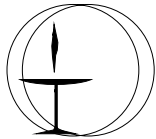


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SUNDAY SERVICES October, 2008

October 5

THE FAST BEGINS AT SUNDOWN

Rev. Deborah Mero

The Jewish High Holidays bring depth of meaning and purpose as one year ends and a new one begins. Of the most solemn rituals is the Day of Atonement and the 24 hour fast that is fundamental to it. The Social Justice Committee has adopted hunger as a primary issue of importance this year. Is there a connection?

October 12

MAYBE? MAYBE NOT?

Rev. Deborah Mero

There has only been one year when I have preached about baseball any time other than April. Will this be another of those? Maybe. Maybe not. We shall see. Who knows where the spirit will move?

October 19

THE BANQUET TABLE IS SET

Rev. Deborah Mero

We invite you to an intergenerational service where our understanding of scarcity and abundance will be very dramatically experienced. (There will be alternative activities planned for toddlers and pre-schoolers.)

October 26

EMPOWERING HUMANITY, ONE BY ONE

Gustave and Julienne Mbuy

Have you ever wished you could make an effective response to a humanitarian crisis? To do just that, our speakers have founded a non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce premature death of children in The Congo. Their work has provided health care to children and education about health and nutrition to Congolese women. Come and learn what motivates and empowers them to do this good work.

Services and Babysitting at 9 AM and 11 AM. Religious Education at 9 AM only.

THE SONG OF DEBORAH

We talked a lot about mission in the last newsletter that came your way — several of us had a lot to say about it. We're talking about mission in Board meetings and Council meetings and generally all over the place. But it is important that we not leave out the other part of the process we are about to embark on, namely "covenant."

While we know that having a clear concise mission statement will help drive the direction that the UFWC wants to take as it grows, the one thing we don't want to forget along the way is that as significant as the mission is and will be, we are part of a covenanted community.

How we do our work together is as important as the work itself. Though it might seem that trying to draft both statements in one process is too much to take on, the two really go hand in hand. Just the fact that the entire community is being invited into the process is a reflection of the implicit covenant we already honor — that of inclusion. We want every voice to be listened to because it is the larger vision of a shared ministry that brings us together.

The other understanding that is implied by covenant is that it assumes you will want to be part of the process. Not only do we need you to participate, your desire to get involved is a reflection of your commitment to the covenant. Everything we wish to accomplish rests on that

idea that we are in this together. Rejoice and be glad in it! Please plan to add your voice to the process.

Now to change the subject. October is about to be upon us. The post game season of baseball is barreling its way towards us. As of this moment, there are at least two teams that are being watched assiduously. Most of you are watching the

Phillies with baited breath.

Some of us, linked by a genetic defect I think, are very quietly trying to subdue hopes as we watch the Chicago Cubs actually do well. I don't want to jinx

anything and any action that any Cub fan takes — any word, any gesture — that might hint at a season end that might resemble events not seen since 1945 or even 1908, well, I just can't go there.

I do have to confess that I regularly check a little widget on my computer that updates scores and standings. Yesterday, when the game was nowhere to be found on TV, I checked it and noticed one run, one hit in the first inning rapidly appear.

Periodically I checked back and the score grew to 5-0, Cubs. Then when it was posted as a final score I noted that the box score for the Astros said 0,0,1 I did a double take. No hitter? Could it be? The last no-hit game pitched by a Cub was in 1972. Sure enough Carlos

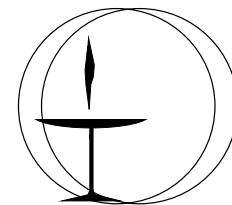
Zambrano pitched a game that racked up the following numbers: 0 runs, 0 hits, 10 strike outs, 1 walk and 110 pitches total for the game. Then it took me not long to realize that the game was one walk short of perfect! Almost perfect. WOW. How often do we get to call any action we take, any accomplishment we attain as almost perfect?

Life gives us a constant barrage to our senses. There was a moment in time where elsewhere on the planet there were reports of deadly winds, flood waters, train crashes, financial meltdowns, war and strife. In the midst of such planetary turmoil and tragedy there was one tiny spot on the globe where one man, part of a team, pitched perhaps the greatest game of his life and was almost perfect. I would not have noticed it except for a little widget on my computer. It was another lesson for me in paying attention to small things.

Life gives us an abundance of things which compete for our attention. Once in a while it's good to notice something almost perfect in the midst of so much that isn't.

Peace.

— Deborah



FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I mentioned in the August *Fellowtarian*, the new Board was getting ready for a new year by holding a retreat in late August to set our expectations for each other as a group and to set goals for ourselves and the Fellowship as a whole for the upcoming year.

Well, we had that retreat, and I want to say (again) that I'm very honored to be part of this fellowship and to be able to work with this fine team. You should all feel very lucky to have them at work – I do for sure!

We had a great facilitator, Jody Malloy, who is part of the JPD adjunct staff helping with such events. Jody is past president of the UU Church of Delaware County in Media, a group that called a minister the year before we called Rev. Mero, and who last year went through the formal adoption of Policy Governance. Jody was a perfect fit for us.

We spent Friday evening at the Cohles getting to know each other and talking about how we'll work with each other and behave with each other, a Board covenant in essence, that we documented and will formalize into our Board Policies, one of the four areas of Policy Governance that we will work on this year. It's nice to have gotten so far on that part.

Early Saturday morning, we convened at the wonderful facilities and grounds at Main Line UU Church available to us for the day. (Thanks Main Line!) The first thing we did was to vote as a Board to formally adopt Policy Gover-

nance as our model. We've been working toward this end for a few years time, but we felt it was time to make that commitment for the record and then to plan on getting it done.

Then we spent the day breaking that plan down into its multiple smaller parts, assigned ourselves to smaller sub groups to go research each of these parts, and come back to the Board with drafts of policies and recommendations for discussions. We have a time line that calls for us to get all of our PG areas completed this year and adopted by the congregation (with appropriate by-laws changes as needed) at our June congregational meeting.

Everyone on the Board is part of several of these sub-teams, and we're all excited about getting our policies out on the table and documented this year. I don't want to go into an explanation of policy governance in this article, but I can point anyone interested to materials, and we'll be putting our own progress up on the

web site soon. But what I want to say is that your Board is energized to get this work done this year and make life easier for all leadership going forward so we can concentrate on the work of fulfilling our mission.

Speaking of which, the Board realizes our most important work is to clearly define our Ends policies, and these are driven as more specific examples of our mission. Hence the work on Ends by the Board will wait until the mission is adopted by the congregation – a process for which participation by everyone, old and new, is important this fall.

If anyone is interested in more details of our time line or our work as we progress, feel free to contact any Board member or myself, or check the Board minutes online for our progress. It will be a lot of work this year, but I'm excited by the enthusiasm and teamwork evident and look very much forward to this rewarding effort.

— Bob Scott, President

ADULT ENRICHMENT AND LEARNING

Beginning Wednesday October 1 at 11 a.m. there will be a daytime class offered in exploring our religious roots. We will most certainly do some reading of the Bible through the lens of our liberal understanding and add to the mix additional scriptures from other traditions that inform our understanding of religion and spirit. The classes will be in the minister's office on Wednesdays (skipping the third Wednesday of each month). Parking should be available on the street at 11 o'clock, but be sure to sign out a temporary parking permit.

REmarks - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

As usual, for much of the year the children will be downstairs in classes while the adults are upstairs, but we will continue to come together to worship at our intergenerational services. This brings us to a continuing discussion: how do we craft “intergens” so that there is something meaningful for everyone in them?

Both Deborah and I want to learn from parents what kind of worship experience you would like your children to have upstairs. We want to know – what are the reasons why you do, or don’t bring your children to these “family” services? Hopefully, I will have had the chance to hear from everyone at Parent Orientation on Sunday, September 21. If you were unable to attend, please either email or call me with your thoughts and ideas. It would be great to have input from everyone, if possible.

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Parents are great resources for other parents, but parents are also busier than ever, and what we hear is that there isn’t enough time to talk to each other on Sunday mornings or at Fellowship social events. An idea that the RE Committee is investigating is setting up an online discussion forum where parents and guardians can post questions, and share experiences and insights, ranging from the spiritual development of children to strategies for getting everyone out the door to church on Sunday mornings.

Please let me know if you would be interested.

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You bring your children to the Fellowship on Sundays, but are they listening? A parent wrote recently to relate something that happened at the church they attend on alternate weeks. “Yesterday, the girls’ Sunday school teacher approached my husband and me asking about our home library. It seems that the girls started a whole discussion about creation vs. evolution, which somehow led to talking about different religions around the world and the holidays and traditions within them. Apparently, whenever one of the other kids asked a question, our girls said, ‘We have a book about that,’ or, ‘At our other church we learned...’ It’s nice to know they have been paying attention!”

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Thanks to Nancy Artus for volunteering to arrange, serve, and clean up after two of the meals for the OWL facilitator training at the Temenos Retreat Center, September 12-14. The food was delicious, and very much appreciated by

the participants, which included two from UFWC. By providing these meals we were able to send our participants at a discounted rate. Thanks also to Nancy’s daughter, Sondra, for helping with the dinner Friday evening.

— Pam Baxter

Director of Religious Education

PARENTS AS RESIDENT THEOLOGIANs

“Parents As Resident Theologians” invites you to explore your thoughts and beliefs so that you can respond more comfortably to your children’s questions such as: What is God? Why do bad things happen? What happens when you die? Six Wednesdays, September 24 through October 29, 7-9:00 p.m. Leaders: Pam Baxter and Cindy Heck. To register or request more information send an email to DRE.

PHOTO DIRECTORY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Membership Committee would like help putting together our photo directory. We need volunteers after each service on five Sundays, October 5 through November 2, to help schedule people for photo appointments. We also need volunteers to greet and register people when the photos are taken, November 17-20. If you would like to help, please contact Cyndy Bullaughey at email: directory. Thank you!

CANDLES OF CARING AND SHARING

For many of us, the lighting of candles as we share our Joys and Concerns is a valued part of Sunday morning worship. This ritual gives us the opportunity to express what is uppermost in our personal lives and to hear how the lives of our friends and fellow congregants are currently unfolding. By this practice we demonstrate that we do aspire to be a caring congregation.

Visitors to our church may get a different impression, however. On hearing the details of unknown peoples' lives (and frequently the people mentioned are neither present nor members of the church) visitors may feel like they have intruded into a closed circle of intimates. This is not our intent.

In order for the Candles of Caring and Sharing to function well, we need to follow some guidelines. Sharing personal and family news of deep importance such as births, weddings, new jobs, deaths and seriousness illness is appropriate, as is sharing whatever else has mightily raised your spirits or laid you low. Announcements of church business or statements of a political or philosophical nature are not appropriate within this ritual.

If you would like to discuss anything about the Candles of Caring and Sharing, please speak to me or send email to religious-services.

— Curt Hoganson, Chair
Religious Services Committee

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees conducted its regular monthly meeting on September 9. The primary focus of this meeting was continuing the work started at the Board Retreat in August, defining our next steps toward fully implementing Policy Governance. The Board members formed a number of sub-groups to delve into specific areas of policy governance and how they might work at UFWC. These groups are working within a time line we created to bring research and recommendations back to the full board for discussion and decision as this year progresses. Throughout the year, you will be hearing much more about changes related to Policy Governance, and our goal is to put these together in a full recommendation to the congregation at our annual meeting.

An important first step is defining our Mission and Covenant, upon which all we do will be based. Put very simply, Mission is our reason for being, and Covenant is how we will be together. This process is beginning very soon, with an introductory service on September 21 followed by meetings, small and large, in which all will have an opportunity to participate and be heard. See the Mission committee article elsewhere in this newsletter for more details. Watch for more information on the Mission/Covenant process in the coming weeks and please plan to participate.

The Board formally appointed Mark Steel as "Program Coordinator", a position created by Congregational vote in June. His primary duties are to co-chair the Fellowship Council and act as liaison between the Council and the Board.

Another major topic of this meeting was the re-forming of the Committee on Ministry (COM), which serves to monitor the health of our shared ministry. Our Bylaws dictate that this Board committee is to be jointly appointed by the Board and the Minister, but last year the COM was comprised of former Search committee members, as a transitional committee. The Board and Deborah will begin this month to nominate members for the new COM.

Current Board members include: Bob Scott, President; Craig Talbot, Vice President; Erach Patel, Executive Treasurer; Eileen Kelly-Meyer, Secretary; and Diane Cohle, Sandy Schaal, Juan Leon and Betty Grosse, Trustees. Rev. Deborah Mero, Pam Baxter, Director of Religious Education, and Mark Steel, Program Coordinator, also meet with the Board. Members and friends of the Fellowship are encouraged to share comments and concerns with Board members, as well as to attend Board meetings if interested. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month, in the office. Meeting minutes are posted to the members section of the UFWC website after being approved by the Board.

-- Eilene Kelly-Meyer



MISSION ~~IM~~POSSIBLE

Do you know the UFWC does not have a mission statement or a covenant statement? The goal is to have a mission and covenant statement adopted by the congregation at a congregational meeting by February. A mission statement defines why we exist and gives the Board direction in governing. It also provides a yardstick with which we can measure how we are doing on all the ministries of the congregation. A covenant statement describes how we will be in relation to each other, how we will be in relation to the congregation, and how we will be in relation to the mission.

During the month of October and into early November, please attend one of the 14 neighborhood meetings being planned to give your input into the mission-covenant statement. The Mission-Covenant Committee has helped organized these neighborhood groups based on where you live. It is also an opportunity to get to know those in the Fellowship who live close to you for carpooling, lending a helping hand, etc. A host from your neighborhood will be calling you to invite you to his/her house to participate in a two-hour meeting. A member of the Mission-Covenant Committee will facilitate the discussion.

Based on your thoughts and ideas given at these meetings, the Mission-Covenant Committee will formulate the mission statement for the UFWC. Representatives from the neighborhood groups will also be asked to participate in these final phases of drafting the mission-covenant statement. In December, we will publicize the draft statement and ask you if we have captured the spirit of UFWC as expressed through the neighborhood meetings. A town meeting will be held in early January to review the statement that will then be publicized during the remainder of the month.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the members of the Mission-Covenant Committee: Diane Cohle, Ed Cohle, Betty Grosse, Jim MacFayden, Eileen Kelly-Meyer, Ellen Schipul. Sue Stedman, and Mark Steel.

— Submitted by the Mission-Covenant Committee

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

It's time for another photo directory. We've grown a lot! We have lots of new faces! A photo directory will help us put names to all these faces. Please help us make it a success by being a part of this big event.

Each family will get a free 8 x 10 color portrait from their sitting plus a free photo directory of our congregation's members and friends. If you wish to purchase additional portraits, it's up to you.

Photography appointments are available Monday, November 17, through Wednesday, November 19, 3-9:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 20, 3-7 p.m.

Beginning in October, you can select an appointment using the sign-up sheets at the back of the sanctuary. Rather sign-up online? Beginning Sunday, September 28, simply go to www.signup.olanmills.com to choose your appointment time.

Questions? Contact Cyndy Bullaughey at email: directory@olanmills.com.

— Membership Committee



YOUTH GROUP

Leave it to the Youth Group at UFWC to fill their room at the very first meeting of the year. We started with 18 teens, and we're hoping to squeeze in as many more bodies, opinions, hopes, and ideas as we can fit. In October, we'll be full-swing into youth programming – watch your e-mail for information on the Philadelphia AIDS Walk (October 19), an anti-racism workshop (October 25), and planning for a Battle of the Bands. We'll also send a couple of representatives for leadership training at the JPD FallCON.

Remember, teens are welcome to visit or join us at any time, so don't be afraid to come in and grab a seat on the couch. Questions? Contact email: youth-group@olanmills.com or call Rob Sartain or Kate Cuffari.

STONES IN THE SAME WALL – SOCIAL JUSTICE

I just read something entitled “The Hopi Letter”, written by the elders of the Hopi nation in Arizona. The last line reads “We are the ones we’ve been waiting for.” What does that line mean to you, “We are the ones we’ve been waiting for.” Throughout our lives, we often wait for some large event or person to change the world for us. We imagine that the world will get better when _____ (fill in the blank). We wait for that leader, that president, that special person who will make life better. We ignore our own power, our own presence to begin to change the world. It only takes a small act or two multiplied by millions of people to create the world we want to see. Here at UFWC, you have numerous opportunities to create a better world. In fact, we have many people involved in more than one social justice activity at UFWC and in the community. Life is hectic for many of us, so think about committing to one small event or activity as a start. You really are the one you’ve been waiting for. Wait no longer!

LET’S TALK ABOUT FOOD!

The Global Warming group will facilitate an engaging three-week discussion series based on the book, *Menu for the Future*, a collection of articles published by the Northwest Earth Institute. Selected readings from this informative and fascinating book will help us:

- Explore food systems and their impacts on culture, society and ecological systems
- Gain insight into agricultural and individual practices that promote personal and ecological well-being
- Consider our role in creating or supporting sustainable food systems

Two sessions are available. One group will meet Sundays, November 9, 16, and 23, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The other group will meet Tuesdays, November 11, 18, and 25, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the fireplace room. Cost of the book is \$18. Please register by October 19, so that books can be ordered in time. Register by contacting Diane Maguire, chair, at email: global-warming.

RACIAL JUSTICE

Having returned from a week at the UU Leadership Training Institute this summer, I thought I might share one of my continued concerns. We have made such great progress through the Welcoming Congregation program in our inclusion and support of people of all sexual orientations. Sadly, it is evident that the denomination and individual congregations have not done enough intentional work around issues of cultural diversity and racial justice.

But not to worry. There will be a racial justice conference on, Saturday, October 25, 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., hosted by First Unitarian Church in Philadelphia. The cost is very modest. This is our chance to move this issue forward in our congregation. I would love to see a group of at least 15 of us attend this workshop as a first step at more intentional work in this area. This is a timely issue given that we are growing by leaps and bounds but not necessarily in cultural diversity. What better time to really take on this issue? For more information and/or to indicate your willingness to participate in this event, please see Ed Cohle or e-mail social-justice-chair.



BEYOND WAR TAKES IT TO THE STREETS

Our Beyond War subcommittee will have a table at this year’s **Chester County Restaurant Festival** on Sunday September 21, from noon to 5.30 p.m. in downtown West Chester. We will be spreading the word about this effort to build the foundation for a world that resolves conflict without violence, and we will also promote the Beyond War activities being offered in this area (our congregation and beyond). Come visit us on North Walnut Street, between Gay and Market. If you would like more information about this event, contact Doug Campbell. Doug’s unsolicited contribution toward the purchase of our space for this event is greatly appreciated.

OUR HOUSE IS STILL A VERY, VERY, VERY NICE HOUSE

Volunteers needed: Our next UFWC Habitat for Humanity volunteer week is November 5-8. There are many ways you can contribute besides heavy manual labor. We need the following:

*Donate lunch for the work crew (food for 8-10 people). You can serve it too, or just buy the food – whatever you can do is okay and is helpful.

*Serve lunch to the crew on one of those days, around 11:45am. This is a fun way to help out the team, and will really be appreciated.

*Donate a T-shirt (\$15) for a member of the work crew. We'd like to have our crew identifiable with "Co-Habitat" T-shirts that say "UFWC" and even personalized with the crew member's name (avoiding the need for duct-tape name tags).

Not available for the UFWC week in November, but still want to help out? Volunteer to work with our other Co-Habitat partners by joining their work crews on other weeks. Let us know what days (any Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat) you are available, especially on short notice, and we'll be prepared to help backfill our partners' work crews when they come up short.

Contact Mike Stevens at email: habitat to volunteer for any of the above. THANK YOU to everyone who has donated and volunteered time already – your energy and generosity are truly heart-warming!

UUPLAN

UUs in Pennsylvania are organizing a legislative advocacy network for representing progressive religious values with our state legislature. Join UUPLAN's conference featuring Sen. Andy Dinniman on Saturday, September 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Main Line Unitarian Church in Devon. Jon McCormack (email: uuplan) and Ralph Mero have more information. No charge for registration and lunch.



GW group's Tip of the Month:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Saturday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Government Services Center
601 Westtown Rd., West Chester

Hazardous waste, compact fluorescent bulbs and computers will be accepted. For more information, go to www.chestercountywa.org/pdf/LHSchedule.pdf.

Also, Home Depot Stores are now accepting expired, unbroken compact fluorescents. Give them to a store associate at the Returns Desk.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT

You may know by now that we are collecting fresh produce from your gardens every Sunday in the lobby. What you may not know is that we will start collecting canned and boxed foods the first Sunday of every month starting in November in the lobby. Just to confuse things, we will do a collection on Sunday, October 12, to kick off our First Sunday Food Collection project.

This is a great chance to teach your kids the value in giving to others. The food will be donated to the Cares Food Network which will distribute it to food cupboards throughout the county. It's also a great chance to donate food items that you no longer want because you may have purchased too many or are just tired of eating them (think about those giant packages you buy at BJ's for example). Please make sure that the food is not expired. Thanks to Claire Boston for her help in making this project come to life.

SINGING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Ecumenical Choir will do a concert and fund raiser for the Habitat for Humanity homes on Sunday, November 2. This will be a coalition of many churches, and we need to recruit singers and instrumentalists for the accompanying orchestra. Contact Tom Buglio for more details.

THE AUCTION IS COMING!

A live and silent auction, a raffle and a lottery, food, entertainment, excitement and suspense – it is all coming to UFWC November 15 beginning at 6 p.m. This is a fund raising event where services are offered from members of the UFWC community and local businesses. Proceeds support the Fellowship. There is no charge for admission.

Sounds like too much fun, right? How about joining the team? We are in need of the following people, as well as people to help on Nov 15:

- Live Auction Coordinator
- Solicitors of Business Donations
- Raffle and Lottery Coordinator
- Book Coordinator
- Food Coordinator
- Setup & Decorating Coordinator
- Babysitting Coordinator

Send an email to auction if you can help in any way.

To make the auction a success we need your personal donation. Examples of types of services offered are listed on the form below. Please turn the form in by October 19. If you know of a business that may be interested in contributing, let us know at email: auction.

Babysitting
 Birthday Cake
 Breadmaking
 Brunch
 Car Washing
 Career Counseling
 Chair fixing
 Childcare
 Chinese for 8
 Chocolate Cake
 Computer help
 Home made Cookies
 Fondue
 Frequent Flyer Miles
 Gardening
 Gift Certificates
 Homemade Candy
 Hot Tub
 How to...
 Knitting
 Massage
 Mending
 Mexican for 6
 Mother's Helper
 Music
 Personal Coach
 Pet care
 Plants
 Ride to Airport
 Shortbread
 Software
 Stenciling
 Summer BBQ
 Teaching
 Use of Boat
 Vacation Home
 Wallpapering
 Weekend Retreat
 Window Washing
 Yard Work
 - You name it!

FELLOWSHIP DONATIONS

UFWC ANNUAL AUCTION – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008

Name of Donor: _____ Tel: _____

Email: _____

Check here if you want to offer the same item as last year.

Service or Item: _____

Special Conditions: _____

Please include a Date(s) if offering a meal: _____

Services or items will be sold to the highest bidder unless a minimum bid is specified.

Minimum Bid (optional): \$ _____

Deadline for Catalog: October 19. Later donations will be listed in an addendum available the night of the auction. No donations can be taken the night of the auction.

Questions about donations should be directed to Dan Meyer at
 email: auction-donations.

Bring the completed form to Sunday service or mail to:

Annual Auction
 Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester
 501 South High Street
 West Chester, PA 19382

Or EMAIL: auction-donations



Thank YOU! Thank you for your support!

Note: The winning bidder may be someone you don't know. With items such as boats, special equipment or vacation homes you may want to ask for a security deposit. Services are available as arranged by donor and buyer for one year unless otherwise specified.

SOMETHING NEW FROM THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Have you ever discovered a neat, fun or interesting show, concert, place, trip or activity you really wanted to go to, do, or experience — but didn't have someone who had the same enthusiasm to go with you? Well, now you do.

The Fun and Fellowship Committee has created **UThings-To-Do**, a new way to communicate and connect with other Fellowship members and friends the desire to share a common activity. It is also a way to learn common interests of others in the congregation and to make new friends. All you have to do to join **UThings-To-Do** is send an email to fun and ask to be a subscriber to the group list. You will then be sent a confirmation notice. (The confirmation will also include a few guidelines to be aware of). That's it!

UThings-To-Do works by someone emailing a request or invitation for an activity directly to things-to-do-list, and it will go to all subscribers to the list. If you are interested in the invitation, just reply to the sender, work out the details together, and have fun. Easy! Anyone in the Fellowship can post an invitation, but you must be a subscriber to receive them.

For example, a request may read: "I would love to see Mama Mia again — any ladies interested in a 'girls afternoon/night out at the movies this coming Saturday?" OR: "A great Zydeco band is playing in Chestnut Hill, anyone interested in checking them out? OR "The kids have wanted to go to Philly Zoo, anyone want to join us? More kids welcome." The possibilities are endless. So let's get started and have FUN together at **UThings-To-Do**.

DELIBERATE LIVING

Our next meeting is on October 5, the first Sunday of the month as usual. We meet at 12:30 p.m. downstairs after the service.

In living deliberately, we have asked ourselves questions: What are we really after in our life? What are our deepest longings for a complete life? What are some of the pathways toward reaching our authentic core, and how do we live it out? These pathways have many dimensions. Bruce Neff will lead us along one such path, asking what exactly does a spiritual life mean? Certainly a spiritually directed life is a worthwhile goal for which to strive. According to Ronald Rolheiser, four pillars are essential for any faith structure. We'll explore together.

These discussions are significant opportunities for new friends and members to be integrated with our larger membership via a reflective and personable atmosphere. Come and join us to be a part of our typical dynamic flow of good energy. No preparation is needed. No commitment is required, though continuity is best. Any questions or comments contact Heidi Buss at email: deliberate-living.

DRUMMING AND DANCE CLASSES

Many of you have enjoyed past Sunday services on drumming and African dance. The Music Committee has arranged for classes in dance and drumming. Both classes will be Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22 and 29.

DRUMMING: *Rhythm for Your Soul*, taught by Tammi Hessen, will lead you through the story of the djembe drum, the basics of how to play the djembe and dundun drums and how to put the techniques together to learn ancient traditional rhythms and songs.

6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
\$55 for 4 weeks

...and immediately following this class...

AFRICAN DANCE: We've all experienced the joy of dancing with Janet Peck and the beauty she brings out in each of us. Come experience this again as Janet teaches us more African dances!

7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
\$55 for 4 weeks
KIDS ½ price
Bring three kids and the adult dances FREE.

To enroll or for more information please contact Marie Steel at email: music.

LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet Friday, October 10, at 11:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 1103 West Chester Pike, near Shop Rite. Newcomers are welcome. E-mail Linda Sander at lunch-group to be added to the e-mail reminder list. The reminders are an easy way to RSVP, so we can save enough seats for everyone.

If you don't have e-mail or you change your mind at the last minute, come anyway. Everyone is welcome.

FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Saturday, October 3, at 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. All are welcome.

No singing talent or experience is necessary. Bring a munchie, if you wish. Guitar-players are welcome to bring their instruments.

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



COFFEE HOUSE

The next coffee house is October 18, at 7 p.m. The featured act is Chris Adams. Please come out and support this fun, entertaining event. Thanks.

— Judy Perri

GAME NIGHT AND POTLUCK DINNER

Are you looking for a fun way to meet more people from the Fellowship? Game Night might just be the thing for you. Join us on any first Friday night of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary for a potluck dinner. Bring a dish to share and any games that you like to play.

For October, we are especially encouraging RE families to join us. We will have games for children (Apples to Apples Jr, Uno, and more) as well as the more grown-up games like Scrabble, Hearts, Puerto Rico and PDQ (yep, we play some uncommon ones too). I can't tell you what we will play on Friday, because we decide that evening. Come and relax among friends. Try a new game or play an old favorite. There is no need to call ahead. Just come. Bring a dish and a beverage to share — don't worry about the rest. Contact Mary Yeager if you have any questions at email: game-night .



EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

OCTOBER 19 7-8:30 P.M.

Our selection for October is *Circle of Stones* by Joan Dahr Lambert. This story of prehistoric life follows the amazing saga of three wise women and their families and celebrates the growth of the human spirit. With striking detail, the author recreates the world of our ancient ancestors and draws the reader into their daily struggle to understand the world around them. The author uses her post graduate studies of the evolution of human sexuality as a basis for this extraordinary novel. Debby Kern will lead our discussion of *Circles of Stone*.

Remember all are welcome to join our group at any time during the year. So please don't hesitate to contact either of us — Shelly Case or Ruth MacFadyen or by email at diversity-book-group.

CONSIDER HOSTING A HOLIDAY PARTY

It is time to get the holiday parties on the UFWC calendar. Every year, a few of our members and friends open their homes for some holiday cheer. The hosts provide their home, the beverages, and one dish; the guests provide finger foods; and the Fun & Fellowship committee coordinates it all (maps, RSVPs, announcements). It is easy and fun! If you are interested in hosting a party this year or have any questions, contact Nancy Artus at email: holiday-potlucks. First come, first serve.

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

All email addresses @ufwc.org unless otherwise noted.

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| Oct 1 | Wed | Religious Education Committee. 7 p.m. OWL room. Contact Sue Quake, email: RE |
| Oct 2 | Thu | Global Warming Group. 7-8:30 p.m. Lobby. Contact Diane Maguire, email: global-warming |
| Oct 3 | Fri | Game Night. 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 11. |
| Oct 4 | Sat | Folk Singing. 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. See p. 11. |
| Oct 5 | Sun | R.E. OWL Classes Begin. 9 a.m. Downstairs. Email: DRE
Deliberate Living. 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Room. See p. 10. |
| Oct 6 | Mon | Beyond War Group. 7-9 p.m. Office. Email: beyond-war. |
| Oct 9 | Thu | Comfort Shawl Group. 10 a.m. - noon. Fireplace Room. Contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: caring
Caring Committee. 5 p.m. OWL Room. Contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: caring
Social Justice Committee. 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle, email: social-justice. See p. 7. |
| Oct 10 | Fri | Lunch Group. 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 11.
Exploring Our Spirituality Book Group. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at home of Harriet Singer. See September Fellowtarian p. 8. Contact Harriet Singer or Susan Gast, email: spirituality-book-group |
| Oct 11 | Sat | Building Work Party. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact Bruce Koepcke, email: building |
| Oct 12 | Sun | Food Collection Project Kick-off. See p. 8.
Safe Harbor Dinner. Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. To help, contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: safe-harbor |
| Oct 14 | Tue | Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Office. All are welcome. |
| Oct 18 | Sat | Coffee House. 7-10 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 11. |
| Oct 19 | Sun | Exploring Diversity Book Group. 7-8:30 p.m. Fireplace rm. See p. 11.
Deadline for Service Auction Catalog. (Late items will be in the addendum.) See p. 9.
Registration Deadline for <i>Menu for the Future</i> class. See p. 7. |
| Oct 23 | Thu | Membership Committee. 7:30 p.m. Lobby. Contact Mira Tryon or Barbara Long, email: membership |
| Oct 25 | Sat | Racial Justice Conference. See p. 7. |
| Oct 26 | Sun | Comfort Shawl Group. 7-8:45 p.m. Fireplace Room. Contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: caring |
| Oct 28 | Tue | Fellowship Council. 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: program |
| Oct 30 | Thu | Religious Services Committee. 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Curt Hoganson, email: religious-services. |

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

- Adult RE.** Wednesdays, 11 a.m., Oct 1, 8, 22, and 29. See p. 3.
- African Dance Class.** Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Oct 8 – Oct 29. See p. 10.
- Beyond War Study Classes.** Mondays. 7-9 p.m., Fireplace Rm. Sep 15 – Nov 3. Email: beyond-war
- Choir Practice.** Generally the three Thursdays before the third Sunday (which is when they sing at services). No practice on the fourth Thursday. Contact Helen Meacham, email: choir
- Drumming Class.** Wednesday, 6-7:15 p.m. Oct 8 – Oct 29. See p. 10.
- Parents As Resident Theologians.** Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., Sep 24 - Oct 29. See p. 4.
- Peace Vigils.** Saturdays 11 a.m. to noon. High and Market Streets, West Chester. Email: social-justice.
- Yoga Classes.** Thursdays 6:15-7:15 p.m. Downstairs. Contact Mira Tryon, email: yoga.
- Youth Group.** Most Sundays, 10:45-noon. OWL room. Email: youth-group.