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SUNDAY SERVICES

November, 2006

October 29

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
A SERMON ON PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Patrick T. O'Neill

Rheinhold Neibuhr said, "Prayer does not change things; prayer changes people, and people change things...Prayer is not hearing voices, prayer is acquiring a voice." A religious life that deals with the fullness of existence, from joy through bitterness, from celebration through grief, must give voice to these varied scenes of the human journey. Dr. O'Neill offers some surprising thoughts this morning about the place of prayer in liberal theology.

November 5

**THE GOLDEN RULE
(AND SOME SILVER, COPPER, AND TIN RULES, TOO)**

Rev. Dr. Patrick T. O'Neill

The fine albeit radical ideal of the Golden Rule is far from a universal teaching. It seems that in other cultures, other times, other religious traditions, the rule is not always golden. It turns out that the world has some silver, copper, tin, and iron rules to contend with, as well; and these rules tell us as much about human conduct — and misconduct — as the Golden Rule which most of us profess to admire so much. Bring a friend to church today!

November 12

**INSPIRING THOUGHTS
FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Flo Miller
and Rob Sartain**

This year the Fellowship sent three delegates and two alternates to General Assembly, the annual national gathering of Unitarian Universalist congregations, to worship, share and learn. This Sunday come hear an inspiring message that being with several thousand Unitarian Universalists can provide.

November 19

TREASURED DISHES, FRAGILE CUPS

Rev. Dr. Patrick T. O'Neill

A Thanksgiving Week sermon about Abundance and Scarcity, Risk and Timidity, Extravagance and Frugality. This is also Choir Sunday. Bring your folks to church!

November 26

JESUS THE STRANGER

Rev. Dr. Patrick T. O'Neill

He is arguably the most important figure in Western (and perhaps human) history. For over a thousand years, he dominated the culture of the West: its religion and devotion, its art, music, and architecture, its intellectual thought and ethical norms, even its politics. Our calendar affirms his life as a dividing point in world history. But how much do we know about him with any certainty? Dr. O'Neill explores the distinction between the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith.

Services, Religious Education & Babysitting at 9 AM and 11 AM

PONDERINGS: THE MINISTER'S COLUMN LETTER TO A MISSING MEMBER

Dear Old Friend,

As you well know by now, it is not our regular custom around here to chase after anyone who happens to be absent from church for a while. We hope you don't read that as a lack of caring on our part, you are indeed important to us. But usually, unless we hear directly that there's a problem or an illness, we assume that friends will always return to church when circumstances are right. Weekly Sunday attendance at a UU church is by no means mandatory. Of course, we hope folks will make coming to church their usual practice, a part of their weekly routine. But we also understand there are times when that won't happen. When an old friend does reappear at church after an absence, we don't ask where you've been. What we usually say is, "Great to see you!"

*"You still have a
cherished place
among us."*

But you may be sure your absence is felt. This is a different place without you.

We understand that church membership and participation is sometimes a cyclical thing. There will be times when church is a greater or lesser part of our lives. But we hope that the bonds are deep and the connections do remain. The interdependent web that is our church continues to add new friends and participants every week. But your place among us remains reserved, until you tell us otherwise. Yet this fact remains true also: the church is shaped, guided, and directed by those who lend it their presence. There is no such thing as status quo in a living community. Good things have been happening in the Fellowship lately. Energy is high.

If lately, for whatever reason, you've been away from church for a while, we want you to know that you still have a cherished place among us. We've been growing and changing a bit since you were here last; no doubt you have, too. It would be great to have you back among us again, even if only for a visit now and then. We think you'd like some of the new folks who now make the Fellowship their own. You've been missed around here! In the meantime, we'll keep a light in the window for you.

Sincerely,
Patrick O'Neill, Interim Minister

RELIGIOUS SERVICES — SOUND BITES

After a successful trial with an assistive listening device at the October 1 service, the Sound Subcommittee is making recommendations to the Board that UFWC should purchase an assistive listening system with headsets for users. Also, a new podium microphone is recommended to take advantage of modern technology to make speakers easier to hear. This is not presently budgeted, so it may take awhile to obtain, but we feel that we should pursue an assisted listening system when able.

— Gerry Giess

NEW UU CLASS

Are you curious about the history of Unitarian Universalism? Do you want to know more about what our Fellowship offers? Do you have any questions about how our Fellowship is run? All this and more will be discussed at the New UU class.

The New UU class is a series of two meetings, each lasting about one and a half hours. It was developed for those who are new to Unitarian Universalism or to our Fellowship, but "old" UU's are also welcome. The class will be held at 12:30 p.m. (after the second Sunday service) on November 12 and November 19. A pizza lunch will be provided. Child care will be available if you request it at least one week in advance.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to become better acquainted with Unitarian Universalism and with our Fellowship. If you plan to attend the New UU class in November, please let Fred Frayer know. Fred is co-chair of the membership Committee and can be reached at email: membership.

Besides the number of people who plan to attend, please mention whether you have any special dietary needs. In addition, if you will need child care, let Fred know how many children you will bring, and how old they are. RSVP by Monday, November 6.

If you are interested in the New UU class but cannot attend in November, please let Fred know that, as well. The class will be offered again in February.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

What's wrong with this picture?

In the 22 years I've been a member of the Fellowship, I don't know of a time when we have not been a Fair Share Congregation. "Fair Share" means we've paid our dues (based on the number of members) to both the Unitarian Universalist Association and to the Joseph Priestley District of the UUA. We've done this even when we were operating under extremely tight budgets, as was true for a number of years in the past. Our Fair Share record, then, is a record of which we can be extremely proud.

Also, the percentage of our Fellowship members who contribute to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is by far the highest among all the congregations in the JPD – at last count, 75% of our members are members of the UUSC as well. We've prided ourselves on that accomplishment as well and stood especially tall at annual JPD conferences, where participation in the UUSC is reported.

Yet only about 15% of our current members and friends are also members of the Chalice Lighters Program of the Joseph Priestly District. This is true despite the fact that on at least three occasions over the course of the past few decades, we have received grant monies from Chalice Lighters. In fact, we are the beneficiaries of a Chalice Lighters grant right now! Our low participation in the program just doesn't make sense.

I believe it's a simple reflection of ignorance. No one has been promoting this program and encouraging sign-ups at our Fellowship. That situation has changed, as you will have noticed if you've been to recent Sunday services.

There is a campaign underway to bring us up to speed on this very important denominational effort and add the name of the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester to another distinguished column — the one listing high contributors to Chalice Lighters.

Chalice Lighters, as I've reported in prior issues of *The Fellowshiparian* and in the Sunday Bulletin, awards grants to assist congregations with growth initiatives. The program is solely supported by the contributions of its members, who answer three "calls" a year with contributions of at least \$20 (\$40 for couples). Those contributions add up to a substantial amount of cash; typically, three congregations are included in each "call," with each congregation receiving \$20,000. The grants are spread out over a three-year period.

Our current grant was awarded in recognition of our focused and highly committed effort to grow to a program-sized congregation. We are receiving \$10,000 this year, \$6,000 next year, and \$4,000 in 2008-09. If you'd like to know more about the

grant, follow the link on the Action page of our website to visit the members section, and click on "Chalice Lighters Application Materials." Our full grant application is posted there as is further information on the Chalice Lighters Program.

You can also learn more about Chalice Lighters and download a sign-up form by visiting the Joseph Priestley District website at www.jpduua.org.

I believe it's critical that we increase our membership in this highly important denominational effort to help UU congregations grow. Your Fellowship Board agrees, and has set a goal of increasing our Chalice Lighter membership to 40% of our pledging members and friends (approximately 70 people). I'd like to see us to exceed that goal.

Won't you help us do it? Stop by at the sign-up table after services or download the form on your own and send it in. If you have further questions call or e-mail me, or see me after Sunday services. I've been a Chalice Lighter myself for many years – and proud of it!

— Yours in faith, Flo Miller

OOPS!

Last month, I advised our members and friends that a memorial fund had been established for former Fellowship member Thelma Back. That fund remains open for anyone who would like to contribute. However, in the article I made reference to a beautiful obituary written by Gordon Roehrs, a founding member of our Fellowship and the person who initiated the Memorial Fund. Gordon has since informed me that the obituary was written by Thelma's sons, Robert and William Back.

I wanted to correct the error so the proper people received the credit. If you wish to contribute to the fund, make a check out to UFWC and put "Thelma Back Memorial Fund" on the memo line. We will let you know when we determine a suitable use for the money.

— Flo Miller

WE CAN'T FIT BACK INTO THE TRASH CAN

No, I'm not really talking about a trash can here. I'm talking about an analogy drawn by one of our members at the October 14 workshop where we reviewed our progress toward growth to a program-sized church. This member (who also happens to be a mother) recalled how her son always loved Oscar the Grouch and as a very young child wanted to crawl into and pop out of a trash can like the popular Sesame Street character. Now that he's older, he still wants to do it, and she has to tell him:

"Honey, you can't fit into the trash can anymore."

Of course we aren't trash. But there comes a time when any individual or institutional organism, if they are alive and vital, have to realize that the old ways of living and doing no longer fit. The challenge is to accept that, move on, and forge an exciting new reality that still meets essential needs.

Among the over 30 Fellowship members who attended the October 14 workshop, the general consensus was that for us, the time is now. Consensus does not mean the absence of ongoing concerns, however – they were expressed at the workshop, and many of them centered on the desire to retain intimacy. What the workshop did in part was give us the opportunity to air those concerns within the broader context of what characterizes a program-sized church vs. the smaller pastoral size.

The workshop was skillfully led by Rev. Robert Latham (thank you, Rev. Patrick, for arranging his presence). Rev. Latham made it clear to us that we can't have it both ways: If we want to continue on our growth path, we

must make changes in the way we relate and operate. Otherwise, we will revert back to pastoral-size. We are on the cusp now; the choice is ours.

Rev. Latham also acknowledged the considerable work we've already done and our obvious commitment to make the shift – something of which we can all be proud. He reviewed some of the pitfalls that still lie in wait, and then led us through an exercise to identify four areas in which we need to focus for the coming year.

We all agreed that we need a mission and covenant to give us a clear identity both within our Fellowship and in the outside community. This mission and covenant, which will expand upon our existing vision statement, will bind us together as a whole while we grow.

We also agreed that our current building remains a major obstacle to growth. We need to review both our short and long-term building needs and make some decisions, recognizing that we already are planning accommodations for a minister's office and coffee preparation area. We agreed that membership development – encompassing everything from assimilation of new members to following up on lapsed members – needs to be a focus as well.

We were split on whether we wanted our fourth area of focus to be adult programming or "community" as defined by the internal mechanisms that enable us to relate to one another on an intimate level as we grow. It will be up to your Board to determine how we resolve that split and set goals in one or both of those areas.

Overall, I have heard nothing but positive reactions to the workshop. With all major committees represented and the entire Board present, attendance was excellent on a beautiful October Saturday. The willingness of so many of our members to give a full day to Fellowship business is just another measure of how committed we are to meeting our goals. If there are any follow up questions or concerns – from those in attendance or others in the Fellowship – please convey them to me or any member of the Board.

— Flo Miller

NEW FELLOWSHIP LOGO

A new logo for the Fellowship was created by Pam McKamey. The Communications Committee plans to submit the design to the Fellowship Council and ultimately the Board for adoption as our official logo. Your opinion counts. Tell us what you think about this design (see below).

Email your thoughts to Bruce Koepcke, email: communications. We will incorporate your comments into the presentation to the Council.

The logo would be used on our letterhead, envelopes, brochures and flyers of all sorts.

— Bruce Koepcke
Communications Chair



NOTES FROM UNDERGROUND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE SOCIAL ACTION SUNDAYS

On October's "Social Action Sunday," the RE group enjoyed a visit from Mike Stevens, who currently heads up the Fellowship's Habitat for Humanity effort. Dressed in his "on-the-job" clothes – including safety goggles, dust mask, knee pads, tool belt and gloves – Mike explained how the project helps people buy and own houses who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford their own place. He said that one of the things that make the project both fun and successful is that the eventual owners work with the Habitat volunteers.

Last year the RE Committee set a goal to involve our children with projects that are already ongoing at the Fellowship. The challenge has been in finding ways to connect the children to these projects when they are under the age requirement for participating. For instance, children must be at least 15 years old to work at a Habitat for Humanity jobsite and 12 years old to serve meals at Safe Harbor homeless shelter.

We skirted the Safe Harbor issue by having the children prepare a complete meal in the morning that was served that evening by adult volunteers from the Fellowship. In the case of Habitat for Humanity, the children have started making "Seven Principles" placemats, decorating drinking mugs, and making potholders. These will all go into a welcome basket to be given to the family or families that move into the houses that the adult volunteers are working on in Coatesville.

We will continue with our traditional projects – picking up trash from our block and from the

Verizon parking lots and raising money for the International Heifer Project – and also continue to look for other ways that the children can connect with the ongoing social action projects of the Fellowship.

— Pam Baxter
Director of Religious Education



LEFT HAND OF GOD BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Left Hand of God book discussion groups will be set up after the October 22 Sunday services. E-mail messages will be sent to enrollees notifying them which group they are in, and telephone calls will be made to those without e-mail. Enrollment is on a first-come basis. The dates and times of the groups will depend on demand. Some groups that start in November may be added later if additional people sign up after the 22nd.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, October 10, for their regular monthly meeting. Plans were finalized for the October 14 leadership workshop; Board members agreed to serve as facilitators for small group discussion.

Also, in response to the Board's directive to provide a separate minister's office by August, 2007, Building and Grounds Chairperson, Bob Radcliffe, shared plans, which had been processed in the Fellowship Council, to create an office in the larger area of the porch. A clean-up kitchen for use after Sunday services will be installed in the smaller area, with a wall between the two spaces. The Board authorized those involved with this task to proceed.

In addition, discussion centered on the Social Justice committee's proposal to share the Sunday service collection with a charity on a monthly basis. Rev. Patrick O'Neill expressed his desire to work on this effort and will coordinate with the Social Justice committee to solicit suggestions from the congregation for the recipients.

President Flo Miller announced plans to sign-up congregational members to become Chalice Lighters, which is composed of UUs who contribute money to UU congregations seeking growth.

In addition, the Board passed a motion to formally recognize the new Young Adult Group and appointed Jamal Raheem as the leader/chair of that group, as well as a motion to designate January 13, 2007, as the date for a board retreat to set goals for the fiscal year 2006-07, as part of the budget process. Lastly, Vice-President Bob Scott reported that planning is proceeding for the annual service auction on November 11.

Members of the Board are Flo Miller (President), Bob Scott (Vice-President), Deanna Koepcke (Secretary), Jack Butler, Fatima Patel, Erach Patel, Cheryl Pittenger, and Craig Talbot. Rev. Patrick O'Neill and Pam Baxter (Director of Religious Education) also meet with the Board. Please feel free to approach them with comments and questions.

— Deanna Koepcke, Secretary

SPIRITUALITY AND POLITICS SERIES

As this issue goes to press we are preparing for a series of discussions inspired by Rabbi Michael Lerner's *The Left Hand of God*.

On Sunday morning, October 22, Rev. O'Neill will give a **sermon "Is God Left Handed, Right Handed, or Ambidextrous?"** That evening at 7:00 p.m. we will present a **Community Forum, "Spirituality and Politics: An Interfaith Community Dialogue,"** featuring Rabbi Eric Rosin, Senior Rabbi of Keshet Israel Congregation, Rev. Carolene Brubaker, Associate Minister of United Methodist Church of West Chester, and our own Rev. O'Neill. Invitations have been sent to more than 100 local churches.

On Friday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m., we will present a **video of Michael Lerner's, address to the Network of Spiritual Progressives** followed by discussion and refreshments. On October 29 we begin a series of four **book discussions** with the final discussion on how the UFWC Social Justice Program can incorporate ideas from the book.

A sign-up sheet for the book discussions is in the lobby. Check our website or the September *Fellowtarian* for more details.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

October was excellent. To start — we had the largest group in attendance to the Youth Conference in Baltimore. Next was the Chili Festival — where we set up, ate, and solicited donations to the Heifer Project. We earned enough for a goat (over \$135 in donations), and made new friends with at least three other church youth groups and several new families with youth. Mid-month, eleven of us did the Philly AIDS walk. We'll finish the month with an evening of movie madness and horror. November will include discussions, other church visits, and some feasting. Where are you? All church youth between 8th and 12th grade are invited to attend, almost every Sunday morning at 10:45, downstairs in the youth group room. Questions? Ask away at email:youth-group.

THE UUSC CORNER

(Beginning this month we will have a brief report on justice work that UUSC — Unitarian Universalist Service Committee — has done or positions that they have taken.)

Environmental Justice. About 400 million people globally now get their water from private companies—an eight fold increase from 1990. Furthermore, the ten largest water corporations made almost \$30 billion in 2001. But do poor people have better access to water? NO! In Ghana prices rose 95%. In Walkerton, Ontario 2,300 became ill and seven died. In Atlanta there were 5 "boil water" alerts. In Manila prices tripled over five years. In Cochabamba, Bolivia the increased price equaled 25% of a family's income. And in South Africa 120,000 people contracted cholera, and more than 300 died. UUSC opposes the privatization of water.

Coming in November. Again this year we will have the beautiful UUSC greeting cards for sale. These cards in packages of eight were designed by UU's and will be sold after every service during the coffee hour.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Our "Meet and Greet the Search Committee" session for newer members and friends was well attended by a lively group on October 15. This was an opportunity for those who didn't get to participate in our Congregational Survey to learn about the process, ask questions, and voice their ideas and concerns. We so enjoyed the chance to get to know you and to hear your thoughts. The committee sincerely appreciates your interest and your support.

Our Congregational Record, which contains basic information on UFWC and the kind of minister we seek, has been unveiled on the UUA Transitions website, making it available for viewing by ministers in search. There will be copies on the welcome table in the foyer for you to peruse, but we ask that you read them, and leave them, at the fellowship. We should have our first Ministerial Records from interested ministers in a few weeks — then the excitement begins!

In the meantime, we're putting the finishing touches on our Packet, which 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'll exchange this packet with those ministers who have expressed interest in us, with whom we wish to explore further after reading their Ministerial Record.

As always, please feel free to approach any of us during coffee hour with any questions, concerns or ideas you may have. You can also send email to search-committee.

THIS YEAR'S SERVICE AUCTION OFFERS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The auction committee is hard at work making plans for a fun and exciting evening on Saturday, November 11 with many options for participation, even if you can't come the night of the auction.

We have a new auctioneer lined up for our live auction. Joseph Felice is a licensed auctioneer of 22 years. Joe particularly enjoys doing benefit auctions, making sure everyone has a great time and showing off his comical side. We are working closely with Joe to foster an inclusive atmosphere. We want everyone to feel good about participating in this important fundraiser.

This year, our silent auction will be online, in eBay-style, beginning October 27. Instructions on how to register and bid will be sent by email shortly before the online auction begins.* Can't come the night of the auction? That is no reason to be left out. Wherever you are, get online. You can bid from anywhere up until the bidding closes. You won't be at a computer the night of the auction? That's still no excuse not to participate. We will have a few items for which bidding will close Thursday night, November 9. That gives you as much chance as anyone to win!

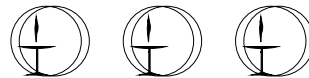
Our popular raffle and envelope lottery will both be back this year. This is another way you can participate even if you won't be with us Saturday night. Tickets and envelopes will be on sale Sunday, November 5, as well as the night of the auction. Envelopes will go for \$5 a piece. Each envelope is a winner, containing either a coupon or gift certificate for a local business. Last year

people received free meals, museum tickets or even the \$100 Agway gift certificate by purchasing the \$5 envelopes!

Not only is the auction a very important fundraiser for UFWC, but it is also one of our big social events of the year. There will be good food (free!), many friends, and the excitement and suspense that come with an auction and raffles.

We will have babysitting and pizza/movie/games downstairs for kids ages 18 months and up; and we will provide rides to and from the auction for anyone who needs one. Please sign up for these free services by contacting Nancy Artus (email: fun) by November 5.

*If you do not receive UFWC emails but wish to register for the online auction, send a message to Dan Meyer (email: auction-donations). If you registered last year, you will not need to re-register. You will receive an email reminding you of your userID and password. For most items, online bidding will end the night of the auction, just before the live auction begins. Laptops will be set up in the fellowship building on the two Sundays preceding the auction and at the auction for everyone's use. If you do not have online access at home, you can bid on Sundays and at the auction, or you can call Dan or Scott Klaum with your bidding instructions.



NEW BROCHURE AND BUSINESS CARD

The Communications Committee is pleased to announce the availability of new items to help us build awareness and image in the community:

- New UFWC brochure that describes our Fellowship and its programs and philosophies. Beautifully designed and written, the brochure will become an important addition to our guest packet and will be used as a handout at community events (it was inaugurated at the Chili Cook-off).
- Fold-over Business Card – Have you ever been out with friends or business associates and the subject of discussion turned to religion? And, you were in the somewhat uncomfortable position of trying to explain UUism? Now there's help... We have created a fold-over business card that gives basic information about our movement and our fellowship. Carry a few in your wallet or purse for just those occasions.

Both items are available in limited quantities on the guest table. Take a few now, and then we will print larger quantities in a few weeks. Our thanks to Alane Butler and Pam McKamey for these two great pieces.

— Bruce Koepcke, Communications Chair

WEST CHESTER CHILI COOK-OFF A HUGE SUCCESS!

UFWC participated in the 4th annual West Chester Chili Cook-off, sponsored by the West Chester Rotary Club. This event attracts some 70 area organizations which set up colorful and crazy booths to vie for the title of "Best Darn Chili" in Chester County. Hundreds of people walk up and down Gay Street to sample and vote for their favorite chili.

Our own Bicarb Bistro winner, Nancy Artus, submitted her vegetarian recipe which was entered under the name "Where's The Beef?" Our booth also featured a professional display promoting the Fellowship developed by our Communications Committee.

In addition, the Youth Group participated with a display of their own detailing the Heifer Project, talking to all who would listen about the organization. As a result, they raised \$133 – enough to buy a goat for someone in need. Way to go Youth Group!

Though our chili was not the winner, by any other measure the event was a huge success. Our youth showed themselves to be terrific ambassadors for the Fellowship, and their energy and enthusiasm bode well for the future of Unitarian Universalism. In addition, hundreds of hungry Chester County chili eaters now know about our church community, and we should get some new visitors as a result.

Participating in this event was a huge undertaking, requiring lots of cooperation and commitment from several committees and many individuals. One of our greatest strengths is the willingness of people volunteer their time and energy when asked, and this event was no exception. Although many people had a hand in making this a success, special thanks go to: Marie and Mark Steel for

securing a trailer to transport everything to the site; Mary and Phil Yeager and Bob Radcliffe, master chefs; Bruce Koepke design concept; Pam McKamey, graphic artist; Craig Talbot, technical director and booth designer; Chuck Vogt, master carpenter; Sheila Cain,

design consultant; and of course, the Youth Group and their advisors Kate Cuffari, Rob Sartain, and Mike Werner. In addition, we had many folks serving chili with a smile, including Mira Tryon, Hugh Sutherland, Jane Krick, Sheila Cain and Bob Radcliffe.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

On September 21, Rev O'Neill led the Small Group Ministry session where a plan for the future of the program was discussed. Rev O'Neill pointed out that in order for the Small Group Ministry program to have a significant congregational impact, six or more groups should be operating.

In pursuit of that goal, he plans to train six group conveners. He will then use those folks to form new groups based on the times people prefer on their registration forms. These new groups will meet until spring and new groups will be formed each year.

Those who have already signed up will be notified about when their group will start. Those who are still interested should fill out a registration form in the lobby or respond (with your preferred times to meet) to email: SGM. Until the new groups are organized, open sessions will continue to meet on the first and third Thursday at 7:15 p.m.

Come join us!

FALL CLEAN UP DAY NOVEMBER 18

We start at 9:00 and will work until 3:00. Leaves need collecting, shrubs need clipping, grass needs cutting, rugs need cleaning, bathrooms need sprucing up, storage cabinets need painting, walls need repair, plaster needs plastering, windows need cleaning, Air conditioners need storage, storm windows need installation, and Bob needs a life! HELP!! Even if you can only spare an hour, we can find a place for you to help. Thanks.

— Bob Radcliffe, Building Chair

SIMPLICITY CIRCLE

Our next meeting is on November 5, on the usual first Sunday in the month at 12:30 p.m., after the service. Juan Leon is facilitator.

Focus continues to center on our strivings for a life of meaning, beyond the clutter and wasters of precious time and energy. We're asking ourselves questions, more and more directly, what do I really want out of life? How do I get there? Answers are varied, individual and personal.

This is a good group to attend by newcomers, who want to begin developing some relationships in a reflective, personable atmosphere. Contact Heidi Buss, email: simplicity.

EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

SUNDAY -NOVEMBER 19, 7-8:30 PM

November's book is a first hand account of an adolescent's struggle to find himself and at the same time to "be a man" as defined by our culture. His troubling experiences with fraternity hazing are further complicated by the still raw emotional wounds left from a brutal beating by car thieves a year earlier. *Goat, A Memoir* is the startling and difficult first book by writer Brad Land. The discussion will be led by Ruth MacFadyen who suggests visiting the following website, www.goatthebook.com.

Our Next meeting will be December 17 when Nakhostin "Niki" Javidani will lead our discussion of the movie *White Balloon*. (During December and January we discuss movies which we have viewed at home before we meet.) Please note that we purchased a copy of this film to share and that Chester County Library also has a copy.

All are Welcome. For additional information or questions please feel free to contact us: Shelly Case and Ruth MacFadyen , or email diversity-book-group.



HOLIDAY POTLUCKS

The Holiday Season is just a month away and we would like to continue with our holiday tradition of having gatherings in our members and friend's homes. These Potlucks are a chance to share the joy of the holidays with your friends from the Fellowship. You can volunteer to host a gathering in your home over the holidays. All you need to provide are the beverages and an appetizer. Your guests will each bring another appetizer and - an instant party. It is that simple.

Please consider hosting a party at your home. We would like to get the dates for the Holiday gatherings on the calendar by November 5 so contact us this week. If you feel that your home is too small or parking is a problem or you have some other issue that keeps you from hosting a party at your home, consider hosting (or co-hosting) it at the Fellowship building. Karaoke was very popular last year at one of the parties and the Fellowship's Stage would be perfect for it. We look forward to seeing you at a Fellowship Party this holiday season as a guest or a host. The Fun & Fellowship Committee would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Contact Nancy Artus, email: fun.

FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together will be Saturday, November 18, at 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. No experience or talent is necessary. Bring a munchie, if you wish. Newcomers are always welcome. A brochure with a map is available in the foyer.

GAME NIGHT

Our next Game night is Friday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship building. Everyone is welcome; just bring a dish and a beverage to share as well as any game(s) you would like to play. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. followed by games usually around 7 p.m. Contact Mary Yeager, email: fun.

YOGA

Yoga classes are offered every Thursday from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., but we need your participation to keep the classes going. Please call Mira, email: yoga.

WINE TASTING

You are invited to join the second UFWC Wine Tasting trip this year. We will leave UFWC lobby at noon after second service on November 19 and visit one or two vineyards, returning about 3 p.m. There will be fees charged for the tours, munchies and tasting. Watch for a third wine tasting trip in the spring. After that, is anybody up for touring and doing beer tasting at some local microbreweries?

— Cheryl Pittenger

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

- Oct 27 Fri** **Video of *The Left Hand of God* Author Michael Lerner's, May, 2006 Address to the Spiritual Activism Conference.** 7:30 p.m. sanctuary. See p. 6.
Silent Online Auction Begins. Instructions will be emailed to all. See p. 7.
- Oct 28 Sat** **Habitat for Humanity.** See October *Fellowtarian*.
Youth Group Movie Night. Contact Mike Werner, email: youth-group.
Lunch for the Needy. Contact Catherine Sachs, email: salvation-army.
- Oct 29 Sun** ***Left Hand of God* Book Discussions begin.** See p. 5.
Social Justice Committee. 7pm. Fireplace Room. Contact Robin Garrett, email: social-justice.
- Nov 1 Wed** **RE Committee.** 7:00 p.m. OWL room. Contact Pam Baxter, email: dreg.
- Nov 2 Thu** **Small Group Ministry.** 7-9 p.m., fireplace room. See p. 8.
- Nov 3 Fri** **Potluck and Game Night.** 6:30 p.m. sanctuary. See p. 9.
- Nov 5 Sun** **Simplicity Circle Meeting.** 12:30 p.m. after the second service. See p. 8.
Auction Raffle Tickets and Envelope Lottery On Sale. See p. 7.
Auction Childcare Deadline. Contact Nancy Artus to sign up. See p. 7.
- Nov 11 Sat** **Annual Auction.** 6 p.m. at the Fellowship. Light dinner provided. See p. 7.
- Nov 12 Sun** **New UU Class.** 12:30 p.m. First of two sessions. See p. 2.
Safe Harbor Dinner. Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. Contact Catherine Sachs, email: safe-harbor.
- Nov 14 Tue** **Board Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. Fellowship office. All are welcome.
- Nov 16 Thu** **Small Group Ministry.** 7-9 p.m., fireplace room. See p. 8.
- Nov 17 Fri** **Lunch Group.** 11:30 p.m. at Hunan Restaurant in West Goshen.
- Nov 18 Sat** **Work Party.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. See p. 8.
Folk Singing. 8 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 9.
- Nov 19 Sun** **New UU Class.** 12:30 p.m. Second of two sessions. See p. 2.
Wine Tasting Trip. Noon-3 pm. See p. 9.
Exploring Diversity Book Discussion Group. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Fireplace rm. See p. 9.
- Nov 22 Wed** **Council Meeting.** Large RE room. Contact Bob Scott, email: vice-president.
- Nov 25 Sat** **Lunch for the Needy.** Provided by our Fellowship at the Salvation Army. Contact Catherine Sachs, email: salvation-army.
- Nov 26 Sun** **Social Justice Committee.** 7pm. Fireplace Room. Contact Robin Garrett, email: social-justice.
- Nov 28 Tue** **Building Committee Meeting.** 7pm. Fireplace Room. Contact Bob Radcliff, email: building.

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

Choir Practice First, second, and third Thursdays of the month, 7:30-9 p.m. sanctuary. Email: choir.

Youth Group Most Sunday mornings. 10:45 a.m. OWL/Youth Group rm. See p. 6.

Yoga Classes Thursdays 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the basement. Contact Mira Tryon, email: yoga. See p. 9.

***Left Hand of God* Book Discussions** See p. 5.