

THE FELLOWTARIAN

Newsletter of the Unitarian Congregation of West Chester

October 2019



NOTES FROM REV. DAN

What is your answer to “the elevator question?”

I don’t mean, “Is it worth taking the elevator or would it be faster to just go down the stairs?” In our religion, “the elevator question” is very specific: “If you were in an elevator, going from the sixth floor to the ground floor, and someone asked you, ‘What is Unitarian Universalism?’ what would you say?”

That this question still terrifies the daylights out of a great many UUs should tell you that it’s not as simple as you might think. What do you say?

Do you talk about beliefs? We don’t have a creed. Do you talk about God, in a religion with about equal numbers of theists and non-theists? Do you just talk about community? We know that our congregation isn’t just a social club – but it’s not easy to explain exactly why we love it so much.

As our congregation reaches into the larger community in new ways, we’ll find ourselves facing the elevator question more and more. That’s good, because it means people want to know about us. It’s a challenge, because we don’t all know what to say.

My quick answer is usually along the lines of, “Unitarian Universalism is a way of life that stresses questioning, spiritual growth, integrity, and

community, lived in diversity.” I only get into the more complicated areas if the elevator doors haven’t opened yet.

Not surprisingly, there are as many ways to approach the question as there are UUs. My friend Andrea Lerner tells people, “Our faith is not interested in saving your soul – we’re here to help you unfold the awesome soul you already have.”

Author Laila Ibrahim says, “It’s a blessing you were born. It matters what you do with your life. What you know about God is a piece of the truth. You do not have to do it alone.”

And Rev. Erik Resly say, “Unitarian Universalists have different beliefs but share a common faith. We know that life is holy, that each person is worthy, and that, when we come together to plant the seeds of love, the world blossoms.”

What will your approach be? What will you say?

You might include some history, or maybe theology (come to my October 23 “Unitarian Universalist History and Theologies class for a taste of both). You could talk about what you love. You could talk about what is important to you about our congregation. There are countless possibilities. All it takes is a little practice and a willingness to enter the conversation.

So. What is Unitarian Universalism?

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
both 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.*

Oct 6 **SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS AND** **UCWC**
9:15 and 11:00 am **SPIRITUAL PATHS** **Congregants**

Our speakers will be several members who are not new to Unitarian Universalism. They will tell us about how their spiritual or humanist outlooks have changed or evolved during their time as UUs and what keeps them in Unitarian Universalism.

Oct 13 **GIFTS** **Rev. Dan Schatz**
9:15 and 11:00 am **OF THE ORDINARY**

Sometimes we find wonder where we expect it least.

Oct 20 **WHO ARE WE,** **Rev. Dan Schatz**
9:15 and 11:00 am **REALLY?**

What is a congregation? And what it is that makes our congregation so important?

Oct 27 **THE TOTALITY OF** **Rev. Dan Schatz**
9:15 and 11:00 am **EVERYTHING THAT IS**

As Hindus around the world celebrate Diwali, this modestly titled sermon will look into Hinduism and its surprising connections with Unitarian Universalist history.

Grocery Store Gift Cards Double Services Schedule

Grocery store gift cards will only be sold **between services** — in the back of the sanctuary, as usual. Second service attendees should plan to arrive early, so you don't miss out.

Last year the program earned about \$5,000 for UCWC. Let's try to increase that this year. Reminder: we accept checks or cash.

Unitarian Universalist History and Theologies Class

Rev. Dan Schatz will teach a special class on Unitarian Universalist History and Theologies on Wednesday, October 23, from 7 to 9 pm in room 4, downstairs.

The class is open to all and especially encouraged for newcomers and those who would like to grow in their understanding of Unitarian Universalism.

Walk-ins are welcome, but it is always helpful let Rev. Dan know you are planning to attend, so he can plan. If you need childcare, please let Rev. Dan know as soon as possible.

UCWC Wants You... and Your Time and Talent

Watch your mailbox (and your email In box) for a mailing about the Leadership Development Committee's Survey of Activities, Skills, and Interests. The survey will collect information about how you want to be involved with UCWC.

We will use this information when we plan events and activities, especially when we need people who are willing to share their time and talents to make these events and activities possible.

The survey takes about ten minutes to complete, and should be completed by Sunday, November 3. Details will be given in the mailing. If you have questions about the survey, please send them to Lori Ratajczak at email: leadership-development.

From the President

A recent episode of the public radio show *1-A* featured a guest with the following story:

Sarah Edmonson was an aspiring actress and was finding roles but felt unfulfilled. She'd been raised by firmly-grounded, politically active parents who taught her that it's important to make a difference in the world. She wanted more meaning in life.

At a film festival, she saw a socially-conscious movie that really spoke to her and tapped the yearning she felt. During a chat with the filmmaker, he invited her to attend an event with other like-minded people who wanted to do good in the world.



Up to this point, author Sarah Edmonson could have been talking about a path that led her to a UU church.

Instead, the "event" was a five-day training and recruitment session for the notorious Nxivm cult, whose leader was recently convicted of running a sex ring and pyramid scheme. Edmonson was sucked into Nxivm, and it took her twelve years to come to her senses and work her way out.

How different Sarah Edmonson's life might have been if she had found a UU church instead.

Her story is an example of a common phenomenon in our modern life — people are hungry for meaning and a sense of community.

It's possible to find community in many different ways. Local football fans find it in rooting for the Eagles. Sci-fi fans of a certain age find it in venerating all things Star Trek. A few years ago, I found community through being the president of the homeowners association for our twelve-unit townhouse complex.

But a religious community offers something more than just connection with others. Church is more than a social club, more than a way to enjoy the company of like-minded people. A religious community offers meaning. It offers guidance in dealing with profound questions in life.

At our September Board meeting, we discussed what UCWC means to us. I mentioned how I treasure the eloquent ideals in our unison affirmation:

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.

Those words speak to everything I seek in a moral and ethical community. The first time I joined in saying them, I knew I was home.

— Matt Zencey

Search for a New Director of Lifespan Faith Development

Our congregation's national search for a new Director of Lifespan Faith Development is well underway. The Search Committee (Sarah Hyson, Joshua Munz, Sydney Munz, Sandy Schaal, and myself) has begun by working on the job description and posting for the new DLFD.

In the coming weeks and months, we will reach out to groups and committees in the congregation — including the children — to find out what you are looking for in a professional religious educator. Pay attention to **Connections** and the announcements for opportunities to give your input.



— Rev. Dan

Men's Group

The Tuesday evening men's group will meet on October 1 at 7 pm downstairs in room 4. The topic will be "Bucket list" and the presenter will be Lou Ballester.

The Saturday morning men's group will meet on October 19 at 10 am, in room 4.

All men are welcome. Contact Dirk Troltenier at email: **[mens-group](#)**.



Lifespan Faith Development

Kid's Party During the Auction

Bring the kids to the UCWC Auction on Saturday, October 19, and they'll enjoy a fun party while you bid. Starting at 3:30 pm through the end of the auction, Monica Moran will run games, share healthy nut-free snacks, read stories, and show a short, funny movie. (Children are welcome to be upstairs with their parents until 3:30.)

Please sign up your children [HERE](#) and let us know if you're coming so we can plan. It's best for children four years and older. Childcare for younger ones will be provided if requested (email: [auction](#)).

Being Mortal Book Discussion Series

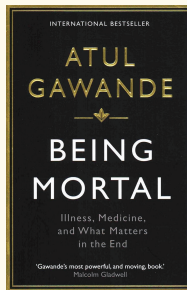
How do you want to spend your elder years? Will you rely on the medical profession to determine your quality of life? Modern medicine has transformed the dangers of birth, injury, and infectious disease from harrowing to manageable. But when it comes to the inescapable realities of aging and death, what medicine can do often runs counter to what it should do.

In *Being Mortal*, through eye-opening research and gripping stories of his own patients and family, author Atul Gawande reveals the suffering produced by medicine's neglect of the wishes that people might have beyond mere survival...and how the ultimate goal should not be a good death but a good life — all the way to the very end. Whether you're an elder yourself or have a parent or other relative who is, this will be compelling reading.

Join facilitator Kate Rohde for a series of discussions on this "riveting, honest, and humane" book, which has already changed the national conversation on aging and death. We'll meet on four Sundays at 12:15 pm downstairs in Room 4. To register, contact Pam Baxter at email: [DLFD](#).

The discussion dates are on Sundays, October 20, October 27, November 3, and November 10.

Being Mortal is available in paperback or Kindle format in the usual places. The [Adult RE Committee](#) has purchased two books to lend.



REmarks: Religious Education Update "Aren't You Retired Yet?"

One of the best things for me about Sunday mornings is getting to see all of you. Sometimes there's only time for a quick smile, but there's still that moment of connection. So, it's been a little disconcerting lately to come face-to-face with some of you and have you look startled. And then I hear you say, "I thought you were retired!"



So that I don't continue to startle people, I want to take this opportunity to spell out my timeline to retirement. I currently work for UCWC as Director of Lifespan Faith Development at three-quarter time, i.e., thirty hours a week. I will continue in this capacity through December 31. From January 1 through June 30, I will be working quarter time (10 hours a week) and will not be at UCWC every Sunday.

This will give the RE Committee and RE teachers more opportunity to keep things running on their own. It will also help everyone get used to not seeing me on Sunday mornings. And I won't necessarily attend all the meetings that I normally would. Members of the RE Committee may be the ones keeping the congregation up to date on RE doings in the *Fellowtarian*. We're still figuring out how those details will work.

I also want to clarify what my involvement in UCWC will be after I retire. While it's not required either by my contract or by the Professional Guidelines of LREDA (the Liberal Religious Educators Association), it is strongly recommended that a retired religious education professional stay off-site for at least a year and not be involved in RE for at least two years after leaving their position. This is hugely valuable in giving the new DLFD the chance to fully settle into the job and make it his/her own, and also gets congregation members and kids used to there being a new staff person.

This is an exciting time of transition for all of us. It's my goal — along with Rev. Dan and the RE Committee — to make it as seamless and productive as possible.

— [Pam Baxter](#), Director of Lifespan Faith Development

Coffee Talk with the Hospitality Committee

With the arrival of two services comes the advent of two social hours, and the Hospitality Team has made some changes to roles, responsibilities, and communication to help this transition move smoothly. Here's an overview of Hospitality and some new information regarding our two-service shift.

- Hospitality is our congregation's tradition of a fair and equitable division of labor to make our sanctuary and social room feel warm and inviting on Sunday mornings, help services run smoothly, and perhaps most importantly, provide ample caffeine and delicious snacks for our guests and ourselves to enjoy together.
- All members and friends of UCWC are assigned to one of four hospitality teams, roughly based on geographic residence: East of Eatin', Southies, UUCrew, and Northern Lights. Each group has a communicator who will send out emails to remind the group when it is their turn. Participation is voluntary.
 - If you have no idea what hospitality team you are on and are NOT getting emails about hospitality turns, please contact us at email: hospitality and let us know and we will add you in.
- There are social hours after both services: from 10:15-11:00 am, and from 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm.
- Each Team takes on four weeks of hospitality commitments and the schedule rotates.
- When it's your team's turn, your communicator will reach out by email to request that you sign up for a

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role. You can sign up online with a SignUpGenius.com link, or let your communicator know what role you would prefer. Roles needed are: Openers, Coffee Team, Snacks, Ushers, Floaters for Between Service Help, Coffee Clean Up, and Closers.

- Each role on SignUpGenius now has a little description, so you'll know what to expect when you sign up. Please note that these have been streamlined and simplified.
 - When you arrive at UCWC to do your hospitality tasks, you will find a laminated card in an envelope in the hospitality binder in the kitchen with updated information about the tasks for each role. Please take this card with you as you perform your tasks — and return it to the binder at the end of your shift.
- If you have any questions or problems, ask other members on your team — it's a group effort, and everyone pitches in.

We thank you for your help. Hospitality is an important part of every Sunday at UCWC and a responsibility that everyone shares. In the upcoming months we will revamp our communication strategy, so that we reach everyone who can help in the most effective way. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please feel free to reach out to us at email: hospitality anytime.

In gratitude,
Monica Moran & Debbie Sisco
Hospitality Committee



SoulCollage® Sundays

We've scheduled the third Sunday of every month from October, 2019 through May, 2020 for SoulCollaging. These sessions are for experienced SoulCollagers. We'll meet after the second service (roughly 12:30-2:30 pm) in the room 7, the Art Room.

We'll have basic materials and a stash of magazines on hand. Please consider bringing a favorite pair of good craft scissors, some images/photos you'd like to work with, and a few magazines.

Interested in learning about SoulCollage®? Go to www.soulcollage.com. If you'd like to learn the process, please let Pam know at email: DLFD.



The Service Auction Is

~~Coming!~~ **ALMOST HERE!**

Our **annual Service Auction** will be **Saturday, October 19, at UCWC from 3-6 pm**. This is a fun social event as well as an important fundraiser for our congregation. This year we will have a silent auction, a live auction, a kids' party, finger foods, and door prizes. Everyone is welcome to join the fun. Invite your friends.

Doors open at 2:30 when you can pick up your paddle. To expedite the process, please **pre-register for a paddle online**. Once you pick up your paddle at the auction, fill out a ticket to enter to win one of several door prizes, then peruse and bid in the silent auction.

The silent auction will close in segments beginning at 4 pm. The live auction begins at 4:30 featuring our own Ed Cohle and a special guest as auctioneers. (We are going to keep you in suspense.) Finger foods and beverages (beer, wine, and nonalcoholic) will be available throughout.

The auction catalog will be posted on the **auction web page** a week or two in advance, so that you may begin planning your bids. The silent auction will be set up and open for bidding after each service on the two Sundays before (October 6 and 13) as well as the day of the auction. If you are preregistered for a paddle, use your paddle number when you bid (this will be emailed to you).

If you cannot come October 19, try to attend one of the Sundays to start your bidding, and ask a friend to proxy bid for you at the auction, or ask Nancy Artus (email: **auction**) to assign you a proxy bidder.

Parents, **please sign up your children now for the amazing Kids' Party** organized and run by Monica Moran. See page 4 and the Kids Party webpage for information. For children under 4 years of age, we will provide a sitter, but we must hear from you in advance (email: **auction**).

Fall is coming...and that means

THE AUCTION

IS COMING!



SATURDAY OCTOBER 19

CHECK-IN..... 2:30 pm

SILENT AUCTION .. 3:00 pm

LIVE AUCTION 4:30 pm

OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR

KIDS PARTY DURING THE AUCTION

Details in *The Fellowtarian*, Order of Service, *Connections* and Website

Donations Needed

Deadline: August 27

To be included in the auction book and to be considered for the live auction **we need donations in by Friday, September 27**. However, we gladly accept late donations up until the day before the auction. Simply visit the **auction donation page** (preferred), or complete a paper form on a Sunday. The website has a number of suggested donations, if you need an idea. For questions, talk to Nancy Artus or Steve Sander on a Sunday, or email: **auction-donations**.

Finger Food Requested

We are looking for people to bring a plate of finger food to the auction. Please sign up on **online** or send an email to Susan Batchelor (email: **fun**) if you would like to contribute an hors d'oeuvre or dessert.



Are You Facebook Literate?

We need help writing Facebook posts leading up to the auction. Contact Nancy Artus (email: **auction**).

Leadership Development

Our conversations about leadership in UU congregations — particularly our own UCWC — will resume on October 6 with a focus on “Imagination and Creativity”. Leaders Ed Cohle and Julianne O’Neill will emphasize the theme of vision, as we discuss how imagination and creativity help shape our purpose.

We are using UUA materials, “Harvest the Power: Leadership Development” which you can access online [here](#). As described in the curriculum, “This workshop, the fourth in the Purpose unit, explores reasons and ways to include many voices in the visioning work of the congregation. Participants learn how to pay attention to voices on the margins of the faith community. When the leadership intentionally invites all members to share their ideas, life experiences and wisdom, the community becomes more adept and creative in meeting challenges.”

The workshop will be held on Sunday, October 6, from 4-6 pm in the social room. To assist the facilitators with planning, we ask that you register in advance with an RSVP to email: [leadership-development](#), or use the paper form found on the bulletin board in the social room. Walk-in participants will, of course, also be welcome.

For more information, speak with the facilitators or a member of the Leadership Development Committee: Lori Ratajczak, Sandy Schaal, Cathy Vogt, Heidi Frayer, or Jim Macfadyen, or contact the Leadership Development Committee at email: [leadership-development](#).

Path to Membership

It is exciting to see many new faces in our midst!

All visitors and friends are invited Sunday, October 27, and Sunday, November 3 for our Path to Membership Fall sessions. The sessions will be held in our religious education lower level immediately following the 11 am service. Refreshments will be provided.

The first session includes a video about who Unitarians are plus a discussion with Rev. Dan. In the second session we delve into who we are at UCWC, including how we operate, what our goals are, and what we do for the wider community.

To RSVP for childcare, please contact Rev. Dan at email: [minister](#).

For those who wish to join our congregation, we will have a special signing Sunday later this fall. At that time new members receive a small gift as they sign the membership book, which dates to our beginnings in 1954.



Small Group Ministry

Small Group Ministry is a way to gather with other Unitarian Universalists twice a month for community, conversation and connection. Each session is organized around a theme and includes a chalice lighting, readings, and questions to spark discussion.

Groups are led by trained facilitators who meet regularly with Rev. Dan. Currently, our congregation has five groups which meet at different times and places. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Pam Baxter at email: [DLFD](#).

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.



Stones in the Wall: Social Justice

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

 **UUPLAN**
ADVOCACY DAY 2019
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
Unitarian Church of Harrisburg
1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17113
Reg 8:00 • Program 9-3:30 • Lunch Provided

Morning Session
*Reading the Pennsylvania
Political Tea Leaves*
.....
Afternoon Session
*Opportunities for UUPLAN
to Be Even More Effective*

Contact Tom Buglio
UUPLAN@UCWC.ORG
*if you are interested in
attending and/or carpooling*
.....
Registration
can be accessed at
UUPLAN.ORG
Fee is \$20

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 October 20 (third Sunday of the month), **ACT in Faith of Greater West Chester**.

ACT in Faith has a mission to build a community that empowers the un- and under-employed to stabilize their households and build towards self-sustainability.



ACT in Faith assists individuals by providing transportation, employment support, clothing, and eviction prevention, among many other things. Sometimes the immediate needs of an individual go beyond the scope of what a specific agency or faith community can provide — that is where the ACT in Faith ACT Now Volunteers come in. ACT in Faith is the only immediate resource to which UCWC's office can refer when social welfare requests come in from the outside.

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 August recipient, The Charles A. Melton Arts and Education Center, in the amount of \$460.

Defenders of Democracy



We will meet the first Sunday of every month through June, 10:30 - 12:00, in the meditation room. We brainstormed areas of concentration for the new year at our September meeting.

- **Political Corruption.** Support HB1291, the gift ban bill in Harrisburg.
- **Voting Rights.** Support no-excuse absentee balloting. Join Fair Districts PA in their support of HB22 and HB23, the anti-gerrymandering bills in the House.
- **Fact Checking Sources.** Stem the tide of disinformation by publicizing trusted fact checking sources like politifact.com.
- **Working Together.** Look for allies in other faith communities and find ways to work together.

Join us in our quest to help fend off attacks on our democracy and help it thrive in this era of polarization and disinformation. Let's do our part to help protect and defend our American ideals.

Diversity Book Group

Sun, Oct 13 • 7-8:30 pm • Social Room

Less by Andrew Sean Greer • Discussion Leader: Pat Shorten

Less follows gay writer Arthur Less while he travels the world on a literary tour, as his fiftieth birthday looms. The book covers themes such as romantic love, relationships, aging, and travel.

Andrew Sean Greer began writing **Less** as a “very serious novel” but found that “the only way to write about being gay and aging is to make it a funny story. He says, “I found that by making fun of myself, I could actually get closer to real emotion — closer to what I wanted in my more serious books.”

Less won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for fiction. Contact Debby Kern at email: diversity-book-group.



UUSC Update

Excerpts from UUSC’s call to support the climate strike:

We are answering their call to act like our house is on fire — because it is — so let’s start demanding climate justice!

People of conscience cannot afford to sit on the sidelines and watch as the climate crisis takes lives, displaces entire communities, and upsets our planet’s delicate interconnected ecosystem. We are called to action.

You can get involved with environmental justice during this important week of climate action by:



- Telling your #ClimateStrike story on your social media accounts and using the hashtag with each post.
- **Registering** for a UU College of Social Justice Appalachian immersion experience where you’ll learn from and work alongside West Virginians as they transition from the boom of coal mining into a new, uncharted future.
- **Learning** more about UUSC’s climate justice work and how you can bolster the work of Pacific island communities who are bearing the worst effects of the climate crisis right now.
- **Donating** to help fund The Bahamas’ recovery from Hurricane Dorian.

In the coming months, we invite you to join us on this journey as we support the leadership of those on the frontlines; proudly stand up for our right to protect the earth from extractive companies that seek to pollute our resources; and provide aid to those who’ve experienced displacement due to climate change.

— Ana Maria De La Rosa, UUSC Grass Roots Organizer

Gun Violence Prevention

After a bloody summer of so many mass shootings, and with school kids having to do active shooter drills, gun violence has become one of the top issues to American voters. We may be closer to a tipping point than at any time since the Brady bill was passed in 1993 — and you can help.



UUPLAN’s gun violence prevention team has identified two areas of focus this year. You can help by calling these legislators:

Congress — Universal Background Checks.

The House has passed a Universal Background Check bill. Call Senator Toomey. Thank him for supporting background checks and ask him to cosponsor Senate Bill S42. (202-224-4254 — You can leave a message. Every phone call is counted.)

Harrisburg — ERPO (Extreme Risk Protection Order). This would take guns out of the hands of anyone who is shown to be a danger to themselves or to others. Please call Senator Lisa Baker, who heads the Senate Judiciary Committee, and ask her to bring bill SB90 up for a vote. (717-787-7428)

Democracy is not a spectator sport. Help be part of the change we so need. And join us for our monthly telephone conference on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. Contact Tom Buglio at email: gun-safety.



Immigration Study Group

The next session is Sunday, October 13, from 2 to 4 pm. We will look at border towns and the processing of immigrants, as well as the rules for refugees and asylum.

Then we will review parts 2 and 3 of *No Human Is Illegal*. We will discuss the changes in immigration law since 1970 and President Obama's role in the continuing immigration saga. We will also attempt to do some quantification of detainees currently and historically.

You are encouraged to bring in current news articles about which you have questions. We may not be able to answer them in our group, but we should be able to get some insight and report back at our next meeting.

Contact Barrie Eichhorn at email: sanctuary.

First Sunday Food Collection

This Month's Items: Spaghetti Sauce and Canned Tomato Products

Our **monthly collection** for the **West Chester Food Cupboard** is Sunday, October 6. 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 — **please be sure that items have not passed their expiration date.**



Another 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."

Fun & Fellowship

Lunch Group



Lunch Group will meet Friday, October 11, at 11:30 a.m. 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.

Folk Singing



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The next **folk singing get-together** is Friday, October 11, 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 their instruments. Bring a munchie, if you wish. Maps are in the foyer. Contact Steve at email: folk-singing.

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Calendar

All email addresses
@ucwc.org

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

Pastoral Care

The **Pastoral Care
Team** contact for
this month is
Sheila Grant.

**THE
AUCTION
IS HERE!!**

Coming November 9

The return of the UCWC

**Coffee
House**

Details to come in the
November *Fellowtarian*.

Sep 27	Fri	Auction Donation Deadline for Inclusion in the catalog. See p. 6.
Oct 1	Tue	Men's Group. 7 pm. Room 4. See p. 3.
Oct 5	Sat	Project Transcend Theater . 8 pm. UCWC. See September <i>Fellowtarian</i> , p. 9.
Oct 6	Sun	First Sunday Food Collection. See p. 10.
Oct 6	Sun	Defenders of Democracy. 10:30 am. Meditation Room. See p. 8.
Oct 6	Sun	Harvest the Power Leadership Development Workshop. 4-6 pm. Social Room. See p. 7.
Oct 8	Tue	Council Meeting. 7 pm. Lower Level .
Oct 11	Fri	Lunch Group. 11:30 am. Panera Bread. See p. 10.
Oct 11	Fri	Folk Singing. 7:30 pm. Home of Linda and Steve Sander. See p. 10.
Oct 12	Sat	UUPLAN Advocacy Day. Unitarian Church of Harrisburg. See p. 8.
Oct 13	Sun	Immigration Study Group. 2-4 pm. Social Room. See p. 10.
Oct 13	Sun	Harvest the Power Leadership Development Workshop. 4-6 pm. Social Room. See p. 7.
Oct 13	Sun	Safe Harbor Dinner. 6 pm. Contact Rick London, email: safe-harbor .
Oct 13	Sun	Diversity Book Group. 7 pm. Social Room. See p. 9.
Oct 14	Mon	Religious Services Committee. 7 pm. Meditation Room.
Oct 15	Tue	Board Meeting. 6:30 pm. Social Room.
Oct 16-18	Wed-Fri	Auction Setup. Ongoing through the day. To help, contact Nancy Artus, email: auction . See p. 6.
Oct 19	Sat	Men's Group. 10 am. Room 4. See p. 3.
Oct 19	Sat	Chester County Green Energy Tour. Click here for more information.
Oct 19	Sat	Annual Service Auction. 2:30 pm. See p. 6.
Oct 19	Sat	Kid's Party at the Auction. See p. 4.
Oct 20	Sun	Share-the-Plate Sunday. Benefits Act in Faith. See p. 8.
Oct 20	Sun	SoulCollage® Sunday. 12:30 pm. Room 7. See p. 5.
Oct 20	Sun	Adult RE Book Discussion, <i>Being Mortal</i> . 12:15 pm. Room 4. See p. 4.
Oct 23	Wed	Unitarian Universalist History and Theologies Class. 7-9 pm. Room 4. See p. 2.
Oct 27	Sun	Adult RE Book Discussion, <i>Being Mortal</i> . 12:15 pm. Room 4. See p. 4.
Oct 27	Sun	Path to Membership Session 1. 12:15 pm. Downstairs. See p. 7.

EVENTS OCCURRING REGULARLY:

Sundays	Sunday Morning Meditation. 8:30 am. Meditation Room. Contact email: DLFD .
Various Dates	Small Group Ministry (Several Active Groups). See web calendar or contact email: SGM . See p. 7.
Most Thursdays	Spirit Singers Practice. October 3, 10, and 17 at 7:15 pm. Sanctuary. Contact Miriam Davidson, email: choir .