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SUNDAY SERVICES October, 2005

October 2 **TO SAVOR THE WORLD OR TO SAVE IT** **Rev. Larry Smith**

The Unitarian Universalist faith lives in “sacred ambiguity”, a dynamic tension between our exploration of religious ideals and our responsibilities to the greater community. What is our prophetic imperative?

October 9 **THE “G” WORD** **Rev. Larry Smith**

The “G” word is God. Who, or what, is God to you? How do you experience the Divine?

October 16 **A FAITH THAT PEOPLE MAKE** **Rev. Larry Smith**

Unitarian Universalists often have difficulty sharing our faith with others. Perhaps because of our desire not to close all the options, we tend not to follow any final statement. What does this tolerant faith mean to you?

October 23 **GUEST SPEAKER** **Dr. Reishi**

Dr. Reishi is from the Islamic Center. Topic to be announced.

October 30 **THE OTHER WORLD** **Rev. Larry Smith**

On this day before Halloween we will explore ideas about the supernatural. If you saw a ghost, how would it change your world?

FROM YOUR INTERIM MINISTER

Did you know that the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester has a Committee on Ministry? Its members are Kora Stahl, John Orban, Mary Hepokoski and Shelly Case. So, what does the Committee on Ministry do? The Committee on Ministry examines the relationships within the congregation and its overall ministry, lay and vocational. At times the Committee on Ministry brings forth concerns to the minister about issues that need to be addressed. At times the Committee on Ministry examines the overall spirit of the congregation and makes suggestions about future programs or events that might strengthen the relationship between congregants, and congregants and the minister.

One of the most important functions of the Committee on Ministry is as a conduit between congregants and the minister. Sometimes Committee on Ministry members will create a space where the minister and congregants can talk when conflict arises.

As a minister I have found that the Committee on Ministry is one of the most important committees of the church. Besides working with minister and congregant relations, it helps the minister reflect on what is working in the church and what is not. Sometimes I have shared my thoughts on a certain problem, and the Committee on Ministry members have helped me deal with it constructively. When I am handling something particularly well it is often due to a Committee on Ministry meeting in which I presented a problem and was given ideas. It is like having five minds and spirits instead of only one!

Over the course of the past year the Committee on Ministry has helped this congregation immensely in ways that cannot be quantitatively measured. At times they have prevented me from making mistakes, encouraged new ways of ministering to one another, passed on sermon and programming ideas, and examined the continuing spirit of this congregation as it moves through the transitions of interim ministry.

In our Unitarian Universalist tradition, ministry is a shared undertaking. Ours are the traditions of the priesthood and prophethood of all believers. Each of us ministers to another. Beyond the numbers and sundry details, we measure our spiritual lives by the connections that we make, the people we have helped, the people who gave us strength to go on.

I have shared this information about the Committee on Ministry because everyone in the church needs to know about this important committee. I have shared this information because I am so grateful for their ministry to this congregation.

See you in church.

Larry

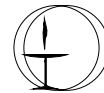
FROM THE DENOMINATION JPD SPRING CONFERENCE

The Annual Spring Conference for the Joseph Priestly District of the Unitarian Universalist Association will be March 31 and April 1 at a greater Washington area hotel. Gini Courter, moderator of the UUA, will deliver the keynote on "The Spirituality of Generosity." Gini Courter holds the highest elected lay position in the UUA and is a dynamic speaker.

We had a great attendance from the Fellowship at last spring's JPD conference in King of Prussia. While the upcoming conference is further away, I encourage anyone interested to set aside the date and attend. Not only are the workshops informative, but it's energizing and fun to be with so many other UUs. An increasing denominational interest and presence is part of what being a growing congregation is all about!

I will be regularly reporting on denominational matters in The Fellowtarian. If you are interested in becoming more involved, or even chairing the denominational effort, please let me know.

— Flo Miller



WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS

Have you ever wanted to understand the Hindu festival of lights? Can't tell the difference between a bodhi and a bodhisattva? Then the reading course on Wednesday nights starting this month might be for you. The course, on world religions, will begin October 12, at 7:30 p.m.

If you are interested, contact the Fellowship office or sign up for the class in the foyer. The class requires member participation in leading the group. We will read and discuss Houston Smith's *The Illustrated World's Religions*.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations and thanks to everyone involved in initiating double services! From what I observed, everything ran smoothly when we came together for the new church year on September 11. Attendance was fairly evenly divided between the 9 a.m. and the 11 a.m. services (a combined total of over 100), and the extra breathing room in the sanctuary was a welcome change. Our hard work over the spring and summer months paid off.

For the leadership and a large number of our members, however, the church year really began two weeks earlier, on August 28, with the visit from our growth consultant, the Rev. Tom Chulak. I have to admit that I was a bit apprehensive over the turnout at this service – Unitarians do like their summer weekends, and this was the last one before Labor Day. But you came out in droves, and exhibited the same high level of energy and enthusiasm that has marked our congregation for the past year. It was a wonderful way to launch what will be a very important new year for us.

As you know, Rev. Chulak met with the Fellowship leadership after the service. The chairs and/or co-chairs of just about every committee were present at this workshop. We were able to identify six major areas that we will address with assistance from Rev. Chulak. They include governance, leadership development, identity, spiritual development, public witness/outreach/social justice, and public communications/marketing. We are now in the process of appointing a Bridging Team to work with Rev. Chulak on strengthening our Fellowship in these areas as we

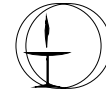
grow. I expect the team to be in place shortly and to announce the membership in next month's Fellowshiparian. They will be reporting to the Board with, hopefully, recommendations and suggested changes in our structure that are more in keeping with a larger, program-sized congregation.

In some areas, we are already making progress. As I write this, Board Vice President Bob Scott is in the process of organizing a meeting of the Fellowship Council. The Council, consisting of the chairs or co-chairs of all major committees, will meet once every other month to discuss common issues and concerns, thereby greatly improving cross-communications within the Fellowship. In addition, the Council will be working on developing procedures for our Fellowship operation and on either revising existing job descriptions or writing new ones. The Council will thus serve as the operational arm of the Fellowship, freeing up the

Board to concentrate on long-term goals and develop strategies for meeting the many challenges we face.

Finally, I want to address a question that has been asked of me several times over the summer months. Members new and old are concerned that growth will mean a loss in identity for us. There's no denying that many things will have to change and are already changing, as detailed in this column. But I do not believe our basic values or that elusive quality you might call "personality" will change. We are a resilient, adaptive, creative, caring, warm and dedicated congregation of people with diverse religious beliefs, committed to supporting one another in our life's journeys. You can add your own adjectives. The point is, we are uniquely us, and always will be.

See you in church,
Flo Miller



LAST MINUTE AUCTION DONATIONS

You haven't ever donated anything to an Auction? Consider hosting a dinner or game night, babysitting for a short weekend, offering a certificate for a food or gift of the month, a spare weekend in your vacation home is also auction worthy. Do you knit or have another craft you can teach? Offer one complete item for sale and teach someone else how to make it too! Or offer a pot of your special soup, along with the recipe.

Just e-mail your offer to Krystaleve Snow at auction-donations, or complete a form from the foyer at the Fellowship by September 25 in order to be in the printed catalog. Last minute donations will be listed in an addendum available the night of the auction. No donations can be taken the night of the auction.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SEPT 13, 2005

Jim McFadyen, representing the Ministerial Search Committee, met with the Board. The need for an employment agreement to be offered to prospective ministers was discussed. The Board approved the creation of a committee to draft a letter of agreement for a settled minister.

The Board also approved the following appointments to the new Bridging Team: Bruce Koepcke as Chair, Rob Sartain as a member, and Bob Scott as Board liaison. One or two more members will be recruited for the team, which will work with the Fellowship Council, the Board, and the Growth Consultant.

The issue of the lack of a proper office for the minister was discussed. A motion was passed to the effect that the Board recognizes this issue and intends to make it a priority within two years of the hire of the new minister. In the interim, partitions may be installed in the business office to provide a more private workspace for the minister.

No Secretary's Report was submitted to the *Fellowtarian* in August. The Board passed motions at its August meeting authorizing extra compensation for the hymnist and the choir director.

— Paul Sapko, Secretary

NOTES FROM UNDERGROUND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

At about the time you receive this issue of the *Fellowtarian*, we will have just had our first RE Sunday of the year, and our first experience in RE of double services. Regarding that, there are several things in particular I want to share with you this month. The first is that with two services, and not seeing all of our friends at the same service, we are renewing our commitment to planning RE Family Fun events throughout the year, when we can all be together, keep friendships going and make new friends as we grow. Our first event is Indoor Camping and Bingo on Friday night, October 28, when we'll be turning the sanctuary into a campground. All you'll need is a stand-alone tent, sleeping bag, air mattress or sleeping bag pad, your "jammies" and a flashlight. We can promise no mosquitoes and plenty of fun. I'll be emailing more details when the RE Committee has the plans finalized.

The second thing is that in conjunction with the Social Justice Task Force we are looking into starting a drive to help the people displaced by Hurricane Katrina. At present, the need for basic hygiene kits has been exceeded, and we are now looking into what school supplies might be needed for children. We'll send out more information by email as we pull the details together.

Third, with the extra work involved in running two RE sessions on Sunday mornings, it is more important than ever that all parents get involved. Many of you are already teaching, but we need Floating Volunteers and classroom aides to assist several times during the year. This involves no special skills, just a willingness to help out. Cathy Vogt is coordinating the RE Volunteers. Please contact her to schedule a few Sundays.

Finally, a tremendous thank-you to all the teachers (20 out of 24!) who were able to attend Teacher Orientation on September 14. Some even arrived after other meetings they had to attend elsewhere that evening, in order to meet with their team members to plan the year's schedule. There was a lot of energy in evidence, a lot of ideas shared, and I know that we will have another excellent RE year. Thanks to the members of the RE Committee who helped plan and run the orientation. Thanks also to Reverend Larry for joining us for pizza, salad and brownies before the meeting got underway, and for opening the gathering with some heartfelt words reminding us of the mission of teaching our young people and the gift that our teachers give to everyone in the Fellowship.

— Pam Baxter, Director of Religious Ed.

CARING CORNER

- With great pleasure, we want to let everyone know that Dawn and Jeff Kriebel have a new baby daughter, Ava. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces at birth. Happy Birthday, Ava!
- Larry has received a note of appreciation from Doris D'Angelo for the cards, email and phone calls expressing love and concern from the Fellowship, as well as the representation at her husband's funeral by Fellowship members.

Friday, October 28

FAMILY CAMPING

in the Sanctuary
&

BINGO

Details later by email

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2005

The Youth Group is off to a rousing start. We kicked off our new year with the first meeting on Sunday, September 11, with a lot of energy and some fabulous plans for the year. These plans include having our youth take a much larger role in planning and carrying out activities, projects and stuff. We are looking at big things — like a haunted basement, a \$2,000 AIDS Walk contribution goal with a T-shirt sale, a trip to Boston in the spring, more Battles of the Bands, and trips to other churches to participate in youth CON events.

What can you accomplish? Let's congratulate Anita Stahl, as an example. Of her own accord, she identified a need, massive starvation in Niger, a country in western Sub-Saharan Africa. She planned and conducted a fabulous program at the Fellowship, complete with a guest speaker, a raffle, and light snacks. This single night fundraiser brought in over \$1,600 to be sent to the World Food Program. Sounds like Anita not only did an amazingly cool thing, but she may have just fulfilled her Senior Project requirements at the same time. Very cool!!

What's next? In October, we'll go to two CON events, participate in the Philly AIDS walk, haunt the basement in collaboration with the Fellowship Committee and show some scary movies. Did you know that the Youth Group owns its own professional-sized popcorn machine? Did you know that we also own two water buffaloes? More on that in later writings.

MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mark your calendars for November 6, and please plan to join us for the Beyond Categorical Thinking program, which includes both Sunday services and a three-hour workshop in the afternoon, with lunch in between. Because the ministerial search is a refined selection process and involves a certain amount of discrimination, search committees and congregations should be aware of the ways in which they may inadvertently make discriminations that are unnecessary and unjust. This workshop is designed to help participants examine their own ableism, ageism, heterosexism, racism and sexism. Watch for more details about this special event in next month's issue of the Fellowtarian and in the Order of Service.

By now, we hope you've seen the poster in the foyer indicating our progress along the search path. Many thanks to Catie MacFadyen for her wonderful

work! Keep your eye out for new developments!

By the time this goes to press, the committee will have completed our Congregational Record (CR), soon to be published on the UUA website to be accessed by ministers who are searching. The CR is their first snapshot of UFWC, including basic information on who we are and what kind of minister we seek.

Our main focus this month is on the packet, which we'll exchange with interested candidates who have read our CR and wish to explore further. This packet contains all kinds of information about our congregation — our people, our history, demographics, work, fun times, successes and difficulties. It also provides an overview of the West Chester community and surrounding area. We'd be happy to include your talents in this important project! Just let us know how you'd like to help.

Our survey drew an overwhelming response of 86% of our membership and 25 friends. Many thanks to all of you! We'd like to plan a lunch on a Sunday this fall to share the survey results with you, and would be grateful for a volunteer to help coordinate this.

Even though the survey has been completed, the committee is still very interested in hearing your views and concerns. Please feel free to approach any of us during coffee hour - you'll be able to recognize us easily by our new nametags with the "Search" symbol attached. You can also send email to search-committee.

— Eileen Kelly
for the Ministerial Search
Committee

Want to participate? The youth group is open to all UFWC youth from 8th to 12th grade. We meet virtually every Sunday night from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. We meet downstairs in the RE space — usually Classroom 1. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail any of the adult leaders (Michael Werner, Rob Sartain, Scott Klaum, Kate Cuffari, and Gerry Giess) at youth-group, or one of our youth leaders (Anita Stahl, Paul Giess, Chilisa Shorten, and David Werner). Be there.

SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

“A NIGHT FOR NIGER”

A heartfelt “thank you” to all who attended and contributed to the “A Night for Niger” fundraiser. The idea came from one of our youth, Anita Stahl; and it was a huge success raising more than \$1,600 for the World Food Programme. Thank you for saving so many lives.

SOCIAL JUSTICE “FAIR”

The Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a “Fair” after the services on Sunday, October 2. There will be “booths” representing Earth Stewardship; Habitat for Humanity; Meals at the Salvation Army and Safe Harbor; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender issues; Fair-Trade Coffee and Tea Sales; Unitarian Universalist Service Committee; and Youth Group social justice activities. And we hope to have a few new options by then! So, come one and all: look, listen, read, and become involved in some new social justice activities that serve our community.

CHESTER COUNTY PRIDE FEST 2005

The fourth annual Chester County Pride Fest will be Sunday, October 2 from noon to 6 pm at the Gateway Lot in Phoenixville. This event celebrates and draws together our area’s bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgender community. There will be food, music, entertainment, vendors and information of interest to the BGLT community. Once again the Fellowship will staff a booth at Pride Fest as part of our social justice outreach program where we highlight our denomination’s appreciative welcome of diversity. Please volun-

teer to help the Fellowship at Pride Fest. We need folks to help set up between 10 am and noon on Sunday, to staff the table between noon and 6pm, and to help take down the table afterwards. If you’re interested in helping any part of the day please email social-justice or call Rob Sartain.

2005 PHILLY AIDS WALK

The 2005 Philly AIDS Walk will be on Sunday, October 16. The 12K walk raises money for HIV and AIDS-related services in the Delaware Valley and once again the Fellowship will field a team of walkers. Last year we raised almost \$1,500 for the Philly AIDS Fund and this year our goal is \$2,000! To join our team of walkers or to sponsor a walker on-line, please visit www.aidsfundphilly.org, click “AIDS Walk”, then click either “Register” to walk with us or click “Donate” to support an individual walker or our team. Our team is registered as “Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester” and we’re team #1843. We’ll also have sponsor forms available in the sanctuary. For more information, please email social-justice or call Rob Sartain.

HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF UPDATE

Once again, OUR charity the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is there! It is working closely with our denominational office in Boston. As of September 13, the UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund has raised \$857,648 to assist in the recovery from Hurricane Katrina. Thank you VERY much for your generosity in helping the hurricane victims; one anonymous donor gave \$100,000! If you

haven’t donated but would like to, please visit <http://www.uusc.org> and click on “Make a donation...” or send a check payable to the “UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund” to UUA, P.O. Box 843155, Boston, MA 02284-3155. The Fellowship is looking into other ways we can help, such as by assembling packets of toiletries and other supplies to send to UU congregations for distribution to those in need, and by sponsoring needy families (see R.E. Update this issue). For more information about the hurricane’s effects on UU congregations, please visit www.uuworld.org and www.swuuc.org. Also visit www.uua.org where President Sinkford has written a moving and thought-provoking letter to us all.



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

There are still a couple of openings in both Small Group Ministry groups. This is an opportunity to get to know people in a bit more intimate setting. There is a change worth noting: the Thursday night group has moved to Monday, so the groups now meet on the first and third Monday or Wednesday evening. If you are interested or have questions, pick up a blue pamphlet in the foyer or contact Alan Pittenger or Gerry Giess, email: SGM.

CHOIR, A JOYFUL EXPERIENCE

One of my favorite things about the Fellowship is the wonderful music that is a regular part of each service. My favorite activity at the Fellowship is being a member of the choir. And why is that?

- We're a fun-loving group. While we take our music seriously, we laugh more at rehearsals than I do the rest of the week. We're small yet animated.

- We're a multi-talented group. Some of us sing like opera stars, some of us more like your basic shower singers. Some of us play orchestral instruments; some of us are percussionists. We find a way to use all our talents throughout the year.

- We're an understanding group. We don't have to try out. We can sing any part we're comfortable singing, and the strong folks support the musically challenged group with a smile.

- We've been so lucky to have had a magically talented choir director who knows his stuff

inside and out and who has taught us many techniques to bring out the best of our voices, yet is comfortable working with our slightly rag-tag group. He has had to move on. However, we recently met our new director and we're sure that she is going to be absolutely marvelous, too.

- We're a smart and creative group with many ideas of our own. We listen to each other and are the better for it.

- We sing all kinds of music from classical to show tunes, religious to world music, peace songs and nature songs.

- I love to hear the harmonies spinning around me. I think the congregation enjoys it, too!

- I've made my best friends here.

We're hoping you might want to come sing with us, too!

— Debby Kern

GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR

Greetings UFWC! My name is Barbara Kovacs – I'm the new Choir Director here at the Fellowship. I'm happy to be a part of the music this year, and I look forward to contributing to the spirit of the services!

Rehearsals will be held each Thursday evening, beginning on September 15, from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. All members above the age of 14 are welcome to join — we are very lucky to have the “old faithful” choir members, but are always looking for new talent as well.

Our first performance will be on October 16, at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. If you have any questions, please email me at choir. Choral singing is great fun, as well as providing a wonderful service to the UFWC community.

HAVE YOU MET JUAN LEON?

Juan Leon joined the UFWC on Dec. 5th with specific goals in mind: “to support the Fellowship’s mission and principles, and to participate in its social life.” But that’s not all. Joining the Fellowship was part of his transition to calling West Chester home. And so far, so good. “Sunday’s services are rejuvenating,” he says, “and I like the people.”

A West Chester resident for more than two years, Juan has a deep interest in the adaptation of artificial intelligence and related technologies for education. He explains: “In my professional life I take some small steps in this direction by designing and developing Web-based training. I also teach for the Keller Graduate School of Management and help train their faculty in the use of online instructional tools. Much of the training is in the for-profit sector (pharmaceuticals and financial services), though I do regularly find opportunities to work with nonprofits and have recently worked with a team of designers and developers to complete the interactive, online timeline for Philadelphia’s National Constitution Center.”

Before this line of work, Juan taught in the English department of the University of Michigan for five years and the Graduate School of Humanities and Environmental Studies in Kyoto, Japan for seven years.

While many of Juan’s hobbies and interests relate to his work, he also pursues outside passions such as playing Latin percussion (congas, bongos) and bass. And he’s determined to find time for exercise — perhaps joining a water polo team—and activities with his wife, Atsuko, and children, Mario, 13, and Hikari, 7.

— Sharon Breske

EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

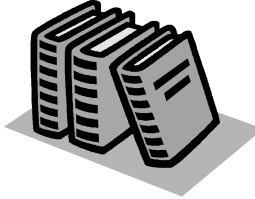
Third Sunday 7:30 - 9 PM Downstairs at the Fellowship
All are Welcome!

October 16: *There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America* by Alex Kotlowitz. This non-fiction story takes the reader into the everyday lives of two young boys, Pharoah and Lafayette Rivers and their family and friends as they struggle to make a life for themselves in the harsh reality of the Henry Horner Projects in South-west Chicago. Discussion leader – Nancy Robinson

Special Notice - Monday, November 7 at 7 pm: Alex Kotlowitz will be this year's Guest for the 7th Annual Downingtown School District's Author Lecture Series, which focuses on Diversity. The lecture is free and open to the public. Downingtown High School West is located at 445 Manor Avenue in Downingtown.

November 20: *The Tortilla Curtain*, by T C Boyle, led by Kerri Petterson

December 18 and January 15: Movies!!!! TBA.
Contact Ruth MacFadyen or Shelly Case.



SIMPLICITY CIRCLE

We had an excellent start for our first fall meeting. Our membership is broadening out, even including a very new visitor who was drawn to attend by perusing the website, and our current Simplicity theme in particular. We are reminded there are people out there looking for nurturance of the whole person and how enriching it is to meet them.

Our theme has focus on our life's personal meanings, as we consider what we most deeply seek in our varied lives. We will explore together what this is for us individually, and how to make room for it. We will also be searching for a book or written material to guide our thinking. In the meantime we have a well-rounded list of life style pointers, refreshingly expressed.

We are exploring best times to meet, with the wish to include members attending the 9:00 a.m. service. Presently our best solution remains to meet on October 2, (first Sunday), at 12:30 p.m. after the 11 a.m. service. We remain open to suggestions. Contact person is Heidi Buss (email: simplicity).

FOLK SINGING

Folk singing is scheduled for Friday (to avoid a conflict with the auction), October 14, at 8:00 p.m., at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. All are welcome. No experience or talent necessary. Bring a munchie, if you wish.

Contact Steve, email: folk-singing.



ANNUAL AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN

A wonderful array of interesting,
beautiful, and useful items and services

6:00 -- Light Dinner & Silent Auction
7:30 -- Live Auction



*The Fellowship's
Biggest Fundraiser!*



See Auction Book for more information.
Kids' pajama party in the basement.

HOLIDAY POTLUCKS

The holidays will be here before you know it, and we would like to continue with our holiday tradition of having gatherings in our members and friend's homes. Holiday Potlucks are a chance to share the joy of the holidays with your friends from the Fellowship.

We are asking for volunteers to host a potluck in your home. All you need to do is let us know what date you are willing to host a party. You provide the beverages and one appetizer; guests each bring an appetizer and presto – a party. It may seem early, but it is important to get the dates established so that everyone can put them on their calendar.

You know how busy the holiday season is, so please consider hosting a party. If you would like to host a party, respond to email: fun or call Nancy Artus. Contact us if you have more questions. We would like to be able to publish the dates for the potluck in the next *Fellowtarian*, so let us know soon.

LUNCH GROUP MOVES

Lunch Group has changed its meeting date and place. We now meet the third Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at the Exton location of Atlanta Bread Company, 120 Woodcutter Street in Main Street Shopping Center.

The new meeting date is part of the Fun and Fellowship Committee plan to spread out the social events on the Fellowship's monthly calendar. We changed to a new location because the West Chester Atlanta Bread Company closed in September.

We have been very happy with lunches at the Atlanta Bread Company. We like ABC's food, and it's nice to just order at the counter so a waitress doesn't have to return to get latecomers' orders.

Send an e-mail to lunch-group if you would like to be added to the e-mail reminder list. With e-mail we can get a rough count of the number of people who will be there, but you don't have to send an e-mail to come.

This month's lunch will be on Friday, October 21. All are welcome.

— Linda Sander

GAME NIGHT

Our next Potluck and Game night will be on Friday, October 7th in the Fellowship Hall. Join us at 6:30 for dinner or after 7 for games. Everyone is welcome — families, individuals, couples, children...

Bring a dish and beverage to share. (Don't forget the beverage because I never know how many are coming so I don't know how much to bring. Beside I don't know what you want to drink.) Bring a friend too.

I'll send out an email reminder a few days before to those who are regulars. If you would like a reminder, just send a note to email: game-night saying, "Put me on the Game-Night list!" (or something like that,) and I will put you on the reminder list. If you have any questions you can contact Mary Yeager.

BICARB BISTRO

The Bicarb Bistro, one of our Fellowship's annual social events, will be Saturday evening, November 12. Plan for a night of good friends and fun food. The Bicarb Bistro is part potluck with a little bit of the Iron Chef thrown in (just a tiny bit — don't worry).

If you don't want to be a competitor, you can help by being a taste tester. Anyway, we are giving you advanced notice so that you can dust off or dig up some of your old favorites. That's right, the theme of the cuisine this year is "Just Like Mama used to make".

So think back to what your favorites were growing up or what you call comfort foods. Our two categories will be "Just Like Mama used to make" and pies. We will have more details in November's *Fellowtarian*. Contact Mary Yeager (email: fun).



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Several of you have inquired about our next workday for Habitat for Humanity. The good news is that their Saturday workdays are filled up until 2006. We have signed up for Saturday, February 25 in West Chester. Mark that day on your calendar, and I will update you as we get closer.

— Mary Hepokoski
Social Justice Committee
Member

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

- Sep 25 Sun** **Deadline for Service Auction Donations to be in the Catalog.** See p. 3
- Oct 2 Sun** **Social Justice Fair.** After Sunday services. See p. 6.
Fellowship Booth at Chester County Pride Day. See p. 6.
Simplicity Circle Meeting. 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. See p. 8.
Social Justice Committee Meeting. 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Fireplace Room. Contact Tom Townsend email: social-justice.
- Oct 5 Wed** **RE Committee Meeting.** 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Fellowship. E-mail: RE.
- Oct 6 Thu** **Finance Committee Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship office. Contact Erach Patel, email: finance.
- Oct 7 Fri** **Potluck and Game Night.** 6:30 p.m. at the Fellowship. See p. 9.
- Oct 9 Sun** **Safe Harbor Dinner.** Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. Contact Catherine Sachs, email: safe-harbor.
- Oct 11 Tue** **Board Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship office. All are welcome.
- Oct 13 Thu** **Fun and Fellowship Committee Meeting.** 7:00 p.m. Mary Yeager's home. Contact Mary Yeager, email: fun.
- Oct 14 Fri** **Folk Singing.** 8:00 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 8.
Chester County Peace Movement's "Second Friday" Film Series. Showing "Turtles Can Fly" 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Oct 15 Sat** **Annual Service Auction.** Don't miss one of our favorite Fellowship events which also happens to be our biggest fundraiser. Silent Auction and light supper, 6:00 p.m. Live Auction, 7:30 p.m. See p. 3 and p. 8.
- Oct 16 Sun** **Philly AIDS Walk.** See p. 6.
Exploring Diversity Book Discussion Group. 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Fellowship. See p. 8.
- Oct 19 Wed** **Christian Interest Group Meeting.** 7:00 p.m. Contact John Gangwisch.
- Oct 21 Fri** **Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. at Atlanta Bread Company, Exton. See p. 9.
- Oct 22 Sat** **Lunch for the Needy.** Provided by our Fellowship at the Salvation Army. Contact Catherine Sachs, email: salvation-army.
- Oct 25 Tue** **Building Committee Meeting.** 7:00 p.m. fireplace room. Contact Tilo Stahl or Bob Radcliffe, email: building.
- Oct 28 Fri** **RE Family Camping and Bingo.** See p. 4.
- Groups meeting multiple times in a month:**
- Choir Practice.** Thursdays 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. See p. 7.
- Youth Group.** Meets most Sunday evenings 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the OWL/Youth Group Room. Contact Michael email: youth-group.
- World Religions Class** Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. starting October 12. See p. 2.