

THE FELLOWTARIAN

Newsletter of the Unitarian Congregation of West Chester

May 2019



NOTES FROM REV. DAN

One of my favorite social media platforms has an “On This Day” feature – a reminder, every day, of what was posted a year, two years, or ten years ago.

Recently I was reminded of the day my son read his first book, the day this congregation asked me to be their candidate for ministry, a trip to New York for my wife’s birthday. I was also reminded of anniversaries less happy but just as important – the death of a dear friend, a tough struggle, a painful moment.

Not every anniversary is worth remembering, of course, and there are some we’d rather not be confronted with, but there’s value in honoring the important moments in our lives and in society. This is why we celebrate birthdays, make time for remembrance a year after a loved one has died, or honor important events in history. Anniversaries are a way of marking what has been important to us.

The Passover Seder is that kind of marker – in our congregation it’s the dinner and traditional Jewish ritual that reminds us not only of an important history, legend though it may be, but also of the importance of Jewish teaching and heritage within Unitarian Universalism itself. For me, it’s a way of reclaiming the Jewish piece of my

heritage. (Ours will be on April 24 this year, so it might not be too late to **sign up** and come.)

In May we’ll honor several important Unitarian Universalist anniversaries. Friday, May 3, would have been the 100th birthday of the UU folksinger and activist Pete Seeger.

We’ll join communities across the country celebrating the day with a special concert at the congregation that evening.

Two days later, as we welcome new members to our congregation, we’ll remember the 200th anniversary of William Ellery Chan-

ning’s Baltimore Sermon, the most important early statement of Unitarianism, and a classic of Western religious thought.

On Mother’s Day we’ll celebrate the Unitarian Universalist flower service, both a ritual honoring beauty and diversity and a remembrance of Rev. Norbert Čapek, the martyr who began the tradition. (Please bring a flower with you for this service.)

Finally, members of our congregation will honor Memorial Day by remembering the stories of ordinary people who have died in war.

Remembrances like these are part of what binds our lives and communities together. I look forward to sharing these anniversaries with you.

– In faith, Dan

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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.



A Welcoming
Congregation

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Sunday Services

Religious Education and Babysitting at 10 am.



We gather, aspiring to be a thriving, caring, and welcoming community that supports each person's spiritual journey, embraces diversity, challenges us to live responsibly, and is a catalyst for a just and compassionate world.

**May 5
10 am**

**THE OLD
AND THE NEW**

Rev. Dan Schatz

On the 200th anniversary of William Ellery Channing's definitive statement of Unitarianism, we'll look at what has changed and what hasn't since the famous "Baltimore Sermon." We are planning a ceremony of welcome for new members on this Sunday. If you are planning on joining, please contact us at **email: membership** as soon as possible.

**May 12
10 am**

**BRING FORTH BEAUTY
ALL AGES SERVICE**

**Rev. Dan Schatz
and Pam Baxter**

The Flower Celebration is one of the most important and celebrated Unitarian Universalist rituals in the world, a celebration of the beauty in diversity as we each give a flower and come home with a different flower. On this Mother's Day, we dedicate this all ages service to the many ways beauty comes forth in the world – through nature, through parenting, and through those gifts we each bring to one another and to life. *Please bring a cut flower with you for each member of your family.*

**May 19
10 am**

**MUSIC SUNDAY:
ALL TOGETHER NOW**

**Miriam Davidson and
UCWC Congregants**

What do you get when you combine singers, instrumentalists, three choirs, soloists, quartets,, duos, singer-songwriters and you? Sounds like a Music Sunday to bring us together in worship and song! Great things happen when we come together and pool our strengths. Please join us for this joyful, musical offering.

**May 26
10 am**

**MEMORIAL DAY
EULOGIES**

UCWC Congregants

In the spirit of Memorial Day, members of the Congregation will deliver eulogies for people who have died in war worldwide throughout history. In addition to service members, we will share eulogies of others whose contributions during war time were no less important.

Small Group Ministries

Newcomers are always welcome to our Small Group Ministry program. Group members commit to meet twice a month for connection, conversation, and spiritual deepening with other Unitarian Universalists. Topics in 2018 ranged from "Finding Balance" to "Wonder" to "Doing Justice."

Contact Pam Baxter (**email: DLFD**) with your interest and available times. For questions about the program, contact Pam or Rev. Dan (**email: minister**).

Ask the Minister Service

Is there something you'd like to know about theology, UU history, world religions, or sacred writings? Do you want to know what your minister thinks about an issue that you care about? Or do you have questions about ministry itself?

During the month of May, Dan will take questions on whatever topics you'd like to hear about. You can email your questions to Dan (**email: minister**) or write them on a card and put them in the question box in the lobby.

All questions will be read anonymously, though it is helpful to leave your name so Dan can contact you for clarification. On Sunday, June 2, Dan will open the box and answer the questions.

Harvest the Talent

Following the service on Sunday, May 5, you are invited to join the Leadership Development Committee along with all of our UCWC committees as we host our first Activity Fair. This is your chance to explore and discover the many opportunities available to you to get involved with UCWC.

Continuing the Leadership Development and Stewardship theme of "Harvest the Power", we want to demonstrate ways to "Harvest the Talent" of the amazing people at UCWC. Contact email: leadership-development.



Men's Group

The Tuesday evening Men's Group will meet on May 7 at 7 pm downstairs in Room 4. The topic will be, "What are the concerns that drive our choices for the primaries?"

The Saturday morning group will meet May 18 from 10 am to 11:30 am, also in room 4. All men are welcome.

Direct questions to email: mens-group.

From the President: My Next Calling

For those that do not know, I am running for Downingtown School Board. Since many of you cannot vote for me, you might think this was an odd thing to put in the *Fellowtarian*, but there is a connection.

Some would think that raising two sons, and two stepsons was enough preparation for running for school board, and maybe it is. Having four kids go through public schools has shown me the many ways that each student is different and requires different resources in order to succeed.

I could say it has been my education and work experience that taught me to do a cost/benefit analysis, manage large projects, and ask the tough questions when no one else will.

However, I know in my heart that it was this congregation, this supportive community and the way that you have let me find my strengths as a leader. When I was teaching RE, you trusted me with your children, made sure I had supplies, a curriculum, and of course snack, and then thanked me frequently for my time.

When I joined the Finance Team, you were patient while I made mistakes and had to re-learn basic accounting principles. As Executive Treasurer, you listened kindly as I tried to find a way to explain our Annual Budget year after year, despite not being a CPA.

When I became President, almost four years ago, you may not have known, but you were healing a deep scar in my confidence. I knew that I wanted to take a big step forward, but I was not being given the chance to lead at my employer.

Your willingness to let me show up, muddle through it, and work with a team of amazing staff and over 15 other Board members gave me the courage to step into that new space. I learned firsthand the differences between the dynamics of teams at work, and lay leadership in a spiritual organization. I had to listen with my heart and create a vision that would inspire us through challenging times.

Thank you for being exactly what I needed to prepare me for this next step.

— Janine



Minister's Office Hours

Mondays: 1 - 3 pm
Tuesdays: By appointment
Wednesdays: 1 - 3 pm
Thursdays: Minister's writing day
Fridays: Minister's Sabbath

In addition, Dan is available by appointment Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and can be reached by email or cell phone at any time.

Community Office Hours

Periodically, Dan will host community office hours in a local bakery or coffee shop. UCWC members and friends are invited to drop in and join Dan at any time during these hours.

Look for updates on Community Office Hours in the weekly Connections email, and come for coffee, tea, or a snack and some conversation.

Lifespan Faith Development

Summer Leadership School for UU Youth

This just in from DLFD Pam Baxter: River Rising, Central East Region's (CER) new leadership school, is happening July 28 - August 3 in State College, Pennsylvania, and August 18-24 in Schenectady, New York. It is for youth who will be in 9th-12th grades in the 2019/2020 school year.

During this week in community, youth will be challenged, learn together, create sacred space, deepen their UU values, and build friendships that will last beyond the week. Among other highlights there will be a river trip.

Registration is \$525 before June 15, and matching congregation scholarships are available through CER for up to half. For more information and registration links, click [here](#).

Developing Lay Leadership Workshop Series



On May 19 and June 9, our conversation about leadership at UCWC and its impact on our principles and mission will continue. Unit 2 of our on-going "Harvest the Power: Developing Lay Leadership" course is currently running. The curriculum is designed by the UUA and facilitated by an experienced team from UCWC.

On May 19, the focus will be "Integrity" and on June 9 "Imagination and Creativity." You are invited to join us, whether or not you have come to any previous sessions. We meet from 4-6 pm at UCWC. More information is available on the [UCWC web-site](#). Find a grid describing the entire series [here](#). Contact Sandra Schaal at email: [leadership-development](#).

REmarks: Notes on Children's RE I Light This Candle Because...

On Sunday mornings we begin Children's Worship downstairs by lighting the chalice and saying our chalice-lighting words. Then, as kids want, they may come up to light a candle and share something happy or sad from the week. We do this because it's a mirror to the sharing part of the adult service. We do it because there's something powerful in a candle flame (and it looks so beautiful to see the candles burning).



To be honest, there's also the element of danger attached to the ritual. Sometimes, as I watch a younger child hesitate, candle in hand, trying to decide which color candle to light, I think that maybe we should come up with a different process. Then the moment passes, and I realize that I never want to give up the lighting of candles. Beyond the beauty of it, it's a rite of passage for the younger children — the first time they take a candle and accept the awesome responsibility of fire.

The events of April 16 give me an even more compelling reason to let the children light candles. The day after the terrible fire that ravaged the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, I watched a video taken inside the building and noticed that the stands holding the votive lights were intact. It reminded me that as part of the Neighboring Faiths class for our middle schoolers, one of the exercises the kids do after each visit to different houses of worship is to contrast and compare: what did they notice that was different about the surroundings and the service, and what parts were similar to ours? Watching the video, it hit me in a different way that in all kinds of churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples, people of different faiths light candles.

As Unitarian Universalists, we don't have to believe in (a) God, we don't have to read and follow a holy book or texts, we don't have to follow prescribed rituals the way members of most other faiths do. But we can still experience a sense of wonder and mystery and feel connected to something greater than ourselves. One of the ways we can do that is by lighting candles. In the process we connect ourselves to others who may worship very differently from us and yet in some deep ways very much the same.

— Pam Baxter

Director of Lifespan Faith Development

From Pledging to Budgeting

Many thanks to all who have made generous financial pledges for the upcoming fiscal year. The Stewardship Drive has ended, but there are still people who pledged for the current year but have not for 2019-2020. If you haven't pledged but can, please do as soon as you can. We are still short of our goal to meet our normal expenses, and we will present both a hopeful budget and a minimal budget at the June 9 congregational meeting.

On the expense side we are trimming the budget where we can without jeopardizing our program. Pam's announcement that she will be going to quarter time in January before retiring in June helps. However, there will be costs to search for a new Director of Lifespan Faith Development.

Last year, there was considerable enthusiasm for increasing our fundraising activities. As a result, we budgeted for more income from fundraisers – including rentals – but are still well behind those goals. Our staff would normally receive a 1.6% increase based on the Consumer Price Index to keep up with inflation, and we would like to be able to do that.

At the beginning of the pledge drive we said we really did not want to have to do a second ask. We still do not want to do that. Yet if we cannot make up the current shortfall, we will need to make cuts that affect the program and the ability to maintain our newly renovated building the way we want to.

The Finance Committee is developing a summary of the draft budget. It will be available to members both in printed form and in our Member-restricted cloud storage. For details on accessing the document, contact us at [email: communications](mailto:communications).

If you can help reduce the shortfall either by increasing your pledge, making a one-time gift, or with a fundraising activity you are personally committed to make happen, please contact us at [email: finance](mailto:finance).

— Wayne Bullaughey
Finance Executive



Parking Update

Recently there have been conversations regarding parking at the Verizon lot on Magnolia Street. Parking there has generally not been an issue on evenings and weekends, because of the work schedule at Verizon. However, it is important to remember that there are always some workers onsite, and that day workers do sometimes stay late.

For the moment, there have been no issues regarding weekends, but one of the weekday evening supervisors has been unhappy with our use of the lot. We have had conversations with staff at Verizon, and been reminded that although parking after 7 pm and on weekends is generally not an issue for most supervisors, they cannot promise the same for all.

At the same time, we all recognize how difficult the parking issue in our neighborhood is. Rev. Dan and Maggie Christy have met with officials at West Chester University to see if there's any campus parking that can be made available to us Friday evenings through Sunday, and they are waiting to hear back.

As you park, please remember the following:

- Permit parking is available in the neighborhood – along Lacey, Walnut, etc. You would need to come into the congregation, pick up a tag, and place it on your rearview. When you leave, it is vitally important to give the tag back – we are given 20 every six months, and they are not replaceable.
- There is a small amount of free parking north of us on High Street. Metered parking for several hours – long enough for a dinner or event – is available along Sharpless Street. Some of the meters are standard; others use a system of entering your license plate number or using an app.
- Carpooling to the congregation is good for the earth as well as the parking situation!
- If you do park at the Verizon lot, it would be best to wait until after 7 pm. Never park along the fence or in a way that blocks their vehicles, and if you experience any issues, please let Maggie or the Executive Team know.
- Finally, Verizon has reported incidents of people pulling in and out of the lot very quickly and placing their employees at risk. Please use extra caution, remembering that Verizon is a workplace and that there may be workers in the lots and driveways.



Stones in the Wall: Social Justice

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

Black Lives Matter

Members of the Black Lives Matter Committee continue to participate in workshops, attend functions sponsored by outside communities, plan films and events, update our website and meet monthly to keep our focus alive.

We are planning to get a block of tickets for *Mud Row* on Saturday July 13, at 2:00 pm at People's Light & Theatre in Malvern. The play takes place in West Chester, and the Melton Center is featured. More details will follow.

The book discussion of *Justice on Earth* will be rescheduled. Please check *Connections* for the new date. Loaner books are still available.

Please visit our table at the "Harvest the Power Fair" on May 5. A list of suggested summer reading books will be published soon. We always invite questions or comments from the congregation. Contact us at email: black-lives-matter.

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Discussion following Film
Free Admission

All Are Welcome

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Message from UUA Support the Equality Act



We received this message and invitation from Rev. Michael J. Crumpler, LGBTQ and Intercultural Programs Manager, Ministry and Faith Development for the UUA:

*In this critical moment, we need strong, powerful, and public support for the Equality Act from people of faith like you. Please **sign on** to Faith Leaders Demand Congress Support the Equality Act. Also, please join us Tuesday, April 23, from 3-4 pm for a **webinar for faith leaders and activists**.*

Share-the-Plate Generosity

The Social Justice Committee's **Share-the-Plate Program** raises money to give to local non-profit organizations which are trying to improve life for Chester County residents. We are pleased to announce the share-the-plate recipient for May 19 (third Sunday of the month), **The West Chester Food Cupboard**.

The West Chester Food Cupboard's motto is their reason for being: "...because no one should go hungry!"

Here in one of the wealthiest counties in America, there are many folks who struggle to put food on the table. The Food Cupboard serves approximately 600 households every month and provides them with a variety of much needed food and personal care items. Last year, they distributed nearly a million pounds of items to their clients.

The Food Cupboard is a 100% volunteer organization – not one person receives a salary – so you know that every cent you give today goes to fight food insecurity. The West Chester Food Cupboard helps people right here, right now!

Please note the following as you prepare your donation:

- All cash is split 50/50.
- Checks with "Share the Plate" in the memo are split 50/50.
- Checks with charity name in the memo go 100% to the charity.
- All other checks go 100% to UCWC, unless otherwise indicated.

Thank you for your generosity to March recipient, Volunteer English Program in Chester County, in the amount of \$585



Gun Violence Prevention

Gun Violence is a daily occurrence in our country, even in Chester County. Recently in Devon a disgruntled ex-husband took an AR-15 into a Wawa and gunned down his estranged wife in front of horrified customers and workers. The fact that this man could legally buy an AR-15 semi-automatic and use it on his wife when he had a history of Protection from Abuse Orders shows the many loopholes in our public safety net.



Our congregation, UUPLAN, and sister organizations Delco United, Heading God's Call, and GunSenseUs are advocating for:

- Universal background checks
- ERPO - Extreme Risk protection Orders (which could have stopped the Devon killer)
- Banning assault weapons such as the AR-15

We urge you to ask your Pennsylvania legislators to support ERPO and Senator Toomey to cosponsor S42 – universal background checks.

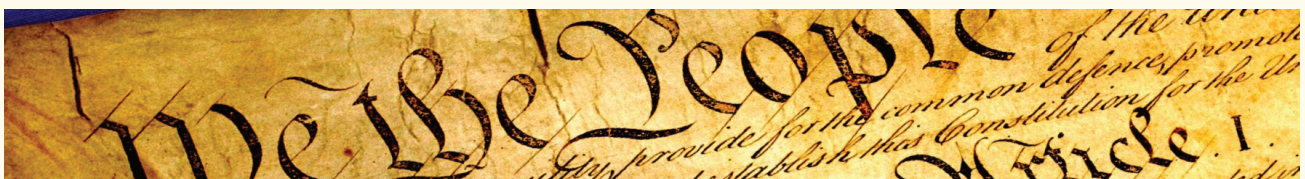
If you would like to keep abreast of our efforts, please join our monthly UUPLAN phone conferences on gun violence prevention. Contact Tom Buglio at email: gun-safety.

Defenders of Democracy

After our success with West Chester Borough Council passing a **Resolution to Strengthen Our Democracy**, we have contacted all three Chester County Commissioners and three other candidates for County Commissioner in the 2019 election. We are asking them to support the passage of a similar resolution. In addition, Downingtown Mayor Josh

Maxwell has stated he is willing to back a Resolution for Democracy in the Downingtown Town Council.

Anyone interested in joining our quest to lobby for good government may join our monthly meetings at UCWC on the first Sunday of the month after service, and/or be on our information mailing list. Contact Tom Buglio at email: democracy.



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Diversity Book Group

Sunday, May 19 • 7:00-8:30 • Social Room
(Not our regular second
Sunday because of Mother's Day)

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee, was an Amazon Best Book of February, 2017.

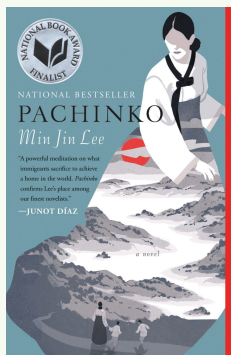
Beginning in 1910 during the time of Japanese colonialization and ending many decades later in 1989, Pachinko is the epic saga of a Korean family told over four generations.

The family's story starts with Hoonie, a young Korean man born with physical deformities, but whose destiny comes from his inner strength and kindness. Hoonie's daughter, rather than bring shame on her family, leaves their homeland for Japan, where her children and grandchildren will be born and raised, yet prejudice against their Korean heritage will prevent them from ever feeling at home.

In Pachinko, Min Jin Lee says much about success and suffering, prejudice and tradition. Lee's exceptional story of one family is the story of many of the world's people. They ask only for the chance to belong somewhere – and to be judged by their hearts and actions rather than by ideas of blood traits and bad seeds.

— Seira Wilson, The Amazon Book Review

Contact Debby Kern at email: diversity-book-group.



UUSC Update

Joining Together for Justice

Excerpts from the 2019 **Justice Sunday Sermon Partnerships as Solidarity** by Josh Leach:

This past October, UUSC hosted and helped organize a convening in Girdwood, Alaska, of First and Indigenous People who are on the front lines of forced displacement caused by climate change.



In February, UUSC staff participated in a summit in Maryland hosted by the National TPS Alliance, which is made up of organizers from communities affected by the cancellation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS).

The remarkable lesson of the First Peoples Convening and the TPS Summit is that in both cases, the people closest to the problem – those with the most at stake and the most to lose – were also the people most committed to ensuring that no community was left behind. Even as their own safety and futures were on the line, they fought to ensure that justice would be served to everyone, not just themselves.

At its root, solidarity is love – love for the inherent worth and dignity in every person. It is a commitment to the belief that no human being is disposable, that no fundamental human rights should ever be sacrificed for the sake of the advancement of a few. Solidarity means that if even one child will suffer or be torn from her parents as a result of a policy, then that policy can never be accepted, whatever else it may pretend to achieve.

UUSC provides ways you can act in solidarity. Here are two:

- **Sign UUSC's Climate Pledge.**
- **Send a letter. Tell Congress to Protect TPS Holders.**

Please **support our UUSC's work**. Any donation makes you a member for a year.

Contact Charlot Barker or Linda Sander (email: uuscc) to check your UUSC membership status.

Thank you.

UUPLAN Spring Meeting

Come join UUPLAN in York Pennsylvania on Saturday, April 27, for a day sharpening your activism skills, as we learn and share techniques to promote UU values through lobbying our government representatives.

If you wish to carpool, contact Tom Buglio at 610-212-7161 or email: UUPLAN. To download the flyer, [click here](#).



First Sunday Food Collection

This Month's Suggested Items:

Condiments (Mustard, Ketchup, Pickles, etc.)

Our **monthly collection** for the **West Chester Food Cupboard** is Sunday, May 5. Look for the white collection basket in the coat closet. In addition to the suggested items above, other non-perishable foods, personal care items, and household items are welcome—just be sure that items have not passed their expiration date.



Another important way to support The Food Cupboard is to put a check in the collection basket.

This gives the Food Cupboard the flexibility to purchase items in short supply and to take advantage of sales. Make your check payable to "UCWC" and write "WC Food Cupboard" in the memo.

The West Chester Food Cupboard is a 100% volunteer organization, so you know that 100% of your contribution will go to fighting food insecurity. The Food Cupboard helps people right here, right now, because, "No one should go hungry."

Contact Steve Sander, email: food-cupboard.

Philly Cluster News

New Hope Celebrates Pride Parade 2019

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Lower Bucks invites us and other congregations in the Philadelphia area to walk in support of the LGBT community on Saturday, May 18. Many congregations have participated in the past seven years, and UU's have enjoyed joining other faiths as we walk to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

To join in, please contact them in advance at welcoming@uuflb.org. We will need a **waiver** for the participants from our congregation. To learn more about the parade click [here](#). If you are interested in organizing a contingent from UCWC, contact Linda Sander at email: social-justice.

The parade is a one-mile-walk and takes about an hour. It travels down the quaint streets of New Hope, full of restaurants, bars, antique shops, and more. Consider staying afterwards to enjoy the town and mingle with members of other congregations.

Click [here](#) to read the full invitation.



Sanctuary Committee Immigration Study Sessions

The Sanctuary Committee will present four sessions on the State of Immigration in the United States based on *No Human is Illegal* by Mulligan Sepulveda, a lawyer who works for an organization that represents immigrants *pro bono*. These will be two-hour sessions on Sundays: May 12, May 26, June 9, and June 23 at 3 pm.

Sepulveda has worked at JFK with those in transit when the first travel ban of mostly Muslim immigrants was ordered as well as in detention centers in Texas. We get a look at the challenges of that job and an understanding of the forces at play in the immigration process. In addition to the book, we will look at newspaper and magazine articles.



Our committee currently supports the **ZOOM organization**, where volunteers provide transportation for low income people, mainly to doctor appointments with Community Volunteers In Medicine and La Comunidad Hispana. We also encourage people to become involved with organizations that provide training in English, to help immigrants participate in society.

We look to expand the role of members in the congregation to speak out and advocate for residents/prisoners at the Berks Detention Center. Most importantly we should pressure Congress to update and revise the laws to reflect the humanity of our principals for a just and compassionate world.



Fun & Fellowship

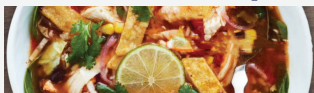
Folk Singing Saturday This Month



The next **get-together** is Friday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. We meet at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. All are welcome.

No singing talent is necessary, just a desire to have fun. Bring your instruments and a munchie, if you wish. Maps are in the foyer. Contact Steve at email: folk-singing.

Lunch Group



Lunch Group will meet Friday, May 24, at 11:30 am at Panera Bread, 1103 West Chester Pike, near ShopRite.

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 if you change your mind at the last minute, come anyway. Everyone is welcome.



PETE SEEGER

100TH BIRTHDAY MUSIC CELEBRATION

MAY 3 • 7:30 PM

UNITARIAN CONGREGATION OF WEST CHESTER
501 SOUTH HIGH STREET



DAN SCHATZ



DOUG MORRIS



TWO OF A KIND

A very special concert to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of folk singer Pete Seeger.

Suggested Donation \$20

More if you can. Less if you can't. No one turned away.

Proceeds shared between the
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and the
West Chester Green Team Environmental Coalition

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Special Guests
including
Jim Musselman
of Appleseed Records

Pete Seeger 100th Birthday Concert

Come celebrate the iconic Unitarian Universalist folksinger Pete Seeger in a very special concert at our congregation on the hundredth anniversary of his birth — Friday, May 3, at 7:30 pm. The evening will feature the Philadelphia folk duo Two of a Kind, folksinger Doug Morris, our own Dan Schatz, and special guests, including our own folk singing group and Jim Musselman of Appleseed Records. The suggested donation is \$20 (more if you can, less if you can't, and no one turned away) with proceeds shared between our congregation and the West Chester Green Team environmental coalition.



Calendar

All email addresses
@ucwc.org

Click [HERE](#) to
access our website
main calendar, which
includes late
April events.

Get your
questions
in now for
the "Ask the
Minister"
Service.



Apr 27	Sat	UUPLAN Spring Meeting. York, Pennsylvania. See p. 8.
May 1	Wed	Small Group Ministry Facilitators. 7-9 pm. Meditation Room. Email DLFD .
May 3	Fri	Pete Seeger 100th birthday Music Celebration. 7:30 pm. See p. 10.
May 5	Sun	New Members Signing Ceremony. During Sunday Service. See p. 2. First Sunday Food Collection. Benefits The West Chester Food Cupboard. See p. 9. "Harvest the Talent" Activity Fair. After the service. Sanctuary. See p. 3. Defenders of Democracy. 11:30 am. Room 6. See p. 7. Black Lives Matter Film Series: <i>The Hate U Give</i> . 7 pm. See p. 6.
May 6	Mon	Executive Team. 6:30 pm. Minister's office.
May 7	Tue	Men's Group. 7 pm. Room 4. See p. 3.
May 10	Fri	First Friday Family Game Night. 6-9 pm. Social Room. Email: fun .
May 12	Sun	Leadership Development Team. 11:30 am. Room 6. State of Immigration Study Session. 3 pm. Sanctuary. See p. 9. Safe Harbor Dinner. 6 pm. Contact Rick London, email: safe-harbor .
May 13	Mon	Religious Services Committee. 7 pm. Meditation Room. Contact Chris Hyson, email: religious-services .
May 14	Tue	Program Council. 7 pm. Social Room. Email: program .
May 18	Sat	Men's Group. 10 am. Room 4. See p. 3.
May 19	Sun	Share-the-Plate Sunday. Benefits The West Chester Food Cupboard. See p. 7. Pastoral Care Ministry Meeting. 11:30 am. Room 6. Contact email: pastoral-care . Harvest the Power Leadership Development Training. 4 pm. UCWC. Room 4. See p. 4. Diversity Book Group. 7 pm. Social Room. See p. 8.
May 21	Tue	Board of Trustees. 6:30 pm. Social Room.
May 24	Fri	Lunch Group. 11:30 am. Panera Bread. See p. 10. Folk Singing. 7:30 pm. Home of Linda & Steve Sander. See p. 10.
May 26	Sun	State of Immigration Study Session. 3 pm. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
Jun 2	Sun	Ask the Minister Sunday Service. See p. 2.

EVENTS OCCURRING REGULARLY:

Sundays	Sunday Morning Meditation. 9:00 am. Meditation Room. Contact email: DLFD .
Most Thursdays	Spirit Singers Practice. May 2, 9 and 16 at 7:15 pm. Sanctuary. Contact Miriam Davidson, email: choir .
Various Dates	Small Group Ministry (Several Active Groups). See web calendar or contact email: SGM . See p. 2.

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