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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, 2013

**September 1, 10 a.m.**

**ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT**

**Irv Friedlander**

The Alternatives to Violence Project was founded in and developed from the real life experiences of prisoners and others, and building on a spiritual base, AVP encourages every person's innate power to positively transform themselves and the world. Irv is the husband of Elaine Friedlander and a longtime friend of UCWC. He will be joined by another local AVP member, and they will describe how AVP works.

**September 8, 10 a.m.**

**WONDERFUL WELCOME!**

**Pam Baxter, DRE**

It's always a happy occasion when we come back together after summer vacation for our annual Ingathering. On this joyful Sunday of reconnecting, we will ask, "What makes us feel welcomed and at home here? How do we extend that welcome to visitors? We'll explore these questions through readings, songs and, of course, stories—all thoughtful, some hilarious!

**September 15, 10 a.m.**

**TBA**

**Rev. Richard Speck**

Rev Speck is the District Executive for the Joseph Priestly District of the UUA. The topic of his service is unavailable at press time but will be available on the UCWC website ASAP.

**September 22, 10 a.m.**

**ON BEING RELIGIOUS**

**Rev. Libby Smith**

Many people find Unitarian Universalism after feeling disappointed or hurt by other religions. Our members may like to define themselves as "spiritual, but not religious." And yet we are a religion, one with centuries of history and tradition that inform who we are today. What does it mean to be "religious" as a Unitarian Universalist? And why does it matter?

**September 29, 10 a.m.**

**COMMUNITY**

**Committee on Ministry**

Your Committee on Ministry will lead us in an exploration based, in part, on the Town Hall Meeting comments focused on community. Join us as we discuss the ideas shared, the opportunities open to us as we enter a new phase of our congregation's evolution, and our hopes for the future.

Services, Religious Education, and Babysitting at 10 a.m.

## THE SONG OF DEBORAH

Ralph and I have returned from our “nostalgia tour” and both of us found ourselves doing some deep diving into our way back memory banks. It’s been said that long term memory is the last to go and ours were certainly challenged, but many details came drifting back. I plan to share some of those thoughts and memories on Sunday August 25 with those of you who will be at the service.

Because of that deep diving into memory land, my thoughts and past tried to overshadow the reason for the trip—the workshop that we drove all the way to Wisconsin for me to attend. I have a lot of processing of that experience to do before I can bring it all to you so I will be giving you just a taste on Sunday with more to follow after I return in late November. It was (and is) some important work to ponder and contextualize—Parker Palmer’s “Habits of the Heart.” Parker is an amazing man, teacher, writer, and founder of the Center for Courage and Renewal. This was the fourth time I have had the joy of being in one of his workshops. I always learn new things and make my own discoveries along the way. He really is a kind of spirit guide.

Other chapters of the summer of note: empowering my 87 year old mother to take more control of her health care needs; a house cleaning binge; a garden gone bonkers; and beautiful art. I will try to weave some of these strands together for you as my summer gleanings.

Now we are about to enter into an interesting chapter in both of our lives. I plan to disconnect from you in a way I don’t even do during summer vacations. It is an odd feeling but keeping a foot in the door (as I usually do) won’t give me the space to do some of the inner work I need to do. Hopefully everything is set up so that all will continue smoothly while I am gone. The Board knows what it’s work is. The Executive knows what it needs to be doing. The Pastoral Care Team is geared up as is the Religious Services Committee. You will get to welcome a whole variety of preachers and see many styles in the pulpit.

Before I disconnect I will post information about our last women’s retreat together (Jan. 31- Feb. 2) on my web site, [revdeb.org](http://revdeb.org). I encourage the men in the congregation to talk with Gerry Giess, Rob Sartain, Dan Meyer or Alan Pittenger about the men’s retreat being offered by my colleague from Germantown in mid October. Our men are cordially invited to join up with the men from Germantown at Murray Grove and do your own exploring. It is on retreat that deep connections are made and important stories are shared in ways that other congregational activities just can’t duplicate. This is community building at its best.

These words were shared at the workshop in Wisconsin taken from John O’Donohue’s *For the Traveler*:

“A journey can become a sacred thing:  
Make sure, before you go,  
To take the time  
To bless your going forth,  
To free your heart of ballast  
So that the compass of your soul  
Might direct you toward  
The territories of spirit  
Where you will discover  
More of your hidden life,  
And the urgencies  
That deserve to claim you.”

I will take these words with me as I practice an extended sabbath. I offer them to you as well. Peace on the journey,

— Deborah

## STAY OR GO

Our building serves as a space to hold Sunday services, religious education classes/workshops, weddings, funerals, socials, congregational meetings, game nights, concerts... The list is very long; we need it to serve a wide variety of functions. It’s overwhelming to discuss all those at once, so in September we will focus on hospitality. Is our building welcoming? Do you feel comfortable here? Would a visitor be able to find us? What would a visitor’s first impression be?

Hospitality is about meeting a person’s needs and, to some degree, their expectations. Use the wall board in the sanctuary to post your thoughts on how well our building helps us be a welcoming community. Let us know what you like about our building, or what is missing or needs improvement. At the picnic, the Stay or Go Committee will ask you if the building supports our congregational mission in terms of hospitality.

On September 8, Sunday’s Intergen Service will be about Hospitality—how do we get all the pieces—our building, members, friends, ushers, greeters—to compliment and support each other, so that we can accomplish our mission of creating an environment for spiritual growth and fulfillment, for building meaningful connections, and for actively advancing peace and justice in the world?

— Mary Yeager



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Board has been active through the summer. We had a successful Policy Governance tutorial led by Diane Cohle, and we thank her for her helpful words. The tutorial helped us become more aware of existing policies as well as work done by previous board processes and will help guide our work together this year.

The Board has filled several positions with Hugh Sutherland accepting the Board Vice-President position, Pam Sapko on nominating committee, and Joanna Iliff accepting a role on the Committee on Ministry taking over for Betty Grosse. We want to thank Betty for her previous work with the COM and wish her well in her new home.

The Board has many pressing issues this coming year including creating a team of volunteers to find an Interim Minister as well as another team to help us work toward finding a settled minister.

The building continues to present challenges with water infiltration during major rain storms and subsequent mold-related problems. Wayne Bullaughey, Gerry Giess, and Hal Deal are steadily working on this problem. We appreciate their hours and dedication. They would welcome assistance with preparing the classrooms for fall programs.

There are other issues on the table related to the new sign, to document storage, to improving communications from the Board, to understanding our needs and hopes for the future as well as exploring our past and paving the way for change and growth. If you have things to add to our agenda or just have something to share, please contact the Board at [email: board](mailto:board). We want to hear from you.

We also want to thank Stephen Folley for all his help and work in the office. He has shown a great willingness to work and a wealth of new ideas and is a great asset to our congregation. Welcome Stephen, and thank you.

— Shelly Case

## MEN'S RETREAT AT MURRAY GROVE

OCTOBER 11-13

The Unitarian Society of Germantown has invited men of the UCWC to join them on their annual Men's Retreat October 11-13 at the Murray Grove Conference Center, [www.murraygrove.org](http://www.murraygrove.org). The weekend will be full of ways to relax and spend a little time getting in tune with your spirituality. Some of the available activities for the weekend are:

- Meditation
- Spiritual Exercises
- Camp Fire Drumming/Singing
- Tennis
- Labyrinth Meditation
- Hiking
- Poker
- Camaraderie
- Table Tennis

And much more.

The retreat runs from Friday evening through Sunday morning service. Carpooling is encouraged and usually leaves from Germantown Friday afternoon and evening. Snacks are provided Friday night, and there will be three full meals Saturday as well as breakfast Sunday.

The fee for the weekend will be a minimum of \$175. If you can give more, it is appreciated, as it would help us do more in the way of food and supporting those that otherwise couldn't come.

For more information please contact Rob Sartain.



## BOARD NOTES

- A special thanks goes out to Sandy Marts for volunteering to be the Expense Treasurer.
- Town Hall Meeting — The Board has asked the Committee on Ministry to lead the congregation in the first of our four town hall meetings. This will take place from 11:30 to 12:30 after they lead the service on September 29. Please join us. Look for details in upcoming communications.

## YOUR SPIRITUAL SELF

As you start to plan your fall schedule, consider making a commitment for your Spiritual Self. Two series encouraging spiritual exploration and growth are being offered. One gathering entitled Soul to Soul will be the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. On the second and fourth Tuesdays will be Heart to Heart from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Workbooks are required (which can be purchased for \$14 from UUA) and the sessions follow the topics and guidelines in each book. The intent of the course is to learn listening skills, grow, and promote community amongst the group. Each participant is asked to commit for the 14-week series for your own benefit and journey.

Some of the topics are Listening, Doubt, Resilience, Spiritual Experiences, Success and Failure and Friendship. Each week includes readings and activities in preparation for that week's gathering. Challenge yourself to try something new. We think you will find it worthwhile.

A minimum of six people is best for each group. If you are considering becoming a part, or have questions, please contact us at [email: soul-to-soul](mailto:soul-to-soul).

— Harriet Singer and Mira Tryon

## REMARKS — RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Unitarianism and Universalism both have roots in Christianity, but many (if not most) UUs who were raised in a Christian denomination—especially those “recovering” from bad experiences—have left Christianity far behind.

Even those folks who have no spiritual trauma associated with their Christian upbringing may be so turned off by the non-Christ-like carryings-on of some of those who profess the faith, that they want nothing to do with it. Some of the ministers who consider themselves “Christian UUs,” leave Christianity at the door in deference to the leanings and sensitivities of their congregants.

And yet, it’s important for UU children to have a knowledge and understanding of Jesus. So, what’s a UU religious educator to do?

She finds a really good curriculum that helps 4th and 5th graders understand Jesus the person by exploring what he said and what he did, a program that introduces Jesus the radical, Jesus the humanitarian, whose actions were the embodiment of our first and second UU Principles: the inherent worth and dignity of every person; and justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

She talks about it with the RE Committee, looks for volunteers who are interested in teaching the topic, and gives parents a heads-up on what their children will be learning this year. She also gets the word out in her column in the church newsletter; talking about why the this class will be exploring “Jesus and His Kingdom of Equals.”

The overarching RE theme this year is World Religions. This encompasses the *Building Bridges* curriculum (formerly *Neighboring Faiths*) for 7th/8th graders, who

will learn about the major world religions, visit various houses of worship and attend a service there. It also includes the *Coming of Age* program for 9th/10th graders, who will explore Unitarian Universalism more deeply and decide what they believe at this particular point in their lives.

*Picturebook World Religions* will help 2nd/3rd graders understand some of the basic features of several

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faiths. With our youngest children, who are not at a developmental stage to begin learning about the tenets of someone else’s faith, we will explore how to be in the world through a lovely program called *Treasure Hunting*, a

favorite of both teachers and kids.

More information on each of the programs is included in the RE Brochure on our website: [www.ucwc.org](http://www.ucwc.org).

— Pam Baxter  
Director of Religious Ed.



## YOUTH GROUP IS GEARING UP

Summer was a busy time for members of the [Youth Group](#). Everyone who went to the Summer CON in Frederick, Virginia followed that weekend of no showers and no sleep with a week at SUUSI, where they did take showers...but still got very little sleep. They had barely returned before we got together for another Hershey Park outing. The Great Bear is still the favorite roller coaster, but Skyrush is a close second. It is a VERY intense ride.

So what’s up for the fall? Once again, we’re going to start the year off with a trip to the Maryland Renaissance Faire on Sept 15. ALL 9th thru 12th grade youth are invited... we NEED you. If you want to go, please contact Dan Meyer and Marie Steel (email: [youth-group](mailto:youth-group)), or talk to Caroline Conroy or Kendra Sweitzer. Let merriment Abound!

On September 22 we will have our first “official” meeting at 10 a.m. Initially we will alternate our meetings with the “Coming of Age” classes, so we will meet every other week—the meeting after that will be October 6. Two weeks later (October 20) is the weekend of the Fall CON and the Philly AIDS walk.

The every-other-week schedule is going to create an interesting dynamic. We’ll spend September 22 discussing schedule and activities for the year. Your input is NEEDED. Please plan on attending. And remember, ALL 9th through 12th grade youth are invited.

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## Types of Service Donations:

Antiques  
Art  
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Birthday Cake  
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Chocolate Cake  
Christmas Lights  
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Homemade Cookies  
Fondue  
Frequent Flyer Miles  
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Gift Certificates  
Homemade Candy  
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Mending  
Mexican Dinner 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 October 26. It will be a fun, exciting, and maybe even spooky social event as well as an important fund raiser for our congregation. We will have raffles and silent and live auctions preceded by both an optional appetizer hour and an optional gourmet dinner and show. We encourage costumes and will have a prize for the best.

The optional dinner will feature Mediterranean cuisine including Jamie Ingram's fantastic eggplant parmesan that was so well received last year, and lasagna. Stay tuned for the complete gourmet menu, which will include vegan and gluten-free choices. Your dinner ticket includes entertainment by UCWC members Curt Hoganson (fiddle) and singer/ guitarist Jim Nelsen from 5-6 p.m.



New this year is an optional Appetizer Hour at an additional charge. Come mingle before the entertainment starts and enjoy creative plant-strong appetizers, beer and wine.

The schedule and early bird pricing is:

4:00 p.m.	Appetizer Hour — \$6
4:45 p.m.	Dinner & Show — \$15/adult, \$5/under 13 if you RSVP by September 30
6:00 p.m.	Silent Auction and Raffles — Free
7:00 p.m.	Live Auction with Mike Miller and Ed Cohle — Free

RSVP now if you plan to attend the appetizer hour and/or the dinner and entertainment. Either RSVP via the auction page on our website or [email: auction-dinner](#) — remember, the cost to attend dinner will increase after September 30. RSVPs are not required for the auction.

Babysitting, kid-friendly food, and Halloween activities will be provided downstairs. RSVP to [email: auction](#) with the names and ages of the children so that we can plan sitters and age-appropriate activities.

Plan to attend on Saturday, October 26. Everyone is welcome. Bring the family, invite your friends, and don't forget the costumes.

## PLEASE DONATE TO OUR SERVICE AUCTION

It is time to plan your donation to the 2013 Service Auction. We accept services (see box on the left with suggestions on this page), and we accept unused or valuable items. There is a link to an on-line donation form on our website, or you can complete a paper form in the back of the sanctuary. The donation deadline is September 30. Late donations will be included in an addendum. Address questions to Dan Meyer, [email: auction-donations](#).

It is also time to solicit donations of merchandise or a gift card from local businesses. Take a copy of our solicitation letter (pick up a copy in the back of the sanctuary or download from our webpage) to your favorite business (restaurant, salon, store, or studio) and hand it to the manager with a smile and ask if he/she would like to donate a gift card or merchandise to our auction. Many businesses are happy to support community events. Follow up with a phone call a few days later, if you don't get an immediate response.

Finally, consider joining the auction team. If you can help, contact Nancy Artus ([email: auction](#)).

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

# STONES IN THE WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

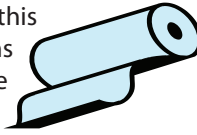
*Each event, each action is another stone in the wall of social justice.*

## FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

***This month's Suggested Items:***

***Paper Products (Toilet Paper, Tissues, Paper Towels)***

Our [monthly food collection](#) is Sunday, September 1. 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 the above headline; of course, other items are appreciated as well. Please be sure that food items have not passed their expiration date.



We encourage members to bring in items the first Sunday of each month, but we will happily 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.

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

## GLEANING

Fall is just around the corner, and that means that it is time to start digging the sweet potatoes that we planted in May for the food bank. In two months, they went from mere sticks in the ground to a lush green jungle (for the cats). In August, the growth continues underground. September is harvesting time. We have seven forty-foot rows of sweet potatoes to dig.

Join our [Gleaning project](#) each Saturday in September from 6-7:30 p.m. as we dig for sweet potato gold for the [Chester County Food Bank](#). We also need help each week removing the vines a day or two before we dig, so that digging is easier. Our last batch of broccoli and lettuce will be ready by the end of the month too. Come and see what is growing in the garden. If you have any questions, contact Mary Yeager, [email: gleaning](mailto:gleaning).



## UUSC NEWS

It is really nice to be able to turn to the [UUSC](#) website to see good work that is accomplishing great good, and to know that you have contributed to it.

- ▶ UUSC's partner in Haiti, MPP, is a co-winner of the 2013 Food Sovereignty Prize, awarded for creating on-the-ground solutions to hunger and poverty. The UUSC website tells about their work — Click [HERE](#).
- ▶ This film on the website and on YouTube lets you see and hear people talk about their lives in Haiti: [Life in the Haiti Eco Village \(Uploaded January 10, 2013\)](#). UU College of Social Justice intern Evan Carter and the Papaye Peasant Movement (MPP) Communications team document Haitian families living in the innovative eco-village as they rebuild their lives sustainably after being displaced from Port-au-Prince following the January 12, 2010 earthquake.

## 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 15 (third Sunday of the month) is [ACT in Faith](#).

ACT in Faith grew out of the Religious Council of Greater West Chester. For those who don't know where to turn, ACT in Faith works to holistically coordinate individual and faith community resources on behalf of those whose basic human needs are going unmet. West Chester has a vast network of social service programs that offer vital help for specific needs. But knowing what they are, where to go and who is eligible can be overwhelming.

The group's Advocates help people navigate all the opportunities open to them, while striving to avoid duplication of efforts from multiple sources. Volunteers also provide support—from helping move someone from a shelter to a new home to driving a cancer patient to an appointment. ACT also provides mentors to people who need personal support. The group provides responsible financial assistance to those who do not qualify for or have exhausted all other forms of financial support available to them.

In June, \$570 was collected on Share-the-plate Sunday for the Maternal and Child Health Consortium.



## ANNUAL PICNIC

We hope you will join us for our Annual Picnic on September 8 from 11:30-3:00 p.m. after the Sunday service. The picnic will be at Hoopes Park, which is on the north side of the West Chester borough — parking access off Hoopes Park Lane. (See map below.) We will feast on burgers (various kinds), hotdogs, chicken, and vegetarian fare. Buns, condiments, drinks, and paper products will also be provided.

We ask for a donation of \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, to cover the cost of the food and the park rental. Bring a salad or dessert to share. We are expecting a good turnout, so you might want to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets as well.

Hoopes' pavilion has about 12 picnic tables. There is a nice playground in the shade and plenty of space for fun in the sun. Basketball hoops and a softball field are also available.

As usual, a drizzle will not stop us; worse weather will result in a picnic in the sanctuary. We hope to have a round robin bocce tourney between our hospitality teams, so get some practice in while you can. Outdoor games or board games are a great idea; bring what you want to play. We usually have a pickup softball game, so bring a glove and wear appropriate clothing.

This is a great chance to get caught up with old and new friends. Contact Mary Yeager ([email: mary.yeager@ucwc.org](mailto:mary.yeager@ucwc.org)), if you have questions or to RSVP.

## EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP SEPTEMBER 8 7 P.M.

THE [EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP](#) MEETS THE  
SECOND SUNDAY FROM 7-8:30 P.M. AT UCWC.

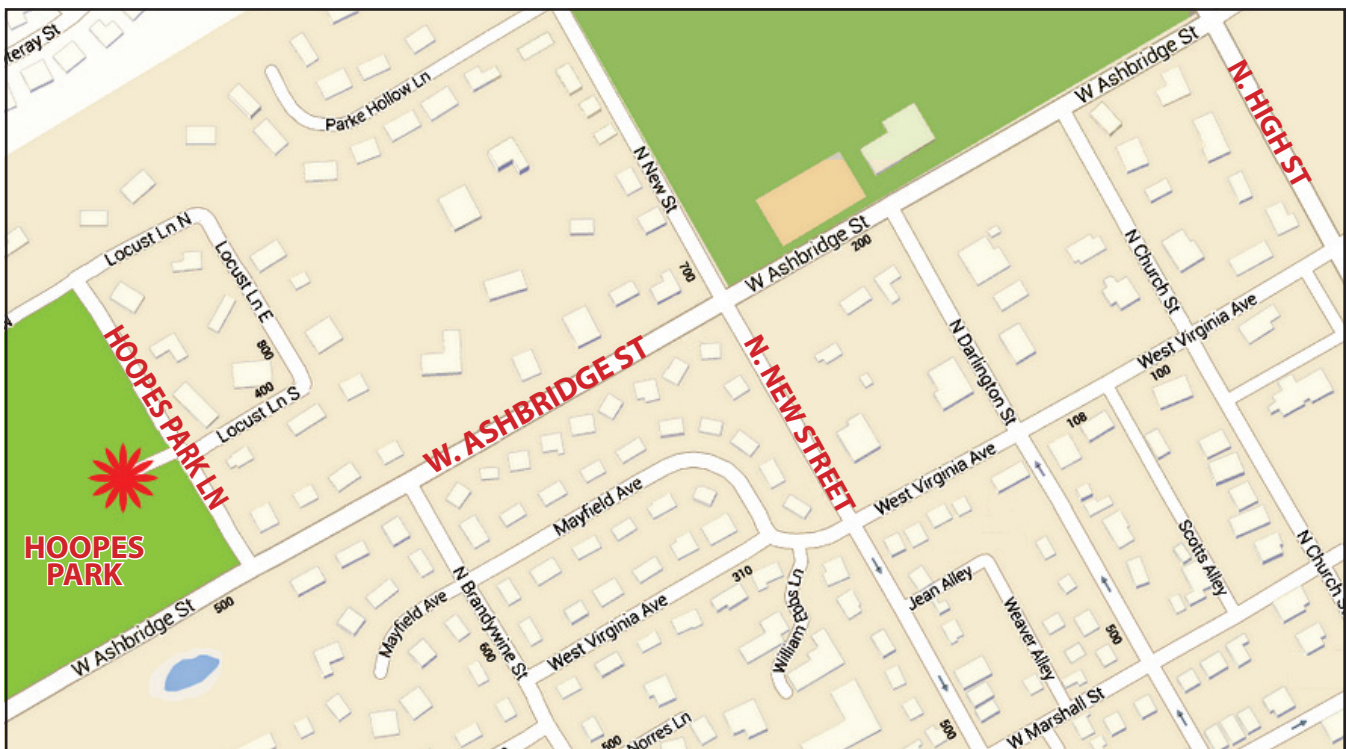
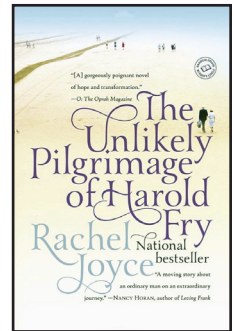
*THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY* BY RACHEL JOYCE

Meet Harold Fry, recently retired. He lives in a small English village with his wife, Maureen, who seems irritated by almost everything he does. Little differentiates one day from the next. Then one morning a letter arrives, addressed to Harold in a shaky scrawl, from a woman he hasn't heard from in twenty years. Queenie Hennessy is in hospice and is writing to say goodbye.

But before Harold mails off a quick reply, a chance encounter convinces him that he absolutely must deliver his message to Queenie in person. In his yachting shoes and light coat, Harold Fry embarks on an urgent quest. Determined to walk six hundred miles to the hospice, Harold believes that as long as he walks, Queenie will live.

A novel of charm, humor, and profound insight into the thoughts and feelings we all bury deep within our hearts, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* introduces Rachel Joyce as a wise—and utterly irresistible—storyteller. Discussion co-leaders are Pat Shorten and Debby Kern.

For more information, contact Lorrie McKinley or Pam Sapko, email: [diversity-book-group](mailto:diversity-book-group@ucwc.org). All are welcome.



## LET IT BE A DANCE

WELCOME BACK PARTY  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT UCWC  
5:30 - 10:00 P.M.

Come and bring a hearty finger food/hors d'oeuvres to share, and celebrate the beginning of our new year with fellowship and dancing. This intergenerational event features our resident 60's and 70's rock band, *Who Needs Nigel*, who will provide the entertainment, so we can kick off our new exciting year and dance the night away (until the West Chester noise curfew, of course).

We will have some small door prizes and dance contests and the hospitality teams will have an opportunity to join with their groups after a summer of respite and plan gatherings for the upcoming year. The hospitality team with the most participants will win a prize. Be sure to invite a new member who may not as yet be connected so we can show how awesome we are and a sample of our beloved community.



"Let it be a dance" is one of our treasured hymns and a mantra for our lives. The new year will be filled with some exciting changes, and we look forward with rekindled enthusiasm and great hope for our continued community, fellowship, and social action as we dance together through life with joy.

Click [HERE](#) for to see the flyer.

## FOLK SINGING

The next [folk singing](#) get-together is Saturday, September 21, at 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. All are welcome. No singing talent or experience is necessary, just a desire to have fun. Capable musicians should bring instruments. Bring a munchie, if you wish. Maps are in the foyer. Contact Steve at [email: folk-singing](#).

## BEADING/NEEDLEWORK/SCRAPBOOKING/ CRAFTING PARTY

We had so much fun at last year's Crafting Parties that we thought we should do this again. BYO supplies and tools, but we're sure we'll end up trading ideas and goodies from each other's caches. Come join us on Saturday, September 21, from 10 a.m. til noon at UCWC. RSVP to [email: program](#), or tell Cindy Heck or Debby Kern. Let us know if you can help us set up tables at 9:30 a.m. Thanks!

## LUNCH GROUP

[Lunch group](#) will meet Friday, September 20, at 11:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 1103 West Chester Pike, near Shop Rite. Newcomers are welcome. To be added to the email 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 email, or you change your mind at the last minute, come anyway. Everyone is welcome.

## COFFEE HOUSE

Been to the Coffee House lately? Perhaps you can join us Saturday evening, September 7, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Our special featured act is Fish Castle, singer-songwriter duo Catherine and Cyril. If you're a performer, sign-up for the open mike begins at 6:30.

Refreshments are available; donations are encouraged to help with expenses and to thank our featured acts each month—and this is a fund-raiser for UCWC. Contact [email: coffee-house](#).



## GAME NIGHT

This month [Game Night](#) will be held on Friday, September 6—low key fun for all ages. You can come by yourself, bring a friend, or bring your whole family. Starts with potluck and rolls into games. Recently, we played Domino's, Wizards and Bananagrams. Sometimes we try something new, but there are always people wanting to play old favorites too. Come and join the fun.

Bring what you like to play. Don't worry about dinner. If you don't have time to cook, pick up a pizza or cookies on the way. (Everybody loves pizza/chocolate chip cookies.). Don't worry if you are late; we will let you join the game or start a new one. Just come.

It is a great way to end the work week and start the weekend. 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. We open the doors at 6:30 p.m. and start games a little after 7. We are usually done between 8:30 and 9:45, but you can leave whenever you are ready. There is no need to call ahead, but if you have any questions contact Lauren Kelly at [email: fun](#).



## CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

All email addresses @ucwc.org unless otherwise noted.

- Sep 1 Sun First Sunday Food Collection.** Lobby. See p. 6.
- Sep 6 Fri Potluck and Game Night.** Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Games start a little after 7 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 8.
- Sep 7 Sat Work Party.** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Contact Gerry Giess.  
**Coffee House.** 7- 9:30 p.m.. Sanctuary. See p. 8.
- Sep 8 Sun Annual Picnic.** 11:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. Hoopes Park. See p. 7.  
**Exploring Diversity Book Group.** 7-8:30 p.m. Office. See p. 7.  
**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](mailto:safe-harbor)
- Sep 14 Sat Let It Be A Dance Welcome Back Party.** 5:30-10 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 8.
- Sep 15 Sun RE Classes Begin.**  
**Share the Plate Sunday.** Benefits Act in Faith. See p. 6.
- Sep 17 Tue Board Meeting.** 7 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Shelly Case, [e-mail: president](mailto:president).
- Sep 20 Fri Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 8.
- Sep 21 Sat Beading/Needlework/Scrapbooking/Crafting Party.** 10 a.m. to noon. See p. 8.  
**Folk Singing.** 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. See p. 8.
- Sep 22 Sun Youth Group Meets.** 10 a.m. Youth Group Room. [Email: youth-group](mailto:youth-group)  
**Spirit Singers Perform.**
- Sep 28 Sat Bonfire and Weenie Roast.** 7:30 p.m. after gleaning. Contact Mary Yeager, [e-mail gleaning](mailto:gleaning)
- Sep 29 Sun Town Hall Meeting.** Sanctuary. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. after the Sunday service. See *Board Notes* p. 3.
- Sep 30 Mon Service Auction Appetizer, Dinner, and Show RSVP Deadline.** (Prices higher after deadline.) (Note: tickets are for food. No charge for auction only.) See p. 5.  
**Service Auction Donations Deadline.** See p. 5.

### Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

- Gleaning** **Every Saturday in September.** 6-7:30 p.m. at the Yeager's. See p. 6.
- Heart to Heart** **Meets second and fourth Tuesdays 7-8:30 p.m.** See p. 3.
- Soul to Soul** **Meets first and third Saturdays 10-11:30 a.m.** See p. 3.
- Spirit Singers** **Practices 7:15-9:15 p.m.** Sanctuary. Thursdays, September 5, 12, and 19. Contact Miriam Davidson, [email: choir](mailto:choir)



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