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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 October, 2012

**October 7**

**WORLDS WE CREATE**

**Rev. Deborah Mero**

Science Fiction has a tendency to create dystopian worlds — the late Ray Bradbury created one in *Fahrenheit 451*. *Brave New World* and *1984* are also examples of dystopia. In contrast, there have been attempts at creating Utopian communities, and many of our Unitarian forebears have made such attempts. What do the worlds we create say about us or our society?

**October 14**

**PAY ATTENTION**

**Rev. Sandra Fees**

Paying attention is a spiritual practice encouraged by spiritual teachers, philosophers, and poets alike. Poet Mary Oliver identifies it as one of her three essential "Instructions for Living a Life." This morning we'll explore the challenges to being attentive and consider how we might enhance our ability to awaken to life.

**October 21**

**GRACE, AMAZING AND OTHERWISE**

**Rev. Deborah Mero**

Grace is one of those words that can mean many different things. Is it a prayer over food? A free gift from the Universe? Something that only includes thoughts of God? It can mean any or all of the above and more. The choir and minister will be grace-filled this Sunday and hope you will be as well.

**October 28**

**ENVISIONING THE FUTURE**

**Rev. David Long**

In the passage of time, and in an election year, what do we envision for ourselves, our communities, and even the world? David is a member of our congregation and a retired United Church of Christ minister.

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

## THE SONG OF DEBORAH

Last spring a group of us went on an eight-week exploration of Unitarian Universalism using the curriculum *Faith Like a River*. We had many lively discussions as we learned about our roots and our story. But the story did not end there. The curriculum is actually one with 16 units, so we will re-commence in mid-October and add new sessions to what we began. Anyone is welcome to join us. There is further information on page 5 of this issue of *The Fellowship*. One of the units we will explore is Idealism and Utopianism, hallmarks of our faith. The Transcendentalists were certainly steeped in lifting up and imagining communities where the ideals we cherish are central to living a good life. Have we always and do we continue to be optimists?

This past June Ray Bradbury died. We have claimed him to have been a Unitarian Universalist. One of the most haunting of all science fiction movies in my consciousness is the film, *Fahrenheit 451*, a story where big brother watches all we do, and where possessing and reading books is illegal. The title refers to the temperature at which paper burns. Books and reading are a huge part of who we are and what we value as UU's, so the idea of a society in which they are forbidden is frightening indeed. Science fiction, science fantasy — is it prophesy, or is there enough reality to ring more true than we are comfortable with? Rod Serling, creator of *Twilight Zone* was a UU as well. Did our optimistic faith play a role in either of their thinking? It is definitely worth exploring.

Our *Parents as Resident Theologians* class has begun with discussions about what the word "religion" means both in the context of the wider world and to us as well. We joke about not being part of any "organized" religion with the implication that we are not very well organized. But the bigger question that many have is whether or not we are

a religion at all. The great theologian Paul Tillich had this to say about religion:

*Being religious means asking passionately the questions of the meaning of our existence and being willing to receive answers, even if the answers hurt. Such an idea of religion makes religion universally human, but it certainly differs from what is usually religion. It does not describe religion as the belief in the existence of gods or one God, and as a set of activities and institutions for the sake of relating oneself to these beings in thought, devotion, and obedience. No one can deny that the religions which have appeared in history are religious in this sense. Nevertheless, religion in its innermost nature is more than religion in this narrower sense. It is the state of being concerned about one's own being and about being universally... Religion*

*is the dimension of depth in all of life experiences. My religion is the answer to the question which I am.*

Do we endeavor to find the answer to the question which each of us individually is? I think so. It is far more challenging than to have the answers given to us. But it only is religion if we actually practice it, hence the term religious practice. As a community of faith, it is our mission to provide a variety of opportunities for you to practice Unitarian Universalism — through the worship experience, through singing in the choir, through teaching and learning for ourselves and the children we welcome, through small groups that gather for a myriad of reasons, and through serving one another, the congregation, and the community. Being religious means being engaged in the quest, engaged in service, engaged in the community.

We are happy you have chosen to practice your religion with us.

— Peace  
*Deborah*

### EXCHANGING PULPITS

On Sunday October 14, Rev. Deborah and Rev. Sandra Fees will participate in a longstanding UU tradition of exchanging pulpits. Deborah will preach at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Berks County in Reading, and Rev. Fees will fill the UCWC pulpit.

Rev. Sandra Fees is in her ninth year as minister at First UU Church of Berks County. She completed her theological studies at Lancaster Theological Seminary and was ordained at Main Line Unitarian Church in 2004. She holds a BA and MA in English Literature from Shippensburg and Syracuse Universities respectively, and she worked in corporate marketing communications and nonprofit fundraising prior to being called to UU ministry. She recently joined the Board of UUPLAN, our Pennsylvania statewide advocacy network. In worship, she strives to blend the practical and mystical with a special focus on spiritual practices, poetry, and nature. Please make her feel welcome on October 14.

## REMARKS

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

*When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are.*  
— Jiminy Cricket, in Disney's *Pinnocchio*

Until Deborah and I started working on the "Star Stuff" Ingathering intergen service (September 9), I hadn't thought of that sweet little song of Jiminy Cricket's in decades. And it wasn't until the day after the services that it occurred to me how Unitarian Universalist the opening line is: "... makes no difference who you are."

Accepting — and even celebrating — differences is the spirit in which we come together in our UU congregations: embracing our first principle and affirming "the inherent worth and dignity of every person." It's also the spirit of our congregation's Vision statement, "We gather, aspiring to be a ... welcoming community, that ... embraces diversity ..."

Without intending it to be, that song was the perfect way to start our new RE year together. In our religious education classes we will be focusing on what it means to be Unitarian Universalist. And in our Worship time together each Sunday, we will dig into our Seven Principles and also hear stories of some of the people who shaped, and continue to shape our faith.

This learning together is also part of being UU. In a tradition where we are encouraged to question, one thing we know for sure is that no one really knows the answers to Life's big questions: "Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?"

Gathering together in mutual respect, we commit to being partners on this journey of exploration and discovery, sharing our thoughts, ideas and revelations with each other in sacred community.

In RE, we also come together with energy and high spirits, some of which you may occasionally hear rising through the sanctuary floor during the service. We believe that laughter and silliness are part of the learning process; one of the ways that friendships are formed and learning happens.

— Pam Baxter  
Director of Religious Education

### JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 FOR THE 26TH ANNUAL AIDS WALK PHILLY

AIDS Walk Philly is the Delaware Valley's largest annual HIV/AIDS awareness and fundraising event. Join the UCWC Youth Group and thousands of people in a 12K Walk / 5K Run to make a lasting statement about your commitment to conquering HIV/AIDS in our communities.

Our goal this year is to raise \$2,000 (we came REALLY close last year) for HIV/AIDS services in the greater Philadelphia area. These organizations supply everything from food, housing, and counseling to legal aid, education, and prevention.

To join our team, visit [www.aidswalkphilly.org](http://www.aidswalkphilly.org) and register with team #1843, the "Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester". Then start gathering sponsors; their donations can be submitted online or in cash. If you can't participate, but would like to sponsor the team (or one of the walkers), you can do this online at the website listed above. Please contact Dan Meyer (email: [youthgroup](mailto:youthgroup)), Carol Dukes, or a member of the Youth Group if you're interested in joining our team.



### IT'S TIME FOR YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group kicked off the 2012-2013 year on September 16 with a fun day at the Maryland Renaissance Faire in Annapolis. We met up with friends from the UU Congregation of Rockville, Maryland and spent the day watching jousting, eating turkey drum sticks and cheesecake on a stick, watching Shakespeare's "Macbeth in 20 minutes" and just plain having fun.



On **Sunday, September 23, at 11:00 a.m.** we'll have our first weekly meeting and start planning for participating in the Philly AIDS Walk, the Fall CON in Towson, Maryland, and a year's worth of fun activities. ALL high school-aged youth are welcome. **DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!**

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The annual meeting brought to our attention a number of challenges that we must face in the coming year. Questions about our building and how to manage our resources head the list.

While we have been enjoying the summer, JPD has been busy preparing workshops for our benefit. In July, we hosted a Policy Governance workshop here in our building. This fall, JPD is offering opportunities to enrich our congregational lives and foster the success of our congregation.

Fortunately, these workshops are being offered near enough that it is reasonable for some of us to attend. On September 22, Main Line Unitarian Church in Devon will host a Leadership Day. Several of our members plan to attend. It promises to be a day to connect with other UU congregations in the area and to learn new skills.

On October 13, the UU Church of Cherry Hill New Jersey will host "Moving on Up: How to Adapt

to Congregational Growth". This workshop focuses on: factors that contribute to congregational growth; how to staff for, budget for, and manage growth in your congregation; individual and institutional barriers to growth; and the minister's and lay leader's role in creating and sustaining growth over time. We have some people already registered, and we encourage you to attend. Let me know if you are interested in participating.

The JPD is not the only one keeping busy. Your board is working on several taskforces addressing a variety of pressing issues including sabbatical guidelines for our staff, budget contingency plans for 2013-14, "Stay or Go" research in regards to our building, Mission Monitoring Guidelines, Revisiting Growth, and Committee on Ministry work.

The Stay or Go Taskforce is investigating alternatives to staying in our current location/facility. They could use your help in gathering information and discussing options.

Hugh Sutherland, Clark Arnold, and Fred Frayer are working on this task. Contact them if you would like to help.

If you have experience with the administration of sabbaticals, that taskforce would appreciate your guidance. If you can help with these tasks, reach us at email: board.

In the meantime, I ask you to support the Service Auction in November. Other than our pledge drive, this is our major fundraiser for the year. Consider donating your services. Whether it is a drive to the airport or a voice lesson, it is an opportunity to support your congregation and perhaps meet someone new. Nancy Artus could still use help with organizing the Service Auction. Give her a call if you can help. Finally, please plan to come on Saturday, November 3, and bid on some tempting items. It promises to be a lot of fun. I hope to see you there.

– Mary Yeager

### WOMEN'S RETREAT (104) IN JANUARY

On January 11-13 Deborah will welcome a new group of women who have yet to experience the Women's Retreat. (Should we not have enough first-timers, the retreat will be open to any women who want to come. Stay tuned.) Please indicate an interest before December 1. Registration is now open. There is scholarship money available for those who need it. Information and registration forms can be found at: <http://revdeb.org/page19/retreat.html>, and printed forms are available at the Congregation building. If you have any questions or want to sign up, contact Deborah at **email: minister**.



### GETTING TO KNOW UU'S

Are you intrigued by what you've found at the Unitarian Congregation of West Chester? Do you want to know more about Unitarian Universalism and this community? Meet some members of the congregation, learn about the UCWC, and get your questions answered.

Come and have some coffee and treats with us in the upstairs office, Sunday, October 21, at 10:15 a.m. We're looking forward to getting to know you. Contact, Barbara Long (**email: membership**) for additional info.

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## NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Have you ever helped to organize an activity? Then you know the work required to recruit volunteers, send timely reminders, and have back-up for last minute changes. Can you imagine putting in that amount of effort week after week after week?

That is what Cathy Vogt has done for the RE program for several years, where she both taught and served on the RE Committee, sometimes as chair.

Cathy taught several age groups, and understands their differences very well. She brought out the best in each year's basic curriculum to meet the needs of her classes, serving as a champion for their spiritual lives and promoting friendships within a like-minded community. She used what she learned during her several years of volunteering to help create the RE Manual, with job descriptions for every task within the program, including a monthly calendar for Committee tasks.

Cathy was key to reviving the Coming of Age class's annual trip to Boston and was thrilled by the recent trip, which included her younger son Spencer. An especially proud moment was the culmination of the Coming of Age class through the presentation of their individual credos. These reflected the years of participation by students in the RE program.

Cathy especially appreciated the deep friendships that were created among the RE volunteers. Everyone who worked with Cathy knows that her commitment, sense of purpose and organizational skills have been invaluable to the RE program. Thank you Cathy.

### **ADULT ENRICHMENT: FAITH LIKE A RIVER**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7-9 P.M.**

**OCTOBER 24-DECEMBER 5**

**(NO CLASS NOVEMBER 21)**

We will continue the class and lively discussions that began last spring discovering our own UU history and traditions. We will start with a quick re-cap of Unitarianism and Universalism and then explore the merger of the two denominations, our Social Justice heritage, Idealism and Utopianism, our International and Multicultural connections and Covenant. Anyone is welcome to join in – participation in the spring course is not a pre-requisite.

## GAME NIGHT

This month Game Night will be on Friday, October 5. It starts with a potluck dinner; then we break into groups to play the games. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and we start games a little after 7. We are usually done between 8:30 and 9:45, but you can leave whenever you are ready.

It is a great way to end the work week and start the weekend. Don't worry about dinner. Bring a dish and a beverage (for example a 2 liter bottle of soda or a half gallon of milk) to share as well as any game you would like to play. If you don't have time to cook, pick up a pizza or cookies on the way. (Everybody loves pizza/chocolate chip cookies.) If you are late, we will let you join the game or start a new one. Just come.

Recently, we played Clue, Take the Hat, Bananagram's and Scrabble. As you can see there was a quite a variety. We can't tell you what we will play, because it is up to those who come. Sometimes we try something new, but there are always people wanting to play old favorites too. Come and join the fun.

Please don't think that this is just for kids, because everyone is welcome. Come by yourself, bring a friend, or bring your whole family. There is no need to RSVP, but if you have any questions contact Lauren Kelly at **email: fun**.



## WCU STUDENT CONCERT AT UCWC

On Saturday, October 27, at 7:30 p.m., UCWC will present a concert by the West Chester University's NOW Music Society featuring music performed by students. This music has been composed by students, recent graduates, and other living composers. Students strive to create music in new and innovative ways, exploring their imagination and holding the audience's fascination. This music can go in any direction and encompasses many genres. Expect a varied program: songs, solo piano, chamber ensembles, and choral music.

This community event is open to all. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door for UCWC and the West Chester University New Music Society. Questions should be directed to Marie Steel (email: music) or Alex Marthaler (email: pianist).

## EXAMPLES OF DONATIONS

Antiques  
 Art  
 Babysitting  
 Birthday Cake  
 Breadmaking  
 Brunch  
 Car Washing  
 Career Counseling  
 Chair fixing  
 Childcare  
 Chinese for 8  
 Chocolate Cake  
 Christmas Lights  
 Computer help  
 Homemade Cookies  
 Fondue  
 Frequent Flyer Miles  
 Gardening  
 Gift Certificates  
 Homemade Candy  
 Hot Tub  
 House Sitting  
 How to...  
 Jewelry  
 Knitting  
 Lawn Mowing  
 Legal Help  
 Lessons  
 Massage  
 Mending  
 Mexican for 6  
 Mother's Helper  
 Music  
 Personal Coach  
 Pet care  
 Plants  
 Quilting  
 Ride to Airport  
 Software  
 Stenciling  
 Summer BBQ  
 Teaching  
 Use of Boat  
 Vacation Home  
 Wallpapering  
 Weekend Retreat  
 Window Washing  
 Yard Work

## THE AUCTION IS COMING!

Our annual Service Auction and dinner returns November 3. This is a fun and exciting social event as well as an important fund raiser for our congregation. We will have raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction with a new auctioneer, as well as a dinner and show. (See accompanying article. below)

The silent auction and raffle baskets will be set up in the sanctuary on the two Sundays before (October 21 and 28) as well as the night of the auction. If you cannot come November 3, be sure to attend one of these Sundays, and/or arrange to have a proxy to bid for you at the auction. (We can help you find a proxy. Send your request to **email: auction**.) The Auction book will be available on our webpage ahead of time for everyone to begin planning bids.

We are asking all our friends and members to do these three things at this time:

1) Plan to attend Saturday, November 3, at 5 p.m. for dinner and entertainment, 6 p.m. for the auction. Everyone is welcome. Babysitting will be provided. RSVP with the names and ages of the children so that we can plan sitters and activities (**email: auction**).

2) Donate a service or item. We accept services (see list of suggestions on this page), and we accept unused or valuable items. There is a link to an online donation form on our website, or you can complete a paper form in the back of the sanctuary. The donation deadline for inclusion in the auction book is October 14. Late donations will be included in an addendum. Address questions to Dan Meyer, **email: auction-donations**.



3) Take a copy of our solicitation letter (pick up a copy in the back of the sanctuary or download it from our webpage) to your favorite business (restaurant, salon, store, studio), hand it to the manager with a smile, and ask if they would like to donate a gift card or merchandise to our auction. Many businesses are happy to support community events. Send a note to **email: auction** so that we can follow-up with a phone call.

We are still in need of someone to coordinate the décor and set-up, and we always need several volunteers the night of the auction. See the September *Fellowtarian* for a complete list of volunteers needed. If you can help, contact Nancy Artus at or **email: auction**.

Thank you. With your support, our auction will be a big success.



## AUCTION DINNER AND SHOW

Our November 3 pre-auction dinner and show are shaping up beautifully. There will be a gourmet Italian dinner, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and a show featuring our local talent, all starting at 5 p.m. (Come a little early to get signed in and in line for the food.)

We have many volunteer gourmet cooks already who will wow us with fresh pasta, gourmet sauces, interesting vegetarian dishes, and a great salad. Desserts will be authentic Italian as well. The prices for the dinner and show are only \$10 for adults, \$5 for children including teens.

Please register for the dinner with the online system on our website. If you have dietary restrictions that we need to address, let us know at **email: auction-dinner** and we will try to accommodate you.

Invite your friends and neighbors. This will be a night to remember.

## STONES IN THE WALL

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

Hunger Awareness Month is here again. Hunger has not gone away, and in this difficult economic time, it is unfortunately thriving. For us at UCWC, the lack of affordable and nutritional food continues to be a consistent concern as we search ways to support our community in coping with the food insecurity that is problematic for many individuals and families. Through the efforts of many of our members, we continue to be avid supporters of organizations/agencies that deal directly with this problem.

Thanks to Mary and Phil Yeager and Tom Townsend, our gleaning crew, who grew and picked edamame (122 pounds) and green beans, and picked a variety of other vegetables at local farms for the Chester County Food Bank. In addition, several of our members volunteer at the West Chester Food Cupboard to help with food distribution, and we support the West Chester Food Cupboard through food collections and financial donations in the collection plate.

We value, too, the nurturing value of food and the sense of community when meals are shared with others. Sharon Mayer-Conroy and her team cook and serve meals at Safe Harbor each month. Through this effort, community members who are most vulnerable are assured of home-cooked meals served with a smile and welcoming support. Sharon will be signing up interested participants in the coming months.

Also in November, we have an additional opportunity to help bag food for the holidays in Philadelphia at the SHARE warehouse. More information and a signup sheet will be soon available. In the meantime, let us continue to work together to support these efforts. We can and we do make a difference.

– Carol Dukes, Social Justice Chair

## UUSC UPDATE

UUSC is the UU Service Committee. It puts our values to work each and every day across the U.S. and around the world. For example, they are fighting for potable water in California and for minority women's pecan production in Georgia. UCWC has a history of supporting UUSC through memberships and holiday cards and gifts.

Here are the facts: 102 of us were members of UUSC last year, that's 56%. The bad news is that this is a decrease of more than 10% from the year before, but the good news is that we are among the top 5% of the large congregations on the East Coast. And we donated almost \$6,000 to the UUSC.

Let's do it again this year – by joining and by buying holiday cards and gifts after the services in November. You can join online at [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org). It's only \$40 for individual memberships, and \$75 a couple, with big discounts for seniors and students. Membership is the perfect gift for someone you love. Just be sure to tell them that you're affiliated with the Unitarian Congregation of West Chester.

## 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 October 21 (third Sunday of the month) is ACT In Faith. ACT In Faith 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.

Thank you for your generosity to last month's recipient, West Chester Food Cupboard, in the amount of \$240.



## FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

### THIS MONTH'S SUGGESTED ITEMS: SPAGHETTI SAUCE AND TOMATO PRODUCTS

Our monthly food collection is Sunday, October 7. Look for collection baskets in the lobby.

We participate in the "Circle of Giving" program that assures the West Chester Food Cupboard of specific items on any given month according to a schedule provided by the food cupboard. For this month's needs, see above headline – of course, other items are appreciated as well. **Please be sure that the date on food items has not expired.**

We encourage members to bring in items the first Sunday of each month, but if you forget, we will accept non-perishables at any time.

As always, thanks for participating in this project. It's just one more way UCWC is helping those in our community. Contact Shelly Case at **email: food-cupboard**.

## UUPLAN

UUPLAN (Unitarian Universalist Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network) is having its annual meeting on Saturday, October 13, from 9:30 to 2:20, at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, 1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This is an important meeting for current and potential UUPLAN members. Delegates from throughout the state will convene to set our course for the coming year.

The Legislature has abolished General Assistance and put 70,000 of our most vulnerable fellow citizens in deep jeopardy. They have rushed through a Voter ID law which is almost universally seen as discriminatory against the aged, the poor, people with disabilities, and people of color. So far, our lawmakers continue to ignore threats to our environment caused by unchecked natural gas drilling, and they ignore global climate change. And a package of bills hostile to immigrants is waiting in the wings.

Now, more than ever, we UUs need to be in the mix, informed, focused, and determined to work with allies for justice. Let UUPLAN know if you can attend by sending an email to UUPLAN Director Dennis Brunn at [dbrunn@verizon.net](mailto:dbrunn@verizon.net).

If you are planning to go, please contact Linda Sander (**email: social-justice**), and she will try to put you in touch with anyone else from the Congregation who is going, so that you can carpool.

## COFFEE HOUSE

The next coffee house is Saturday, October 13, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Our featured act is singer/song writer, Carolyn Colt. 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.

## FOOD BAGGING AT PHILLY SHARE

Check out [www.sharefoodprogram.org](http://www.sharefoodprogram.org), and check in Saturday, November 10 (9-noon) at the SHARE warehouse at 2901 West Hunting Park, Philadelphia. We will be bagging food for Thanksgiving that will be sent to host sites for families throughout the area. Children over the age of 6 are welcome. We will be joined by other volunteers from the greater Philadelphia area for a busy, fun and worthwhile morning. Please direct any questions to Carol Dukes at **email: social-justice-chair**. A signup sheet will be posted. Hope you will join us.

SHARE is a multi-faceted anti-hunger organization that provides food for over 350 neighborhood pantries in Philadelphia as well as offering quality affordable food to individuals, families and organizations located in the Mid-Atlantic region. Last year, SHARE distributed 15 million pounds of food with 6,000 of them from local farms with the help of volunteers — many volunteers. And come see our urban farm at our site. It is amazing.

## EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP

OCTOBER 14 7-8:30 PM

*DAY AFTER NIGHT* BY ANITA DIAMANT

Just as she gave voice to the silent women of the Hebrew Bible in *The Red Tent*, Anita Diamant now tells the story of four young women who escaped to Israel from Nazi Europe. The book is based on the true story of the October 1945 rescue of more than 200 prisoners from the Atlit internment camp, a prison for “illegal” immigrants run by the British military near the Mediterranean coast, south of Haifa. Haunted by unspeakable memories, the four young women from Poland, Paris, and Holland find redemption and re-create themselves in the strange new country of Israel. Debby Kern will lead our discussion.

For more information please contact Shelly Case or Ruth MacFadyen, or contact us at **email: diversity-book-group**. All are welcome.

## LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet Friday, October 26, 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.



## FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Saturday, October 27, 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**.



## CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

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

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| <b>Oct 1</b>  | <b>Mon</b> | <b>Embracing Diversity Team.</b> 7-8:30 p.m. Office.  |
| <b>Oct 5</b>  | <b>Fri</b> | <b>Potluck and Game Night.</b> Doors open at 6:30 p.m., games start after 7. Sanctuary. Contact Mary Yeager, email: game-night. See p. 5.   |
| <b>Oct 7</b>  | <b>Sun</b> | <b>First Sunday Food Collection.</b> Lobby. See p. 7.   |
| <b>Oct 9</b>  | <b>Tue</b> | <b>Council Meeting.</b> 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Cyndy Heck, e-mail: program  |
| <b>Oct 11</b> | <b>Thu</b> | <b>Social Justice Committee.</b> 7-8:30 p.m. Office. Contact Carol Dukes, email: social-justice. See p. 7.  |
| <b>Oct 13</b> | <b>Sat</b> | <b>Coffee House.</b> 7 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 8.<br><b>UUPLAN Annual Meeting.</b> 9:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. Unitarian Church of Harrisburg. See p. 8.   |
| <b>Oct 14</b> | <b>Sun</b> | <b>Young Adult Group.</b> 12:30-2 p.m. Fireplace Rm. Contact Az Azarak, e-mail: young-adult<br><b>Safe Harbor Dinner.</b> 6 p.m. Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. To help, contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: safe-harbor<br><b>Exploring Diversity Book Group.</b> 7-8:30 p.m. Office. See p. 8.<br><b>Deadline for Inclusion in the Service Auction Book.</b> See p. 6.  |
| <b>Oct 16</b> | <b>Tue</b> | <b>Board Meeting.</b> 7 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Mary Yeager, e-mail: president.   |
| <b>Oct 17</b> | <b>Wed</b> | <b>Animal Ministry.</b> 7-8:30 p.m. Fireplace Rm. Contact John Gribbin, e-mail: animal-ministry   |
| <b>Oct 21</b> | <b>Sun</b> | <b>AIDS Walk Philly.</b> Join or support the UCWC contingent. See p. 3.<br><b>Share the Plate Sunday.</b> Benefits ACT in Faith. See p. 7<br><b>Spirit Singers Perform.</b> Both services.<br><b>Getting to Know UU's (Newcomers coffee and Treats).</b> 10:15 a.m. Office. Contact Barbara Long, email: m.bership. See p. 4.<br><b>After Service Potluck.</b> 12:15-1:30 p.m. Sanctuary. E-mail: fun |
| <b>Oct 24</b> | <b>Wed</b> | <b>Faith Like a River.</b> Adult RE class starts. 7-9 p.m. See p. 5.  |
| <b>Oct 26</b> | <b>Fri</b> | <b>Lunch Group.</b> 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 8.  |
| <b>Oct 27</b> | <b>Sat</b> | <b>WCU Student Concert at UCWC.</b> 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 5.<br><b>Folk Singing.</b> 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. See p. 8.  |
| <b>Oct 28</b> | <b>Sun</b> | <b>Young Adult Group.</b> 12:30-2 p.m. Fireplace Rm. Contact Az Azarak, e-mail: e-mail: young-adult   |

### Groups meeting multiple times:

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| <b>Adult RE</b>             | <b>Parents As Resident Theologians.</b> 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Youth Group Rm. Sep 12 through Oct 17.<br><b>Faith Like a River.</b> 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays. October 24 through Dec 5. (No class Nov 21) |
| <b>Small Group Ministry</b> | <b>Soul to Soul Gathering.</b> 7-8:30 p.m. Youth Group Rm. Meets first and third Tuesdays. Contact Mira Tryon or Harriet Singer, email: soul-to-soul   |
| <b>Spirit Singers</b>       | <b>Practices 7:15-9:15 p.m.</b> Sanctuary. Thursdays Oct 4, 11, and 18. Contact Miriam Davidson, email: choir Tuesdays, Oct 2 and 16.  |
| <b>Youth Group</b>          | <b>Meets most Sundays, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.</b> Youth Group Room. Email: youth-group.  |