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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 November, 2014

**November 2 10 a.m.**

**APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY:  
LEVERAGE TO CORRECT THE NEGATIVE**

**Rev. Bill Zelazny**

The traditional approach to change in both personal life and in an organization is to look for the problem, and then try to find a solution. The primary focus is on what is wrong or broken. Appreciative Inquiry suggests that we look for what works in our lives or in an organization, and then work to make changes based on the high moments. Bill will talk about using AI as a starting point for making life changes.

**November 9 10 a.m.**

**THIS IS WHAT WE SAID: CONVERSATIONS  
ABOUT THE CONGREGATION**

**Rev. Bill Zelazny**

During October many members of the congregation joined Bill or filled out a survey to tell him about the congregation—what is good, what maybe should be lived out in a different way going forward, and what are our challenges. During the sermon Bill will present feedback about the conversations.

**November 16 10 a.m.**

**BREAKING THE CHAINS THAT HOLD THE HEART**

**Rev. Bill Zelazny**

Years ago Bill read a statement that has stayed with him: "Whether they are chains of iron or chains of gold, they still bind you." As we move into the season of family gatherings, Bill will look at the issue of clutching the chains of long-held grudges and animosity that may be separating us from family and past friends.

**November 23 10 a.m.**

**BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER:  
THE THANKSGIVING DOOR FOR ALL AGES**

**Pam Baxter and  
Rev. Bill Zelazny**

The Thanksgiving traditions of expressing gratitude and feasting are a perfect backdrop for our annual Bread Communion, in which we share our unique heritages and celebrate our diverse UCWC Community. Pam and Bill invite all members and friends of the UCWC to bring some kind of bread representing either your immigrant roots or in some way telling your story. (We hope some Gluten-free, bread will be brought too, so that everyone can participate in the communion.) The Spirit Singers will join us, along with children and families who wish to lend their voices. Through a surprising story, we'll also talk about holding open the door of our hearts, in welcome and in thanks.

**November 30 10 a.m.**

**GUEST AT YOUR TABLE AT UCWC**

**Kathy McGinnis**

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) has been helping people and organizations around the world with the **Guest at Your Table Program**. Through this program individuals and families are asked to put aside a small donation each day for the unseen guest at the table—a person who is in need of food, clothing, or other care. Join us for the 2014 UCWC Guest at Your Table kick-off. We'll celebrate the successes of the UUSC with some brief inspiring video and stories of hope.

## A LISTENING CIRCLE TO TALK ABOUT THE MINISTER'S DEPARTURE

REV. BILL ZELAZNY

In any congregation there are two groups of people, those who are fans of the minister and others who are not. For those who are not, sometimes it's that personalities don't jive, or sometimes a minister said something or did or did not do something that offended. My guess, though, from years of working with ministers, is that they did not do it knowingly, or it just did not register that their behavior caused offense. But after a minister departs, I think that all that can really be done is to forgive and then let the offense go—not keep carrying it as a grudge—and move on.

But I also know from my past work experience that the departure of a settled minister, regardless of how it happens, seems to bring about a level of concern or unease for some people. I have been told there are individuals in the congregation who are troubled over the circumstances of Rev. Mero's departure. I do not know if this is widespread or limited, but I feel we need to openly address the issue in order for us to move on.

Therefore, I am inviting anyone who wishes to talk about their concerns over the departure of Rev. Mero—not about the ministry itself—to come to a Listening Circle that I will host on Wednesday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. at UCWC.

I have invited members of the Committee on Ministry who worked with Rev. Mero to plan her departure to attend. Each participant in the Listening Circle will have an opportunity to talk for a couple of minutes, uninterrupted, to express his/her point of view and, I hope, to have questions about the process answered. While I cannot guarantee that all concerns will be resolved—that is really an individual decision—at least they will be heard. At the end of the evening I intend to hold a "letting go" ceremony to try to bring this issue to a close and get ready to move on.



## INVITATION TO NEWCOMERS PATH TO MEMBERSHIP FALL SESSIONS

If you've attended UCWC and like what you experienced with us, Rev. Bill and the Membership Committee cordially invite you to join in on our two-part sessions. Classes are conveniently held Sundays following services. If you have been attending and are contemplating becoming a member at UCWC, the upcoming Path to Membership classes will clearly define for you what this means. We like to think of our community as a "spiritual alternative for the modern and complex world."

All are welcome to attend. Those who are ready to sign the book are invited to do so at the final class or at our Signing Sunday, the first Sunday in December. Our New Member Dinner Celebration, hosted by the Membership Committee, will be the third Sunday in January.

The first session, November 16, 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., will cover the history of Unitarian Universalism practices and philosophy. At the second session, November 23, also 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., we will discuss our faith community, what it can mean and bring to you, and what you can bring to it.

Please register or RSVP to Barbara Long at email: [membership](mailto:membership). We look forward to getting to know each other. Should you need child care please let Barbara know so we can plan accordingly.

## STAY OR GO TASK FORCE

Our building is a resource for our congregation's work. It is a place for us to gather for worship, for meetings, for activities, and for faith development. It provides a space for us to do work that is life changing for us and our community. What do we need our facilities to be for us? An inspiring sanctuary, a joyful RE space for our children, a welcoming atmosphere for visitors...

Can we accomplish our goals here in this building? Can we adapt our building to our needs? Does our location aid our mission? Is our building an asset or a limitation to our mission? The Stay or Go Task Force is working to gather information to help us make decisions about our facilities. Please participate in our service on January 11 when we present the information we have gathered and begin the next phase of our decision process.

That service and subsequent congregational discussions will help the Stay or Go Task Force prepare a resolution for the congregation to vote upon in mid-late spring as to what direction we should take in terms of renovating or relocating.

Over the next few months, Rev. Bill will help us clarify the road ahead for us by reexamining why we come together as individuals to create our congregation. Please consider our building as we talk about what it means to be a UU in our congregation and in the world today.

Task Force members include, Lauren Kelly, Alison Kolakowski, Mary Yeager, Harriet Singer, Michael Werner, Larry Lesser, Inge Leonardos, and Heidi and Fred Frayer. Contact us at email: [stay-or-go](mailto:stay-or-go) if you have any questions.

— Mary Yeager



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your Board has been busy.

We had our fall Board retreat and reviewed our goals/priorities from 2013-14 to see what we accomplished, and what has yet to be done. Our overriding theme was to support the congregation through transition. Our accomplishments include a successful interim minister search (with kudos to the Interim Search Team), four well-attended town hall meetings (thanks to all that assisted and participated), support for the Stay or Go Committee (thanks to all that continue its work) including a commitment to engage engineering assessments of our building, and creation of Sign and Web policies.

During the past year, the Board engaged a Merger Task Force following a proposal by Rev. Peter Friederichs to consider merging our congregation with UUCDC in Media.

At our October 21, 2014 meeting, the UCWC Board accepted the Task Forces' recommendation to end the merger conversation and disband the Task Force. Thank you to Diane Cohle, Janine Galen, and Michael Werner for your dedication to the process and for all your hard work.

Also at our Board retreat, we identified our primary focus area for this year: to continue to support our congregation in the transition process. We are so happy that we now have added wisdom and guidance from our interim minister Rev. Bill Zelazny. We plan to create an environment for our congregation to make the Stay or Go decision and to prepare the congregation for its settled minister search. These items will be addressed during this fiscal year.

There are several major items that remain on our radar: data retention, congregational safety policy, and communication policy. We are planning a mid-winter retreat and a few town hall meetings. Additional issues include a comprehensive review of all UCWC policies and procedures as well as the overall issue of policy governance.

Please remember, the Board meetings are open to all. Feel free to join us on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the upstairs office, or contact us at email: [board](#) or email: [president](#), if you have something to share.

—Shelly Case

## “WHO ARE WE” WORKSHOPS TO START REV. BILL ZELAZNY

You've been hearing about it, and now it's going to start. On November 22 from 9:30 to 12:30 I will conduct the first of two “Who are We” Workshops. The second one will be in early January. They will be the same, so you only need to come to one. Members as well as friends are welcome.

I will structure the workshop so participants will have several opportunities to talk with each other. We'll look at “who we are not” as well as try to come to terms with who we are. The goal is to have one or two clear descriptive sentences that capture the essence of this congregation. Light morning refreshments will be available.

Look for more information in *Connections* in the weeks to come. I hope to see many members and friends of the congregation at this or the January workshop.

## INTRODUCING THE TRANSITION TEAM

One of the first steps a congregation takes as it prepares to enter into interim ministry is to form a transition team comprised of members from the interim search team and complemented with others appointed by the board of trustees. We are pleased to announce that the team has been formed and held its first meeting on Friday, October 3. The members are: Ed Cohle, Beth Daniels, Fred Frayer, Mira Tryon, and Anthony Penzarella.

Why do we need a transition team? In the words of Reverend Bill Zelazny, “The transition team is the committee on ministry plus. The team really acts as a kitchen cabinet to the Minister—an advisory panel if you will, in addition to being his eyes and ears on the ground”. During the first meeting, Reverend Bill identified at least 23 items he feels we need to place under some close scrutiny, so we can be sure that our two years of interim ministry will be filled with change and experimentation as we explore who we are and whose we are. Understanding that change can be difficult, Reverend Bill and the transition team are open to any and all comments as we begin our journey into interim ministry.

Reverend Bill has an open door policy and requests that any concerns or questions regarding his implementation of our transition be handled in person or by contacting him at email: [minister](#). Direct contact with the transition team is also strongly encouraged either in person or at email: [transition](#). The transition team and Reverend Bill need to hear from you, so please provide input, so we can all help to make our transition to a Settled Minister a smooth one. The transition team will meet the first Thursday of every month.



## REMARKS

### DIGGING DEEP INTO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sometimes, being the Director of Religious Education, I miss being “just” a member of the congregation; miss being able to just show up on Sunday morning and relax into the service. But most of the time, I feel I have the best seat in the house.

For instance, “Teacher Larry” (Lesser) and I sat in the Spirit Play story circle this past Sunday and invited the children to engage their imaginations as we co-created a series of stories. The kids all contributed, and we got hilarious over some of the twists and turns in the plots. Creativity. Shared experience. Bonding. Then we introduced the new materials available for “Work”: a Zen sand garden, finger painting, and a cooking pot with Things To Find buried under 10 pounds of uncooked rice grains.

Two surprises there: first, all the kids homed in on the mysterious pot of rice. We ended up passing the container around the circle, so that each child had a chance to dig down into the rice and find one of the hidden objects. Impromptu question: “Does this relate to any of our Seven UU Principles?” We ended up talking about our Fourth Principle—searching for what is true; how at first glance we might assume that the only thing in the pot was rice; how Unitarian Universalists like to dig deeper and ask questions.

The second surprise was that it was one of the younger children who chose to work with the Zen sand garden—a more developmentally sophisticated activity—while one of the older children chose to do finger-painting, an art medium typically given to preschoolers. And one of the older children vehemently chose the rice bucket. When that child found two more objects that hadn’t come to light in our group exploration, we had more opportunity to talk about the Fourth Principle: as you go through life, keep looking; keep asking questions; dig deeper.

I also got to observe how a child who so very earnestly wanted to be able to work with one material, and was so disappointed in watching it be chosen by someone ahead of him, steered

clear of a melt-down and calmly chose something else. Response-ability. Self-governance. Making good choices for oneself.

Like many people, I’m guilty of wanting things to be perfect, especially when it comes to my work. Part of the beauty of my work is that all those Sundays that I spend downstairs give me continuing opportunities to see the perfection in all the little “imperfect” moments that I couldn’t have planned, and that would not have been perfect if I had.

— Pam Baxter  
Director of Religious Education

### ACTING OPPORTUNITY

During the November 23 service, we’ll be telling the story of The Thanksgiving Door, a lighthearted yet poignant tale of welcome. If we get enough actors, we’ll act it out. So please, if you’re interested in taking part, please let Pam know at email: [DRE](mailto:DRE). The story will be narrated—no speaking parts to learn.

### COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 23, is our intergenerational Bread Communion. Look for postings from Miriam Davidson about rehearsals for children and parents interested in singing one of the songs with the Spirit Singers that day.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

All ninth graders and above (high-schoolers) who are interested in joining this dynamic group of teens should come to our Youth Group meeting on November 9 at 10 a.m. in the new Youth Group Room downstairs (the Joseph Priestley Room — formerly the kitchen room).

We will have snacks and interesting conversations and find out about the *fuun* and *fabuulous* things we will do this year at UCWC Youth Group (YRUU) and beyond.

Our first Community Service Project will be the Martin Luther King Day of Service on January 19.

Contact Marie Steel, email: [youth-group](mailto:youth-group).



### HOSPITALITY TEAMS

Are you looking for making connections at UCWC? Then we welcome you to our Hospitality Teams. Before each of our four teams begins its given four weeks of Sunday activities, we gather in a home for a potluck meal. It is a fun time and a great way to get to know one another better. Friendships are formed and connections are made easily.

Perhaps you are not sure which team you are on. Our teams are: Muggles, Northern Lights, UU Crew, and the Southies. Please email Mark Steel, your Hospitality Coordinator for more information at email: [hospitality](mailto:hospitality).

## AN UPDATE FROM THE RELIGIOUS SERVICES COMMITTEE

### YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY BY SUPPORTING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

The task of the Religious Services Committee is to work with the Minister to conduct worship that meets the congregation's spiritual interests and affairs.

The current members of the Religious Services Committee are Janet Hutchison (co-chair), Alan Pittenger (co-chair), Gerry Giess, Sharon Sweitzer, Amanda Lipnack and our minister, Bill Zelazny.

The Religious Services Committee meets monthly (third Thursday) at UCWC at 6:30 p.m. We discuss, plan, and agree on aspects of Sunday Services. The Religious Services Committee is responsible to secure guest speakers and arrange the service for Sundays when the minister is out of the pulpit, once per month and during the summer. This Committee also schedules, trains, and supports people who serve as the Service Coordinator (lay leader) for Sunday Services.



We are looking to add a few committed and regularly participating members to this committee.

No experience necessary. When you feel moved toward participating in congregation life with a focus on our individual and collective spiritual journey, consider joining the Religious Services Committee. It's a great way to contribute, and we promise it will enhance your own spiritual growth. Please contact any of the current members to express your interest. You may also contact the committee at email: [religious-services](mailto:religious-services).

## MERGER TEAM UPDATE

On October 6, 2014, the Merger Teams from UUCDC and UCWC concluded their deliberations on the concept of a merger between the two congregations, and have decided that they will not pursue further discussion of a merger. This decision was based on the current position of the West Chester congregation.

The West Chester congregation is undergoing a time of internal reflection and change during an interim ministry led by the Reverend Bill Zelazny. This transition period requires dedication and focus of the West Chester congregation as it revisits its mission and goals for the future. The transition period will be used to establish the foundation for West Chester's planned search for a new settled minister.

The Merger Team has concluded that continued discussion of a potential merger would detract from the energy and time that the West Chester congregation needs to focus on the transition. The Merger Team recommends that the two congregations continue to explore opportunities for collaboration and sharing across their various ministries and administration to seek economies of scale and to learn from each other.

## SUNDAY SERVICES FOSTERING THE SPIRIT OF WORSHIP

Starting Sunday, November 2, we will be trying a different approach to the communal sharing of joys and concerns during worship service.

There will be a small side altar set up in the sanctuary, where there will be candles available for you to light. You are invited to light candles at any time before or during the service. On this altar, you will also find writing materials, pencils and small forms with a collection basket for completed forms.

When you have joys and/or concerns that you want shared with the congregation, you are invited to write your joy(s) or concern(s) on a form and place it in the basket. These will be collected and given to the minister who will review them and include acknowledgement during the Prayer.

How to best handle the sharing of our personal joys and concerns with the broader congregation has been a topic of discussion for some months, now. The time feels right to try something new while continuing to provide the opportunity for sharing while fostering an atmosphere of worship.

Should you want to provide feedback or comments, please contact Janet Hutchison, Rev. Bill, or another member of the Religious Services Committee (email: [religious-services](mailto:religious-services)).



## ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women of the congregation will be happy to hear that we've formed a committee to bring you another enriching Women's Retreat in January. We have lots of great ideas and are looking for the perfect location while our previous location, Mariawald, is under renovation. We will let you know as soon as plans have been finalized. Stay tuned for news of a wonderful and rejuvenating weekend.

## 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 ITEM: DRIED BEANS

Our [monthly food collection](#) is Sunday, November 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.

In addition to food items, the Food Cupboard gratefully accepts paper items such as paper towels and toilet paper, unopened personal care products such as shampoo and soap, and pet food.

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).



### UUSC

Here are some facts about the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC).

- UUSC is the only human rights organization that begins with the letters "UU".
- Guest At Your Table is UUSC's annual fundraising and education program that supports UUSC's human rights work around the world.
- UUSC has an excellent leader: William Schulz, who previously was the president of the Unitarian-Universalist Association, and after that the head of Amnesty International, U.S. division.

UCWC is aiming for 100% membership in UUSC.

All of us give to charities of one kind or another. Let's first [give to UUSC](#).

\$40 donations receive full membership benefits, **but any donation will make you a member.** Donations of \$125 or more are matched by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock. Be sure to name the Unitarian Congregation of West Chester as your congregation.

**Some ideas:** Give a membership to someone on your holiday gift list. Visit the [UUSC website](#) for some superb gifts for everyone on your list.

Got questions? Contact one of your UUSC Reps, Linda Sander, Tom Townsend, or Kathy McGinnis, at email: [uusc](mailto:uusc).

### SHARE THE PLATE

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 November 16 (third Sunday of the month) is [Habitat for Humanity](#).

Habitat for Humanity provides basic, well-built, affordable, owner-occupied homes for people in need in a way that builds hope, dignity and independence, develops partnerships and encourages community.

Their primary objective is to eliminate poverty housing in Chester County by building low income, owner-occupied housing which leads to more stable neighborhoods.

HFHCC's mission to unite Pennsylvanians around the cause of decent, affordable housing for everyone is inextricably linked to the need to support safe, healthy communities and a sustainable environment. HFHCC seeks to be a model green builder in the affordable housing industry and an advocacy leader in the growing green building movement.

Thank you for your generosity to September's Share-The-Plate recipient, Safe Harbor, in the amount of \$560.

Contact Beth Daniels at email: [share-the-plate](mailto:share-the-plate).



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## THE REAL RULES ISSUE ADVOCACY VS. POLITICAL CAMPAIGN INTERVENTION

UCWC is a tax-exempt religious organization. IRS rules for advocacy, lobbying, and elections apply to the congregation, to people who speak for the congregation, to activities on our congregation's property, and to the use of our resources, such as our communications.



The UUA provides guidance about what is and is not allowed. Generally:

- Issue advocacy is allowed.
- Lobbying, advocating for or against specific pieces of legislation, is allowed if it is judged to be an “unsubstantial” portion of an organization’s activities.
- Partisan activity is totally prohibited. **Congregations and their representatives can do nothing that advocates for or against candidates for public office or political parties.** The IRS calls this election intervention.

For further clarification, see “The Real Rules” on the UUA website by clicking [HERE](#). There is also a link to it on our Social Justice Resources web page.

## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

The group discussion topic for this month is “Who or What is in Charge?” Come join us on Wed, November 19, at 7 p.m. in fireplace room. Discussion questions can be found [HERE](#).

Contact Gerry Giess at email: [SGM](#).

## IT’S HOLIDAY PARTY TIME AT UCWC

Please consider hosting a holiday party. If your answer is yes to the questions below, then call or email Barbara Long.

- Do you enjoy your holiday decorations (decorations are not a prerequisite)?
- Do you like to have friends over during the holidays?



It is a tradition at UCWC to gather during December at each other’s home with good cheer for the season. The hosts provide their home, the beverages, and one dish. The guests bring finger foods, and the Fun & Fellowship Committee coordinates it with announcements and directions. It is always a delightful start to the season.

Please contact Barbara Long at email: [holiday-parties](#) with any questions. Let her know by November 19, so that we can announce dates in the December *Fellowtarian*. We’re looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the parties.

## LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet Friday, November 21, at 11:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 1103 West Chester Pike, near ShopRite. Newcomers are welcome.

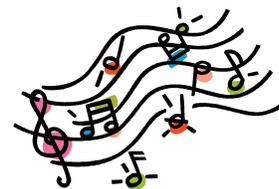
To be added to the email reminder list, contact Linda Sander at email: [lunch-group](#). The reminders are an easy way to RSVP, so we can save enough seats for everyone. If you don’t have email, or you change your mind at the last minute, come anyway. Everyone is welcome.

## COFFEE HOUSE UPDATE

The next UUnity Coffee House event will be on Saturday evening, November 8, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We’ll be structuring this one a little differently, in that “everyone will be featured”. Sign-up for slots begins at 6:30 sharp for those who wish to perform.

Our standing rules apply:

- No act may exceed 3 songs/15 minutes, setup included.
- No more than three performers per act.
- No intricate setups.
- No drum kits.
- You use our house PA/amplifiers, and we control the volume.
- Contact us at email: [coffee-house](#) well in advance, if you have any questions.



Refreshments (light fare, soft beverages, and of course, coffee) are available for a free will donation. A \$5 donation is gratefully accepted at the door as well.

If you are a fan of our coffee house, (and we hope that you are) we strongly encourage you to attend this one. It’s a great way for the broader community to meet some of our congregation, a great showcase for local talent (including some of us), and it’s one of the warmest, most receptive venues you’ll find for this type of event anywhere nearby. In short, it’s a Fun- and Fund-Raiser for UCWC and a tradition we hope can continue a long while.

## CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

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

<b>Nov 2</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>First Sunday Food Collection.</b> Lobby. See p. 6.
<b>Nov 5</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Pathwork.</b> 7 p.m. See September <i>Fellowtarian</i> , p. 5, for details.
<b>Nov 6</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Religious Education Committee.</b> 7 p.m. Fireplace Rm. Contact Heidi Frayer, email: <a href="#">RE</a>
<b>Nov 7</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Game Night.</b> 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. Contact Mary Yeager, email: <a href="#">game-night</a> .
<b>Nov 8</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>UUnity Coffee House.</b> 7-9:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 7.
<b>Nov 9</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Youth Group.</b> 10 a.m. Joseph Priestley Room. See p. 4. <b>Safe Harbor Dinner.</b> 6:00 p.m. Contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: <a href="#">safe-harbor</a> <b>Diversity Book Group.</b> 7:00 p.m. See below.
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Program Council Meeting.</b> 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact email: <a href="#">program</a> .
<b>Nov 13</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Spirit Singers Practice.</b> 7:15-9:15 p.m. Sanctuary. Contact Miriam Davidson, email: <a href="#">choir</a>
<b>Nov 15</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Crafting Party.</b> 10 a.m.-noon. Sanctuary. Contact Debby Kern, email: <a href="#">crafters</a> .
<b>Nov 16</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Share-the-Plate Sunday.</b> Habitat for Humanity. See p. 6. <b>Path to Membership Session.</b> 11:15-12:30. See p. 3.
<b>Nov 18</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Board Meeting.</b> 7:00 p.m. Office. Email: <a href="#">president</a> .
<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Listening Circle.</b> 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 3. <b>Small Group Ministry.</b> 7:00 p.m. Fireplace Rm. See p. 7. <b>"Deadline" to Offer Your Home for a Holiday Party.</b> See p. 7.
<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Religious Service Committee.</b> 6:30 p.m. See p. 5. <b>Spirit Singers Practice.</b> 7:15-9:15 p.m. Sanctuary. Contact Miriam Davidson, email: <a href="#">choir</a>
<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Lunch Group.</b> 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 7.
<b>Nov 22</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>"Who Are We" Workshop.</b> 9:30-12:30. See p. 2. <b>Folk Singing.</b> 7:30 pm. At the home of Linda and Steve Sander. See below.
<b>Nov 23</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Path to Membership Session.</b> 11:15-12:30. See p. 3. <b>Spirit Singers Sing at Sunday Service.</b>
<b>Nov 24</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Women's Circle.</b> 7 p.m. Contact Janine Galen, email: <a href="#">womens-circle</a> .
<b>Nov 27-28</b>	<b>Thu-Fri</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday.</b> Office closed.

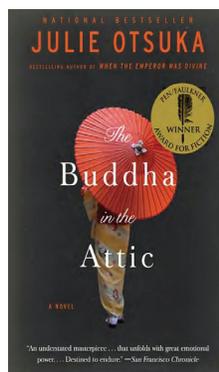
### DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP

**NOVEMBER 9 7 P.M. UCWC OFFICE**

***THE BUDDHA IN THE ATTIC* BY JULIE OTSUKA**

This is a story told in several voices about a group of young women brought from Japan to San Francisco as "picture brides" in the early 1900's. It traces the extraordinary lives these women faced, from their arduous sea journeys from Japan to San Francisco, to their unexpected and often disappointing experiences as new wives, to the heartbreak of raising children who would later reject their culture and language, and finally, the arrival of war and their subjection, in many cases, to concentration camps based on their race. This is a lovely novel about identity and loyalty, and what it means to be an American in uncertain times.

Discussion led by Lorrie McKinley. All Welcome. Contact Pam Sapko at email: [diversity-book-group](#).



### FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Saturday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. We meet 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](#).

