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**Newsletter of the Unitarian Congregation 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.*

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## SUNDAY SERVICES September 2012

**September 2  
10 a.m.**

**SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**

**Alan Pittenger and  
Sharon Sweitzer**

While UCWC has not had a Small Group Ministry program for a while, it is still a good model for interpersonal communication. Today, the "sermon" part of the service will be devoted to small group discussion (6-8 people per group) about the topic, "Developing Meaningful Connections in the UCWC Community." There will also be a short "infomercial" about the upcoming Soul to Soul group.

**September 9**

**STAR STUFF**

**Rev. Deborah Mero and Pam Baxter**

**9 a.m. & 11 a.m. DOUBLE SERVICES RESUME.**

Stars – some of the brightest matter of the Universe – come in all forms. We will explore some of them, including the people we gave stars to following Deborah's "assignment" from her June sermon -- to thank the people we notice doing "stellar" things. Deb and Pam will share some of their star stories and invite you to share yours as well. There is still time to reward people for the little and big things they do to make our lives better and happier. Let's talk about the stars in our lives. (See assignment details in Deborah's column in the July *Fellowtarian*.) **DOUBLE SERVICES RESUME.**

**September 16**

**FORGIVING OURSELVES AND ONE ANOTHER**

**Rev. Deborah Mero**

**9 a.m. & 11 a.m.**

The Jewish New Year begins on sundown September 16. One of the most important rituals of the new year is atonement – seeking to heal what is broken in our relationships and ourselves. It is foundational to our being whole, at one. This Sunday we will celebrate with anticipation the new year including readings and songs from the Jewish tradition from which we draw inspiration.

**September 23**

**THE CASE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Rev. Deborah Mero**

**9 a.m. & 11 a.m.**

One of our Unitarian "saints" was Horace Mann who laid the foundations for public education in this country. As we are commissioning our teachers and beginning classes on this day, we will explore the role Mann played in making education available for all and the role we all play in educating our children and one another.

**September 30**

**THE MINISTRY WRIT LARGE**

**Committee On Ministry**

**9 a.m. & 11 a.m.**

**How to Get What We Need and Give What We Can**

Committee members Betty Grosse, Sue Johnston, Michael Werner and chair Paul Heck invite you to consider the meaning of "ministry" in our congregation. The most commonly identified "face of ministry" is Deborah Mero. But when we consider the larger context of ministry, we all play a role in the community of caring and service of which we are a part. Our staff, our volunteers, our leaders, our youth, ourselves – the chances to seek support or the opportunity to give it to another are constantly available to us. During services, potlucks, committee meetings, RE classes, or any similar gathering, the many faces of ministry that combine to provide "ministry writ large" at UCWC are evident. Join us as we investigate the potential of the ministry that is us.

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

## THE SONG OF DEBORAH

I hope your summer has been refreshing, restful, energetic, adventurous, meditative, whatever it was that you needed to feed your spirits. We all need periodic opportunities to recharge our batteries so that we can re-engage with the energy we need to face our daily routines and what life brings us. I hope your batteries have been recharged and re-conditioned as we begin our sixth year together.

This year we want to focus on engagement. We are hoping that in the programming we are doing there will be opportunities for every friend and member to be engaged with others in the congregation. Each and everyone here plays an important part in this community and the more we get involved and get to know one another, the more we grow spiritually and in community. We will have opportunities for teaching, for learning, for activism, for doing simple tasks together.

I am looking forward to facilitating, along with Pam, the *Parents as Resident Theologians* class. It is a timeless curriculum that I have used in almost every congregation I have served, and it is very special. It provides a great framework for talking about the big and important things in our lives in an easy and welcoming way. It's not just for parents, and I hope we will get a great group of participants spanning many decades. If you want to know more about it, see the article and/or ask me or Pam about it.

Right after I finish with that class I will be returning to the *Faith*

*Like a River* curriculum and offer six of the sessions we did not cover last spring. Participation is open to anyone who wants to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, whether you were in the earlier group or not. This will start in late October and go through early December. And in January there will be the fourth Women's Retreat – so those of you women who have not yet attended and are interested, I'm starting a list. Should any men here want to start a men's group or plan a retreat, I would be more than happy to help and provide resources. Please talk with me about it.

On Sundays this year I will be periodically introducing you to various Unitarians and Universalists who have made a big difference in our world. We don't have saints that we pray to, but we do have figures to whom we look for inspiration and meaning. Many of their names will be familiar, but their UU connection, or that there was one, may not be.

In addition to the things I will directly be doing, we will have other opportunities for engagement. Mira Tryon and Harriet Singer will be leading *Soul to Soul* and Deanna Gabe will be finding a multitude of ways to introduce us to Resilience Circles and Transition Towns – both avenues to build community while dealing with the changing climates,

both environment and economic that are a reality in today's world.

And of course, we are continuing to build up our Hospitality Teams. We are aware that it takes time to get the kinks worked out and get a good system up and running. We have every confidence that these teams will get better and better as we have time to develop best practices for our congregation. We know how well they can work from other congregations who have them established. We also know it took those congregations several years for everything to fall into place. If you don't know what I'm writing about, Mark Steel and I would love to explain Hospitality Teams to you and get you on board.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead of us. A year of engagement in our faith, with one another, and in our community. Welcome newcomers, and welcome back to everyone.

– In faith,  
Deborah

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### EMAIL CONTACT FOR DEBORAH

**A request:** Please send all email to Deborah to email: minister or dmero@uuma.org. Several people are using other addresses, which, while they will most likely get through to her, are not monitored to the same extent as these two addresses and are primarily used for other purposes.



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## OFFICE REMINDERS

1. If you plan to have a meeting at any time in the building, the office must reserve the space on the Extended & Building Use Calendar. Please go to either the calendar page and click on Extended & Building Use Calendar or go to [www.ufwc.org/webcalendar2/month.php](http://www.ufwc.org/webcalendar2/month.php) and look for a date you can use. Then contact the office by e-mail to reserve your space. The office will need a date, beginning and ending time, and a room to reserve. When the office receives your group's information, you will get back an e-mail telling you your space has been reserved. This is a first come, first reserve system, and we are filling up fast.
2. It is very important that when the building is closed after services, meetings, or events, that the last person out needs to make sure all the lights are out, fans are off, alarm is set, and all doors (especially the front door) are locked. If you need a review of the alarm system please call or make an appointment with Barbara Robinson at [email: office](mailto:email:office).
3. The guest parking passes are valid until September 1, 2012. There will be new guest parking passes available by September 1. If you have an expired pass please throw it out and replace it with a new pass. Remember guest parking passes are limited and should be placed back in the drawer after your one time use so they are available to everyone. Ticketing is now \$25 in this area if you do not have a pass, and \$20 if you are parked on the wrong side of the street on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## REMARKS – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a wonderful summer – I know the kids will be eager to share their adventures when we gather back at UCWC.

For children and their families, here's an overview of the first few weeks in September:

**Sunday, September 9 – Ingathering Intergenerational Services** (9:00 and 11:00 a.m.) – everyone meets upstairs – children and adults. It will be great to all be back together again

**Wednesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m. – “Parents As Resident Theologians”** first of 6 sessions of this Adult RE program. See information from Rev. Deborah in this newsletter. Anyone interested may attend -- not just parents!

**Sunday, September 16 – RE begins.** We'll meet as a group downstairs to begin our exploration of Unitarian Universalism. There will probably be some baking involved – making our own flaming chalice-shaped snacks.

**Sunday, September 23 – first RE class day.** A very special day, as we commission our volunteer teachers at the 9:00 a.m. service before classes. Please come and help make it a great day for them!

The new **RE Brochure** including class descriptions and the **RE Calendar** for the year will be on the UCWC website in a few days. I'll also be emailing it to all parents. In the meantime, here's how our classes are organized this year:

- **Pre-K / Kindergarten:** “Creating Home” and “Picture Book UU”
- **1st/2nd/3rd Grades:** “A Stepping Stone Year”
- **4th/5th Grades:** “Toolbox of Faith” and “Love Connects Us”
- **6th/7th Grades:** “Becoming UU” and “The Gospel According to the Simpsons”
- **8th/9th Grades:** “Our Whole Lives”

As always, if you have any questions, or wish we'd invited you to teach or volunteer in another capacity in RE, please contact me (email: DRE).

– Pam Baxter  
Director of Religious Education

### ADULT EXPLORATION BEGINS EARLY THIS YEAR!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7 P.M.  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12 THROUGH OCTOBER 17  
PARENTS AS RESIDENT THEOLOGIANs.**

This is a wonderful curriculum designed for parents, grandparents, and anyone who has conversations with children about the “big questions” of life. Before we can even attempt to answer questions for children, we need to explore our own answers to things like: What is religion? What is God? Why do bad things happen? What happens when we die? What gives meaning to life?

Join Deborah and Pam as we delve into these topics and more. It is a very engaging program and we look forward to bringing it to you. If you want to sign up contact Deborah (email: minister) or Pam (email: DRE).

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The Board met informally for the first time in early July. We outlined tasks that we must undertake this year. We have already begun to tackle some of these tasks, and we are gathering information for others. At our congregational planning meeting in May, participants identified Leadership Development and Growth as our two main foci for the year. As a first step, our Leadership Development Team is gathering information about our committees and listing our resources.

In regards to growth, there are several branches that require our attention. Revisiting what growth means to us is one, how to attract and retain members is a second, and where should we be located is another. This could be the year where we make a decision to look for a new location/facility that is better suited to our needs. Last year, our building committee gathered information enumerating the upcoming maintenance requirements/expenses. This year, we will research what options are available to us for a new facility.

The Board will also reexamine our budget so that the 2013-14 budget more fully reflects our support for the UUA and JPD. Much to do and we have begun. I look forward to the fresh faces and ideas of our new board members.

– Mary Yeager

## NOTES OF APPRECIATION

A chorus of musical thank you notes to Abby McGillivray for her contributions to our wonderful music programs, especially in starting the Intergen Choir and working so creatively as its director.

Intergen Choir has brought our children, youth and adult members together, resulting in a joyful contribution to each other and to our services. Abby has the skill and patience to focus the energy and varying talents of young children, many of whom do not read, let alone read music. Their delight and enthusiasm is skillfully interwoven with the contributions of the older choir members.

Determined to leave no interested member behind, she did extensive outreach to invite participation and to be certain choir members knew about practice sessions. She did special outreach to new individuals and families, so that Intergen Choir became the doorway through which they got better acquainted with us and joined more actively in our congregational life.

Abby, who has the voice of an angel, came from a family of singers whose music making was spiritually centered. She remembers as a child gathering with her family around the piano to sing hymns. Abby has had formal voice lessons, but learned her expert directing skills by watching the many talented directors with whom she worked.

Abby's goal in our music programs has been to empower people and help them find their voice. That is what she does in her professional life as well, where she specializes in psychotherapy and integrative wellness coaching. A Board Certified Clinical Social Worker, she has a strong interest in the mind-body-spirit connection. This is strongly reflected in her musical life.

Sadly, Abby's heavy work schedule has forced her to give up directing the Intergen Choir. The search is on for another musical and energetic person to step up to the directorship. They can be sure to have enthusiastic support from everyone. Thank you, Abby, for leaving us a wonderful program to carry forward.

– Sue Stedman

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## STREAM ENERGY'S POWER UP

How would you like to raise funds for the Congregation and save money on the generation portion of your electric bill? You can. We are participating in Stream Energy's Power Up fundraising program for Non-Profits. It's easy – sign up at Stream Energy's UCWC web page: [www.ucwc.streampowerup.biz](http://www.ucwc.streampowerup.biz). Have a recent electric bill handy.

The Congregation receives \$4 directly from Stream Energy every month you are a Stream Energy customer. You save 15-20% over PECO's rates and are still a PECO customer for transmission, distribution, service and billing. Contact Jack Butler at mail: power-up.



## 2012 DIRECTORY – LAST CALL FOR INFO

Barbara Robinson, our office administrator, updates all the information in our Congregational Directory and the Whom Do You Contact list.

- If you have a new e-mail address, phone number, or residential address, please send the change to Barbara at email: office.
- If you would like to be included in our Directory, or you would like to be removed please e-mail Barbara with your request.
- The Directory also includes "Whom Do You Contact" with our Committee Chairs, Team Leaders, Board and Staff members. If you are stepping down from or stepping up to a position please contact the office with your information.

All changes should be into the office by September 17. The new Directories will be available in October.

## SOUL TO SOUL GATHERING

A new covenant group is being organized to explore spiritual and life issues. The group will enable members to "grow your soul" by practicing listening skills in order to form deeper connections with each other in the group. The group will be limited to 8 to 10 people.

Guidelines and topics will be in accordance with *Soul to Soul* by Christine Robinson and Alicia Hawkins (required and available at UUA Bookstore or elsewhere online), for a total of 14 sessions on the first and third Tuesdays beginning in September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

The topics are Thick Stories, Compassion, Boundaries, Trust, Spiritual Experiences, Addiction, Calling, Shadow, After Death, Play, Prayer, Resilience, Aging, and Blessing. Each topic has readings and suggested activities to complete prior to the gathering. If you are interested in learning more about this group, contact Mira Tryon or Harriet Singer at email: soul-to-soul.

## AUCTION HELP NEEDED

Our annual live and silent Service Auction is Saturday, November 3. This is a major fundraising (as well as a fun-raising) event, where services or items are offered from members of the UCWC community and local businesses. Proceeds support UCWC.

Help is needed in a variety of ways. The dinner immediately preceding the auction will have an Italian theme. Volunteer gourmands are needed who are willing to prepare gourmet spaghetti sauces or unusual salads. Our volunteer chefs will be given recipes and will be reimbursed for the ingredients. Sign up to help cook by contacting Kathy McGinnis at email: auction-dinner.

Other areas where help is still needed are listed below. Contact Nancy Artus at email: auction to volunteer for this big event. Together we can make it a night to remember.

- Solicitors of Business Donations
- Raffle Coordinator
- Someone to arrange a babysitter
- Decorating Coordinator
- Beverage Coordinator (wine, beer and non-alcoholic)
- People to make phone calls to congregants
- People to help the night of the auction



**ANNUAL PICNIC  
SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 9  
AFTER THE SERVICE  
HOOPES PARK**

**LOOK FOR DETAILS IN  
CONNECTIONS.**



## SPIRIT SINGERS LOOKING FOR EAGER VOICES

UCWC's choir, the Spirit Singers, begin their rehearsals on Thursday September 6. If you are interested in joining us, don't be shy. Contact Miriam Davidson at email: choir



## A YOUTH GROUP SUMMER OF FUN

What goes, "SQUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUU ... AAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH"? It's the sounds you hear during a super soaker "battle" at Summer CON. At least that's what I was told by the four youth and two adults that attended the Summer CON in July at Main Line UU in Devon.

And what goes, "UUUNNNNGGGHHH SSSHHHEEEEE OOOHHH WWWWEEERRREEE GGGGOONNNAAA DDDDDIIIIIEEEEE"? It's the sound you hear from the riders traveling at speeds in excess of 75 mph, down slopes of up to 85° and getting air-time five times on the new **SKYRUSH** roller coaster at Hershey Park. And what do you think you hear at the end of the ride? "THAT WAS THE MOST INTENSE RIDE I'VE EVER BEEN ON! LET'S DO IT AGAIN." Several members of our youth group were joined by friends from three other UU congregations for a wonderful sunny day at Hersheypark in August. Check it out on YouTube (search "Hersheypark Skyrush").

So what's up for the fall? We're starting the 2012-2013 year off with a trip on September 16 to the Maryland Renaissance Faire. All 9th through 12th grade youth are invited ... we NEED you. If you want to go, contact Dan Meyer and Marie Steel at email: youth-group, or talk to Sondra Hoganson or Kendra Sweitzer.

Let Merriment Abound!

- Dan Meyer

## STONES IN THE WALL

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

It was sunny and hot early Saturday morning on August 4, but there was much activity at the Cambria Terrace on Community Lane in Coatesville. A school age child was riding his bike, while down the block a neighbor was mowing his lawn. Outside the Habitat for Humanity trailer, volunteers started gathering to review job options and safety regulations while getting tools, gloves and some hardhats.

Yes, our UCWC group was ready for the day alongside other volunteers. Some caulking, installing wallboard, putting in concrete outdoor stair pads, and, of course, cleaning up...and whatever else needed doing so that these three houses would be completed by the end of the summer.

Habitat predicts that 11 houses of their project will be completed by the end of this summer and projects that 34 more homes will be built in the coming years. At this point, six foundations are just waiting for walls, roofs and windows.

So be on the lookout for our next Habitat date this fall. Hope you and even your friends and relatives can be with us... on the job site, purchasing/donating to the Habitat ReStore and/or continuing your offering in our Share-the-Plate for Habitat.

– Carol Dukes, Social Justice Chair

### VOTER ID CRISIS: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

UUPLAN and the UCWC Social Justice Committee encourage you to help citizens get the ID's they need in order to vote. You can do that by volunteering with any of the organizations listed below.

- **The Chester County Minority Caucus** ([www.ccmcaucus.com](http://www.ccmcaucus.com)), based in West Grove, is doing voter outreach in all of Chester County. Contact Everett Butcher at [ebutcher@ccmcaucus.com](mailto:ebutcher@ccmcaucus.com).
- **The West Chester NAACP** is working to reach voters in West Chester. Contact NAACP President Alice Hammond to offer help at [wcpnaacppres@yahoo.com](mailto:wcpnaacppres@yahoo.com).
- **The Chester County League of Women Voters** ([www.palwv.org/chesco](http://www.palwv.org/chesco)) has events scheduled, is organizing volunteers, and offers training. They are reaching out to people with disabilities, college students, and the elderly. Contact Susan Carty at 610-692-2139 or [sc51446@aol.com](mailto:sc51446@aol.com). (Note: League welcomes men and has men and women members.)

You can get tough questions about the law answered at the Voter ID Hotline: 1-866-687-8683.

We cannot be lulled by hope that the courts will stop this threat to citizens' rights. The appeals process outcome is uncertain, and it takes time to gather the required documents and get an ID from PennDOT.

Inge Leonardos has agreed to be "information central" for this effort. Contact her at email: voter-ID.

### SHARE-THE-PLATE NOMINATIONS

Members of the Congregation are invited to submit nominations for our monthly Share-the-Plate recipients. The Social Justice Committee will choose Share-the-Plate recipients for the next several months at our September meeting. If you nominated an organization over a year ago, and would like it to be considered again, please re-nominate it.

All nominations and re-nominations must be submitted by email on the Share-the-Plate Nomination form. Contact Linda Sander, email: social-justice, to request the form and to submit a nomination. Please submit nominations on or before September 6.

Our selection guidelines state that recipients should be local Chester County organizations that help people in the area. Preference is given to small, local organizations that do not have large amounts of funds from government or other sources to sustain them.

Last year our congregation donated \$4,350 to local organizations through this program. Thank you for helping make Share-the-Plate a success.



## **A MOMENT IN THE DAY OF A WEST CHESTER FOOD CUPBOARD VOLUNTEER**

I'm looking at this woman wondering why she's coming late in the day on a Wednesday to the Food Cupboard. She's well-dressed in casual business attire, obviously well-educated and used to dealing with the public. As we talk and work our way through the aisles she tells me that her mother lives with her.

The woman works at a small business in the area and has been there for about 20 years as the office manager. In the past year the deductions for her health insurance costs have risen from \$50/paycheck to \$500/paycheck. She has to have health insurance to make sure she's able to work since she is the sole support for her aging mother.

She can no longer make ends meet with this increased expense and finds herself running low on food every month. She would rather be contributing at the Cupboard than in the role of a client, but here she is.

Remember that those who come to the [West Chester Food Cupboard](#) really are the neighbors we encounter every day. Many of them had jobs they've lost, families to feed, or parents to support, just as we do. The number of clients coming to the Cupboard is higher than it was last year at this time.

Join us in supporting people who are trying their best to make ends meet. Pick up a few items each time you shop and bring them when you come on Sunday. Or drop them by the WC Food Cupboard in Gay Street Plaza.

You can also put a check in the collection plate on Sunday, and we will use it to give the Food Cupboard grocery cards that can be used to buy whatever is needed most. Make the check payable to UCWC and put West Chester Food Cupboard in the memo line.

## **ANIMAL MINISTRY**

All members and friends are invited to attend the meeting of the congregation's Animal Ministry Chapter at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12.

Following a first year of educational video presentations and a Sunday service, the Chapter will be deciding on goals for the months ahead. These may include research into pending legislation affecting animal welfare in Chester County and statewide, expanding low-cost spay/neuter programs, and dog and cat rescue operations.

Please bring your suggestions and priorities for this important program.



## **EMBRACING DIVERSITY TEAM**

The Embracing Diversity Team works to fulfill this vital part of our congregation's vision. We meet on the first Monday of every month – except September, when we'll meet on the second Monday, September 10. This meeting is open to any and all who wish to join in our effort to make UCWC a multicultural congregation. Please join us.



## **FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT**

This month's Suggested Items:  
Oil, Sugar, Cake and Cookie Mixes

Our monthly food collection is Sunday, September 2. Look for collection baskets in the lobby. We participate in a special program that assures the West Chester Food Cupboard 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. It's just one more way UCWC is helping those in need.

## **SHARE-THE-PLATE GENEROSITY**

The Social Justice Committee's Share-the-Plate program raises money to give to local non-profit organizations who are trying to improve life for Chester County residents. We are pleased to announce that the share-the-plate recipient for September 16 (third Sunday of the month) is Habitat for Humanity.

One-third of the people in our nation have housing problems. Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to providing decent, affordable homes for those in need. Decent, stable housing leads to stability for the children, growth in a family's sense of dignity and pride, improvements in health, physical safety and security, and an increase in educational and job prospects.

Thank you for your generosity to last month's recipient, Francisvale Home for Smaller Animals, in the amount of \$405.

## EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP SEPTEMBER 9

We are planning to kick off our book group year with a movie at Pat Shorten's home at 115 Susan Drive, West Chester. If all goes as planned, we will show this outside by the fire, but if bugs are bad or weather does not cooperate, we will be inside on the couch. Pack your dinner if you wish. Pat will serve coffee and tea. We plan to start at 6:30, a bit earlier than our usual starting time.

Our chosen movie is *Iron Jawed Angels*, a 2004 film starring Hilary Swank. In this movie, defiant young activists take the women's suffrage movement by storm, putting their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote.

All are welcome to join the book group with this election year classic. Shelly Case will lead discussion. If you need directions or have questions, please contact Shelly Case or Ruth MacFadyen, or contact us at email: diversity-book-group.



## SOCIAL ACTION FAIR AND CONCERT

The Main Line Unitarian Church in Devon is inviting congregation members to a Social Action Fair and a concert by [Emma's Revolution](#) on Friday, September 21. The Social Action Fair begins at 7 p.m. and is free. Concert tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door and begins at 8 p.m. The performers have been described as a combination of Rachel Maddow and Jon Stewart and should provide an entertaining and thought-provoking evening.

## LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet Friday, September 28, 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.

## COFFEE HOUSE

The next coffee house is Saturday, September 8, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Our featured act is Emmitt Robinson. This venue continues to be a fund raiser for UCWC with a \$5 suggested donation at the door. Performers may sign up at 6:30.

Please come out and support this wonderful fund raiser. Thank you for all your support as we kick off our sixth season

## FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Saturday, September 29, 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.

## UCWC INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS

### CONTACTING UCWC BY EMAIL

All email addresses in the *Fellowtarian* and on our website ([ucwc.org](#)) are @**ucwc.org** unless otherwise indicated. If you see "email: minister" that means the actual address includes "@ucwc.org".

### MAILING LISTS – Still @ufwc.org

Mailing lists remain @**ufwc.org** – our old domain – until further notice. To subscribe to a list, contact Steve Sander at email: list-management. These are the current mailing lists.

**Discussion Lists.** Subscribers receive all posts and can post by sending a message (from the subscribed address) to the list name @**ufwc.org**.

- **social-justice-list** – Sharing information related to social justice issues.
- **sustainable-living-list** – Sharing information related to sustainable living issues.
- **things-to-do-list** – Sharing information about non-UCWC events that may be of interest to our Congregation community.

**Targeted Lists.** Informational lists for those involved with specific activities:

- **lunch-group-list** – Notification of upcoming lunch group get-togethers.
- **folk-singing-list** – Notification of folk singing get-togethers.
- **youth-group-list** – Information for Youth Group members and parents.

**Restricted Post Lists.** Strictly informational lists to which only authorized people can post. If you think you have been incorrectly omitted as a subscriber, let Steve Sander know:

- **ufwc\_list** – Same subscribers as *Connections*. Used for emergency messages, weather issues, last-minute schedule changes, and other information that cannot wait for the weekly edition of *Connections*.
- **ufwc\_fellowtarian** – Distribution of The Fellowtarian as a PDF file.
- **ufwc\_fellowtarian\_contributors** – Call for articles to officers, chairs, event organizers, etc.

## CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

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

- Sep 2 Sun First Sunday Food Collection.** Lobby. See p. 7.
- Sep 3 Mon Labor Day Holiday.** Office closed.
- Sep 5 Wed Religious Education Committee.** 6-7:30 p.m. Youth Group Rm. Contact Heidi Frayer, email: RE
- Sep 6 Thu Spirit Singers Choir Rehearsals Start.** 7:15-9:15 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 5.  
**Share the Plate Nominations Deadline.** See p. 7.
- Sep 8 Sat Coffee House.** 7 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 8.
- Sep 9 Sun Double Services Resume at 9 and 11 a.m.**  
**Picnic in Hoopes Park.** After the second service. Bring a dish to share. Contact Lauren Kelly, email: fun  
**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.** 6:30 p.m. Movie at Pat Shorten's home. See p. 8.
- Sep 10 Mon Embracing Diversity Team.** 7-8:30 p.m. Office. See p. 7.
- Sep 12 Wed Animal Ministry Chapter.** 7-8:30 p.m. Fireplace Rm. See p. 7.  
**Parents as Resident Theologians Adult RE begins.** 7 p.m. See p. 3.
- Sep 13 Thu Social Justice Committee.** 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Carol Dukes, email: social-justice. See p. 6.
- Sep 14 Fri Potluck and Game Night.** 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30). Sanctuary. Contact Mary Yeager, email: game-night.
- Sep 16 Sun Share the Plate Sunday.** Benefits Habitat for Humanity.. See p. 7.  
**Religious Education Begins.** See p. 3.  
**Getting to Know UU Coffee.** 10:15-11:00 a.m. Office. Contact Barbara Long, email: membership  
**Youth Group Trip to Maryland Renaissance Faire.** See p. 5.
- Sep 17 Mon Deadline for Directory Updates.** See p. 4.
- Sep 18 Tue Soul to Soul Gathering Starts.** 7 p.m. Youth Group Rm. See p. 5.  
**Board Meeting.** 7 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Mary Yeager, email: president.
- Sep 21 Sat Main Line Unitarian Church's Social Action Fair and Concert.** Emma's Revolution performing. Fair 7 p.m. Concert 8 p.m. See p. 8.
- Sep 23 Sun Spirit Singers Perform.** Both services.  
**Young Adult Group.** 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Rm. Contact Az Azarak, e-mail: young-adult  
**Transition Town Meeting.** 12:30-2:30 p.m. Youth Group Rm. Contact Deanna Gabe.
- Sep 28 Fri Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 8.
- Sep 29 Sat Folk Singing.** 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. See p. 8.

### Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

- Spirit Singers Practices 7:15-9 p.m.** Thursdays, September 6,13, and 20. Contact Miriam Davidson, email: choir. See p. 5.
- Adult RE Parents As Resident Theologians.** 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Sep 12 through Oct 17. See p. 3.
- Youth Group Meets most Sundays, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** Youth Group Room. See p. 5.