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Newsletter of the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester

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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.*

SUNDAY SERVICES September 2011

**September 4
10 a.m.**

GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

Tom Buglio

Since JFK's assassination, gun violence has become an integral part of the American fabric. From political assassinations to inner city drug violence to school and church shootings, Americans have lived in a society that is the most violent developed country in the world. We will explore the causes, the current Second Amendment debate, and the shattering effects gun violence has among individuals, neighborhoods and society, and we will explore what can be done.

**September 11
9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

**WHAT MAKES A SPACE SACRED?
AN INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE**

**Rev. Deborah Mero and
Pam Baxter, DRE**

As we return to begin a new season at UFWC we will take some time to think and talk about sacred space and sacred time. Is our meeting house any more or less sacred than any other house of worship? Take some time to think about spaces and places you consider to be sacred, and why. **DOUBLE SERVICES RESUME.**

**September 18
9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

WHERE ARE WE COMING FROM...OR GOING TO?

Rev. Deborah Mero

We often talk or think as if we are one congregation, united in all we do. In reality, we are individuals who come together for reasons bigger than we are. This Sunday will give us an opportunity to look around at ourselves and one another in a wider context, see what we share and how we are different. **Religious Education Pre-K through 6th Grades (9 a.m.) and Youth Group (10:45 a.m.) Begin.**

**September 25
9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

A MATTER OF DEATH AND LIFE

Rev. Deborah Mero

Few of us think to plan ahead for a time when we might not be able to make decisions – medical or otherwise – for ourselves. Facing our own mortality is not something we generally think about unless someone close to us is doing just that. This Sunday will provide an introduction to a five week course we will be starting October 5 that will focus on end of life issues. It is a matter of life and death – and how we will face it and plan for it. **Religious Education for 7th through 10th Grades Begin (9 a.m.).**

Services/Babysitting at 9 AM and 11 AM beginning September 11.

THE SONG OF DEBORAH

It seems like I was just writing a column not to long ago wishing you a happy and refreshing summer. Now the days are getting shorter and we are about to embark on our fifth year together. Time flies! We have an exciting year in store and some new programs that are going to give us ample opportunities for connection – spiritual, social, and with the wider community. Our key words will include “hospitality” and “identity” and we will be looking deeply into issues of life and death.

We will be taking some time to look at ourselves and one another during some of our Sunday services this fall.

This past week I have spent time in two retreats with members of the fellowship. At the first, the Pastoral Care Team and I worked our way through a course that one of my colleagues offered to her congregants about end of life decisions. The course will be described a bit in another article. We found the material to be excellent, and with some of our own additions and adaptations we will be offering it here for you.

Those of you who have had to deal with a loved one who has died without sharing their wishes with you realize the challenges of dealing with difficult details without direction. We hope that

this course will help us all leave a legacy of information for those who love us. Yes, it deals with a subject we don’t talk about very much. All the more reason for us to come together in a community of faith to explore our mortal journey with one another.

The second retreat was with the “leadership” of the congregation— members of the Board, the Exececutive Team and chairs and representatives of most of our various committees. What a wonderful and talented group of people we have. I feel blessed.

We hosted guests from the UU congregation in State College who shared with us a wonderful hospitality program that has transformed the culture of their congregation over the past six years. Their excitement was contagious, and we have begun our own conversations of how we might adapt it to work for us. You will be hearing more about this as well.

In addition to the session we had with our guests, we spent time talking about identity, our name, and about stewardship. When last we were all together at our annual meeting in June,

we voted to move to the next step in looking at a possible name change. We now have an idea of what our next steps in the process will look like. But it is not just about our name. The late Conrad Wright, UU professor of church history taught us that every time a new member joins a congregation, it changes to accommodate additional perspectives and needs. We need to be continually renewing our covenant with one another and reevaluating who we are as a congregation, what is our identity.

We will be taking some time to look at ourselves and one another during some of our Sunday services this fall. We will have the opportunity to see where we come together and where we differ and how that all adds to the rich and complex nature of our community. Huge Thanks to all who took the time to come to both retreats.

To top it all, we will also be welcoming our new choir director, Miriam Davidson. I hope you will show her a warm welcome.

I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for us in so many ways. I hope you will join your energy with ours to make this the best year yet! We need each and every one of you to join in the spirit and the vitality of this wonderful group of people.

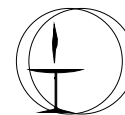
In faith and with anticipation of great things to come,

– Deborah

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REmarks RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

At an RE Family Fun event in August, two children, independent of each other, ran up and asked me, "When do we start having classes again?" When I told them that RE begins on September 18, each of them looked disappointed.

I wasn't sure what to make of that, so I asked, "Is that a good thing or a bad thing? Does it seem too soon or too far away?"

"Too far away!" they complained.

While it is apparently not soon enough for some, September 18 is the date when RE classes will resume for children Pre-K through 6th grade. Classes for children in 7th/8th and 9th/10th grades will begin on September 25.

The main focus this year will be on the exploration of other faith traditions. While learning about other religions might seem to be a paradox (isn't this supposed to be UU religious education?), it is exactly because we are Unitarian Universalist that we look to the truths of other faiths to inform our own.

This practice of searching other religions for elements of truth and inspiration comes directly from the six "Sources" that underlie our seven Principles. These Sources include "Wisdom from the world's religions, which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life."

Here are the programs we'll be using to help us in that exploration:

- Pre-K-1st – Treasure Hunting*
- 2nd/3rd – Picture Book World Religions and Moral Tales
- 4th/5th/6th – Bibleodeon
- 7th/8th – Neighboring Faiths
- 9th/10th – Coming of Age

*Note that for our youngest children, we focus on self-exploration and basic ways of being in community.

You can go to the Religious Education portion of our Fellowship website – www.ufwc.org – to read more complete descriptions of each of the classes. (Click on the RE Brochure).

Also, throughout the year we will plan opportunities for the children to take part in community service projects. We'll also continue to collect and raise money for projects farther from home, such as UNICEF's commitment to bring fresh water to areas challenged by drought or other natural disaster, and the Heifer Project, which provides livestock to lift families out of poverty. We will also find ways to learn more about being good stewards of the earth and living our seventh principle.

September 18, which begins RE, is also the date of Parent Orientation. Get your coffee or tea upstairs and come downstairs to the "Fireplace Room" between services for a brief but important introduction to the year. (10:15 - 10:45 a.m.). We'll be serving ice cream to parents and children as a special welcome.

A reminder to please register your children for the RE program. This is important for both new and returning students.

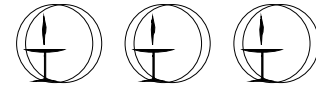
Welcome back!

– Pam Baxter
Director of Religious Ed.

THE LEGACY WE LEAVE

The minister and members of the Pastoral Care Team will offer a five-week course about end of life issues. The class will encompass the medical and legal issues around death and dying as well as advance directives and ethical wills. We will talk and think about our experiences and thoughts and fears of death. There will be one session with a physician (we hope) and one with an attorney. All are welcome.

The course begins October 5, and runs for five weeks through November 2 in two identical daytime and evening sessions, one from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the other from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.



SPECIAL INTERFAITH SERVICE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11,
AT 7 P.M. AT KESHER
ISRAEL**

There will be a special service commemorating the 10th anniversary of 9/11 honoring those who were lost, those who came to help, and those who still feel the effects of that day. Deborah will be taking part in the service which is open to anyone in the greater West Chester area. Keshet Israel is at 1000 Pottstown Pike, in West Chester. All are welcome.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am writing to you fresh from our Leadership Retreat in Reading where many Fellowship friends gathered to discuss what we achieved over the past year and to make plans for the coming year. We began plans for the process by which we will choose our Fellowship's appellation. We agreed that the first stage must begin with identifying who we are as a congregation – what makes us different from other denominations and congregations. Look for more information from our Name Exploration Committee and plan to attend some of the discussion opportunities.

Also at our retreat, three members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Center County shared their success with Hospitality Teams in their congregation. Their willingness to travel 4-plus hours here and back indicates their enthusiasm for this program. Look for more information this fall, as we tailor the concept to our congregation's needs.

Lastly, we talked about Stewardship – probably not your favorite topic. But I ask you to think about why it is an unpopular topic. Stewardship is the responsible management of the Fellowship that has been entrusted to our care by those who established the Fellowship and all those who have worked to make it a welcoming community. We should all be eager to see the Fellowship thrive and grow during our time as stewards. This cannot happen without a conscious effort on your part, so we are revisiting the way we do stewardship – how we raise funds and how we take responsibility for the work of the Fellowship.

We hope to soon have gatherings to hear from you how you think we (1) should be Fellowship stewards, (2) fund our Fellowship, and (3) should ask for your pledge of financial support. No one seems to like to talk about money, but it needs to be done. Let us resolve to do some self-examination of how we fund the Fellowship's budget and to speak honestly about it at our gatherings this fall. If you don't support the Fellowship, who will? It is our turn to step up and say, I will do it. Please set aside some time to think about what the Fellowship means to you and what your life would be like without the Fellowship.

– Mary Yeager

SUMMER SERVICES

Thank you to all who made our Summer Season of Sunday Services possible. Special thanks to:

Michael Werner and Helen Meacham
The UFWC Folk Singing Group
Ralph Mero, Bruce Neff and Alan Pittinger
Karen Wertz
Robin Garrett
Rob Sartain
Janet Peck
Bob Radcliff and the SUUSI gang

...and the members of the Religious Services Committee that put the series together and made it happen.

YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group, **START YOUR ENGINES!** Calling all high school-aged teens! Looking for a place other than Facebook to really be you? A place where you can ask tough questions, have engaging conversations, raise money for charity, do something worthwhile in the community, and laugh a lot with people who accept you for who you are? Face-to-face, without even having to type or tweet anything?

Give your texting thumb a rest, and come to Youth Group. Don't worry if you've never attended before – the door is always open. On Sunday, September 18, we'll have our first Youth Group meeting at 10:45 a.m. downstairs in the James Reeb Room. Bring your questions, energy, and ideas.

Coming attractions in October: our annual trek to raise money and awareness at the Philly AIDS Walk (Sunday, October 16) and sending a contingent of teens and advisors to the JPD Youth Steering Committee's Fall CON (October 21-23). Please remember that we like to see active participation in UFWC youth group meetings and activities in advance of attending a district CON.

Join us downstairs in the James Reeb Room at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, starting September 18. Questions? Contact Dan Meyer at email: youth-group.

THE MAGIC OF ONE VOICE

I used to live on a farm in Kentucky. One day I decided to get chickens, 25 mail order female chicks, all the same color, chirping and frenetic energy. All was going well until one morning I heard a strained, struggling, yearning, yet unmistakable...crow.

I learned how to live with 'the girls,' and as it turned out, seven roosters. I read everything. I learned hens don't need roosters to lay eggs, that they do indeed get 'broody', and while each rooster has his own distinct voice, he learns how to crow by imitating the other roosters around him. That first small cry from Tex grew into a bold and beautiful sound, full of pride, no nonsense and a bit of humor.

I have the pleasure of serving this congregation as your new Choir Director. I will listen to, learn from, and guide a mighty troop of dedicated folks who love to sing and make music. My desire and challenge is to grow that voice and the energy that moves it forward. While it was the voice of one rooster who brought a smile to my face that morning, it was always the sound of the hens and all their fellas bustling with the business of living that buoyed me through the day.

I understand that this is a congregation that loves to sing. I am looking for those who would like to add your voices, instrumental talents and desire to our brood. Bring smiles to the faces of our fellow congregants as the sounds of our lives and living intermingle and swell as one voice.

If you like to sing, come practice with us Thursday evenings at 7:30. For you instrumentalists of all kinds, older and younger, please let me know if you would be interested

in adding your talents to our service. Amateur, professional or hobbyist, there is a place for all of you here. Please contact me directly at email: choir.

If you believe that music can help heal the heart and bind the soul of a community – please come. Tex's solitary crow was sweet, but it sure was nice when

all the guys were letting it rip all at once.

September rehearsal schedule: September 1, 8, and 15 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. The remaining fall schedule will appear in the October *Fellowtarian*.

– Miriam Davidson
Choir Director

COMPUTERS FOR JOB SEEKERS

As one of our efforts to assist members in the job search process, members have donated two computers that can be used at home for internet research, preparing correspondence, resumes, etc. One is a laptop, one a desktop. While not the newest and fastest of PCs, these will be available for 90-day loan and may be an improvement over a machine on the fritz.

Un/underemployment is a serious issue for more of our members than you would likely suspect. What we're reading in the newspapers about high unemployment rates isn't a distant problem; it's right here at home.

Contact Ralph Mero with a request to use one of the computers or with any suggestions for more we can do to help people in this situation.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Throughout the summer the office is updating the 2011-12 directory and the "Whom Do You Contact?" list to be published and distributed in the fall.

If you have changes to your personal information in the directory or if you will be the chair for any committee, please contact us (email: office) with your changes.

COMMUNICATION

The Fellowship has many ways to communicate with its members, friends, and community. *Connections* is our weekly e-mail update, which is sent each Thursday. Our Order of Service bulletin is another way the Fellowship gets the word out about activities, meetings, and changes to the monthly schedule. Also, all events that are open to the public are sent to local newspapers and websites.

If a committee needs an announcement (approved by your chairperson) sent by *Connections* or printed in the Order of Service, the weekly due date is Tuesday. If your events need to be sent to the local newspapers and local web sites, they need to be received by the office a minimum of two weeks ahead of the event date. Send all announcements to email: office. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Robinson, our office administrator, at email: office or call her during office hours (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.) at 610-692-5966.



FINANCIALLY YOURS

Welcome back to a new year full of promise and anticipation. Have you been away from the Fellowship for a few months? Hopefully you've been refreshing your thoughts and recharging your batteries. You should know, however, that your Finance Committee has been on the job crunching the numbers and paying the bills that continue even while you have been away.

One particular number crunching job was the closure of our books for the 2010-2011 year. As you will recall, during our Congregational Meeting in June we passed a deficit budget for 2011-2012 that anticipated almost \$16,000 less income than planned expenses. Once again, part of the income that we will use to fund our new budget will be savings from our previous budget, and after closing our books for the previous year we found greater savings. Therefore, our budget gap is actually half what we expected.

Part of the reason for this good result was the response from members and friends to our appeal to pay pledges completely before the end of the year. Thank you very much for that effort. But don't hold back. There are still some of you who have balances on last years' pledges, and it would be a tremendous help to the Fellowship if you would complete them promptly. Also it's a good time to catch up on pledges for this year, if you haven't been doing so throughout the summer. During the Congregational Meeting we agreed to hold an update on the budget shortly after the start of the new year. You will hear more of this shortly, but let's work hard now to close the gap before the meeting.

Another year also brings thoughts of another budget cycle. This is a year round process, and we are always seeking input to the process. Tell us how you feel about our fund raising activities and budget allocations. In the new year, we hope to provide more ways to get you thinking and participating in the financial life of our Fellowship. More on this shortly.

– For the Finance Committee
Mike Miller

THE NAME EXPLORATION COMMITTEE

Last spring, the congregation voted to explore the possibility of a name change for our congregation. However, before reaching a consensus about what we call ourselves we must gain a better understanding of who we are, what we believe, and what we want others to know about us. In other words, what is our identity? Is our congregational name in alignment with our identity?

During the next several months, we will be exploring our congregational identity in a variety of ways. Look for sermons in September and October which will invite us to think about what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist and what it means to be part of our particular UU congregation. Facilitated small gatherings will also be offered where we will discuss these issues in a more informal setting. We hope to see you at one or all of these events. As always, greater participation generates more meaningful dialogue.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact us at email: name.

GET READY FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT 2012

Women's Retreat 103 (for women who have not yet attended the first retreat) will be January 13-15.

Women's Retreat 202 (for those who have attended the first retreat) will be May 18-20.



2011-2012 CALENDAR EVENTS



To all Committee Chairs: The office (Barbara Robinson) is continuing to reserve rooms for meetings and events on the upcoming Extended and Building Use Calendar for the 2011-12 Fellowship year. When you know what date or day of the month you would like your meetings or events to be held, please let Barbara know at email: office. This is a first come, first reserve system.

STONES IN THE SAME WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

WEST CHESTER FOOD CUPBOARD

Many thanks to all who have donated and continue to donate food to help support the West Chester Food Cupboard. We keep several white baskets in the lobby and collect food on the first Sunday of each month. If you forget that day, don't worry – bring it any time. Foods of all kinds are welcome. You may also put a check in the collection plate payable to "UFWC" with "West Chester Food Cupboard" in the memo line. Financial contributions are appreciated because the Food Cupboard can use them for whatever is needed most.

It is hard to believe that there is food insecurity and hunger in our wealthy Chester County, but with the challenges in our economy there are increasing numbers of families that are in need of food support. The number of households served by the Food Cupboard has risen from 311 in July 2009 to 394 in July 2010 and to 460 in July 2011. This represents nearly a 50% increase in a two-year period. Our continued support is vital.

Connections and *The Fellowtarian* will offer suggested food donations, but don't feel that other foods won't be welcome. There is an extra call for pasta and rice this month and believe it or not, the Food Cupboard has trouble keeping sardines on the shelves. Sardines are low on the food chain and high in protein, so they are always a good item to donate. We do need to watch expiration dates, since foods that have expired cannot be distributed. (Sorry to those of you who are Schwan's shoppers!)

If you have any questions, contact Shelly Case at email: food-cupboard or check out their website westchesterfoodcupboard.blogspot.com/. And thanks again for assisting with our ongoing support for the West Chester Food Cupboard.

– Shelly Case, email: food-cupboard

EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP

SEPTEMBER 11 7-8:30 PM

Our first book for our new year will be *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* written by Helen Simonson. The Major leads a quiet life valuing the proper things that Englishmen have lived by for generations: honor, duty, decorum, and a properly brewed cup of tea. But then his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. Drawn together by their shared love of literature and the loss of their respective spouses, the Major and Mrs. Ali soon find their friendship blossoming into something more, but village society insists on embracing him as the quintessential local and her as the permanent foreigner. Pat Shorten will lead our discussion. Please feel free to contact us at email: diversity-book-group, or call us: Ruth MacFadyen or Shelly Case.

All are Welcome.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

**THIS MONTH'S SUGGESTED
ITEMS:
OIL, SUGAR, CAKE AND
COOKIE MIXES**

Our monthly food collection is on Sunday, September 4. 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. See the food cupboard article on this page for other suggestions this month.



SHARE-THE-PLATE GENEROSITY

We are pleased to announce the share-the-plate recipient on September 18 (third Sunday of the month) is once again Mommy's Light.

Mommy's Light brings joy and comfort to children and teens by helping them keep alive traditions and simple pleasures they shared with their deceased mothers. Mommy's Light's provides free direct services to children and teens whose mothers are terminally ill or deceased, and disseminates education materials targeting grieving children and the adults who live or come into contact with them. As always thanks so much for your generosity.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

UU Ministry for Earth, All Souls Unitarian in Washington, DC and other UU groups are joining with interfaith leaders from Jewish, Catholic, Christian, and Buddhist communities to protest the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline.

The Keystone XL Pipeline would be built from the Tar Sands in Canada, across the US, down to Texas refineries. It would pump over one million barrels of "tar sands" oil from Canada to the USA every day. The oil in the Keystone pipeline could poison drinking water, threaten the communities it runs through, and accelerate climate change due to the release of global warming gases if burned.

The Obama Administration has the sole authority in deciding whether or not the pipeline will be built. If you would like to sign an online petition to President Obama, visit <http://act.350.org/sign/tar-sands>. For more information on UUMFE, visit <http://uuministryforearth.org>.

– Diane Maguire, chair
Sustainable Living Group
email: sustainable-living

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

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

FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Saturday, September 24, 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.

UFWC ANNUAL SERVICE AUCTION HELP NEEDED

Our annual auction will be held Saturday, November 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Fellowship. This is our most important fundraiser of the year, and this year it is especially important to make it a big success. The under-staffed auction team is working hard to make this event happen, but we could sure use your help. Please consider joining the team. We need:

- A raffle coordinator and a raffle helper
- Someone to order and pick up the food
- Someone to arrange activities for kids and arrange a babysitter
- Several people to help make phone calls to members and friends asking for donations
- Several people to take letters to local businesses
- People to help with set-up and clean up
- People to serve as "runners" during the live auction
- General help with planning

If you can help in any of these ways, please contact Nancy Artus at email: auction.

DOUBLE SERVICES RESUME

Reminder: Double services (9 a.m. and 11 a.m.) resume with the September 11 in-gathering service.

ANNUAL PICNIC

We hope you will join us for our Annual Picnic on Sunday afternoon, September 18. This picnic is our traditional gathering together after our summer's excursions. The picnic will be at Hoopes Park on the northwest side of the West Chester borough.

We will feast on burgers, hot dogs, chicken, and vegetarian fare. Buns, condiments, drinks, and paper products will be provided. Bring a salad or dessert to share. We encourage you to bring and/or try some new vegetarian cuisine in support of our Animal Ministry Group and our environment.



We ask for a donation of \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, to cover the cost of the food and the park rental. Lawn chairs and/or blankets are a good idea but not necessary. In case of bad weather we will picnic in the sanctuary.

Everyone is welcome. There is plenty of space and playground equipment, but parking is limited near the park, so we encourage you to carpool. Bring any game or sport you would like to play. We usually have a pick-up softball game going as well as Frisbee, bocce, and basketball. We will start at noon and finish up around 3:30 p.m.

This is a great chance to catch up with old and new friends. Don't miss it. Please respond to the RSVP you will see in *Connections* in September, so that we can be prepared. Contact Mary Yeager if you have any questions or if you would like to help at email: picnic.

GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

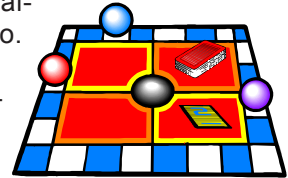
On the first Friday of most months the Fun and Fellowship Committee hosts a Game Night at the Fellowship. Don't think this is just for kids; everyone is welcome at Game Night. Come by yourself, bring a friend, or bring your whole family

It starts with a potluck dinner; then we break into various-sized groups to play whatever games we have brought. Recently-played games include Clue, Take the Hat, Bananagrams and Scrabble. As you can see, there was a quite a variety. We can't tell you what we will be playing this time, because it is up to those who come. Sometimes we try something new, but there are always people wanting to play old favorites too. Bring what you like to play.

Bring a dish and a beverage (for example, a 2-liter bottle of soda or a half gallon of milk) to share as well as any game you would like to play. If you don't have time to cook, pick up a pizza or cookies on the way – everybody loves pizza and chocolate chip cookies.

Come and join the fun. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and games start a little after 7:00. If you are late, you can join an ongoing game or start a new one. We are usually done between 8:30 and 8:45, but you can leave whenever you are ready.

It's a great way to end the work week and start the weekend. Just come. There is no need to call ahead, but if you have any questions, contact Mary Yeager at email: fun.



LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet Friday, September 9, 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 those who arrive first can save enough seats for everyone. Everyone is welcome.

COFFEE HOUSE



Next coffee house is Saturday, September 10 at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship. The featured act will be Emmitt Robinson, a singer/songwriter who is well-known in West Chester.

Other performers should arrive early to sign up for a spot on the bill.

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

All email addresses @ufwc.org unless otherwise noted.

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| Sep 1 | Thu | Choir Practices Begin. 7:30 pm. Sanctuary. Contact Miriam Davidson, Choir Director, email: choir. See p. 5. |
| Sep 2 | Fri | Potluck and Game Night. 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9. |
| Sep 4 | Sun | First Sunday Food Collection. Lobby. See p. 7. |
| Sep 5 | Mon | Labor Day. Office closed. |
| Sep 7 | Wed | Religious Education Committee. 7 p.m. Fireplace Rm. Contact Heidi Frayer, email: RE |
| Sep 8 | Thu | Social Justice Committee. 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle, email: social-justice |
| Sep 9 | Fri | Lunch Group. 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 9. |
| Sep 10 | Sat | Coffee House. 7 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9. |
| Sep 11 | Sun | Double Services Resume. (9 a.m. and 11 a.m.). See p. 1.
Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal. 10:10 a.m. Downstairs. Contact Abby McGillivray, email: intergenerational-choir.
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. 7.
Interfaith Service Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. 7 p.m. at Kesher Israel. See p. 3. |
| Sep 13 | Tue | Board Meeting. 7 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Mary Yeager, email: president |
| Sep 18 | Sun | Share the Plate Sunday. Benefits Mommy's Light. See p. 7.
RE Classes Pre-K to 6th Grade Resume. See p. 3.
RE Parent Orientation. 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Downstairs. See p. 3.
Youth Group Begins. 10:45 am. James Reeb Rm. Contact Dan Meyer, email: youth-group. See p. 4.
Annual Picnic. Noon-3:30 p.m. at Hoopes Park. See p. 9.
Meditation Group. 5 p.m., Sanctuary. Contact Harriet Singer or Deanna Gabe, email: meditation. |
| Sep 19 | Mon | Men's Discussion Group. 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ralph Mero, email: mens-group
Women's Circle. 7-9 p.m. Youth Group Room. Contact Debby Kern, email: womens-circle |
| Sep 24 | Sat | Folk Singing. 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. See p. 8. |
| Sep 25 | Sun | RE Classes for 7th/8th and 9th/10th Resume. See p. 3. |
| Sep 27 | Tue | Fellowship Council. 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: program |
| Sep 28 | Wed | Parent Support Group. 7 p.m. Office. Contact Sharon Meyer-Conroy, email: parent-support. See p. 8. |

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

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| Adult RE | <i>The Necessity of Virtue.</i> Wednesdays., 7:30-9 p.m. Youth Group Rm. Last class of series is September 28. Contact Gerry Geiss, email: adult-re |
| Gleaning | Saturdays 8:30-11 a.m. At the Yeager's farm. Contact Tom Townsend, email:gleaning |
| Spirit Singers | Practices 7:30-9 p.m. September 1, 8, and 15. Contact Miriam Davidson, email: choir. See p. 5. |
| Youth Group | Begins Sunday, September 18. Meets most Sundays, 10:45-noon. Youth Group Room. Email: youth-group. See p. 4. |