

THE FELLOWTARIAN

Newsletter of the Unitarian Congregation of West Chester

September 2019



NOTES FROM REV. DAN

This August we have had some cool days, a welcome, albeit short lived, relief from the Summer heat. Sitting outdoors in the evening breeze earlier this month reminded me that Autumn isn't too far off. With the start of September comes a kind of "reset switch" — another school year for kids, parents, and teachers, a new year in the Jewish tradition, an opportunity to look around us and identify our priorities for the seasons ahead.

In our congregation, September will bring a significant change — a return to two services each Sunday after a multi-year hiatus. Like most changes, this one will have ripple effects, both expected and unexpected. Our services may have a different feel, and we'll all need to be intentional about coming on Sundays and inviting friends to try out our congregation. We'll be able to connect more personally with each other in social hour, and hopefully parking should be a bit easier. We'll also be able to spend time with kids

in the Sunday School without missing services. (Hint, hint. Email dlfd@ucwc.org to help out. Hint, hint, again.)

There will be other transitions during the year, as well. This will be Pam Baxter's last year as our Director of Lifespan Faith Development, and a national search for our next religious educator is just getting underway. As a congregation this will give us the chance to look into what religious education and faith development mean to all of us. We also have new lay leaders, who are already dedicating themselves to completing our congregation's strategic plan for the future. There will be new friends, new members, and new chances to connect with one another in a spiritual community of love and inquiry.

I'm looking forward to this year, for all that some of the changes will require a little extra effort from everyone. But the freshness of the coming Autumn reminds me of the possibilities ahead, as we move forward in this new year of our journey together.

— In faith, Dan

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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Possible multi-age curriculum at 11:00 service

Childcare at both services

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A Welcoming
Congregation

501 South High Street
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Sunday Services

Religious Education and Babysitting at 10 am through September 8. See p. 4 for changes related to the switch to double services.



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.

**Sep 01
10 am**

**THE MEANING
OF CARING**

Eric Sweet

Everyone has cared for another person or received care at some time in their lives. Members of the congregation will reflect on their experiences with giving and receiving care and what that has meant for their spiritual journey.

**Sep 08
10 am**

**WELCOME IN
(ALL AGES INGATHERING)**

Rev. Dan Schatz

Join us for our annual all ages Ingathering Service, as we celebrate our Unitarian Universalist community in all its many forms, large and small. This service will include a "Blessing of the Backpacks" for school age kids, special music from the Spirit Singers, and will be followed by our Annual Fall Picnic, at East Goshen Park.

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**Sep 15
9:15 and 11:00 am**

**IN PRAISE
OF GENTLENESS**

Rev. Dan Schatz

We live in an era of harshness, in many ways. Now more than ever, there is a real value in learning to walk gently with others, and with ourselves.

**Sep 22
9:15 and 11:00 am**

**HOLY
EARTH**

Rev. Dan Schatz

During a week of climate activism, we take a Sunday to reflect on the sacredness of Earth.

**Sep 29
9:15 and 11:00 am**

**A TIME
FOR TURNING**

Rev. Dan Schatz

The Jewish High Holy Days are a time for looking within, choosing, and turning.

Ask Your President

As president of your Board of Trustees, one of my goals is to help all of us understand how things are run and how things get done at this beloved community we call UCWC. Because I'm a relatively new member myself, I'm still learning how things work. I'm amazed at the amount of effort it takes from so many people to keep our community thriving.



If you have a question, send it my way (email: **president**). I may not know the answer, but I'll find out and let you know. If it's a question of general interest, I'll publish the answer in the *Fellowtarian*.

— Matt Zencey

Rally for Climate Action

Our congregation is playing a key role in a local rally that will call for action on the climate crisis. On Saturday, September 21, starting at 2 pm, in front of the old county courthouse in West Chester, Rev. Dan will be the first speaker addressing the crowd. Later speakers will include inspirational activists and our own Dianne Herrin, mayor of West Chester.

When the speakers finish (about 3 pm), the crowd will march down High Street to UCWC, where we are opening our doors to host an informational fair offering ways to take further action.

This is a great chance for you to help us put our UU values into action and raise our profile in the community. Some of us will gather at UCWC at 1:30 pm, maybe make a few UU signs, and head over to the rally at the courthouse.

Join us! (Remember, street parking is free on Saturdays.) For more information, see page 8 or send your questions to Matt Zencey at email: **president**.

— Matt Zencey

From the President

As we head into a new congregational year, which includes launching double services on Sunday morning, I've been thinking a lot about the first sentence of our vision, where we say we "will be a vital, growing, and diverse congregation."

Without a doubt, we are "vital." Just in recent weeks, we've had a service built around folk songs that relate to our first UU principle, a service centered on black poetry, one involving African dance and another on the challenge of applying one's UU values consistently across controversial issues. And all of it came during our summer "lull," when our eloquent and inspirational minister was on summer study leave and vacation.



Are we "growing"? Well, at least we are not shrinking, as many traditional denominations are. But we've been sitting on a plateau in membership and have not broken through to the next level we have long said we aspire to reach.

Are we "diverse"? We are more diverse than we sometimes give ourselves credit for, especially in sexual orientation and gender identity. But like most UU congregations, we can do more to expand our community and include people with markedly different experience in life.

With our vision as a guide, Rev. Dan, the board, and the executive team spent much of the past year considering whether and how to pursue double services. The executive team looked into the details of making it work. Our leadership discussed the option at a congregational town hall, in *Fellowtarian* articles and at the annual meeting in June, when our members approved a budget that includes the necessary cost increases.

I've heard understandable concern about how two services might change the sense of community we now enjoy. No question, we need to make special efforts to keep connections among us all, as some of us naturally gravitate to one service or the other. We need to ensure our youth feel valued and supported by everyone in both services. (I especially encourage empty nest parents among us to teach RE and attend the later service.)

In this time of turmoil and division in our country, with injustice on the rise on so many fronts, there is a greater need than ever for what we offer.

We strengthen those facing profound life challenges.

We help re-energize those whose serve others or fight injustice.

We join forces to support social justice causes.

We teach ethical values to our children.

We offer a path for those in search of deeper meaning.

We can be an oasis of sanity and reason in a turbulent world.

Please join me in welcoming those who may come to us.

— Matt

Lifespan Faith Development

Double Services and RE

In a poll of parents we conducted to see how many would prefer the early service and how many would prefer the later service, the results slightly favored the early service. Our present plan is to offer our usual graded RE classes at the 9:15 service, and we're working on a multi-age program for the 11:00 service.

The multi-age session will introduce a Badges Program that the RE Committee has been working on for the past year. Similar to Scouting, this will offer activities that will earn badges for the children in each of our seven UU Principles.

We do need adults to help at both meeting times, as either teachers or assistants. The program doesn't work without you. Please contact Pam Baxter (email: [DLFD](#)) or Sarah Hyson (email: [RE](#)) to sign up. We have childcare lined up for the first service and are working on finding staffing for our nursery during the second service. If you know of someone you can recommend, please contact Sarah or Pam.



Youth Group Is Back

We have enough interest to reform our Youth Group this year. We are in the process of scheduling a gathering of youth, parents, and youth advisors to figure out regular meeting dates and times and how often the group will meet. Look for an email invitation in early September.

REmarks - Religious Education Update Start here. Go anywhere.

Back in 1998, L.L. Bean came up with the slogan, "Start here. Go anywhere." In other words, get your camping, fishing, and hiking gear from Bean, and then — well-prepared—go anywhere you wish. The message was that, with adequate preparation and tools, the world is your oyster; go out and take part in it.

That slogan came to mind this summer while I was on vacation in Maine — home of L.L. Bean's iconic outdoor store — and while I was thinking about the start of RE classes just a few weeks away. Our congregation is a place where our young people can acquire the tools that will help them feel at home and confident in the world — will help make them global citizens in both heart and mind.



Part of the mission of our religious education program is to create in our children, "an awareness and appreciation of the major faith traditions that shape our world." We want them to feel spiritually grounded within themselves and also to have respect for, and an understanding and curiosity about others' beliefs. This year, most of our classes will focus on exploring world religions.

PreK, K, 1st, 2nd Grades. Spirit Play. We'll include stories and tales from other faiths.

3rd/4th/5th Grades. Holidays and Holy Days. In this recently updated program, children will learn about other faith traditions by exploring celebrations and other religious observances.

6th/7th Grades. Building Bridges. This is UUA's update for Neighboring Faiths. Children will dig into seven of the world's great religions, and deepen the experience by attending other services, whether at a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or a neighboring UU congregation.

8th, 9th, 10th Grades. Coming of Age. This involves learning more about Unitarian Universalism and working with mentors one-on-one to explore the big questions of life. The year culminates with individual presentations during a special Sunday service.

The adventures don't stop in RE. As a congregation, we're setting forth on other adventures: starting double services and searching for our next Director of Lifespan Faith Development. It's exciting to think about what this year holds for us, as we expand the opportunity for more people to become a part of UCWC, and as we search for the next person to metaphorically take our children by the hand and help them open doors and windows onto a world of new thoughts and ideas.

The fall schedule of classes and intergenerational Sunday services will soon be [here](#).

— Pam Baxter

Director of Lifespan Faith Development

Blessing of the Backpacks

At our Ingathering Service on September 8, we'll do our third annual Blessing of Backpacks. This is a way of reminding the children of UCWC that they are loved, and that we have them in our thoughts more than just on Sundays.

Please remind your children to bring their backpacks, book totes, or whatever they use for their school stuff – whether they attend public school, private school, or are home-schooled.



UCWC Outreach

On Sunday, August 18, Community Day at the Melton Center included a UCWC/Black Lives Matter/Defenders of Democracy table.



Harvest the Power Workshops Return

Our conversations about leadership in the UU tradition and at UCWC will continue this fall with the completion of our UUA workshop series, "Harvest the Power: Developing Lay Leadership." Whether you are currently in a leadership position, interested in becoming a leader, or just curious about leadership in a UU context and at UCWC, you are invited to join us.



Our excellent team of UCWC facilitators will be on hand to lead the discussions. The final workshops are scheduled for Sunday afternoons from 4-6 pm from September 15 through October 13. The topics will include:

Unit 2: Purpose - What ends do we serve?

Sep 15 Imagination and Creativity
(Final session of Unit 2)

Unit 3: Path - In what way will we lead?

Sep 22 Facing Danger
Sep 29 Understanding Systems in Your Congregation
Oct 6 Keeping Distress Productive
Oct 13 Adaptive Leadership

Watch for more information about how to register in *Connections*, the Sunday Order of Service, and on the bulletin board in the social hall. If you have any questions, members of the Leadership Development Committee will be happy to help – Lori Ratajczak, Sandy Schaal, Cathy Vogt, Jim MacFadyen or Heidi Frayer. You can also contact committee members at email: leadership-development.



Minister's Office Hours (Effective After Labor Day)

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.

Men's Group

The Tuesday evening men's group will meet on September 3 at 7 pm downstairs in Room 4. The topic will be "Good and Evil". The Saturday morning men's group will meet on September 21 at 10 am also in Room 4. The topic will be "Mentors we have known". All men are welcome.



Greeters Needed

The Greeter Team needs more people to welcome visitors to UCWC before each service. If you're already on the team, please sign up for as many slots as you can. If you would like to be a greeter, email Mira Tryon at email: **greeters**.

Warmly welcoming visitors is the first step in growing our congregation. Please consider being that person who makes visitors want to return and become part of UCWC.



THE AUCTION IS COMING! OCTOBER 19

Our annual service auction is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, from 3-6 pm at UCWC. There will be a silent auction, a live auction, door prizes, finger food, beverages, and a kids' party. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and a fun social event. There is no paddle fee or admission charge, and everyone is welcome.

It's time to submit a description of your donation. Our emphasis is on services, food, crafts, and items of value such as antiques and jewelry. A few examples include pet-sitting, computer help, a ride to the airport, a home-baked cake, a dinner party for six in your home, yard work, and use of a vacation home. The donation deadline is Friday September 27.



The **auction webpage** is up and running. This is where you can:

- Submit a description of your donation (or use this **direct link**).
- See more donation suggestions.
- View a chronological list of auction parties/events as they are submitted (so that you can avoid a conflict when choosing a date for your event.)
- Download the business solicitation letter. (Take this to a favorite business of yours.)
- Learn about auction volunteer opportunities. (Please help!)
- Sign up your children for the kids party. (Coming soon.)

The weekly **Connections** will keep you up to date on the latest auction news. Contact Nancy Artus (**email: auction**) for more information or to get involved.

Grocery Cards

The Grocery Card Team is pleased to report we made \$5,300 this past year, a nice addition to the budget. Thank you to all those families who purchased cards.

Beginning double services, cards will be sold between services. Please plan for this change — particularly second service attenders — who should come early, so we can keep up our sales and be able to contribute even more to the budget next year.



You Can Join Small Group Ministries

Small Group Ministry is a way for us to connect with each other and share in each other's lives while discussing everything from "friendship" to "science and spirituality."

Currently, we have five groups running at different times and on different days. To sign up for a group, contact Pam Baxter at **email: DLFD**.

Stones in the Wall: Social Justice

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

UUSC News

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has dedicated staff who monitor Congressional action, research pending legislation, and elevate the advocacy requests of UUSC's grassroots partners.

For example, UUSC recently supported partners as they testified before Congress about rights abuses in Burma, collaborated with the National TPS (Temporary Protected Status) Alliance to support a path to citizenship for TPS holders, and met with US Representatives to advocate for an end to child detention.



UUSC supporters make each of these efforts possible, and they also amplify our reach and impact by taking action in a variety of ways. Right now, there are several **action opportunities** in which UUSC supporters can be involved, ranging from signing online petitions to setting up in-district meetings while Congress is on August recess.

Visit www.uusc.org for more information or to make your yearly donation. Any donation makes you a proud member for a year. Contact **Charlot Barker** for more information.

First Sunday Food Collection

This Month's Suggested Items: Cereal

Our **monthly collection** for the **West Chester Food Cupboard** is Sunday, September 1. 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.

Contact Steve Sander, email: food-cupboard.

Conversation on Race and Privilege

The West Chester NAACP and Greater West Chester Diversity in Action Council are sponsoring a panel discussion, "Conversation on Race and Privilege in Our Community", on Monday, September 9, at 7 pm at Stetson Middle School, 1060 Wilmington Pike, West Chester.

The UCWC Black Lives Matter Committee members encourage you to attend to broaden your understanding of race and white privilege and how these issues impact our community.

Diversity Book Group

Sunday September 8 7-8:30 pm Social Room

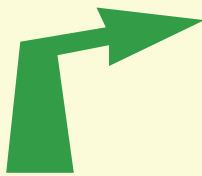
The September book is **Becoming** by Michelle Obama. In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her — from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work as well as her time spent at the world's most famous address.

With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it — in her own words and on her own terms. Warm, wise, and revelatory, **Becoming** is the deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul and substance who has steadily defied expectations — and whose story inspires us to do the same.

Fred Frayer and **Debby Kern** will be our leaders.



UCWC
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West Chester
Rally and March
for Peace and
Climate

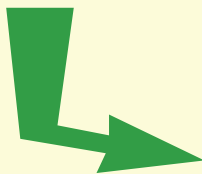


September 20 is the launch of an entire week of global climate action.

On September 21, UCWC is co-sponsoring a rally and march. Don't miss this important West Chester event. Not only are we co-sponsors — with Rev. Dan speaking — but after the rally, the march ends right here at UCWC with fun environmental activities for all ages.

Global Climate Strike

The UUA has joined as a partner with the September 20 **Global Climate Strike**. Three days before the UN Climate Summit in New York, young people and adults will strike across America and the world in support of transformative action to address the climate crisis.



*Join the
West Chester Green Team*

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

MARCH for PEACE and CLIMATE

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 21 • 2-4 PM



- Meet at the **Chester County Court House** at 2 pm
- Welcome from **Mayor Dianne Herrin**
- UCWC Minister **Rev Dan Schatz**
- Former Mayor **Jordan Norley**
- Pipeline Activist **Ginny Kerslake**
- Peace Advocate **Jen Karsten**
- **Sunrise Movement & Sierra Club**
- **Youth Leaders** from Chester County
- Then Join **Pennsylvania State Representative Carolyn Comitta** and our community as we march in solidarity for four blocks to the **Unitarian Congregation of West Chester** for fun environmental activities for all ages.



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For More information go to wcgreenteam.com

*Live
Music!*

Say "Climate Collapse"

"It's 2019. Can we all now please stop saying, 'climate change'?"
Greta Thunberg, 16-year-old Swedish leader of the Global Climate Strike

The crisis of climate change is a crisis of disconnection between the facts and the feelings. We know something is true; we don't feel that it's true. We don't live as if it's true.

The right language can change the world. It changes conversations, which changes cultures, which changes practices. Jonathan Rowson founder of Perspectiva, a research organization developing a framework for thinking about how social change happens, suggests we say "climate collapse".

Project Transcend "24-Hour Theater" Performance

On Saturday, October 5, at 8 pm, UCWC will host the Project Transcend 24-Hour Theater Performance, in support of the Valley Youth House's Pride program, the longest-running housing and resources program for LGBTQ youth in the Philadelphia and Lehigh Valley area.

The creative process begins Friday evening, when playwrights will start writing original one-act plays. Rehearsals begin at 8 am Saturday. Then it's curtains up that evening — just 24 hours after starting — on the UCWC stage. Acclaimed actors, directors, and playwrights from some of the region's favorite theater organizations — including Bravo Theater, Narberth Community Theater, and the Barley Sheaf Players — will participate.

In addition to the performances, there will be a silent auction, raffle, and information on the programs of Valley Youth House.

Tickets (\$20) go on sale September 1 and can be obtained, plus more information, at projecttranscendpa.com.

Project Transcend "24-HOUR" THEATER PERFORMANCE



\$20
Admission
Tickets on Sale
September 1
projecttranscendpa.com

SATURDAY · OCTOBER 5 · 8 PM
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Benefits
**Valley Youth House's
Pride Program**
**The longest running
housing and resources
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in the Philadelphia and
Lehigh Valley area.**

24 HOURS OF THEATER???

Not really. Writers and cast members will be given suggested words and topics Friday evening and have only 24 hours to write and rehearse their Saturday evening performance!

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 September 15 (third Sunday of the month), **Healthy Start - The Maternal and Child Health Consortium of Chester County**.

Chester County is one of the wealthiest counties in the state, but many local children are at risk of

serious health problems, such as being born too small (under 5.5 pounds) or too early (before 37 weeks). Infants born at this weight are at high risk of a wide range of future health and developmental problems which affect not only the children and their families, but the entire community.

Healthy Start, was created to address the disparities that exist between the birth outcomes of

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Share-the-Plate Cont'd

white women and those of women of color, particularly African American and Hispanic women.

Studies are clear about what obstacles stand in the way of a healthy baby. MCHC Healthy Start services (in Spanish and English) target these risk factors during a woman's pregnancy and in her child's earliest years to ensure a healthy family. An independent study showed that babies born to Healthy Start moms in our target communities were healthier than babies of moms in the same communities who were not enrolled.

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 July recipient, The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, in the amount of \$430.

Fun & Fellowship



Fall Welcome Back Picnic

You are invited to our Fall Potluck Picnic on September 8 after the service. Check out our new location at East Goshen Park (less than five miles from UCWC). See details on the flyer (right), and be sure to RSVP to **email: fun**, so we get an accurate head count. Fun for the whole family!

COMING IN SEPTEMBER THE UCWC 2019 FALL POTLUCK



SUN, SEP 8 **HICKS PAVILLION**
11:30-3:00 **EAST GOSHEN PARK**

- Bring a salad, dessert, or appetizer
- Grilled entrees (hot dogs, burgers) provided
- Beverages & paper goods provided
- \$3 charge to cover rental & supplies
- Bring instruments or lawn games if you wish
- Plenty of parking
- Large playground, shade, and walking trails

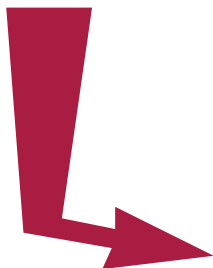
Please **RSVP** to
fun@ucwc.org

Head count is
needed.

Is Music Your Thing?

Music is an integral part of our Sunday services...and you can be a part of that music.

The flyer on the right highlights the many ways you can participate. Contact Miriam Davidson, email: **music**, for more information or if you are interested in one or more of these opportunities.



Folk Singing

The next **folk singing get-together** is Friday, September 13, 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 your instruments. Bring a munchie, if you wish.

Maps are in the foyer. Contact Steve at email: **folk-singing**.



MUSIC AT UCWC



Spirit Singers

UCWC's main choir. We sing two Sundays a month at the 9:15 service and rehearse three times a month on Thursday evenings from 7:15-9:00 pm. No audition necessary! We welcome anyone who loves to sing, can carry a tune, and can hold their part. Contact Miriam Davidson, music@ucwc.org.

Intergen Choir

Join the UCWC kids in song. Several times a year at Intergen services, this choir — made of RE kids, parents, friends and the Spirit Singers — comes together to learn a piece or two. Contact Abby McGillivray, ashultz@verizon.net.



Instant Choir

Love to sing, but can't commit to regular rehearsals? Several times a year, you can join us early on Sunday morning to learn the music we will sing that same day. No previous rehearsals. Watch for the announcements in *Connections* and just show up.

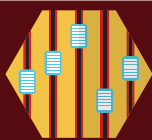


Chime Choir

Fun for adults and kids! Chime Choir often plays at an Intergen and other special services. Parts are assigned according to ability. Extra rehearsal time is needed. Contact Abby McGillivray, ashultz@verizon.net.

Informal Music Opportunities

Do you play an instrument or sing? Solo, duo or small group, we would love to talk with you about special music to enhance our worship services. Contact Miriam Davidson, music@ucwc.org.



Sound Team

Learn to run sound for services and special events. No experience needed, but a good ear and willingness to learn is a must. Training can be on an individual or group basis. Contact Hugh Sutherland, hugh@hugh.org.



Lunch Group

Lunch Group will meet Friday, September 13, 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 if you change your mind at the last minute, come anyway. Everyone is welcome.



Calendar

All email addresses
@ucwc.org

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



**Double Services
Begin.**
(Have we reminded
you enough?)

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| Sep 1 | Sun | First Sunday Food Collection. See p. 7.
Project Transcend Tickets Go On Sale. See p. 9. |
| Sep 3 | Tue | Men's Group. 7 pm. Room 4. See p. 6. |
| Sep 8 | Sun | Blessing of the Backpacks at Sunday Service. See p. 5.
Welcome Back Picnic. 11:30-3:00. East Goshen Park. See p. 10.
Defenders of Democracy. 11:30 am. Room 6.
Safe Harbor Dinner. 6 pm. Contact Rick London, email: safe-harbor . |
| Sep 9 | Mon | Diversity Book Group. 7 pm. Social Room. See p. 7.
Religious Services Committee. 7 pm. Meditation Room. Email: religious-services .
Conversation on Race and Privilege in Our Community. 7 pm. Stetson Middle School. See p. 7. |
| Sep 10 | Tue | Council Meeting. 7 pm. Social Room. |
| Sep 13 | Fri | Lunch Group. 11:30 am. Panera Bread. See p. 11.
Folk Singing. 7:30 pm. Home of Linda and Steve Sander. See p. 11. |
| Sep 15 | Sun | Double Services Begin. 9:15 and 11:00 am. See p. 2.
Share-the-Plate Sunday. Benefits Healthy Start Maternal and Child Health Consortium of Chester County. See p. 9.
Harvest the Power Workshop. 4-6 pm. Social Hall. See p. 5. |
| Sep 17 | Tue | Board Meeting. 6:30 pm. Social Room. |
| Sep 21 | Sat | Men's Group. 10 am. Room 4. See p. 6.
March for Peace and Climate. 2-4 pm. County Courthouse and UCWC. See p. 8 and p. 2. |
| Sep 22 | Sun | Harvest the Power Workshop. 4-6 pm. Social Hall. See p. 5. |
| Sep 27 | Fri | Deadline for Auction Donations to Be Included in the Catalog. See p. 6. |
| Sep 29 | Sun | Harvest the Power Workshop. 4-6 pm. Social Hall. See p. 5. |
- EVENTS OCCURRING REGULARLY:**
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| Various Dates | Small Group Ministry (Several Active Groups). See web calendar or contact email: SGM . See p. 6. |
| Most Thursdays | Spirit Singers Practice. September 5, 12, and 19 at 7:15 pm. Sanctuary. Contact Miriam Davidson, email: choir . See p. 11 for more music opportunities. |

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