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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 November 2011

**TIME CHANGE SATURDAY NIGHT NOVEMBER 5. REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR.
Yeah! An extra hour of sleep!**

November 6

DOUBT AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Rev. Deborah Mero

We Unitarian Universalists tend to be a well-educated, highly opinionated group of people. Yet when it comes to spiritual things, faith, belief, answers to the big questions of meaning, we do have our doubts. Can we use those doubts to lead us into an intentional practice?

November 13

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Rev. Deborah Mero

It is the time of year when the harvest is in and we give thanks for what we have. The Psalms of ancient times found many ways to express gratitude even when there was anger or disappointment with God. What can we learn from the ancient poets?

November 20

THANKSGIVING BREAD COMMUNION

Intergenerational Service

Back by popular demand is the celebration of our heritage where we break bread together on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Everyone is invited to bring some kind of bread representing either your immigrant roots or in some way telling your story. We will have separate accommodations for the gluten-free among us. This is a multi-generational service with both the Spirit Singers and the Intergenerational Choir. A Soup and Stew pot-luck lunch will follow the service.

November 27

A MORNING OF POETRY

Dianne Herrin

Details TBA.

THE SONG OF DEBORAH

As many of you know I pay a lot of attention to the news. I try to follow the important stories to know what is going in the world around us. The globe that sits on the front of the pulpit every Sunday is there to remind me – and us – not to preach, not to congregate with our backs to the world. I do my best to learn about the important issues of the day, because many of them have an effect on our daily lives or have an impact on the world our children will inherit from us. The environment, the economy, women's rights, GLBT rights, issues of war and peace, immigration – all of these and more are important to our present and our future. All of these issues and more have been the focus of resolutions and actions by the combined efforts of Unitarian Universalist congregations and members over the decades.

It is sad for me to admit that reading the news has been a very depressing thing for me for longer than I care to admit. And then Occupy Wall Street appeared. It boggles my mind that in the past month a group of what has been described as "bongo playing hippies" who had erected tents in a park in New York City have stimulated a movement that has taken off all over the world. It has captured the imagination of people everywhere who have been hurting, who have been ignored, and who have been disenfranchised from the political process. From day

one, September 17, I began to take notice as the online activist community put a spotlight on this new phenomenon. Mostly young, articulate people camped out in New York, made signs, had conversations, started teaching one another, and gathered to not only talk about, but try to model the kind of community they want to see our society become.

No one noticed until pepper spray, mass arrests, and police brutality brought the story into the network and print news. Once that happened everyone started to notice and

the movement grew like a virus. The Occupy activists hit a chord when they came together to stand up for economic justice. Many of them are out of college with nothing but huge debts to show for it. Jobs are hard to find, especially for that generation. A lot of them had reached a point of desperation which brought them to the streets. Young adults are leading the charge and people of all ages are responding. Most of us feel or are living the existential angst that they are expressing.

These young people, this movement, is unlike anything I have either witnessed or experienced. There is something important happening here, something extremely hopeful growing from despair. It feels revolutionary. And it is grounded in peaceful resistance, the principles taught by Gandhi and King. It is spiritual,

it is religious, and it has the potential to force change in our society and in business as usual. It is totally grounded in and demonstrating our UU principles, though the occupiers most likely don't know it. This generation learned a lot from my generation, and now they are teaching us. I am in awe. They are speaking truth to power and forcing power to listen. They have "hewn out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope" as Rev. Dr. King quoted from scripture. The world is watching and getting involved as am I in my own way (still trying to figure out what that is.) I hope you will also find time to at least watch what's going on, if not get involved yourself. It fills my spirit with hope. May we all find the source of hope we long for in this challenging world.

– With faith and hope,
Deborah

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NEWCOMERS AND NOT SO NEWCOMERS?

Want to learn more? Ready to commit? We have started a new format of our newcomer orientation which is drawing a good number of the people who have recently started coming to the UFWC. Are you new and want to learn more about us? Have you been coming for a while and are starting to feel like you want to make a commitment to become a member of the congregation? Have you come to realize how important the congregation is to your life and to the community?

We would love to talk with you more about that. There are two more sessions of our orientation – November 6 and 13 – and you are welcome to join in. Please contact Deborah or the Membership Committee (email: membership). Whether or not you can come to the sessions, we'd love to talk with you about joining with us for your own growth and for ours.

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REMARKS – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE *IN THE BEGINNING, THERE WAS LOVE*

Lately, things have been pointing in the direction of love. Several days ago I received a mailing from the Friends of the UUA. In large letters on the envelope it proclaimed, "Fear is powerful...but Love is even more so!" Inside, the letter offered an antidote to the fear-mongering going on in our country right now. It called for us to be "tireless practitioners of hope, knowledge, and love."

A few days later, in her October 9 sermon, Deborah spoke of the oppressive immigration policies enacted a year and a half ago in Arizona and currently being adopted elsewhere. She spoke of next year's "Justice GA" in Phoenix, and urged us to "stand on the side of love" by attending General Assembly and lending our presence to the cause of fairness and justice.

The following week, love emerged again, but in a more unusual place. It literally hatched out of the Greek creation myth I had picked to share with the children during worship that morning. Like many other creation myths, the Greek story begins with darkness and chaos. But then, inexplicably, an egg forms. And what hatches from the egg – before anything else is created, even water, land or sky – is Eros: Love. The Greeks envisioned love as the energy that makes everything else happen.

At the other end of the Greek creation process is the story of Pandora's box. Having received this mysterious gift from Zeus with a warning to never open it, Pandora is unable to contain her curiosity. She lifts the lid for just a quick peek and unwittingly unleashes every imaginable evil upon the earth: Greed, Pain, Jealousy, Disease, Hate, Bitterness, Cruelty and Spite. Sometimes forgotten in the telling of the tale is that down at the very bottom of the box was Hope; hope to constantly remind humankind that all is never lost.

Against the ongoing backdrop of fear-mongering in our society and the sad results – passing of oppressive laws, threats to religious and personal freedom, neglect of our most vulnerable people – it was somehow reassuring to revisit this story of love and hope; to remember that while the challenges we face today are great and serious, there is so much we can do when we bring love and hope together. It also made it easy to weave our first and second

UU principles into a conversation with the children about this particular creation myth.

And I wonder: if you were taken back in time to when there was only darkness and chaos, and you had the power, what would you create first? It's a question I'll be asking the children. I'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas also. Please contact me at email: DRE.

– Pam Baxter

Director of Religious Education

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

Since our first meeting on September 18, each of the last four weeks has seen attendance grow. It is quite a diverse group; the 13 registered youth are from three different countries and attend nine different high schools.

Several youth and adult advisors participated in the 12K Philly AIDS Walk on October 16. The UFWC contingent raised over \$1,000 toward AIDS/HIV education and services for AIDS patients.

We've put plans in place to host a "costume bowling" cluster event at the Frazer Bowling Alley on November 19 for the other youth groups in our JPD cluster. If you ask why one would want to wear a costume to go bowling, well, why not? After all, it's only a few weeks after Halloween.

Everyone is looking forward to an all-night movie night at the Fellowship on December 9. While that's still a ways off, one can't help but brainstorm a LONG list of movies to watch. The tough part is actually narrowing that list down to a select few.

While our door is not always ajar (yes, sometimes it's actually a door) new members are ALWAYS welcome. Please join us downstairs in the James Reeb Room at 10:45 on Sunday mornings. Questions? Contact Dan Meyer or Marie Steel at email: youth-group.



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The UFWC Young Adult group has kicked off to a great start. If you are between college age and mid-30s, this group is perfect for you. We meet bi-weekly in the fireplace room downstairs at 12:30 p.m. shortly after the second service. Our next meeting is November 13.

Examples of some of the topics we plan to tackle are: gender roles, anger with how the traditional church brought us up, carrying the seven UU principles, partnerships and relationships, intellect and the church, economics and how it affects us and/or our spirituality, and coexisting with those who won't.

We are also planning a party, and bonfire, weather permitting at Az's house in West Brandywine township on November 19. For more information or to share your ideas talk to "Az" Azarak or contact us at email: young-adults.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have noticed quite a few new faces exploring the Fellowship in the last few months. It is up to us to keep them coming. I ask you to make an effort to greet visitors and make them feel welcome. I encourage you to introduce yourself to someone you don't know every Sunday, whether they are new or not. It is the personal warmth of the Fellowship which makes this community so special to many of us. Our new Newcomer Orientation, which Reverend Mero is hosting this month, is another step in our growth initiative.

Another crucial step in our growth process is deciding our congregation's name. The services and discussion groups which the Name Exploration Committee has held (and will continue to hold) prepare us to make a statement to the community at large about who we are and who we want to be. Your idea for a new Fellowship name may be the one that says it all and identifies this as our spiritual home. Please participate in these discussions now so that you can vote with confidence at our congregational meeting in late winter.

The Hospitality Team concept is another part our effort to grow. It is a proven way to shorten the path visitors take to becoming members. We will have potlucks at the Fellowship in November to fully explain the concept and for all to meet their "teammates". Please make an effort

to attend your team's gathering. This is about building new connections and participating, so that you can get the most out of the Fellowship community.

Although we have just had our October update on this year's budget, it is time to be thinking of next year's budget. This requires us to have our Stewardship committee up and running. We realized last year that having our Executive Treasurer also run our Stewardship Campaign is not a good idea, since the crunch times for the committees coincide. Therefore, we are looking for some new faces to plan and carry out our Stewardship program.

Consider ministering to the Fellowship Community as a member of the Stewardship Committee. Few of us are comfortable talking about money or asking others to contribute, but if no one does, then we won't have the Fellowship. Many

people before us have been in the same position of not wanting to be the one, but since 1954, people like you have stepped forward to help our congregation reach its goals, and we have done it successfully – year after year. Perhaps it is your turn this year to take on this role.

If you are asked to serve on Stewardship this year, please consider saying yes. It might be out of your comfort zone, but experience tells us that is when we grow the most. We aren't asking you to do the impossible; we just need your ideas and enthusiasm. Together we do great things! If you would like to volunteer for the Stewardship Campaign, send a message to email: stewardship.

I look forward to seeing my old friends and making new ones at our various gatherings this fall for Hospitality Teams, Name Exploration, Stewardship, and holiday parties.



ONLINE FLEA MARKET

The UFWC online flea market is ongoing. We have earned over \$1,000 as of this writing, and we plan on running the online flea market through the end of December. If you wish to contribute an item that is in good condition, and you think worth at least \$10, please contact Tom Buglio by email: online-flea-market. If Tom agrees to sell your item, it will be your responsibility to get it to Tom or the Fellowship. Once the item is sold, you will receive a donation form from UFWC for the amount the item sold. Thanks to all who have contributed.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

JANUARY 13-15

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

For the past two years we have had an amazing time as 19 of us (each year) went off for a weekend retreat all the way to Reading. We laughed, we cried, we laughed until we cried. We had a chance to tell our stories and listen to one another talk about many things. We worshipped, we watched a movie, we ate treats that we brought. All that and more. If you are interested in finding out more about the retreat or signing up, the information and downloadable registration form can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/3dbl4a>

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

IDENTITY/NAME EXPLORATION GATHERINGS

The Identity/Name Exploration team will host gatherings at several homes as well as at the Fellowship in October and November. Your participation is vital to this process. See the following list of locations, dates, and times.

Please RSVP to email:name. Seats are limited at home locations, and we need a critical mass to do it at the Fellowship. Please email now to reserve your best time.

Saturday, October 22..... 3 to 5 p.m.
Home of Jaan and Dirk Troltenier 49 Lockwood Ln, West Chester

Monday, October 24..... 7 to 9 p.m.
Home of Rose and Michael Werner..... 509 Susan Drive, West Chester

Sunday, November 6 Sun 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Home of Joanna and Bill Iliff..... 12 Newhall Rd., Unionville

Saturday, November 12..... 10 to noon or 3 to 5 p.m.
At the Fellowship

Monday, November 14..... 7 to 9 p.m.
Home of Barbara and Keith Dallara..... 115 Windy Hill Rd., Downingtown

Wednesday, November 16 7 to 9 p.m.
At the Fellowship

NETWORKING FOR JOBS SEMINAR

Are you unemployed, underemployed, not happily employed, or worried about keeping your job during these difficult economic times? If networking feels like a chore or an added item on your to-do list, experience the freedom and joy that can be yours when you learn time-tested intentional networking tools. You'll connect to people everywhere you are, create deeper relationships, enjoy your interactions, and get more business.

This event is not only for people that are un-/underemployed. Do you often wish there were something you could do to help others find employment? There is. Whatever your employment status, come and contribute to this event. Please join us:

What: Learn Effective Networking Skills
When: Friday, November 18, 7-9 p.m.
Where: UFWC

Whether you are naturally social or afraid to start a conversation, this talk on intentional networking will help you in your job search or help you excel at the job you have.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STEWARDSHIP, MINISTRY AND LOOKING FORWARD

The Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, October 11, 2011. The Board discussed the Committee on Ministry and the Stewardship Committee, both of which are in need of new members. Looking forward, ideas for implementing portions of the Long Range Plan concerning the building were discussed, along with the possibility of pursuing participation in the UUA's Threshold Congregation program.

The Board encourages UFWC members and friends to share comments and concerns with Board members, as well as to attend Board meetings if interested. The Board meets in the office at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. In November, the board will hear from representatives to the UUA General Assembly last June, and will continue planning for the implementation of the Long Range Plan.

Meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary after being approved by the Board.

Members of the Board include Mary Yeager, president; Fred Frayer; Curt Hoganson; Dirk Troltenier; Helena Graham; Rick Marts, vice president; and Sandra Schaal, secretary.



AFTER SERVICE POTLUCK NOVEMBER 20



A big thanks to everyone who joined us for our first After Service Potluck in October. We had a fantastic turnout and look forward to seeing more people at our next one Sunday, November 20. This also happens to be the same day as Deborah's Bread Communion, so feel free to bring some chili or soup to enjoy with the bread.

ANNUAL AUCTION AND PRE-AUCTION DINNER AND SHOW SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Our auction this year will be fabulous and it is so much more than an auction. Activities will start earlier than in the past because this year we are having dinner and **a show** before the auction. Dinner will feature a **Mexican buffet** from La Tolteca as well as **beer, wine**, and various non-alcoholic beverages. While you eat, you will be entertained by a number of our own talented people, including Abby McGillivray, *Harmonium* (Craig Talbot and Judy Perri), tap dancers Rhonda Price and Mira Tyron, *Who Needs Nigel?*, and Jake Michael – we may even see a trailer for a new **comedic movie by Ed Cohe**.

The show starts at 5 p.m., so if you can arrive a little earlier, you will be able to get your food and sit down without missing a thing. Please RSVP for the dinner, so we can order the right amount of food. (See separate blurb on this page.)

If you are not attending the pre-auction dinner, plan to arrive at 6. Everyone who checks out a paddle will be entered into a drawing for one of multiple **door prizes**. There is no paddle fee. Everyone who is new to the fellowship and participates in the auction will be entered to win a free seat at Reverend Deborah's summer BBQ.

The silent auction, featuring over 60 items, will be followed by the live auction. Our auctioneer is Joseph F. Felice, a licensed auctioneer in Pennsylvania for 26 years. Review your auction book, which will be distributed by email, ahead of time, and it bring it with you. There will be **raffle** tickets on sale throughout most the evening for a variety baskets, gift certificates and a 50-50.

If you like decorating, please join Ellen at the Fellowship at noon on Saturday to decorate tables. If you like to bake, please bring a dessert the night of the auction. And of course we always appreciate the people who stay to help clean up at the end. If you need a ride to the auction, contact Nancy Artus (email: auction).

NOT FREE NOVEMBER 5?

You can still participate in the auction. Review the auction book (which you will receive by email) and decide what you want to bid on and how much you are willing to bid. Ask somebody to proxy bid for you, or contact Nancy (email: auction) to arrange a proxy bidder. You can also do some initial bidding on silent items and buy raffle tickets during coffee hour on October 30.



AUCTION RSVP

**MORE GUACAMOLE! MORE CHICKEN AND BEEF TACOS! LESS
SOUR CREAM!
WE LEARNED FROM LAST YEAR**

RSVP by following the auction dinner link on UFWC home page or email:
auction-dinner as soon as possible.

\$10 Adults \$5 Kids 4-19

FINANCIALLY YOURS

Our budget gap continues to close. After re-examining our accounts following the close of the 2010-2011 fiscal year, we picked up a little more than \$900. Also diligent members have been working hard to raise additional funds. Many thanks to Tom Buglio for his management of the on-line flea market through E-bay and to all people who provided him with items to sell. Your efforts have raised over \$1,000. Also thanks to Marie Steele for her "Dining for Dollars" efforts with a local restaurant. We encourage you to support these activities as well as our grocery coupon sales (thank you, Rob Sartain). There will be more imaginative ways to raise funds, and we hope that you will participate in them and think of others. And don't forget the Service Auction on Saturday, November 5. It will be more fun than ever.

Your Finance Committee was holding its breath watching pledges and contributions trickle in over the summer. With less on hand cash available than in previous years we are living with less coverage of our expenses which continue even during the summer to the tune of some \$22,255 per month to be exact. But recently you woke up and started to catch up on pledges and gifts. Thank you, and please keep it up. ("Up" is such a useful word.) Also it seems that some people are making an effort to complete unfulfilled pledges from last year. If you forgot about last year's pledge, or if you are better able to pay some or all of it now, please do so.

Around the time you read this we will be holding or about to hold an information session on the status of the budget. This will be at the Fellowship on Sunday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. Please come. Ask questions. Offer ideas for how we can improve our finances and how we should solicit pledges. We need your input to make our financial "house-keeping" better.

– For the Finance Committee
Mike Miller

STONES IN THE SAME WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

There are a number of congregation members who have taken leadership roles over the years. Albert Schweitzer said, "Example is leadership." This is exactly what many of our social justice leaders do. They lead by example. They are involved with all aspects of an event, project, or effort.

Rob Sartain is one of those leaders who has been involved in many social justice projects, especially with the Youth Group. For as long as I can remember, he has helped organize and been present at the annual AIDS Walk in Philadelphia. This will be his last year coordinating that effort. That does not mean he is disappearing from social justice or other events. He is simply moving on to other efforts (variety is the spice of life). Perhaps you would like to step up and be the organizer next year? Let us know if you would. Meanwhile, if you see Rob sitting back at the Grocery Card table after Sunday services, buy some grocery cards and give him a tremendous thanks for all he does for our congregation and for our youth.

While you're at it, do the same for Tom Townsend. You may know him as the "Gleaning Guy" for his fine leadership with food projects for the Food Bank. Tom has been on the Social Justice Committee for many years. He was on the committee before I joined. Tom will be taking a break from our committee but not a break from all the social justice projects that he coordinates and participates in. I appreciate all the fine work he has done and continues to do.

Two leaders who lead by example.

– Ed Cohle
Social Justice Chair

SUPPORTING HUMAN RIGHTS

A *spiritually-moving* letter by Rev. Rosemary McNatt regarding the Occupy Movement and the economic injustice that exists in this country is available on the UUSC website for you to sign. Please do – it takes just a few seconds. Go to www.uusc.org/occupyletter.

We will be selling Holiday Greeting Cards from UUSC again this year. There are four beautiful, new designs that will put you back in the card-sending mode. Plus, we will be displaying UUSC merchandise, which make great stocking-stuffers.

So look for the sign and table at the back of the sanctuary in November and December. Remember, there is only one human rights organization that begins with the letters "UU", and it's **ours**. It's the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC).



WE'RE GROWING

Throughout the summer, UFWC members and friends picked corn, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, etc., as part of a gleaning effort in Chester County. Farmers and gardeners put aside and planted fields or areas for the purpose of giving the produce to the Food Bank for distribution to those in need. Our very own Yeager family planted sweet potatoes once again this year.

Growing and harvesting those potatoes took 114 people hours. The result was the harvesting of almost 900 pounds of potatoes to help feed hungry people in our area. Our hats are off to the Yeagers, who provided the plants, the soil, and the bulk of the sweat required. Next year they'll do it again or sponsor a different crop. Thanks to all who helped.

SHARE-THE-PLATE GENEROSITY

We are pleased to announce the share-the-plate recipient on **November 20 (third Sunday of the month) is Maternal and Child Health Consortium** in Kennett Square. The Maternal and Child Health Consortium provides bilingual, bicultural family health advocates in Chester County who provide prenatal and postpartum home visiting, health insurance enrollment, health education, medical interpretation services, transportation assistance, and connections to community resources to increase self-sufficiency.

We raised \$210 for Mommie's Light in September.

FAIR TRADE ITEMS

Don't forget that we have Fair Trade coffee (and tea and chocolate) for sale. It's a self-help display on the landing of the steps going upstairs to the office. So help yourself – and please don't forget to pay in the envelope on the display.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

THIS MONTH'S SUGGESTED ITEMS: BEANS AND LEGUMES (DRIED AND CANNED)

Our monthly food collection is on Sunday, November 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.

Please make sure that the date on the food item has not expired. As always, thanks for participating in this project.



BUILDING A BETTER WORLD

Our next UFWC volunteer day at the Habitat for Humanity construction site in Coatesville is next Saturday, November 5, from 8:30 to 3:30. Please join us if you can, and invite others (over 16 year old) interested in helping make a difference in the community and in the lives of deserving individuals in need.

Volunteering with HFH is fun, educational, and rewarding...and much appreciated.

Contact Mike Stevens at email: habitat for location information, carpooling, etc.



Sustainable Living Tip of the Month: The Environmental Working Group, a non-profit organization which disseminates information related to protecting public health and the environment, has published a *Meat Eater's Guide to Climate Change and Health*.

Go to <http://www.ewg.org/meateatersguide>. Scroll down to view a useful chart which indicates that raising turkeys produces about 30 times the greenhouse gases that raising lentils produces. Why not serve lentil loaf on Thanksgiving instead of turkey this year? If turkey sales go down this year, fewer turkeys will be raised for next year.

UPCOMING CONCERT AT UFWC

DETAILS IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF *THE FELLOWTARIAN*

Sunday, December 4 at 7 p.m. – Chamber Orchestra with our own Pam Baxter

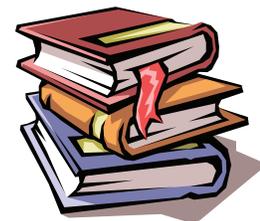
EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP

NOVEMBER 13 7-8:30 P.M.

Olive Kitteridge, the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Elizabeth Strout, consists of thirteen stories set in a small community on the Maine coast that are linked together by the presence of Olive Kitteridge, retired teacher, and pharmacist's wife. As the townspeople grapple with their problems, mild and dire, Olive is brought to a deeper understanding of herself and her life. Fred Frayer will lead our discussion.

For more information please contact us at email: diversity-book-group or call Ruth MacFadyen or Shelly Case.

All are Welcome.



HOLIDAY HOME TOUR FEATURES HOUSE PREVIOUSLY OWNED BY UFWC

On December 10, the West Chester Public Library will host a walking tour of eleven homes as a fundraiser. Among the homes to be featured, one is the house in the borough that once served as the facility for our Fellowship, now restored as an elegant private residence.

This can be your opportunity to see where our congregation previously met on Sundays, along with other homes decorated for the holidays. Tickets are \$25 for the tour, and can be obtained from Ralph Mero of the UFWC Library Advocates Group (email: library-advocates) and Friends of the Library.

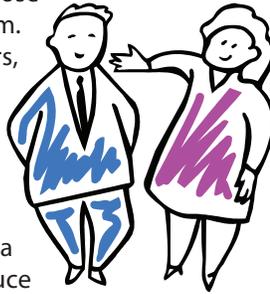
HOSPITALITY TEAMS COMING...STAY TUNED

UFWC offers "Greater Connectedness in 2012." We will be kicking off a new concept in the hopes of creating space for more conversation and interaction. The goal is to foster personal connections.

Hospitality Teams is a concept that was first successfully devised by the State College UU's. It is our goal to have this established for the new year. It will mean that we will have four teams of approximately 50-plus members and friends, divided by geographical area. Each team will have a leader, or communicator, and a facilitator. Team members choose the task they will fulfill as well as the service – 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. Our hospitality tasks include coffee makers, greeters, ushers, snack providers, chair movers, clean-up, lay readers, etc. Teams help for a month and then are off for three months before their turn comes up again.

Benefits range from an opportunity to get to know one another, to having parties at the end of a shift. Hospitality Teams are a great way to introduce people into our Fellowship family. Visitors, friends, and members can all participate. A smaller group can be more comfortable and welcoming, so introducing people to a subset of the Fellowship is an improvement to our current method of integrating people into the Fellowship.

Tasks can be as simple as handing out programs or making a flower arrangement, so this is a good way to step into participation in Fellowship activities. Each team will come up with its own name, whether it is based on its geographic area, interest, or whim. For example, State College has the Busy Bees as one team. It gives everyone the opportunity to be involved and to receive recognition and thanks, knowing he/she is supporting UFWC with offering the best hospitality.



LOOKING FOR HOLIDAY PARTY HOSTS

It is time to get the holiday parties on the UFWC calendar. Every year, a few of our members and friends open their home for some holiday cheer. The host provides their home, the beverages, and one dish; the guests provide finger foods; and the Fun & Fellowship committee coordinates it all (maps, announcements). It is easy and fun.

If you are interested in hosting a party this year or have any questions, contact Nancy Artus at email: holiday-parties. We would like to have all parties scheduled by November 19, so that we can announce them all in the December *Fellowtarian*.



FOLK SINGING

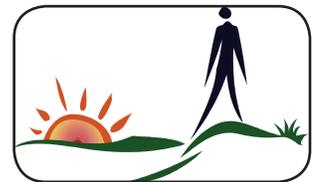
There will be no folk singing in November. The next get-together will be December 3.

MEDITATION GROUP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 5 P.M.

Take a much needed break from holiday madness, and get some stress-reducing meditative time. The Meditation Group will meet for a "moving" meditation facilitated by Rev. Ellen Schipul. Wear comfortable clothes. This is your last chance before January's meeting to encourage a more meditative lifestyle for yourself and the UFWC.

WINTER SOLSTICE PLANNING

Calling all Winter Solstice celebrants who would like to join in a planning meeting for this year's Winter Solstice celebration. Contact Diane Minka (dianeminka4@yahoo.com or 610-692-4701) by October 29 to let her know if you are interested in working on our team and which time of the week would work best for you for a meeting to be held sometime during the first week of November.



UFWC 2011 DIRECTORY AVAILABLE NOW

Look for your new UFWC 2011 Directory, which also includes the "Whom Do You Contact" list. Please take one per household and cross your name off the master list. They will be in the back of the sanctuary every Sunday through November.

FUND RAISING CONCERT FOR UFWC

Saturday, November 19
7:30 p.m.

WISHING CHAIR - AN INTIMATE CONCERT EXPERIENCE

Wishing Chair is a folk-and-roll duo, multi-instrumentalist Miriam Davidson (our new choir director) and songwriter Kiya Heartwood.

Tickets: \$10 at the door
Goodwill offering (no one turned away)

As Euan Bear writes, "Wishing Chair has a passion about the truth, about being emotionally available to tell it, and that for me, is the essence of folk music."

Engaging performances, haunting harmonies, poetic, political, stellar vocals..."...inspiring performances, award winning songs, soulful confessions, political broadside and a wicked groove...



COFFEE HOUSE

Next coffee house is Saturday, November 12, at 7 p.m. The featured act is Ed Podziomek. He entertains regularly at local places and retirement homes. Ed plays guitar country and soft rock style (including Johnny Cash tunes, for example). He is a native of East Bradford Township. This venue continues to be a fund raiser for UFWC with a \$5 suggested donation at the door.

DINE AND DONATE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25
11 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

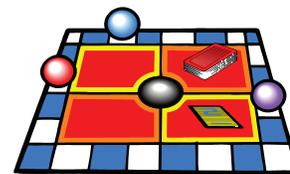
SHOO MAMA'S FARM FRESH CAFÉ
THE COMMONS OF THORNBURY SHOPPING CENTER
ROUTES 202 & 926

Come join us for our second Dine and Donate at Shoo Mama's Farm Fresh Café. The first Dine and Donate brought in \$185 to the Fellowship, so let's try and beat that this month. Print out a flyer (on our website), and bring it with you so that we receive 15% of the proceeds. You can eat anytime between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. with breakfast served all day and night.

GAME NIGHT

Our next Game Night is Friday, November 4, in the Fellowship building. Everyone is welcome; just bring a dish and a beverage to share as well as any game(s) you would like to play.

Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. followed by games, usually around 7. Contact Mary Yeager at email: game-night.



LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet Friday, November 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.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

This year the Stahl's will not be able to host Thanksgiving as they usually do, since they will be enjoying the holiday with their family.

If anyone is interested in hosting Thanksgiving for our friends and members who may not have family in the area, please let Lauren Kelly know. Lauren can provide additional information or put you in touch with Kora Stahl to learn more. Contact Lauren at email: fun.

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

All email addresses @ufwc.org unless otherwise noted.

Oct 30	Sun	Silent Auction and Raffle Begin. Coffee Hour. Lobby. See p. 6.
Nov 2	Wed	Religious Education Committee. 7 p.m. Youth Group Rm. Contact Heidi Frayer, email: RE
Nov 4	Fri	Potluck and Game Night. 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 10.
Nov 5	Sat	Habitat for Humanity Work Day. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Coatesville. See p. 8. Pre-Auction Dinner and Show. Show starts at 5 p.m. Arrive early in order to be seated with food before it starts. Sanctuary. See p. 6. Annual Auction. 6 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 6.
Nov 6	Sun	First Sunday Food Collection. Lobby. See p. 8. Newcomer Orientation. 12:30 p.m. Office. (2nd of three) See p. 2. Identity/Name Exploration Gathering. 3-5 p.m. at the home of Joanna and Bill Iliff. See p. 5.
Nov 7	Mon	Embracing Diversity Team. 7-8:30 p.m. Office. Contact Eileen Kelly-Meyer, email: embracing-diversity
Nov 8	Tue	Board Meeting. 7 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Mary Yeager, email: president
Nov 10	Thu	Social Justice Committee. 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle, email: social-justice
Nov 11	Fri	Lunch Group. 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 10.
Nov 12	Sat	Identity/Name Exploration Gathering. 10 a.m. to noon. Office. See p. 5. Identity/Name Exploration Gathering. 3-5 p.m. Office. See p. 5. Coffee House. 7 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 10.
Nov 13	Sun	Newcomer Orientation. 12:30 p.m. Office. (3rd of three) See p.2. Young Adult Group. 12:45-2:15. Fireplace Rm. See p. 3. 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.
Nov 14	Mon	Identity/Name Exploration Gathering. 7-9 p.m. at the home of Barbara & Keith Dallara. See p. 5.
Nov 16	Wed	Identity/Name Exploration Gathering. 7-9 p.m. Office. See p. 5.
Nov 17	Thu	Animal Ministry. 7-8:30 p.m. Fireplace Rm. Contact John Gribbin, email: animal-ministry
Nov 18	Fri	Networking for Jobs. 7-9 p.m. at the Fellowship. See p. 5.
Nov 19	Sat	Wishing Chair Concert. 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 10. Costume Bowling. Frazer Bowling Alley, Youth group JPD Cluster event. See p. 3.
Nov 20	Sun	Spirit Singers Perform at Sunday Services Share the Plate Sunday. Benefits Orion Communities, Inc. See p. 7. After Service Potluck. After the second service. Sanctuary. See p. 5. Meditation Group. 5-6:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Contact Cheryl Pittenger, email: meditation. See p. 9.
Nov 21	Mon	Men's Discussion Group. 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ralph Mero, email: mens-group Women's Circle. 7-9 p.m. Lobby. Contact Debby Kern, email: womens-circle
Nov 22	Tue	Fellowship Council. 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: program
Nov 23	Wed	Parent Support Group. 7 p.m. Office. Contact Sharon Meyer-Conroy, email: parent-support
Nov 24-25	Thu-Fri	Thanksgiving Day. Office closed.
Nov 25	Fri	Dine and Donate. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Shoo Mama's Farm Fresh Cafe, Downingtown. See p. 10.
Nov 27	Sun	Membership Committee. 12:30-1:30 Office. Contact Barbara Long, email: membership Young Adult Group. 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Rm. See p. 3.
Nov 28	Mon	Communications Team. 7 p.m. Office. Contact Sandy Retzlaf, email: communications

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

Adult RE	End of Life Planning Wednesdays, November 2 and November 9. Daytime class 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Evening class 7-9 p.m. Fireplace Rm.
Spirit Singers	Practices 7:30-9 p.m. Thur. Nov 3, Wed. Nov 9, Thu Nov17. Contact Miriam Davidson, email: choir
Youth Group	Meets most Sundays, 10:45-noon. Youth Group Room. Email: youth-group. See p. 3.