal-exchange-coffee](mailto:equal-exchange-coffee).



#### **Sustainable Living Subcommittee Tip of the**

**Month:** Earth Hour 2011 will take place on Saturday, March 26, at 8.30 p.m. local time. This Earth Hour we want you to go beyond the hour, so after the lights go back on think about what else you can do to make a difference. Earth Hour started in 2007 in Sydney, Australia when 2.2 million individuals and more than 2,000 businesses turned their lights off for one hour to take a stand against climate change.

For more information go to [www.earthhour.org/Homepage.aspx?intro=no](http://www.earthhour.org/Homepage.aspx?intro=no)

## 10 REASONS TO JOIN THE ANIMAL MINISTRY

If you're looking for a group dedicated to fulfilling UU's Seventh Principle of respecting the "interdependent web of existence", mark your calendars for Thursday, March 3. That's when the newly-formed Animal Ministry chapter will kick off its first meeting at 7 p.m. downstairs in the Fellowship's fireplace room. For more information, contact John Gribbin at email: animal-ministry.

Here are ten reasons for helping this group achieve its goals:

- 1) **Help Sustain the Planet.** It takes 16 pounds of grain to make one pound of beef. Learn how to eliminate (or reduce) meat from your diet and you will conserve the planet's natural resources.
- 2) **Increase Awareness of Animal Abuse.** Work with others in spreading the word that animal abuse is morally unacceptable.
- 3) **Live More in Harmony.** Developing a harmonious approach to non-humans deepens our relationships with our own species.
- 4) **Spread the Word.** Incorporate humane education materials and attitudes into our religious programs at all age levels.
- 5) **Change the Laws.** If the anti-cruelty laws that protect our pets were applied to farmed animals, most farming practices would be illegal.
- 6) **Build a Healthier Nation.** Kicking the meat habit can reduce the chronic diseases that cripple and kill ten million Americans annually.
- 7) **Preserve the Environment.** Cattle ranching pollutes our grasslands and water.
- 8) **Decrease Infectious Diseases.** Meat-related pathogens, such as *Salmonella* and *E. coli*, kill and sicken thousands of Americans annually.
- 9) **Save Money.** It's a fact: eating less meat reduces the cost of your weekly food budget.
- 10) **Reduce Climate Change.** The U.N. estimates that livestock contribute to about 18 percent of the greenhouse gases that cause climate change.

## UPLIFTING CONCERT ATTRACTS BIG AUDIENCE

Once again, our congregation has sponsored a very successful musical event that drew 70 people from our congregation and the community in general. It's always great to see new faces and to hear about how they heard about us. Answers to that ranged anywhere from the Sierra Club to someone they know who goes here told them about the concert.

Reggie and Kim Harris, along with a local bass player, presented songs, stories and more at their concert about the Underground Railroad and the modern civil rights movement. Thought provoking, inspiring, and jubilant were but several words used by those in attendance to describe the event. Those who missed the event got a taste of Reggie and Kim's musical talents when they performed several songs at the Sunday service the next morning.

## FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

**This month's Suggested Items:** Peanut butter, jelly, honey, syrup

Our monthly food collection is on Sunday, March 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.



## EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP

MARCH 13 7:00-8:30 P.M.

*Cry the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton is the classic story of Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo's search for his delinquent son, Absalom, in 1940s Johannesburg, South Africa. Kumalo's experiences are set against a background of a land and people struggling not only with overwhelming racial injustice but also with disintegration of tribal culture and traditional family bonds.

Fred Frayer and Sandy Schaal will co-facilitate. Please contact us with your questions at email: diversity-book-group, or call us – Shelly Case or Ruth MacFadyen.

All are Welcome.

## TRASH TO TREASURES: SPRING FLEA MARKET

Our annual flea market is scheduled for Saturday, April 23. Though it requires a lot of work from a lot of volunteers, it serves many of our congregation's goals. It attracts many shoppers from the West Chester community, offers a wide array of useful items at low, low prices, and promotes the earth-friendly reduce, re-use, re-cycle principle.

It's also a great opportunity for all of us to clear out the excess "stuff" that just seems to accumulate. The volunteers who receive, sort, price and sell the huge volume of your donations have a lot of fun working together. And the proceeds support our operating budget.

Start checking all those nooks and crannies where "stuff" seems gather and multiply. Don't forget to include your bookshelves, cupboards, closets, attics, basements, garages, sheds, and under the beds. Set aside a cardboard carton or two and a corner of your closet now, and start gathering items to donate.

## CHANT-IN THE SPRING

### KIRTAN WITH STEVEN GROFF AND SARAH HALLEY

Coming up Saturday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m., Steven Groff and Sarah Halley and friends will bring us the blissful experience of kirtan chanting. Everyone will be singing along with these energetic and eclectic musicians, who will share call-and-response Sanskrit mantras along with beautiful music. Absolutely no experience necessary! Some of the chants are meditative, some get you dancing (if you want to), and they all bring a warm glow to your heart. Bring your friends or bring your family for a fun night of joyful fellowship.

The concert is sponsored by the Music Committee. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$20 per family, and profits support the Fellowship. If you have questions, contact Debby Kern.

## FLEA MARKET BAKE SALE

There will again be a bake sale at the flea market. This year its proceeds will be donated to the West Chester Food Cupboard. So bake, bring your goodies to the bake sale Saturday morning, and then stay and check out the interesting "Unitarian Stuff" at the flea market.

And bring a friend!

## COFFEE HOUSE

The next coffee house is Saturday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship. The featured performer is Craig Talbot. Other performers should come early to sign up for a time slot. Contact Judy Perri at email: coffeehouse.

## FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Saturday, March 26, 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 REMINDER

Our annual Bicarb Bistro is Saturday, February 26, at 6 p.m. Details are in the February *Fellowtarian*. For more information contact Jen Feld or Mary Yeager at email: bicarb-bistro.

Join Us For

### ***A Night Of Classical Music***

**Saturday Evening, March 19, at 7:30 PM**

The Music Committee presents

### **A Music Benefit Concert to support UFWC**

Featuring the Music of  
**Beethoven & Barber**

performed by

***Donald Bristol, piano***

***Dana Weiderhold, violin***

Tickets: Adults \$12    Students and Seniors \$6



## MEDITATION GROUP BEGINNING

Plans are in progress for starting a monthly meditation circle at UFWC. It will start at the Fellowship in April. Meditators, partial meditators, and those just thinking about it are all welcome. Details to follow in the April *Fellowtarian*. To get involved contact email: meditation.

## PIZZA AND A MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for something new on Friday, March 25. Let's celebrate the end of the school and work week together by sharing pizza and a fun movie. Bring the family to watch the premier of *Second Hand Lions* in our sanctuary. *Second Hand Lions* stars Michael Caine, Robert Duvall, and Haley Joel Osment. It is a fun PG movie about a boy



left on his eccentric uncles' farm. Rumors are that the uncles were bank-robbers or even worse in their youth. Little by little he comes to love his uncles and believe the unbelievable stories of their lives.

Arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m., so we can get the pizza sorted out; then we will start the movie at 7. We will be done by 9. There is no fee for the movie, and you can pay for the pizza by the slice. If you can, please let us know you are coming so we can estimate how much pizza (and what kind) to order. If you are wondering if this movie is appropriate for your children or family, contact Mary Yeager at email: fun. Of course there will be popcorn!

## GAME NIGHT

Friday, March 4, is our next night for food, fun, and games. Everyone is welcome. Bring a dish and a beverage to share as well as any games you would like to play. This is an informal event – there is no need to call ahead or be there on time – just come. Contact Mary Yeager at email: game-night.

## LUNCH GROUP

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

## UFWC ART AFTERNOON

Did you ever wish an art museum could come to you? Did you ever wonder who made art called, "a ribbon around a bomb?" What artist received messages from outer space through his mustache? What is a moai? Did Jackson Pollock even go to art school?



For the answers to these questions and many more, please join us on Saturday, April 2, 2:30-4:00 p.m., at the Troltenier home, 49 Lochwood Lane, East Goshen Township. We'll delve into a collection of sixteen reproductions of artworks ranging from 1000 to 1984 AD and spanning the globe led by a real live trained docent. This is not a lecture. It's an interactive "tour" and is free of charge.

RSVP by March 27 to Jaan Troltenier. Space is limited to fifteen participants – adults or teens only, please. Refreshments will be served.

Art is good to think.

## FUN AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The Fun and Fellowship Committee plans social events to help us meet and get to know each other. We will meet Sunday, March 13, at 10:15 a.m. between services to follow up on plans for the rest of our Fellowship year. Anyone interested in helping plan Movie night (March), the April work party, the May picnic, or a summer gathering is invited to attend. Maybe you have an idea for enriching our community. Come and share your ideas. Contact Mary Yeager at email: fun.

# FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

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

- Mar 1 Tue Special Board Meeting.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Diane Cohle, email: president
- Mar 2 Wed Religious Education Committee.** 7 p.m. Youth Group Room. Contact Clarke Arnold, email: RE
- Mar 3 Thu Animal Ministry.** 7 p.m. Fireplace Room. See p. 8.
- Mar 4 Fri Potluck and Game Night.** 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 10.
- Mar 6 Sun First Sunday Food Collection.** Lobby. See p. 8.
- Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal.** 10:10 a.m. Downstairs. Contact Abby McGillivary, email: intergenerational-choir.
- Stewardship Canvass Kick-Off.** See p. 5.
- Mar 7 Mon Embracing Diversity Team.** 7 p.m. Office. Contact Helena Graham, email embracing-diversity.
- Mar 8 Tue Board Meeting.** 7 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Diane Cohle, email: president
- Mar 10 Thu Social Justice Committee.** 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle, email: social-justice.
- Mar 11 Fri Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 10.
- Mar 12 Sat Coffee House.** 7 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
- Mar 13 Sun Fun and Fellowship Committee.** 10:15-11:15 a.m. Office. See p. 10.
- Name Study Committee.** 12:30 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: name
- 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. 8.
- Mar 19 Sat A Night of Classical Music** 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
- Mar 20 Sun Share the Plate Sunday.** Benefits Friends Association. See p. 7.
- Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal.** 10:10 a.m. Downstairs. Contact Abby McGillivary, email: intergenerational-choir.
- SUSSI Sampler.** Between services. See p. 6.
- Mar 21 Mon Women's Circle.** 7-9 p.m. Youth Group Room. Contact Debby Kern, email: women's-circle
- Mar 22 Tue Fellowship Council.** 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: program
- Mar 23 Wed Parent Support Group.** 7 p.m. Office. Contact Sharon Meyer-Conroy, email: parent-support
- Mar 24 Thu Religious Services Committee.** 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Gerry Giess or Diane Minka, email: Office.
- Mar 25 Fri Pizza and Movie Night.** Arrive between 6:30 and 7 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 10.
- Mar 26 Sat Name Study Committee Presentation.** 9-11 a.m. Sanctuary. Contact Mark Steel, email: name
- UUA Board Candidate Forum.** Unitarian Society of Germantown. 2-4 p.m. See p. 4.
- Chant-In the Spring.** 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
- Folk Singing.** 8 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 9.

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

- Adult RE** *The Necessity of Virtue.* Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. through April 6. Sanctuary. See p. 3.
- 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. 6.