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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 February, 2012

February 5

WALKING THE TALK, JUSTICE GA

Rev. Deborah Mero

Our vision statement says that we aspire to be a catalyst for a just and compassionate world. Those are beautiful words. This summer in Phoenix we are being given the opportunity to put action to those words as we delve into the reality of migration justice.

February 12

DUETS, YET AGAIN

Rev. Deborah Mero

Single Service at 10 a.m.

Singer Songwriter David Roth will again join his sister Deborah for a morning of special music and commentary that will touch the spirit and the heart. This is always a very special service that Deborah and David try to collaborate on annually. The service will be followed by the congregational vote on our name which will then be followed by Chocolate. What a great morning it will be! Bring your friends for the celebration. **Single service at 10. a.m.**

February 19

MA BETHUNE

Rev. Deborah Mero

She was a woman who advised four presidents, who spearheaded a women's movement, fought for health care for the poor, and who was totally committed to education, especially the education of young black women. Few of us have probably heard of Mary McLeod Bethune. Her life has much to teach us all. Last year we explored the world of Horace Pippin. This year we focus on an amazing woman. Please join us for this intergenerational celebration. Spirit Singers and Intergenerational Choir sing today.

February 26

SPIRITUAL PATHS

UFWC Members

Since our beliefs are so varied, this is a popular annual service. Three members will talk about their spiritual paths, describing how they arrived at the beliefs that they hold today. Participants will be posted as identified.

Services and Babysitting at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Religious Education at 9 a.m. only.

THE SONG OF DEBORAH

Can you feel the energy? The momentum? The “big MO?” New families, new young adults, new energy is infusing our congregation, and it all may be topped off with a new name! We’ve had more children in Sunday School and in inter-generational services than we can remember. We had a record number of participants in our Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. We’ve had our third group of women experience the Women’s Retreat. People are finding meaning and fun in what we do together.

The challenge that every congregation faces, in fact probably every voluntary association as well, is not just getting people into the door, but integrating, assimilating, involving new people in the life of the organization. That can be really hard in this day and age as so many of us have so much on our plates already.

Rare is the person who has an abundance of free time to commit to the congregation, though a surprising number of members (and friends) contribute an enormous amount of time and energy to us. Those who do get involved come to understand that the more you do, the more connected you feel — to the institution and to the people, who really are the institution. The more you give, the more you get. I’m sure you have heard those words before.

So how does a person get connected who is new, who has been way out on the sidelines, who only has a limited amount of time to give? We are about to answer that question. We are about to kick off a program that will build community while attending to our Sunday morning tasks. It is called Hospitality Teams. You will be hearing lots about it over the next couple of months.

Last spring, Mark Steel and I attended a workshop at our Joseph

Priestly District Spring Conference called “Same Old Mugs in the Kitchen?” It was an eye-opener. Our sister congregation in State College started a program over five years ago that has transformed their congregation while attending to the Sunday morning chores – greeting, ushering, making coffee, etc. They were having a hard time filling those slots and gave up begging people to sign up.

Three people got together and organized the congregation into teams each of which was promised a guilt-free 16 weeks of Sunday morning services in exchange for four weeks of taking care of business. Each team had a four-week shift of greeting, ushering, bringing goodies and making coffee. They also did thematic decorations for the front of the church. At the same time, each team had two parties a year and got to know one another better.

The teams began competing with one another (in a very friendly way, of course.) They named themselves and took pride in their Sunday morning service. They are now spreading the word and helping other congregations start similar

programs. Mark and I came away from that workshop totally sold on the idea. We hope you will be too.

The State College church found that by building this program, peripheral members re-engaged, new people found an easy entrance point to structured and limited service and people learned more about one another and are happy to do well defined and short term tasks. It has been a win-win-win program for them.

We hope it will work as well for us. We’re adding the additional bonus

by designing our teams to be somewhat regional so you can get to know your neighbors better. You will find a map in our foyer showing the plan.

We are in the business of connecting people, growing spirits and making this a better world. Our Hospitality Teams will certainly do the first and who knows, there may be spillover into the second as well. We hope when you are invited to participate in your team you will say yes. It will add a lot to our congregational life. Please join the team.

– Yours in service,
Deborah

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES

Looking to get more involved at UFWC? Opportunities are available to make a difference. The Nominating Committee is in the process of identifying potential candidates for leadership positions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. If you are interested in participating in a leadership position, or if there is a UFWC member you think deserves consideration, please contact any member of the committee (Barb Long, Mira Tryon, or Gerry Giess) or email: nominating.

REMARKS – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

History tells us that after his crushing victory at Kalinga, Emperor Ashoka* looked out over the corpse-littered battlefield, and felt his elation turn to remorse. In that moment, he was transformed. Previously dubbed “Cruel Ashoka,” the emperor embraced Buddhism and its practice of compassion. He freed his prisoners and returned their property. He built thousands of Buddhist buildings and stupas, as well as free roadhouses for travelers. He called for the protection of wildlife from sport hunting and promoted vegetarianism. He built universities, irrigation systems and hospitals. Rather than continue to conquer and plunder, he signed peace treaties with neighboring kingdoms.

Why tell this story? What does an ancient Indian emperor have to do with Unitarian Universalism? We can find the answer in another story:

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Baptist, but he took inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi, a Hindu. Gandhi took inspiration from Jesus and from American Transcendentalist Henry David Thoreau. Thoreau found inspiration in Buddhism. How did Thoreau, in 19th-century America, know anything of Buddhism? Perhaps because Ashoka, following his transformation, aided the spread of Buddhism and its concept of dharma. “Dharma” is a word we might use to encapsulate our second principle of “Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.”

This circle of inspiration and influence of leaders, thinkers and writers is a perfect example of the second of our six Unitarian Universalist Sources:

Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.

How privileged I feel to be part of a faith that allows space for not only this, but also for:

*Wisdom from the world’s religions . . .
Jewish and Christian teachings . . .
Humanist teachings . . .
Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions . . .
And, first and foremost:
Direct experience of [the] transcending mystery and wonder. . . ***

These rich and varied sources inspire the work we do with our children each week in RE classes; opening their minds and hearts to the amazing, intricate web of wisdom in the lives and thoughts of others before them, and to the wisdom that they already carry within them.

– Pam Baxter
Director of Religious Education

* Ashoka, who unified India and helped spread Buddhism into the world, ruled from 272 to 231 BCE. The Battle of Kalinga took place in 262-261 BCE.

** For the complete Sources, see the front of our hymnal, or visit the UUA website: <http://uua.org/beliefs/principles/index.shtml>

FAITH LIKE A RIVER

AN ADULT EXPLORATION INTO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

EIGHT WEEKS
WEDNESDAYS AT 7 P.M.
FEBRUARY 8 - APRIL 4
EXCLUDING FEBRUARY 29

We have had a variety of adult courses and workshops in the last several years that explored the Bible, Islam, Faith and Reason, Virtues, and Death and Dying. It is time for us to delve into our own history and theology – what it is that makes us Unitarian Universalists and brought us to this place and time. From the preface to the program:

Thucydides wrote that history is philosophy taught by examples. If this is true, then we would do well to study the examples—the stories—from our own faith history to shape a philosophy for living our own faith. This program provides such an opportunity.

By presenting the sweep of Unitarian Universalist history and heritage through the stories of its people and events, the program invites participants to place themselves into our history and consider its legacies. What lessons do the stories of our history teach that can help us live more faithfully in the present? What lessons do they offer to be lived into the future? Engagement with our history and heritage does more than celebrate our Unitarian Universalist identity. It grounds our faith, our Principles, and our spiritual growth in a wider tradition and offers a context for deepening faith, values, and spirit.



KIDS GOT TALENT?

Do your children have a talent they’d like to share with us at the Fellowship? Whether it’s fencing, singing, juggling, or whatever, your child is invited to share that talent at our next “Third-Sunday Potluck.” The potluck will be after the second service on February 19.

Depending on interest, we will do this again at another Sunday potluck. So that we can better coordinate, please contact Pam Baxter (email: DRE) to let her know if your child will participate. **Note:** Fencing will be supervised by an adult fencer.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The New Year may have just begun, but it is time to ask you to make plans to attend the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly (GA) in June. This year it is scheduled for June 20-24 in Phoenix, Arizona. Though it is far away, this General Assembly is of great importance to our denomination.

GA is an opportunity to network within our denomination and to take a visible stand on social justice issues. There will be over one hundred workshops and lectures as well as service project opportunities. Many of the workshops will be on justice issues like immigration reform, the spiritual foundations of justice work, and the theology of social justice. Please use this link to find out more about GA: www.uua.org/documents/gaoffice/1206_phoenix_brochure.pdf.

General Assembly 2012 will be a gathering with multiple ways of engaging in justice work for people of all ages. Join with the people of Arizona – worship, witness, and work together. Last year our delegates, Pam Baxter, Eileen Kelly-Meyer, and Dan Meyer, left General Assembly grounded in our faith, energized for justice, and excited about their connection to the larger UU community. Please consider attending GA; let Deborah or a Board member know of your interest so that we can coordinate our delegation to Phoenix.

I encourage you to participate in the discussion next month of the book, *The Death of Joseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona Borderlands*, by Margaret Regan. Stories like these can give us perspective on the issues faced by immigrants and citizens. It is a great preparation for participating in GA this June. Contact Shelly Case for more information.

As we make our final choice on the name of our Fellowship, I ask you to consider will the new name identify who we are? Will it say what we mean to each other and what we want it to say to the world? Does it sound pleasant and appealing? According to my dictionary congregation is “a gathering of people” or “an assembly of people for religious worship”. A fellowship is a “friendly association” or “a group of people with the same interests; brotherhood”. Our name is important in how others view us and how we feel about ourselves. Keep this in mind as you vote on February 12.

We want to include all members in the vote, so we are only having one service that Sunday to simplify attendance. Shortly after the service, we will have an opportunity for discussion of the Name Change Proposal followed by the congregational vote. While the votes are being tallied, we can all enjoy the Feast of Decadent Chocolate. If chocolate is not for you, I encourage you to bring whatever treat you would enjoy. Whatever the results of the election, make this a celebration of our beloved community.

– Mary Yeager

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES LOOKING FORWARD – THE BUDGET AND THRESHOLD CONGREGATION

The Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. With the arrival of the New Year, the Board began looking forward, anticipating the coming stewardship campaign and building the budget for 2012-13. Members of the congregation are encouraged to provide input on the budget-making process to members of the Board or the Finance Committee.

In a supplemental meeting on January 14, the Board learned more about the Threshold Congregation process from a member of a Threshold Congregation in the JPD. Threshold Congregation is a three year program aimed at achieving specific growth goals with support from CERG Regional Staff. The Board is reviewing the application process to determine what course to take with regard to this 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 next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship. Sub-committees will be reporting on ends monitoring, ministerial goals, the Long Range Plan, and leadership development. 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.

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A VIEW FROM THE PAST AS WE LOOK TOWARD OUR FUTURE

There have been a few "Leaps of Faith" at the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester over the years, and no doubt some will come in the future. Our first Fellowship building, on Franklin Strett in the Borough, was purchased by such a leap by the original members. This building served us well for over 30 years, and there are many fond memories that come to mind: upstairs RE with every footstep heard below, the tiny bathroom under the stairs, the L-shaped worship room where you could only see half of those who were there – a wonderful place.

We decided to call our first minister while in that building, and not long afterward, we decided that we needed more space for our growing congregation. The decision to sell Franklin St. and begin on a journey that took us through land in Marshalton (now sold), rental space in the old Senior Center, and to our current location was exciting and scary at the same time. We were driven then by our desire to be a liberal faith force in this region and to embrace all in the community who needed such a religious home, and our success at this mission created the need for us to take that leap.

It's great to see that we continue to hold this desire in our hearts as evidenced by our mission and welcoming attitude, our outreach into the community, and by the many new members and friends we have embraced even in the past year. This small congregation has always been willing to do what it takes to be a positive force in the lives of our members and the community, and to thoroughly enjoy each other's company as we do it.

– Bob Scott

FINANCIALLY YOURS

As we start a new calendar year, the Finance Committee is looking forward to the next fiscal year -- July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. At this time we begin our budget development process to consider how much we will need to support our mission and how we will raise the funds to do so. It's easy to get caught in the trap of looking at each line in the budget by itself. Expenses like mortgage payments and staff salaries are real and urgent, but they are more than they appear. They are our means for building community, promoting social justice and deepening spiritual connections.

The heavy lifting of the budget process is done by our staff and committees whose time and actions determine how we will spend our money. But that doesn't mean that individuals can't make their choices and voices known and heard. Any UFWC member can communicate his or her opinion to the members of the Board, the Executive Team or

the Finance Committee about how we raise and spend our money. If someone believes the budget is wrongly allocated, now is the time to say so rather than wait until the Annual Meeting in June when most of the planning for the coming year has been decided. The members of the above groups encourage and welcome your input to the budget process. Speak up; let your voice be heard.

Be kind to your Treasurers, Tom Townsend for Income and Janine Galen for Expenses. They work hard on your behalf. Here are some tips for how you can show your appreciation. When writing a check for a donation, clearly state the purpose in the memo line. For example, write "Pledge" or "50/50 Share the Plate". If you are paying on a previous unfulfilled pledge commitment write "Previous Pledge". When requesting reimbursement for expenses made on behalf of UFWC, fill out one of the expense reimbursement forms that are

BIG NEWS FROM THE GROCERY STORE CARD PROGRAM

We now stock Wawa cards in \$25 and \$100 denominations, in addition to Wawa hoagie coupons. **The Wawa cards are good for gasoline at Wawa, too.**

Giant, Acme, and Shop Rite also participate. **Giant cards are good at Giant gas stations, too.** If you're a Genaurdi's customer, and your store is one of the Genaurdi's stores that is being sold to Giant this summer, please consider buying Giant cards from us.



How does the program work? It's easy – you purchase a gift card from UFWC to use in a participating grocery store. Spend the full amount exactly like cash, while the Fellowship earns 5% of the value of the card.

For example, you buy \$100 worth of grocery cards for \$100. You use them like cash at the store for \$100 worth of goods. But the Fellowship has only paid \$95 for the cards, so we earn \$5 (or 5% of the purchase).

See us after each service during refreshments. Simply write a check to UFWC or use cash to buy cards for the stores of your choice. We'll answer any questions you might have.

Contact Rob Sartain, email: grocery-program.

available in the office. Describe the expense thoroughly, attach receipts, specify the budget from which the reimbursement should be made, and have it signed by the committee whose budget will be debited. If uncertain, ask your committee chair, or a member of the Executive Team or the Finance Committee. It's not difficult to get it right, and you will be thanked by our Treasurers.

– Mike Miller for the Finance Committee

STONES IN THE SAME WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

The first 20 copies of *The Death Of Josseline*, a book of immigration stories, sold very quickly with orders being taken for those who haven't purchased one yet. The book is also available at major online vendors and other retailers. The Embracing Diversity Team chose this book as it reflects some very current thinking about immigration issues but with a personal stories approach. As you may know, this issue is so important that thousands of UUs will meet at our annual General Assembly (GA) this June in Phoenix with promised social justice action while there. I am proud to know that our UU Association plans on making our collective voice known in Phoenix Arizona, the site for the GA. As a religious organization, we often take bold stands at a time when others remain silent or take a very low key approach. I guess that is why so many of us were (and are) attracted to Unitarian Universalism. Look for information this month on the book discussion opportunities for *The Death Of Josseline*. It's not too late to get a copy and read it. The book brings up the complexities of the issues (it may not be as clear as you thought) and the many competing feelings that one may have.

– Ed Cohle, Social Justice Chair

SHARE-THE-PLATE GENEROSITY

We are pleased to announce the Share-the-Plate recipient on February 19 (third Sunday of the month) is ACT in Faith. ACT in Faith, which grew out of the Religious Council of Greater West Chester, works to holistically coordinate individual and faith community resources on behalf of those whose basic human needs are going unmet. Financial support, personal support, or just a simple ride to a cancer clinic are a few of the needs that this organization meets.

Thanks to everyone for the \$800 that was donated to the Food Cupboard in December. A portion of the Christmas Eve plate amounting to \$635 was given to the Family Center in Kennett Square, part of the Maternal & Child Health Consortium.

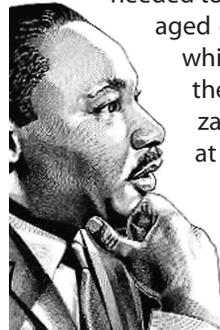
ANIMAL MINISTRY NEWS

On behalf of our local chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry we would like to encourage everyone to visit the site www.uuam.org to learn what the Animal Ministry chapters are all about. On the site please follow the link to read The Statement on Ethical Eating. We hope many of you will be inspired by this resolution and will join us to help grow our local chapter.

RECORD TURNOUT FOR MLK DAY OF SERVICE

A record UFWC turnout of over 70 people for the Martin Luther King Day of Service helped turn the day into a huge success. A strong presence from our Youth Group was noted. We had people participate in almost all of the projects that day.

One of the most popular was a meal assembly project hosted at our building. Assembly lines of volunteers bagged and boxed a dry food mix that just needed to be easily cooked for an extremely nutritious meal. We packaged enough for 10,000 meals (yes, you read that number right) which will be sent to Malawi. St. Paul's Baptist Church provided the \$2500 it took to purchase the supplies through the organization Stop Hunger Now. Another 10,000 meals were bagged at an additional location.



While all of this was taking place, a group of people were up on the stage knitting caps for babies to be sent to countries in Africa.

UFWC members were also instrumental in helping with the registration at St. Paul's, getting donated supplies and coordinating a soup kitchen and organizing a food drive. The food drive collected an estimated 2,500 pounds of food in a short three hour period of time. The food was donated to the Chester County Food Bank for distribution throughout the county.

Those who went back to St. Paul's for lunch and a brief ending ceremony were treated to the release of doves outside the church. The crowd watched as the birds flew in the distance and then circled back to the church – a fitting end to a glorious day. Thanks to all who participated.

SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

THIS MONTH'S SUGGESTED ITEMS:

PERSONAL CARE

(DIAPERS, TOILET PAPER, TOWELS, TISSUES, SOAP)

Our monthly food collection is Sunday, February 5. 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.

FREE DOCUMENTARY EXPLORES FOOD AS MEDICINE CLAIMS

The Animal Ministry Chapter of the Fellowship will host a screening of the highly-praised documentary film, *Forks Over Knives*, on Saturday, February 18, at 7 p.m. in our sanctuary.

Based on the findings and personal journeys of Dr. T. Colin Campbell, a nutritional biochemist from Cornell University, and Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn, a former top surgeon at the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic, this film offers scientific evidence that supports the claim that degenerative diseases can be controlled through diet.

Following the screening, veggie snacks, wine and beverages will be served. Please invite your friends and neighbors – this is a “must see” film for all concerned with their health. The film is free, but donations to defer costs are appreciated.

RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

You may have noticed a couple rather large white boxes bearing an “eCycle” logo at the Fellowship in the last week. By dropping your used Inkjet Printer Cartridges, Laser Printer Toner cartridges in these boxes, we will earn much needed funds for our budget. Bring them from home, work, friends, family and neighbors. Before dropping them in one of the boxes, please enclose them in some form of plastic bag so any remaining ink or carbon won’t spill and make a mess. And if you have an old cell phone lying around, drop it off as well; the eCycle Group will pay us for those, too. If you have any questions, contact Dan Meyer at email: eCycle.



CONGREGATION CELEBRATION DINNER SATURDAY, MARCH 10, AT 5:30 P.M.

The Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a congregation-wide evening of fun and celebration as we kick off our stewardship campaign for the upcoming year. The theme, **Stewards of Our Mission**, speaks to all the accomplishments during the past year in support of our mission, and more importantly, to the commitment to go even further this coming year.

Join us and be amazed at all our Fellowship Community has accomplished, and be inspired as we continue to strive for and reach our lofty goals. All are encouraged to attend – members, friends, families, youth group. Let us fill the room with energy! (Babysitting will be provided.)

Calling All Volunteers – One of our newest members, Mike Kritzman, has graciously offered to be one of the cooks for our Congregation Celebration Dinner. However, we need a few more, (4-6) to “show off their stuff” and prepare a special main dish and a side dish (i.e. salads, vegetables, fruits) for up to 30 to 35 people.

We are also in need of members and friends to supply a desert pot-luck. Any of your favorite recipes will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, we are asking for any members or friends who would like to decorate the sanctuary, or be a part of the set-up, clean-up, or break-down teams. If you would like to volunteer for any of the above mentioned jobs, please contact Bob Scott at e-mail: stewardship to offer your time and talents.

BUILDING A BETTER WORLD

Our next UFWC volunteer day at the Habitat for Humanity construction site in Coatesville is Saturday, February 11, from 8:30 to 3:30. Please join us if you can, and invite others (over 16 years 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.



EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP FEBRUARY 12 7-8:30 PM

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot is a work of nonfiction. Henrietta Lacks grew up as a poor black tobacco farmer and was living in Baltimore when her cancer cells were taken without her knowledge in 1951. These cells became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, in vitro fertilization, and more. Henrietta’s cells have been bought and sold by the billions and yet her family cannot afford health insurance.

Shelly Case will lead our discussion of this remarkable, yet little known true story. For more information contact us at email: diversity-book-group or call Ruth MacFadyen or Shelly Case. All are Welcome.

SUUSI 2012 "LOOK TO THIS DAY"

Planning for SUUSI 2012 (The Southeast UU Summer Institute) got under way in October. Several opportunities for staff or volunteer positions still exist.

Nature Staff: Contact our own Bob Radcliffe at email: SUUSI.

Youth Staff: We are looking for great people to be on Youth Staff. There are positions for age group leaders, staffers, and workshop leaders. Contact Jane Peavy, Youth Director, at youth@suusi.org.

Nightlife Staff: We're planning some new events, tweaking some old ones, and offering some ways for you to get involved in 2012 Nightlife programming. For starters:

- Guest Bakers at Coffeehouse
- DJ showcase
- Afterhours Young Adult unplugged
- unPG concert opportunities (no Parental Guidance standards applied)
- Afternoon jazz and classical concerts
- Submit-your-best-ideas for dance themes contest
- More choirs

So, stay tuned for more info about how to submit ideas. But for now, if you are champing at the bit and want to participate in any of the above mentioned ideas, contact Miriam Davidson, Nightlife Director, at nightlife@suusi.org.

SCHEDULE FOR SUUSI:

- March..... SUUSI Sampler at UFWC between services.
- March 14... SUUSI Catalogs Mailed.
- April 4 SOLIS Online Registration Opens.
- May 6..... Deadline for staff registrations.
- May 10..... SUUSISHIP Application deadline (SUUSI Scholarship).
- May 15..... Early Registration Deadline.
- June 10..... SUUSI Scholarship Application deadline (UFWC Scholarship).
- June 15..... Late Registration Deadline.
- July 1 Online Registration Closes.
- July 15..... SUUSI Begins.

Look for UFWC Scholarship forms at the "SUUSI Sampler" between services in March to make a donation to the UFWC Scholarship fund. For information about the scholarship application process, contact Bob Radcliffe at email: SUUSI.

COFFEE HOUSE

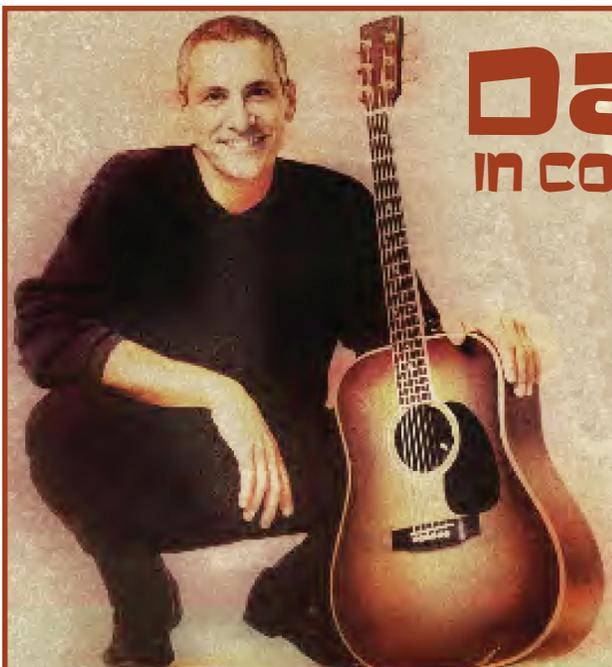
The next coffee house is Saturday, February 11 at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship. The featured act is Geoff Simpson, singer songwriter, who was the featured act last year in February as well. This venue continues to be a fund raiser for UFWC with a \$5 suggested donation at the door.

FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Saturday, February 25, 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.

LUNCH GROUP

There will be no Lunch Group get-together. Lunch Group has been temporarily suspended due to lack of interest. If, at some future date, there is sufficient interest, we will revive Lunch Group.



DAVID ROTH

IN CONCERT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 3 P.M.

James Taylor Meets Jerry Seinfeld?

David's songs have found their way to Carnegie Hall, the United Nations, several *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books, the Kennedy Center, NASA's Space Shuttle "Atlantis", Peter, Paul, and Mary concerts, and countless venues in this and other countries (and now other WORLDS) for more than two decades. Poignant to improbable, holistic to hilarious, David joins us from his home on Cape Cod. Join us for an afternoon to remember.

Tickets \$15 suggested – no one turned away
Contact Marie Steel at email: music

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

All email addresses @ufwc.org unless otherwise noted.

- Feb 2 Thu Religious Education Committee.** 7 p.m. Youth Group Rm. Contact Heidi Frayer, email: RE
- Feb 3 Fri Potluck and Game Night.** 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30). Sanctuary. Contact Mary Yeager, email: game-night.
- Feb 5 Sun First Sunday Food Collection.** Lobby. See p. 6.
Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal. 10:15 a.m. Downstairs. Contact Abby McGillivray, email: intergenerational-choir.
- Feb 6 Mon Embracing Diversity Team.** 7-8:30 p.m. Office. Contact Helena Graham, email embracing-diversity
- Feb 8 Wed Faith Like A River: An Adult Exploration into Unitarian Universalism.** First class of Wednesday Adult RE series. 7 p.m. Office. See p. 3.
- Feb 9 Thu Social Justice Committee.** 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle, email: social-justice. See p. 7.
- Feb 11 Sat Habitat for Humanity UFWC Volunteer Day.** 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Coatesville construction site. See p. 7.
Coffee House. 7 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 8.
- Feb 12 Sun Single Sunday Service – Duets.** 10 a.m.
Congregational Meeting. Vote on Name Change Proposal. After the Service. Sanctuary. See *From the President*, p. 4.
Feast of Decadent Chocolate. After the Service. Sanctuary. See *From the President*, p. 4.
Young Adult Group. 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Rm. Contact Az Azarak, email: young-adult
David Roth Concert. 3 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 8.
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.
- Feb 14 Tue Board Meeting.** 7 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Mary Yeager, email: president. See p. 4.
- Feb 16 Thu Animal Ministry.** 7-8:30 p.m. Fireplace Rm. Contact John Gribbin, email: animal-ministry. See p. 6.
Religious Services. 7:30-9 p.m. Office. Contact Diane Minka, email:religious-services
- Feb 18 Sat Free Film: Forks Over Knives.** 7 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 7.
- Feb 19 Sun Share the Plate Sunday.** Benefits ACT in Faith. See p. 6
Spirit Singers and Intergenerational Choir. Each choir performs at both services.
After Service Potluck and Show. After the second service. Sanctuary. See p. 3.
- Feb 20 Mon Women's Circle.** 7-9 p.m. Lobby. Contact Debby Kern, email: womens-circle
- Feb 22 Wed Parent Support Group.** 7 p.m. Office. Contact Sharon Meyer-Conroy, email: parent-support
- Feb 25 Sat Folk Singing.** 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. See p. 8.
- Feb 26 Sun Young Adult Group.** 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Rm. Contact Az Azarak, email: young-adult
- Feb 27 Mon Communications Team.** 7 p.m. Office. Contact Sandy Retzlaff, email: communication
- Feb 28 Tue Council Meeting.** 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: program
- Groups meeting multiple times in a month:**
Adult RE - Faith Like A River: An Adult Exploration into Unitarian Universalism. Wednesdays February 8, 15, and 22 (no class February 29) through April 4. Office. See p. 3.
Spirit Singers Practices 7:15-9 p.m. Thursday, February 2, Wednesday, February 8, Thursday, February 16. Contact Miriam Davidson, email: choir
Youth Group. Meets most Sundays, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Youth Group Room. Email: youth-group.