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Our Mission: *As a diverse liberal faith congregation, we make a difference in our lives, our children's lives, and the wider community by creating an environment for spiritual growth and fulfillment, for building meaningful connections, and for actively advancing peace and justice in the world.*

SUNDAY SERVICES March, 2014

March 2

IS PRAYER FOR EVERYONE?

Sharon Sweitzer & Abby McGillivray

Wherever you are on your life path, "PRAYER" is a word that can be loaded with meaning or baggage. Join us as we explore various terms and ideas about connecting with the divine consciousness "out there" or within yourself.

March 9

ON THE THRESHOLD OF A DREAM

Rev. Don Garrett

Times of transition bring both opportunities and risks. For a congregation in transition, interim ministry can be an important step.

March 16

A PLENTIFUL HEART

Joan Javier-Duval

We often get caught in a mindset of scarcity: There is not enough. Not enough time. Not enough money. Not enough justice. Not enough compassion. How can we instead open our hearts to the abundance in our lives and in the world and become more generous of spirit? Joan serves as the Consulting Minister at the Unitarian Society of Germantown.

March 23

**AMERICAN MAIN LINE RELIGION,
THE LEFT AND JUSTICE**

Rev. Robert F. Renjilian

A message I started pondering months ago when reading something from Dr. Martin Marty, one of my professors from the University of Chicago. Through history one generation leads us to a new radical future, and over time perspective changes. We are in another cycle and shift now, in the wax and wane, flow and ebb in our understandings of religion influencing the public sphere and justice issues.

March 30

THE ART OF LIFE: AN OUTLET FOR THE SOUL

UCWC Youth Group

The UCWC Youth Group will explore the meaning of this Kurt Vonnegut quote: "Practicing an art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow, for heaven's sake. Sing in the shower. Dance to the radio. Tell stories. Write a poem to a friend, even a lousy poem. Do it as well as you possibly can. You will get an enormous reward. You will have created something."

THE SONG OF DEBORAH

My song will be quieted for the next three months as Ralph and I seriously prepare for the next phase in our lives together—which you will be doing as well. Since many of you have asked how I/we plan to spend the time, this seems to be the best venue in which to let you know.

We will first visit my mother in California for a week and help her with whatever she needs us to do. For an 88-year-old woman she gets around fairly well, but there is much she no longer can do by herself. This is my opportunity to help her and research the service providers she may need in the near future. When we return, we will be rolling up our sleeves and getting our house in order—literally—to be able to put it on the market for sale. We will also be looking in New England for our next home.

This will be the first time in our almost 20 years together that we will actually look for a place to make our own. We will not have to settle in a particular place because of a job or a commute. There is no specific timetable either. We can go where we want, when we want. It is both a daunting and inviting prospect.

While we are preparing for the next steps on our journey, you will be doing so as well. We will both be focusing on where we want to go, who we want to be, and what we need to do or arrange in order to get there. What will we pack for the journeys to keep and cherish, and

what are we ready and willing to let go of? We will both be engaged in processes of discernment regarding identity and direction, while we take hard looks at what resources we have available to get us there—both inner resources and those available from others willing to help.

I think the key for us both will be to be open to a wide range of possibilities and dreams before we find ourselves imposing limits and inhibitions on ourselves. It is so easy to think small and stay in a comfort zone of sorts. But when we do so, we sell ourselves short.

Where our tasks differ is that we will only have ourselves to plan for. UCWC, however, will be planning not just for yourselves, but for those who will be walking through the doors in the coming

years—those people who don't yet know that they will want to be part of this community. You are planning for the generations to come, and the assumptions you make need to include people completely unknown to you.

For the next three months, the Sabbatical Team will be back in place. The preachers and speakers are lined up. The Pastoral Care team is ready to help those in need and has contact information for ministers on call should there be an emergency. The leadership and staff are keeping everything on track. By the time I return to you in June to officially close out our ministry together, you should know who will be serving you for the interim time while you search for your next minister. This is an exciting time for you to be dreaming your future into being.

I wish us all joy and peace as we take our next steps and move forward into the unknown world of possibility.

— Hugs to all,
Deborah

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS CANDIDATES

The nominating committee is seeking people to fill the following positions for a two-year term beginning in July 2014:

- Three Trustees of the Board
- Program Coordinator
- Two members of the nominating committee

If you have an interest, please contact us at email: [nominations](#). Our by-laws require you to be a member of UCWC to serve in these positions. Members of the nominating committee are Pam Sapko, Jon McCormack, and Diane Cohle.

STAY OR GO TOWN HALL MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2014

After introductory remarks by Mary Yeager, Janine Galen updated the congregation on our finances. At seven months into the year we are at 62% of pledges. The plate and rental fees are lower than last year. Expenses are 59% of budgeted. The mortgage has a balance of \$20,477 with a 2.84% rate through the UUA. The building has been appraised at \$500,000 reflecting its status as a non-commercial property.

Building issues addressed this year include work on the basement mold problem: a sump pump has been added, the floor painted with epoxy paint, and the drains have been fixed. Remaining issues are the lobby floor and painting, the sidewalk on Lacey Street (for which we are responsible), sanctuary painting, possible air conditioning, and basement mold, among others.

Mary then gave the Stay or Go update. She first pointed out that the building is our working space, where everything goes on in fulfillment of our Mission Statement. She passed out survey results. Most answers were scored in the "marginally serviceable" and "satisfactory" categories.

The sanctuary is satisfactory, the foyer needs work, and the RE space is, essentially, a basement. Accessibility is not good; the handicap ramp is in the rear on an alley with no parking, and the basement is not accessible to most special needs persons. Parking and the sidewalks are an issue for many.

Amanda Lipnack spoke for Religious Services. The space is inspirational, has good flexibility (no pews) and the stage was an asset. Lighting is a problem for both video projection and reading. Accessibility and parking are issues. One service is good, though at times the sanctuary seems small. It was pointed out that accessibility might be an issue for a special-needs ministerial candidate.

Heidi Frayer and Larry Lessor spoke for RE. Big issues are

accessibility—if we had a special needs child/adult who needed to be downstairs. Also, the rooms are small, there are traffic flow problems, and some functions like Spirit Play and OWL need dedicated spaces. Noise from upstairs is also an issue. The RE program has served as many as 50 and is now at around 36.

Ed Cohle spoke for Social Justice. The location is very good. There are accessibility issues. The movie screen is much used. They have had as many as 90 people attending functions.

The sound and lighting are issues as well as parking.

Mark Steel spoke for the hospitality teams. His major observation was that the teams meet elsewhere, since the space does not work for their meetings.

Comments from the floor pointed out that a stay or go study was done six years ago. The building can be improved for \$200,000; a new facility might be \$1.5 million. We also have a proposal to prepare plans and drawings to revamp the space. (That study would cost about \$16,000.)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to all who participated in the recent town hall meeting, particularly Mary Yeager who has chaired this committee for quite some time. Approximately 70 people attended, asked questions, and made comments about the strengths and challenges of our building. The Stay or Go Committee, Executive Team, Program Council, and Board continue to explore what the possibilities are with our building as well as the considerations needed for a move. This is a slow process, but our goal is to steadily gain more information, so that the congregation can make the decision to stay or go based on sound facts and figures. If you are interested in helping with the process or have some expertise to share, please contact Mary Yeager or me by phone or by email: [stay-or-go](#) or email: [president](#).

Thanks to those of you who have already contacted me expressing your desire to participate in the Settled Ministry Search process. I value your willingness to serve. By our by-laws, the Board nominates the members of the team. (Article XI, Section A1: "When a minister is to be called, a Ministerial Search Committee of seven (7) members nominated by the Board shall be elected as a slate at a special congregational meeting called for that purpose.")

The Board is beginning to discuss what the process will be for identifying the Settled Ministry Search Committee. This will not begin until our Interim minister is in place and has started us on a path to guide us through the work we need to do as a congregation to find our focus and vision for the future. We have already obtained the time line and application that were used to identify our previous ministerial search committee and will be talking to our district representatives who are there to assist congregations with transitions. We are in the beginning stages of discussions and will work on this in upcoming months.

For those of you who feel called to participate as part of Settled Minister Search Committee, please take this time to become familiar with all aspects of our congregational life. Come to a Board meeting, attend a Program Council meeting and an Executive Team meeting. Join the fun in the basement, and see what happens with Sunday school classes (with Pam's permission of course!). Don't forget our youth group. If you truly want to represent the congregation in helping to find a new minister, it is essential that you become familiar with all aspects of congregational life by seeing the congregation in action.

— Shelly Case, President, Board of Trustees

REMARKS—THOUGHTS ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THERE WHEN THEY NEED THEM

Early on the morning of February 5, the power went out, the result of the huge snow and ice storm we'd been warned about. I listened to the loud silence that emerges only when the refrigerator doesn't come on and the furnace doesn't run. "Okay," I thought, "here we go."

Surprisingly, I felt calm. I had done everything I could to prepare for this event. I was, for the moment, warm, and I had food, shelter and pots of water, some firewood for the wood stove, and connectivity to the outside world. Yes, there was some extra effort to the day. But far from being scary or annoying, the experience was actually meditative, especially that night as I sat bundled up in my 55-degree living room in the candlelight. "How peaceful," I thought. "Everything is fine. I am just cold. And when it gets *really* cold, I'll light the fire."

Providence hadn't smiled on me; I was in an unheated house in the middle of a cold winter. But I was prepared, and that made all the difference in my mood. And that got me thinking about spiritual preparedness. What is it? How do we create it? How do we ready ourselves for the tough times in our lives; for the events that rock us to the core?

Those questions reminded me of something I read about prayer—how in order for the power of prayer to be there when you need it, you have to practice it when you *don't* need it. The same for meditation.

I know that I've confessed to a few of you that in times of great emotional distress, I've found myself out walking, and speaking the 23rd Psalm over and over: "*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters, he restoreth my soul...*"

It has surprised me that decades later, these words learned

in childhood (with no thought of their containing future help) can summon—call present to me—an inner strength. The words conjure up a possible Truth: perhaps there is something greater than me "out there." That possibility can be enough of a handhold; that square inch of solid footing I need to regain my balance.

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This Psalm isn't my only refuge. Sometimes I sing "Spirit of Life," or intone one of the chants I know. The point is that there are words I can call on that strengthen me. And the words are there because I said (or sung) them many times before I needed them.

What do our UU kids have in their spiritual "toolbox?" A spirit of inquiry and questioning is the hallmark of our religious education programs; but what do kids do when they simply need solace?

Spirit Play encourages teaching songs and words (prayers, if you will). Here are the words to one of the songs the children have been singing:

*Love surrounds me, this I know,
For my spirit tells me so.
Each of us to love belongs.
It fills our heart and makes us strong.
Yes, love surrounds me.
Yes, love surrounds me.
Yes, love surrounds me.
My spirit tells me so.*

Who knows whether years in the future one of our children, in a lonely or troubled time might suddenly remember, "Love surrounds me, this I know," and have it bring comfort? What I do know is that I want to make sure our children's spiritual toolboxes are packed with songs and words and meditations that they can pull out some day when they need them most. And so, we will continue to sing, and pray, and meditate.

— Pam Baxter
Director of Religious Education

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

While participation in the Youth Group has been lower than in past years, the youth are still quite active, meeting regularly each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the James Reeb room, hosting an "All-Night Movies" night, attending the quarterly JPDYSC CONs, participating in the Martin Luther King, Jr Day of Service, and preparing a meal for the residents at Safe Harbor of West Chester.

Recently we've been planning the upcoming Youth-led service for March 30. The title is, "The Art of Life: An Outlet for the Soul". Art is in the eye of the individual and can include whatever your creative expression may be.

We've decide to reach out to the congregation and ask you to share any digital images of your art that illustrates the gift of art in your lives that especially touches your soul. These can be images of paintings, sculpture, art being performed (dance, theater, music, etc.), poetry, your own photography, etc.—anything that you have created.

We will use your submissions as part of a slide show during the service. Please submit any digital images to the youth group advisors at email: [youth-group](#) by March 14 for inclusion in the service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2013

The January New Member Potluck was a great success again. Thank you to all who made wonderful foods, especially Bob Radcliff for his amazing ham. Special thanks to Tom Buglio for his piano welcome and to The Three Gibson Lunch band, namely Fred Frayer and Rick London, for providing the entertainment. Also to Connie Eichenberg for the lovely corsages and to Diane Cohle for loaning us decorations from her school.

We welcomed nine new members. Their pictures are in the lobby. Here is a little bio so you can get to know them better. Please be sure to extend a welcome when you see them.

Bill and Katie Ahern. Bill and Katie have two sons, Andrew, who is 11, and Jack, 10 months old. Bill is a corporate chef and Katie a teacher at Avon Grove Charter. They live in Parkersburg. Andrew loves to attend RE.

Sandy Gera. Sandy and her husband Bob live in Chadds Ford. They have a family of beloved dogs and cats. Sandy's passion is animal rescue and rehab, reading, vegetarian living, cooking and gardening. She is involved with Animal Ministry Chapter at UCWC.

Janet Gill. Janet was born and raised here in West Chester and is the sister of UCWC member Chris Seitzer. She recently returned to the area from Bucks County. Janet has a musical background and sings with the Spirit Singers (choir) here at UCWC.

Janet Hutchison. Janet grew up in Lima, Delaware County. She spent four years in the Netherlands recently. Being part of our community became very important to her from the start. She is now a member of the Religious Services committee.

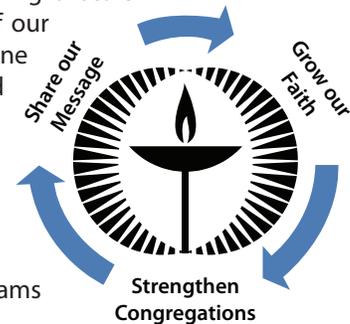
Ann McNally. Ann is a Pennsylvania native educated at

GREATER PHILLY CLUSTER OF UU'S IS HERE (JOSEPH PRIESTLY DISTRICT)

For several months now representatives of most of our 13 Philadelphia area congregations have been meeting to create the [Greater Philly Cluster of UUs](#). We have support from the JPD-UUA District, and we have successful models elsewhere to draw upon. UCWC has sent reps and will continue to do so.

By joining together we are accomplishing a scale of service and advocacy today that none of our congregations could accomplish alone. Imagine what we could do if we regularly collaborated throughout the year?

- What kind of joint religious services would be possible?
- What kinds of talents and technical assistance could be shared?
- What stronger UU recruitment programs could be launched?
- What more powerful social justice work could we initiate?
- What new uses of mass media and social media could we employ together?
- What strides toward becoming more multiracial and multicultural could we make by uniting our efforts?



What we have accomplished so far:

- Creation of a Steering Committee.
- Establishment of a web-page-based [calendar](#).
- Development of our Mission Statement.

Stay tuned for the launch of a website which will include updates on the successes of the Cluster including live and web-based training opportunities, events, social justice programs, outreach and other shared/combined UU activities.

For more information contact Marie Steel.

Drexel and Penn. Her career has been in IT and finance. She recently joined the Finance Committee for fund raising interests. She is a grandmother of three-year-old Margo in north Jersey.

Julienne O'Neil. Julienne is a long-time resident of West Chester, graduating from Henderson High. She is an alpine ski instructor and one of the founders of the A Cappella Pops. She is the newest advisor to our Youth Group.

Sharon Sundial and David Peaceful. Sharon and David reside and are very active at Crosslands Community in Kennett Square. They came to us from Arlington, Virginia where they were involved with a UU

congregation. Sharon is involved in peacemaking and environmental issues and is a docent at Longwood's Pipe Organ Gallery. David grew up in Norwalk, Connecticut along the Long Island Sound. He was a librarian at Kent State on that fateful day of May 4, 1970.

We wish them a warm and happy stay at UCWC. Thank you for your involvement already within the life of UCWC. Quoting from activist, Starhawk. "Community means strength that joins our strength to do the work that needs to be done. A circle of friends. Somewhere where we can be free."

— Barbara Long,
[Membership Chair](#)

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

The Board would like to thank Linda Sander for her 34 years of selfless service to UCWC. Linda has been with the congregation from the early days, holding our history in her head and heart. She has seen the congregation go through good times and some challenging times, and through it all, she has been a steadfast source of strength, calmness and resourcefulness. She has been described by Ed Cohle who has worked with her over the years, as a having a quiet voice and a big heart with the ability to implement big ideas and make them come into being. These are some highlights from over the years:



Co-editor of *The Fellowtarian*: Linda and her husband, Steve, have worked diligently for 25 years putting out our monthly newsletter, which is one of our major sources of information.

Co-chair of the Social Justice Committee: Linda is passionate about helping the less fortunate and making the world a better place. As Ed Cohle, who has worked with her as Co-chair of the Social Justice Committee puts it, "Linda has spent countless hours behind the scenes to make sure social justice events occur. Her work behind the scenes has made the congregation a more vibrant place for social justice and opportunities for those who want to be involved." She is our UUSC representative with Tom Townsend. Also, Linda is a good ambassador for us in the outer community. She volunteers weekly at the Food Cupboard and works for changes that reflect our UU principles. Linda also served for years as an escort at the local Planned Parenthood facility and was very involved in the naming of the Bayard Rustin High School.

Building Chair: She served as Chair of our Building Committee

when we bought our current building and worked closely with our architect, planning the renovations, making multiple trips to Harrisburg to obtain approval for the plans, and leading work parties executing many of the needed changes.

Religious Education Teacher: Not only did Linda teach religious education for many years, but she was instrumental in planning and physically building religious education classrooms and a snack area in the basement.

Expense Treasurer: For over ten years, Linda worked long and hard to put out monthly and annual reports. She also made sure all our bills were paid in a timely manner, managed the payroll, developed the budget and served on

the board for those years. Cyndy Bullaugh, who has worked closely with Linda for many years, says this about her: "Linda always follows through with what she says she will do, not only doing it well but very promptly as well. She is intelligent, well-read, and deep thinking; and although quiet in manner, when she speaks, she has something worthwhile to say."

Co-host (with Steve) of the UCWC Folk Singing Group that meets at their home on a monthly basis.

Creator and organizer of the UCWC lunch group that meets regularly at Panera.

These are some of the things that Linda has done for UCWC. But

what make Linda even more special are her hard work, dedication, integrity and honesty. She is an excellent listener and critical thinker, both qualities that serve us well. As Ed says, "Her work may not always be seen, but her heart is felt throughout our many projects and events over the years." She is always focused on the greater good of UCWC, and we are grateful to have her in our lives. Please thank her when you see her.

—For the Board of Trustees and all UCWC members,
Fatima Patel



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are very glad you visited with us this fall and winter and hope you felt welcomed. Are you intrigued to learn more about who we are as a denomination, or just as people, and what we can offer to you? Then we invite you to an informal gathering called "Getting to Know UU's," on Sunday, March 16, at 11:15 a.m. It is a perfect Sunday to visit again—our choir, The Spirit Singers, will be performing. (They sing once a month, generally the third Sunday.)

The gathering will be in the office, upstairs right off of the lobby. You may bring your coffee from the social hour with you.

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STONES IN THE WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

GLEANING PROJECT PLANNING

Snow, snow, snow! Now is a good time to dream about green growing things. I've been looking at the seed catalogs and doing some planning myself. It's time for UCWC friends and family to make plans for our gleaning garden. For the past four years we have raised a variety of produce including beans, beets, broccoli, lettuce, edamame, and sweet potatoes for the Chester County Food Bank.



What should we grow this year? How can you get involved? Contact Mary Yeager at email: [gleaning](mailto:maryyeager@ucwc.org), if you have suggestions for or questions about the [congregation's gleaning project](#). You can also join us after the service on March 9 to help plan our gleaning project for the coming growing season.

JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST LGBT DISCRIMINATION

A kick-off meeting for [Equality Pennsylvania](#), the state's largest LGBT advocacy group, will be held in the sanctuary on Wednesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. The group seeks volunteers to support its efforts to pass HB 300, a non-discrimination bill in the Pennsylvania State Legislature which would ensure that members of the LGBT community are not fired, evicted, or denied services on the basis of sexual/gender identity.

For more information contact: John Gribbin at email: [LGBT](mailto:john.gribbin@ucwc.org).

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 March 16 (third Sunday of the month) is Compeer Chester County Mental Health Association of Southeastern, Pennsylvania ([Compeer Chester County](#)).

Compeer Chester County is a local non-profit organization located right here in West Chester. Its mission is to connect adults in mental health recovery in friendships with caring, trained volunteers. Compeer recruits, trains and matches up volunteers with individuals with mental health challenges. The volunteer and individual meet weekly and spend time in activities of mutual interest. There is a shortfall of funds needed to sustain this vital program. There is also an urgent need for new volunteers to establish relationships with individuals who want to be in the Compeer program. Currently there is a one year wait for an individual to be matched with a volunteer. Please find out more about this program, consider volunteering, and get the word out to others who can help. Your donations and involvement can have an incredible impact on the lives of individuals in our community who need a special friendship to help them in their recovery.

Thank you for your generosity to January's recipient, Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, in the amount of \$610.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT THIS MONTH'S SUGGESTED ITEMS: PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

Our [monthly food collection](#) is Sunday, March 2. 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. The food cupboard accepts paper items, such as paper towels and toilet paper, in addition to food items. Unopened personal care items such as shampoo and soap are also welcome.



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:kelly@ucwc.org).

UUSC RESPONSE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Thanks to our members and supporters, the [UUSC-UUA Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund](#) has raised more than \$950,000 to support recovery efforts. UUSC would like to thank all who contributed to the relief fund. Your gifts will go far in helping to rebuild communities across the Philippines. To stay informed about work, visit our website at uus.org/location/philippines.

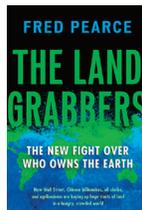
A CONVERSATION ON FOOD SOVEREIGNTY SUNDAY, MARCH 30 4:00–5:00 P.M.

Join UUSC for a conversation with several food sovereignty experts, including Wendy Flick, manager of UUSC's Haiti Program; a UUSC partner in Haiti; and Fred Pearce, author of [The Land Grabbers](#). Download the discussion guide [here](#).

You are invited to Main Line Unitarian Church's meet-up for this event. Fred Pearce will be with us from the U.K. by Skype technology, while a couple of the UUSC panel members will be with us in person at Main Line.

UUSC is planning a live webinar streaming this event for those who cannot travel to Main Line to attend in person.

- Register for the webinar [here](#).
- Learn more [here](#).



ART AFTERNOON

The fourth annual Art Afternoon will take place Saturday April 5, 2:30-4:00 p.m., hosted by Frida Kahlo. Do you like your art with a large helping of history? Come join us as we delve into an eclectic collection of sixteen reproductions of artworks spanning the globe. This is not a lecture; it's an interactive "tour." Among other things, you'll find out what to do with a mola, investigate secret moralizing messages in a winter scene, examine a picture with no curves or diagonals, and discover which artist's wife fed him a soup containing crushed stone sculpture.



Please join us at the Troltenier's house. RSVP by April 1 to Jaan Troltenier. Space is limited. Light refreshments will be served.

FOLK SINGING

The next [folk singing](#) get-together is Saturday, March 22, 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](#).



SOUL TO SOUL

Restore and rejuvenate your Self by becoming part of a small group of UU's who are seeking to enhance their spirituality. The Soul to Soul group begins its four-session run Tuesday, March 4, and runs every other Tuesday through April 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information see the February [Fellowtarian](#), p 3.

— Harriet Singer and Mira Tryon, Email: [soul-to-soul](#)

UU COLLEGE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

[Experiential Learning Journeys](#)

introduce participants to the justice work of UUSC partners, and help make the connection to struggles in your own community. Upcoming trips with pending registration deadlines include:

[Haiti Just Recovery:](#) work and learn with members of the Papaye Peasant Movement (MPP), a UUSC partner. May 10-17, 2014; register by March 2, 2014

[Youth Justice Training:](#) high school youth gain inspiration through a combination of justice theory and hands-on experience with UUSC partners. This summer there will be three locations, in Boston, MA; New Orleans, LA; and Seattle, WA. There will also be a daylong introductory session at UUA General Assembly in Providence, RI.

[Global Justice Internships:](#) college-age young adults get powerful, summer-long placements with UUA and UUSC partners around the world and receive lots of support for faith development and vocational discernment. UUSC will place up to 20 interns in summer 2014.

LUNCH GROUP

[Lunch group](#) will meet Friday, March 21, at 11:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 1103 West Chester Pike, near ShopRite. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

All email addresses @ucwc.org unless otherwise noted.

- Mar 2 Sun First Sunday Food Collection.** Lobby. See p. 7.
Veggie Potluck Brunch. After the service. See February [Fellowtarian](#), p. 5.
- Mar 4 Tue Soul-to-Soul Group.** 7 p.m. Youth Group Room. See p. 8.
- Mar 7 Fri Potluck and Game Night.** Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Games start a little after 7 p.m. Sanctuary. Contact Lauren Kelly, email: [fun](#)
- Mar 8 Sat Crafters Party.** 10 a.m. - noon. At UCWC. Contact Debby Kern, email: [crafters](#)
Coffee House. 7 p.m. Performers may sign up at 6:30. See below.
- Mar 9 Sun Gleaning Project Planning Meeting.** After the service. See p. 7.
Safe Harbor Dinner. 6 p.m. Contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: [safe-harbor](#)
Exploring Diversity Book Group. 7-8:30 p.m. See our website for details or contact email: [diversity-book-group](#)
- Mar 11 Tue Program Council Meeting.** 7-9 p.m. Office. Email: program
- Mar 12 Wed Animal Ministry.** 7 p.m. Contact John Gribbin. Email: [animal-ministry](#)
- Mar 16 Sun Share-the-Plate Sunday.** Benefits Compeer Chester County. See p. 7.
Choir Sings at Sunday Service.
Getting to Know UUs. 11:15 a.m. Upstairs. See p. 6.
- Mar 18 Tue Board Meeting.** 7 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Shelly Case, e-mail: [president](#)
Soul-to-Soul Group. 7 p.m. Youth Group Room. See p. 8.
- Mar 19 Wed Equality Pennsylvania Meeting.** 7 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 7.
- Mar 21 Fri Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 8.
- Mar 22 Sat Folk Singing.** 8:00 p.m. At the home of Linda and Steve Sander. See p. 8.
- Mar 30 Sun Conversation on Food Sovereignty.** 4-5 p.m. Offsite. See. p. 8.
- Apr 1 Tue Deadline to sign up for the Art Afternoon.** See p. 8.

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

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| Spirit Singers | Practices 7:15-9:15 p.m. Sanctuary. Thursdays, March 6 and March 13. Contact Miriam Davidson, email: choir |
| Youth Group | Meets most Sundays in the James Reeb Rm. at 10 a.m. See p. 4. |

COFFEE HOUSE

Join us in the sanctuary Saturday, March 8, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at this month's UUnity Coffee House when Three Gibson Lunch will be the featured act.

The band gets its name from the vintage Gibson mandolins played during lunch hour every Wednesday by three members of this five piece band. The quintet, who have played together for the last several years, consists of guitar, banjo and the three aforementioned mandolins.

This configuration is typically associated with bluegrass music; however, Three Gibson Lunch offers a new sound with a blend of jazz from the big band and gypsy jazz traditions. Band members are Dave Turanski, Jon Davis, Mike Fox, along with UCWC members Fred Frayer and Rick London. The band will also feature other UCWC members as guest artists, so plan to attend.

If you are 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 Judy Perri at email: [coffee-house](#).

