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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 July, 2013

**July 7 at 10 a.m.**

**DIVERSITY IN AMERICA**

**Sharon Sweitzer**

Sharon Sweitzer will lead this service using music as a spring-board for discussion. We will listen to several versions of "The Star Spangled Banner" and then will have the opportunity to reflect and share personal responses to the meaning of the music. Small groups will enable & encourage us to share and talk openly about stereotypes, life experiences, opinions, etc., that impact why we like or dislike various versions. Please come out for an engaging service.

**July 14 at 10 a.m.**

**SINGING THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES**

**UCWC Folk Singing Interest Group**

Sing along with us as we explore the seven Unitarian Universalist Principles. We'll have a song representing each one plus a few more selections to enjoy. If you have a good time, consider joining the UCWC Folksinging Interest Group's next get-together. No talent necessary...just a desire to have fun.

**July 21 at 10 a.m.**

**CONFRONTATIONAL PACIFISM**

**Joshua Sweet**

**What it means to, "Turn the other cheek," in a modern world.**

Beginning with the work of Shane Clairborne and Chris Haw in their book, *Jesus for President*, we will challenge the traditional interpretation of Jesus as a pacifist. It is my belief that we are called to be witnesses to injustice and to take an oppositional stance against it.

**July 28 at 10 a.m.**

**HOW DO YOU PREPARE FOR DEATH?**

**Michael Werner**

A biologist, a lawyer and a humanist each prepare for death from a different perspective. In this service, we will consider those perspectives: the biologist – where death is a necessary part of a continuum necessary to sustain life; the lawyer – where death creates new obligations, rights and expectations; and the humanist – seeking and finding hope and faith in the face of death. While we are each defined by our lives, life is a terminal condition. Death is an inescapable event that defines us as individuals and a community. We plan our life events, but death too frequently occurs without much preparation. How do we respond? As Woody Allen said, "It is impossible to experience one's death objectively and still carry a tune."

## THE SONG OF DEBORAH

I've been doing a lot of planning lately—planning for the summer and two trips I will be taking, planning for the sabbatical so that everything we can anticipate happening in my absence will be taken care of, planning for the winter holiday season, and contemplating planning for life after ministry. All of this while knowing that life often gets in the way of our plans. Still, I can't help myself. It's one of the things I do. Plan.

I'll be visiting my mother in mid-July to check in on her and help with whatever she needs while I'm there. The flight is booked and

her doctor appointments have been made. I haven't seen her in a year, and time does march on relentlessly. I need to spend some time with her while I still can.

Ralph and I have planned our trip to Wisconsin, where I will be involved in a workshop, and he will re-visit territory he hasn't seen since his youth. Actually we both will be doing that. We've dubbed it our "nostalgia tour." It will include a lodge my mother, brother, and I went to a few times over Christmas when I was a child, the area where a camp was that Ralph attended in his youth, and a detour through Champaign Urbana on the way home. I've discovered there actually is one pizza place still in operation since my college years long ago. We may have to go there.

It's hard to believe so many years have passed. Who I thought I was and what I thought I was going to be when I "grew up" have changed so much it's hard to believe.

My parents' generation—and those before them—tended to know where their lives were headed when they were young.

Most had one job or profession that anchored them pretty much for life.

Those in my generation had that model, yet probably most of us wound up in jobs and professions that were not in our original plans. Many of us had dramatic changes in direction once or even twice in our lifetimes. I know I did. For the generations that followed us it was

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a given that their lives would contain twists and turns, and that was the way it was going to be, which for most was/is OK. Things are much more unsettled for the generation entering and leaving college right now. There are far more unknowns.

Life does get in the way of our plans. We learn; we grow; we have adventures; we experience things we never would have dreamt of. The key is to take it all in. Learn, be open, make discoveries about the

world and about ourselves and our place in it.

As I prepare for some real time away, one of the things I know I need to do is to not plan everything and make some space for random and impulse discovery. It will be good for me to not have every day, week, and month laid out. A friend and colleague made plans for a great trip to South America for his sabbatical, and it got cut off after two weeks due to circumstances beyond his control. He adjusted, changed plans, and had a rewarding unexpected journey anyway.

May you enjoy your summer, the planned experiences, and those serendipitous ones that come your way. I hope to see you all on Sunday, August 25, when I check in with my "Summer Gleanings" and then say good-bye for a while as I head off for a time of extended sabbath, some of it planned and some not.

— Peace, thanks, and blessings,  
Deborah

### SUMMER ICE CREAM & FRIENDS

Everyone is invited.

The RE Team is hosting three ice cream socials this summer. We've chosen different locations and different days of the week in hopes of making it possible for people to come at least once. Each location has space for kids to run around and gives us the opportunity to try different ice cream flavors and concoctions. Please join us.

Wed Jun 26 Maggie Moo's, Main Street at Exton, 7:30 p.m.

Tue Jul 16 Chester Springs Creamery, at Milky Way Farms (Rte 113 east of Lionville), 7:30 p.m.

Thu Aug 15 Northbrook Marketplace (formerly NB Orchards), 1805 Unionville-Wawaset Rd, West Chester, 7:30 p.m. (Rain contingency plan for this location: since there is no indoor seating, we will meet at Milky Way Farms in the event of rain.)



For more information, contact Heidi Frayer.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Our two years together has whizzed by. I have been grateful for this opportunity to help our congregation along our journey. We have accomplished many things together and many others are underway. We have an exciting time ahead of us. We will meet many new faces as we greet guest speakers who substitute for our minister while she is away on sabbatical, a new interim minister following Deborah's retirement from settled ministry, and eventually a new settled minister, if we choose that path.

Shelly Case, our new president, will lead us through these eventful decisions. Please be willing to step up to the plate when our new leadership team asks for your participation on one of the teams preparing for the search process or on our ministerial search teams.

Remember this past Sunday our guest speaker, Mark Bernstein encouraged us to "believe in the possibility that this congregation is mine or ours to create; that each of us is cause not effect. I call on you, as members of this beloved community, to keep moving, to be courageous, and to continually embrace the new. To come together in love with a sense of openness and adventure, curiosity and excitement, as you imagine a congregation and a future filled with possibilities."

– Mary Yeager  
Outgoing President of the UCWC  
Board of Trustees

## NOTES OF APPRECIATION RICK MARTS AND FRED FRAYER

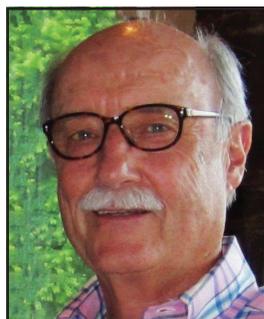
It is with regret and gratitude that I report that Rick Marts and Fred Frayer have completed their four years of service (two terms) on our Board of Trustees. Their contribution to our congregation cannot be measured, but its value is great nonetheless. Both brought with them a devotion to our community, a unique perspective, and priceless talents and skills.

Fred has been a staunch supporter of our Religious Education Program and an advocate for our music program. Having experienced firsthand the enrichment that the RE program brought to the lives of his children and the music-inspired joy which fills our hall on Sundays, Fred has rallied the Board to continue supporting these programs despite our financial tribulations. My thanks to Fred for keeping us focused on the important things in our congregational family.

Rick has served as our Vice-President for Diane Cohle's presidency as well as mine. Speaking for myself, his professional experience was an invaluable resource. His objectivity and savvy helped us clarify



the choices before us. Though he says he regrets giving me his phone number, he was always there to answer my calls. Being able to bounce ideas or brainstorm courses of action and get honest answers from him was invaluable to me. (We didn't always agree!) This year he coordinated the Board's efforts with the Executive Team to outline our plans for evaluating the success of our mission.



During Diane's presidency, Rick prepared the final draft of our congregation's Long Range Plan. This crucial work benefited from his attention to detail.

More than this, though, I enjoyed working with Rick. He kept us laughing at ourselves with his wit and good humor. Stepping into the presidency from outside the current Board as I did, I felt that Rick's support was tangible and reassuring.

While I have regrets about their departure from the Board, they are looking forward with delight to new opportunities which will present themselves at unexpected times and will lead to unexpected personal journeys. I wish them the best and ask that you thank them for sharing their talents, treasure, and time with us. (Thank their spouses too – for putting up with all the phone calls and meetings. Heidi and Sandy – Thank you!)

– Mary Yeager

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR NEW MEMBERS

During the past congregational year we were delighted to welcome, Teri and Larry Lesser, Kim Ellerthorpe, Denise Gincley, Katrina Moustafa, Stephen Zimnock, Ann McNally, Bill Ahern and Katie Gortvay and Sharon Sundial. It has become tradition at UCWC to continue to get to know one another and celebrate summer with this group joining together for an ice cream social.

This year it will be held, July 28, at 3 pm, at David and Barbara Long's home, 503 Westtown Circle, West Chester. It is an easy find, 1/4 mile off of route 3 in a very small condo complex. They will have a chance to meet some of the leaders of the congregation also. Invitations will be sent via email for an RSVP.

## REMARKS – BACK FROM SABBATICAL, CHAPTER 2

When I set out this spring to observe other ways of doing UU religious education, my primary goal was to find out, “What do Spirit Play and Workshop Rotation look like in real life?”

Why was it important to observe? Trying to figure out how to do RE from a book or even from a training workshop is like trying to learn how to cook by reading recipes. You can do it, but your end product might not be a success, especially if you’ve never even heard of some of the cooking techniques. It also helps to talk to a “chef,” i.e., a DRE who has experience in creating and running a particular model. She or he is the one who can tell you, “I know the directions call for dicing the zucchini, but I’ve found that the texture is way better if you grate it.”

In addition to this main goal of seeing the models in practice, I had the following questions:

- Does the model fully engage the children? How?
- Can different models effectively be combined?
- Is this model feasible at our congregation?
- How would it fit with/support our RE Mission?
- What additional planning/training might we have to do?
- Does it require more teacher initiative and communication?

I also had a prediction: based on what I’d already learned about both Spirit Play and Workshop Rotation, I had the expectation that I would be incredibly impressed, and would find that our curriculum-based UCWC RE program wouldn’t compare very well. My prediction was both right and wrong.

I came away from my travels feeling completely inspired by what I had seen of both approaches. Spirit Play (SP) is a Montessori-

based way of creating the physical and psychic space for children to make their own meaning of carefully chosen stories that are told via a specific method. I was delighted to be able to observe this meaning-making happening in almost text-book fashion.

Workshop Rotation (WR) applies different approaches to a single topic or concept, rotating classes through three or four exploration/workareas each month. At one church I visited, they were focusing on the theme of “courage” that month: on the first Sunday the children had heard the story of Mohammed’s courage in leading the way to a completely different religious practice. The story included the courage of Mohammed’s wife, Aisha, in standing by him and supporting him in a sometimes hostile environment. On the other Sundays, the children explored courage through outdoor activities, role-playing about bullying and self-esteem, and Islamic art. They were thoroughly engaged throughout.

I was able to observe Workshop Rotation at two different congregations. Rather than overkill, this was an important lesson. If I had observed at only one church or the other, I would have returned either a fierce advocate, or come away thinking that the method is uninspired. The same method, in different hands produced different results. Lesson learned: the success of an RE program is not in the particular approach or model, but in how it’s executed.

Over the years, I’ve heard several DREs at other congregations say, “Our curriculum-based model has to go. It’s just not engaging.” That’s never been my experience at UCWC. Yes, I’m always on the

lookout for ways to enrich and expand our program, but it turns out that our program is already rich and expansive. We start with a curriculum book, but our teams of teachers are so creative at bringing to life what’s on the page. They’re adept at improvising, at going with the flow if a discussion wants to go in a different direction. They’re good at asking questions, listening, encouraging our already thoughtful kids to think in different ways. They understand the “why” of RE, which helps them be really good at the “how.” We also have a rich Children’s Worship each morning, and a variety of Group RE days during the year.

Can we use Spirit Play and Workshop at UCWC? Yes, we can. And I want to, now that I’ve seen them in action, seen both the power and the pitfalls, and talked with the DREs and learned how much work is involved in getting the programs set up. I’ll be talking more with the RE Team, and with teachers and parents, as we go forward.

Overall, I emerged from sabbatical inspired by the new things I saw, ideas that we can take and use. And I also returned with a better appreciation of what we already do, and, as always, grateful for the adult volunteers and for the children themselves, who make our religious education program what it is.

– Pam Baxter, Director of Religious Education

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## FINANCIALLY YOURS

Thanks to some unexpected savings in our 2012-13 budget, we will be adding to the carryover (savings) that we brought over from 2011-12. As discussed at the Congregational Meeting on June 2, the Finance Committee initially estimated this additional carry over to be about \$7,000, but as we close in on the end of our fiscal year, it now appears that the additional carry over will be closer to \$14,000. Based upon this new information and on favorable sentiments expressed at the Congregational Meeting, the Board has approved the full payment of our annual contribution to the UUA Annual Program Fund and to our local Joseph Priestley District. This is a tremendous achievement for many reasons. First, due to budget constraints we regrettably included only 50% of our full contribution in our current budget, and second, as confirmed by the UUA APF office, this action preserves our record as a "Fair Share" congregation, a record that stretches back to 1986! This is a record of which we can all be proud.

But we cannot rest on our laurels. In the next two or more years we will need extra funds for building maintenance and ministerial search activities. The last time we were involved in the latter, we added \$10,000 in the budget. The amount can only be greater today. So if you have not made a pledge for next year, please do so now by visiting the "Membership & Giving" section of our web site and clicking on the "[Your Pledge](#)" bar. And if you have not completed your pledge for this year, please do so by sending your check to UCWC c/o the Income Treasurer or by dropping it in a collection on any Sunday. If we all do our part, we can keep our finances healthy and avoid future unhappy conversations about money.

This is my last article for the *Fellowtarian* as your Executive Treasurer, and after four years I am happy to place this responsibility in the very capable hands of Janine Galen who has been serving UCWC well as Expense Treasurer. Please join with me in wishing Janine success in her new role. And if any of you reading this really want to help Janine, we need a new Expense Treasurer to fill her shoes. You can't get a better mentor, the job satisfaction is great, and the company is stimulating. What more could you ask for? So call Janine right away before someone else takes the job.

— Mike Miller

## WHO PAYS THE BILLS IN YOUR FAMILY?

Fantastic! You are qualified to be the Expense Treasurer for the Congregation. That's it— just collect the bills that come in, check that they make sense, and print/sign the checks. It's that easy. The Finance Committee needs you, and we are happy to train anyone who can do some fifth grade math. Besides, you'll work with great people, and get to know how we spend your money. For more information, contact Janine Galen at email: [expense-treasurer](mailto:expense-treasurer).



## SEEKING YOUR TIME AND TALENT, PLEASE

We've discovered a number of areas in our congregation that could use some help. If you have the time and talent for any of these and would like to discuss these opportunities further, please contact the Program Council (email: [council](mailto:council)) who can get you in touch with the right people.

- **Finance Committee help and/or Expense Treasurer.** As Janine Galen, our expense treasurer has pointed out, "If you can write a check and balance a checkbook, you can do this mostly at home in your spare time." There would be one committee meeting per month involved in this. Plenty of people with years of experience will also be happy to help you get oriented.
- **Communications.** Someone who has done copywriting, public relations, newsletters, websites, etc., professionally or for a volunteer organization would be an asset for us. This involves some writing, coordination, and collaboration with our office administrator, the *Fellowtarian* editors, the website team, and the program coordinator. Much of it can be done from home by email in your spare time with one Program Council meeting per month on the second Tuesday.
- **Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate.** This involves the ordering, purchasing, and selling of our fair trade items. It takes approximately two hours per month, done on your own schedule. If you feel strongly about making a difference in economic terms, this is a good fit.

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## STONES IN THE WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

Another congregation year has ended, and with it comes our thoughts about where we have been and where we are going next.

The Social Justice Committee has seen the amazing generosity of our members through our Share-the-Plate contributions to local community service agencies. We have tried to offer face-to-face contact with the agency representatives in order for us to experience a more personal connection with the groups and their agency missions. We hope that you have found this informative and helpful.

Our members have also been generous with their talents and time, as they have volunteered in numerous projects in-house and also in the community and in UCWC-sponsored projects. Our thanks to members of the SJ Committee for their commitment to furthering the congregation goals; these members include Eileen Kelly-Meyer of the Embracing Diversity Team; Mike Stevens for Habitat for Humanity; Sharon Mayer-Conroy for Safe Harbor Meals; Tom Townsend for Gleaning and the UUSC team; Beth Daniels for Share-the-Plate; John Gribbin with the Animal Ministry Team; Jon McCormack as LGBT Liaison; Tom Buglio for the Gun Violence Prevention Project; Shelly Case with the West Chester Food Cupboard.

In the coming year, Susan Gast will be involved as a Congregational Liaison to UUPLAN and will be working to keep the congregation updated on UU issues at the state

and national level. Our special thanks go out also to YOU who have made these projects a testament to our commitment to our UU values. Thank you all. On a personal level, I especially want to thank Linda Sander for all of her efforts in keeping our committee alive and well. As I will be moving out of state in the coming months, Linda and Steve Sander will continue to support the committee. We are moving forward and we hope that you will continue to join us on this journey.

– Carol Dukes

## UUS OF COLOR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

The UUA is sponsoring a way for UUs who identify as People of Color all across the country to meet. They will be holding monthly meetings, online and/or on the phone, throughout the summer and hopefully beyond. More information can be found online at [www.uua.org/multiculturalism/286649.shtml](http://www.uua.org/multiculturalism/286649.shtml) or by contacting Jessica York, Youth Programs Director, at [jjork@uua.org](mailto:jjork@uua.org). Youth and adults are welcome. Already, there has been contact made with over 50 UUs who are interested in forming a virtual community.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP CHANGES

We welcome seven new leaders to the Social Justice Committee, and we are losing some dedicated leaders who leave behind many accomplishments.

We will say goodbye to Carol Dukes, our committee chair, who is moving to Washington state to be near her family. Carol was a new member of UCWC when she took over the chair position last June. In addition to normal committee chair duties, she co-chaired the new Gun Safety Study Group, joined the Embracing Diversity Team, actively supported UUPLAN, and initiated a winter coat collection for Maternal and Child Health. Her push to invite representatives from Share the Plate recipient organizations to speak at Sunday services significantly improved our donations that help people in the community. Carol's fresh enthusiasm, dedication, and her can-do attitude will be missed. Welcome to Susan Gast, who has agreed to be a UUPLAN Co-Liaison. Other parts of Carol's work are yet to be distributed.

Thank you to both Shelly Case and Ruth MacFadyen, who have led the Exploring Diversity Book Discussion group for eleven years. Pam Sapko and Lorrie McKinley are the new leaders. Shelly had five social justice jobs along with her Board Trustee duties, and she is giving up four of them to be Board President. She will continue to serve on the Martin Luther Day of Service Planning Committee. Kim Ellerthorpe took over the West Chester Food Cupboard project from Shelly, who has been taking our donations to the Food Cupboard and acting as our liaison for the past two years. We will discontinue Fair Trade Coffee Sales if no one volunteers to take the Coordinator job. Shelly also was a member of the Embracing Diversity Team. Welcome, Pam, Lorrie, and Kim.

Eileen Kelly-Meyer is looking for a replacement for her position as chair of the [Embracing Diversity Team](#). During her two years of leadership she and several UCWC members went to the Justice General Assembly in Phoenix which focused on immigration, led two Sunday services, redecorated the lobby and sanctuary to make them more inclusive, held a forum, led a book discussion, and screened a movie about immigration issues, and held a vision and goal setting workshop and a storytelling theater event. Thank you, Eileen, for your strong leadership.

Amy and Bill Crowell are the coordinators of our new fundraising project for [Martin Luther King Day, Stop Hunger Now](#), which began in April. Welcome, Bill and Amy. Also, mid-way through the year we welcomed Tom Buglio who started the very active Gun Safety Study Group.



## FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

### THIS MONTH'S SUGGESTED ITEMS: CHUNKY SOUPS

Our [monthly food collection](#) is Sunday, July 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. You can also put a check in the collection plate, payable to "UCWC" with "WC Food Cupboard" in the memo line on any Sunday.

Summer is a good time to give a little more than usual to the Food Cupboard. It is a slow season for donations, and many families have children who receive free lunches when they are at school, but don't get them in summer.

Thank you for participating in this project and helping neighbors in our community. Contact Kim Ellerthorpe at email: [food-cupboard](mailto:food-cupboard).



## GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The UCWC [Gun Safety Study Group](#) has worked on gun violence prevention efforts since its formation in December. We are the core of a group that has grown beyond the walls of UCWC with members from many other faith groups who recognized the need to connect with other like-minded people in the community and formed the Chester County Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence. Over the last three months, we have made efforts to spread the message of the urgency of gun violence prevention.

- In April, we supported Mayor Henry of Oxford by attending and speaking at a contentious public meeting concerning his desire for his Borough Council to pass a bi-partisan set of resolutions dedicated to gun violence prevention measures. He was successful.
- We attended a round table discussion at the invitation of Mayor Comitta of West Chester which included NRA representatives, libertarians, and gun owners in an effort to find common ground. Although not successful, we benefited from the experience in understanding better the other side and have grown to appreciate the first rate NRA gun safety courses, which we believe everyone who owns a gun should pass.
- In May, we joined a march/rally in Morrisville, Pennsylvania with 250 gun violence prevention supporters, where a strong contingent of armed gun rights advocates counter-demonstrated against our rally.
- On June 14, we joined forces with OFA, Ceasefire PA and Mayors Against Illegal Guns to speak and commemorate the six-month anniversary of Newtown at the Old Courthouse in West Chester with a single message: gun violence prevention is here to stay, and we will stay active with this cause until laws are passed to make us all safer.

Please join our cause with an open invitation to our meetings this summer: at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2, and Tuesday, August 6, at the UCWC so that we can brainstorm and organize how best to push our elected leaders. In addition, join us for a summer service on Sunday, August 18, on the topic *Gun Violence: Where We Stand Today*.

– Tom Buglio, email: [gun-safety](mailto:gun-safety)

## ROC WORKSHOP

Following two Sunday services and sales of the book, *Behind the Kitchen Door*, Tom Townsend, Gerry Giess, Cheryl Pittenger, Steve and Linda Sander, Rev. Deborah Mero, and Rev. Ralph Mero attended a short session on becoming effective allies of restaurant workers at the First UU Church in Philadelphia on June 1. Restaurant workers are often among those who receive below-minimum-wage pay, inadequate or non-existent leave, and no benefits or opportunities for advancement.

### OUR GLEANING GARDEN



We have been planting, weeding, and mulching since we started our gleaning project in May. The lettuce, beets, broccoli, edamame, and sweet potatoes are thriving. We have harvested our crop of broccoli and soon will be harvesting lettuce.

While we had originally planned to do the gleaning every week, every other week seems more appropriate, so we are switching to that frequency for July and August. Similarly, we changed our time to 6:00-7:30 pm to avoid the heat of the day.

For more information visit the website and click on the website calendar entry for gleaning. We have also added a sign up feature to that web page. This will let you know when your help is needed, and it enables us to notify you personally if there is a cancellation. If you have any questions, contact us at email: [gleaning](mailto:gleaning).

## CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

All email addresses @ucwc.org unless otherwise noted.

<b>Jul 2</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Chester County Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence Meeting.</b> 7 p.m. See p. 7.
<b>Jul 4</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Independence Day Holiday.</b> Office closed.
<b>Jul 6</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Gleaning.</b> 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary and Phil Yeager. Email: gleaning. See p. 7.
<b>Jul 7</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>First Sunday Food Collection.</b> Lobby. See p. 7.
<b>Jul 14</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Safe Harbor Dinner.</b> 6 p.m. Provided by the Congregation the second Sunday of the month. To help, contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: safe-harbor
<b>Jul 16</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Ice Cream Social.</b> 7:30 p.m. Chester Springs Creamery. See p. 2.
<b>Jul 20</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Gleaning.</b> 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary and Phil Yeager. Email: gleaning. See p. 7. <b>Bonfire and Weenie Roast.</b> 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary and Phil Yeager. All are welcome. Check our <a href="#">website</a> for details. Email: gleaning.
<b>Jul 21</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Share the Plate Sunday.</b> Benefits Habitat for Humanity. See below.
<b>Jul 25</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Religious Services Committee.</b> 7 p.m. Minister's Office. Contact Amanda Lipnack, email: religious-services
<b>Jul 28</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>New Member Ice Cream Social.</b> At David and Barbara Long's home. 3 p.m. See p. 3.

### 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 July 21 (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, [West Chester Food Cupboard](#), in the amount of \$610.

### FUN AND FELLOWSHIP IDEAS

[Fun and Fellowship](#) is always looking for new ideas and activities. If you have any ideas please, let us know, and we'll see what we can do with them. Please contact us at email: fun.

### FOLK SINGING

There will be no [folk singing](#) get-together in July, but we hope lots of folks (including folk singing group regulars) will come out for the July 14 Sunday service, *Singing the Seven Principles*.

### ALEX MARTHALER'S CD

Our Pianist Alex Marthaler is hoping to make a CD along with two of his classmates. For more information contact him at email: pianist.

### DON'T FORGET TO BUY GROCERY STORE GIFT CARDS

It's easy – you purchase a gift card from UCWC to use in a participating grocery store. Spend the full amount exactly like cash, while the Congregation earns up to 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 Congregation has only paid \$95 for the cards, so we earn \$5 (or 5% of the purchase).



Giant, Acme, Shop Rite, Wawa, Whole Foods, and Superfresh participate. See us after the Sunday service. Contact Rob Sartain, email: grocery-program

### LUNCH GROUP

There will be no scheduled [Lunch Group](#) get-together in July. If there is enough interest in August (also a time when many folks are out of town), we will have one.