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Our Mission: *As a diverse liberal faith congregation, we make a difference in our lives, our children's lives, and the wider community by creating an environment for spiritual growth and fulfillment, for building meaningful connections, and for actively advancing peace and justice in the world.*

SUNDAY SERVICES

November, 2009

November 1

WHAT IS A SAINT, ANYWAY?

Rev. Deborah Mero

There is a note on my calendar that says that November 1 is All Saints Day. What is that about? What makes someone a saint? As Unitarian Universalists, how would we decide the criteria for lifting selected persons to such an elevated position?

November 8

OUTSIDE THE BOX, OUTSIDE THE WINDOW

Rev. Deborah Mero

How do we stretch ourselves to think and act beyond our comfort zones? It's not just about risk taking; it's also about intentionality.

November 15

POETRY OF THE SELF

Dianne Herrin

The greatest hazard of all, losing one's self, can occur very quietly in the world, as if it were nothing at all. All too often, the difficult experiences of our lives inform us too much, and we respond by burying parts of our selves, and hiding them away for good. Come share poems and other pieces of wisdom that have helped you remember who you are, and who you always have been. Let Dianne know if you'll be reading, and which service you will attend.

November 22

A THANKSGIVING COMMUNION

Rev. Deborah Mero

This year we will be focusing our intergenerational pre-Thanksgiving service around mindfulness and local foods. Some of us remember the days when food was truly seasonal and our menus were planned around what was seasonally available because food wasn't shipped from the four corners of the earth to our grocery stores. Plan to stay for an extended Coffee Hour focused on seasonal treats. Both the Senior and Intergenerational Choirs will sing for our celebration. (See p. 3)

November 29

CAN MEDITATION HELP YOU THROUGH THE HOLIDAZE?

Lay-Led

For many of us, the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is a stressful one, with travel, shopping, too much food and drink, high expectations, etc., etc. Meditation helps us tolerate the stresses better, so we have been told. Today, meditating members of our congregation will tell us about the spiritual practices they find useful in December and year-round.

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

THE SONG OF DEBORAH

Diane Cohle, the members of the Board, and I have been talking a lot lately about being energized and engaged in the life of our congregation. We began our retreat last August by being engrossed in a process that called forth times, events, tasks, and individual journeys that gave us the most joy, satisfaction, energy, or gratification as part of this or other faith communities. We came away from that day and our later meeting feeling excited about what we were going to do together this year, both as a board and with the entire congregation.

Our new governance structure is beginning to sow fruit at the Board level, and yet we are aware that many of you may be confused or unaware of how the work of the congregation is being done. To put it simply, the Board's task is to set policies and lift up the vision and mission of the congregation. The Council's task is to freely create, collaborate, and communicate with one another and plan and execute the programming that we wish to have.

There is no micromanaging required by either group. Administrative and management tasks — everyday things — fall to the Executive Team to pick up. There are a set of "limitations" policies which essentially say don't do anything that's immoral, illegal, imprudent, or

harmful to the fellowship that we are all bound by. The main guidance for all of our work (and play) together and the glue that holds it all together is the Mission Statement.

The next step in using our Mission Statement to guide our work together is going to be taken in three parts, We are going to spend the better part of

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three different days lifting up each of the three pillars of the mission and really engaging in some deep discussion and hands on (and fun) planning around what we want the UFWC to actually be doing to realize our Mission. What does it mean to create an environment for the spiritual growth and fulfillment for people of all ages? What does it mean to build meaningful connections? What does it mean to actively advance peace and justice in the world?

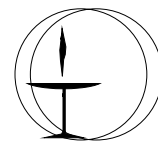
Each of these subjects deserves its own time for exploration, and by the end of each of those days we intend to have an inspirational action plan where each of you will find your niche, your role, your opportunity to both contribute to the life of the congregation and to enrich and stretch yourself. We will be inspired by our experience and by the known and unknown assets and gifts that we each have to bring and share.

The congregation is you. We are nothing without your presence, your involvement, your energy and your gifts. The more we do together, the more we show up, the more we engage, the more we each grow and thrive. Energy begets energy and multiplies. Joy begets more joy. Growth begets growth. If you want to see programs and projects happening at UFWC, come and help us plan them. We'd love to have everyone at each of the workshops, but if your heart's desire is only spiritual growth, plan to join us December 6. If you are totally turned on by social action, be with us on January 30. And if making connections through social events within and without the congregation is important to you, make a date with us for March 14.

We think that most of you hold each of these as important and will want to engage on all levels with our process. You have been officially invited to join us as we plan and begin to take the next steps on our journey together. Plan to come. You will be glad you did.

As the season of Thanksgiving approaches, I am grateful above all, to be here with you and to serve you and to be with you as we serve others beyond our walls.

— In gratitude,
Deborah



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last spring the board developed end statements or goals based on the conversation that the congregation had throughout the year about our mission. These statements we shared with members at the annual meeting in June 2009 are as follows:

Creating an Environment for Spiritual Growth

We provide inspirational worship.

We provide religious education for all ages.

We provide opportunities for, and support of, individual spiritual practice.

Building Meaningful Connections

At the UFWC people feel welcome, dialogues flourish, and relationships develop through good times and bad.

We use our resources, time and energy to make a positive impact in our community.

We maintain intentional involvement with diverse populations and promote diversity within our congregation.

Advancing Peace and Justice in the World

Our congregation actively works to eliminate oppression and create a peaceful, just and sustainable world.

We demonstrate our commitment to anti-racism in the world, and in our local community.

Facilities

Our building and our grounds are safe, welcoming, comfortable, and accessible to all who seek their use in harmony with our mission.

These statements reflect our mission and describe what we want our work together to look like. This year we need to get everyone on board for accomplishing our mission and ends. The board has formed a team to work on accomplishing this goal. In order to give life to these statements, conversations among all of us need to occur. The team has scheduled three gatherings for members to give input. Sunday, December 6, (12:30-6:00 p.m.) will be a lunch potluck that will focus on "Spiritual Growth". The second date is Saturday, January 30, (9 a.m. -3 p.m.), and "Social Justice" will be discussed. A lunch will be provided. There will be a snow date of February 13 if needed. The third date is Sunday, March 14, called "Community Building" which will be from 12:30-6 p.m. and will be a potluck lunch.

The UFWC has received an anonymous gift from one of our

members. Someone has been very touched by Reverend Mero's services and put a \$10,000 check in the collection plate. This individual feels appreciative of Deborah and what she has added to the fellowship as our minister. We are extremely appreciative of the generosity of this individual. It will allow us to do some things that we had only been able to wish and dream about.

The long awaited survey is almost ready to be unveiled. The board hopes this information will help us focus on our mission and ministry. We strongly encourage all of you to participate! We look forward to seeing what you have to say about our joint ministry together and how we want it to look going forward.

– Committed to working with you to achieve our mission,

Diane

THANKSGIVING EATING AND GIVING

Sunday, November 22, we will be celebrating together by both the eating and the giving of food. For our service we are asking some (not all) of you to provide cornbread—both with and without wheat or gluten products for us to share in our communion. We are also asking for some seasonal goodies for coffee hour—things with apples, pumpkin, squash, cranberries, etc. We'd like to have some that are gluten-free and some that are sugar free so that there is something for everyone.

As for the giving, we have a shopping list from the West Chester Food Cupboard. As they have no facilities for storing turkeys to give to people (any that show up need to be distributed that day) they have asked us to provide the following: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing mix, Cake and Cookie mixes, Frosting, Pie filling, Canned Yams and Baked Beans.

The people at the Food Cupboard think that our congregation is awesome both with the food we have been providing and the volunteers from our congregation that have become regulars. The needs are growing and they are so grateful for all that we are providing.

REMARKS – OBSERVATIONS ON UU RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Introducing the “Intergen” Choir

One of the questions newcomers to the Fellowship often ask is, “Do you have a children’s choir?” I’ve always felt bad to have to answer “No, we don’t – but we’re hoping to be able to form one.”

In fact, several years ago we added this as a goal to the RE Committee’s list, though we had no clear way of making it happen. There were three main challenges: when to rehearse, who would lead, and could we get enough children involved to make up an entire choir? At times, it seemed silly to keep this on our goals list, but we didn’t want to give up on the idea.

In hindsight, I think it’s possible that writing down a children’s choir as a goal, and reviewing it periodically, was a statement of faith and a form of prayer. Because last spring, organically and almost spontaneously, a choir of all ages emerged. The group was made up of children who wanted to sing, their parents (if they wished), other adults, and occasionally members of the regular choir. Being open to all ages (the youngest singers are Pre-Kindergarteners), we dubbed it the Intergen(erational) Choir. The group debuted at the Alice in Wonderland “un-birthday” service (May 2009).

If we had held onto the idea that we wanted a children’s choir or nothing, this wouldn’t be such a success story. But it’s easy to see that what we have is better than what we envisioned: an opportunity for children to sing, but not segregated by age, as children so often are. What a great way to get people of all ages together! (Another one of our goals.)

This year, the Intergen Choir has an actual schedule, and will sing at services on the following dates:

October 18
November 22
December 13
February 14
March 28 (possibly)
May 2
June 13 (9 a.m. service only)

It is not necessary to be able to sing on every scheduled date, and new singers are always welcome.

It’s amazing to see how much has happened in so short a time. Thanks to our talented and creative Abby McGillivray for volunteering to rehearse and conduct the group, find music, help set the schedule, and share her love of music and singing.

– Pam Baxter
Director of Religious Education

SENIOR HIGH O.W.L. BEING OFFERED

We will be offering the 12-week senior high segment of the Our Whole Lives program, probably starting in January. If your 10th, 11th or 12th grader is interested in enrolling, please contact email: DRE. There is no requirement to have taken the middle school program to do the senior high program. There will be an orientation for parents prior to the beginning of the class.



INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR UPDATE

The next rehearsal of the Intergenerational Choir is Sunday, November 8, at 10:10 a.m. We will sing the postlude on November 22 at both services. That morning, rehearsal is at 8:30 a.m. for first service and 10:30 a.m. for those coming to second service. We will practice December 6 for the December 13 service. New members are welcome. Contact Abby McGillivray at email: intergenerational-choir.

OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

October is Fire Prevention Month, and we will be reviewing/practicing our fire escape plans in RE. Parents, please note: in case of an actual fire, please do not come downstairs to get your children. We will have left through the downstairs exits and will be waiting in the Verizon parking lot (High and Magnolia Streets) until you retrieve your children or an “all clear” is given to return to the building.

STONES IN THE SAME WALL

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

These are tiring times. I get the feeling that we are “worried out”. The continuing war, the economy, people losing jobs and homes, and on and on. The grind of everyday life can wear you down until you have little energy left. Yet, there are so many small things being done in the area of social justice by any number of individuals and groups at UFWC. A number of people have helped pick vegetables at local farms to be donated to the food cupboard. A small group ministry of women has been volunteering at the West Chester Food Cupboard.

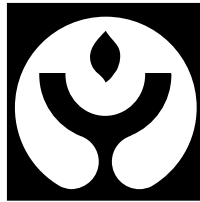
The October 25 Interfaith Forum represents something unique in this area: a chance for open discussion from various faith perspectives. The Youth Group participates in the annual Philly AIDS Walk. Several people make a dinner to be served at Safe Harbor every month. The Exploring Diversity Book Discussion Group heightens sensitivity to any number of diversity issues.

You get the idea. All of these efforts are by people who really don’t have the time or energy at times. Yet, they do it. They find the time and the energy. Lots of small actions really do add up and help us take the words of the UFWC Vision and Mission to make them something real, something tangible.

UUSC HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Guess what happens when you’re among the top 10 congregations nationally in UUSC Holiday card sales? You get picked for experimental sale of beautiful merchandise. Specifically we will have in a week or two:

- Holiday cards — there are two beautiful new designs this year (as well as some of the designs from last year, and they are reduced to \$10 for 10 cards)
- “Human Right to Water” stainless-steel water bottles — both the red ones and the blue ones
- “Fair Trade Gift Baskets”, hand-woven in Darfur and filled with teas, chocolate, coffee, and nuts
- UUSC embroidered baseball caps
- Handmade scarves from Afghanistan to support women and girls’ literacy programs
- Flyers for the “Home for the Holidays” Oxen Project: Buy a share to purchase an actual ox and receive a hand-carved, wooden ornament and a card thanking you in exchange.



So plan to do your Holiday shopping at the Fellowship this year and help the world’s best human rights organization in the process, our own Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Come by our table at the back of the sanctuary.

And coming at the end of November: “Guest at Your Table”. Don’t forget to ask us how you can join the UUSC and support the global efforts of that organization.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Do you know about Global Warming Chemistry? Carbon dioxide is the predominant greenhouse gas. Transportation generates the most carbon dioxide in the U.S. Gasoline is the largest source of those emissions.

Gasoline is composed of hydrocarbons which are molecules that contain only hydrogen and carbon. When gasoline is burned, the carbon and hydrogen separate. The hydrogen combines with oxygen to form water (H₂O), and the carbon combines with oxygen to form carbon dioxide.

Although a gallon of gasoline weighs about 6.3 pounds, combustion of gasoline creates about 20 pounds of carbon dioxide. (Summarized from www.fueleconomy.gov)



FOOD CUPBOARD CRISIS CONTINUES

Over 50% more households were served by the West Chester Food Cupboard this September than last year, but state funding did not increase. We still do not know how soon state food will be available. See the *First Sunday Food Collection* article below for details about our monthly food collection for November.

There is also a special food collection on Sunday, November 23. See the *Thanksgiving Eating & Giving* article on page 3.

Also, the method of making financial donations to the food cupboard has changed. See the *Food Cupboard Financial Donations Change* article below.



FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

A reminder that we will go back to collecting canned and boxed foods only on the first Sunday of every month starting in November. The next food collection will be November 1.

The requested items for November 1 are beans and legumes, dried or canned. Dried beans are appreciated. Please do not give green beans.

The food will be donated to the West Chester Food Cupboard. We are trying to coordinate the foods donated with this organization. Every month the requested items will be different. You may still donate another type of food item if you wish.

FOOD CUPBOARD FINANCIAL DONATIONS CHANGE

Financial donations to the West Chester Food Cupboard can be made by dropping a check in the collection plate at Sunday services or mailing it to the Fellowship office. Make checks payable to "UFWC" and write "Food Cupboard" in the memo line. Previously, donations were accepted at the grocery card table.



Sustainable Living Subcommittee Tip of the

Month: To reduce the amount of carbon dioxide produced by your car, truck, van, etc., you can do three things: drive less, drive slower and trip-link.

The rationale for driving less is obvious. Why drive slower? Generally, cars are more fuel efficient at slower speeds. Why trip-link? A car engine burns fuel more efficiently when it's warm. Trip-linking is scheduling errands at the same time which will allow you to drive while your engine is warmer.

SHARE-THE-PLATE

The September share-the-plate collection of \$505 for Safe Harbor's capital campaign for their women's shelter may have set a new record for the monthly collection. This continues our strong commitment to help those in need in Chester County. The share-the-plate recipient in November is the Domestic Violence Center. This organization is committed to empowering survivors of domestic abuse through information, and supporting them as they reclaim their lives. They provide a variety of services to victims of domestic violence and education about the issue to schools, businesses, organizations, health fairs, judicial system, police enforcement and healthcare providers.

ON DECEMBER 6, WE'RE ON A MISSION!

Please plan to come for services and then spend the afternoon with us as we engage in a process to give life and form to our Mission Statement. There will be a pot-luck lunch and then a workshop that will guide us in exploring what we mean by, "As a diverse liberal faith congregation we make a difference in our lives, our children's lives, and the wider community by creating an environment for spiritual growth and fulfillment..." You will be hearing a lot more about this as the date gets closer, but in the mean time, put a hold on that date and plan to join the community for food and fellowship as we actively map our path ahead.

AUCTION FUN-RAISER - NOVEMBER 21

LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE AND LOTTERY *Featuring Our Own Cohle-Miller Duo as Auctioneers*

The Service Auction is coming to UFWC on Saturday, November 21, beginning at 6 p.m. Expect fun, excitement, entertainment and even a free light dinner. Ed Cohle and Mike Miller have written silly songs, silly skits, silly movies and, like last year, promise that they will be anything but professional auctioneers.

It is all taking place at UFWC the night of November 21, so be sure to reserve the evening now and invite a friend or two. Auction books will be sent out ahead of time by email so that you can begin planning your bids before you come. The book will explain how the auction works and will have descriptions of all of the items and services being auctioned.

For the two Sundays prior to the auction, the silent auction will be set up and raffle tickets will be for sale. The silent auction will continue at 6 p.m. the night of the auction and end at intervals between 7 and 7:30. The 50-50 raffle tickets and basket raffles will be sold throughout most of the evening. Raffles will be drawn during breaks during the live auction.

The live auction begins at 7:30. Those of us who have seen Ed and Mike in front of an audience know that this is not something to miss. Who knows if they will manage to raise any money for the Fellowship, but watching these two guys having a good time will be well worth it. The emphasis is on fun and you will not be pressured to bid.

Babysitting and supper will be available downstairs. It is necessary that you sign up your children in advance. Send a message (email: auction) with the names and ages of the children you plan to bring. A modest donation to UFWC is requested for the babysitting service.

EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

NOVEMBER 15 7-8:30 PM

This month's book, *Neither Wolf Nor Dog: On Forgotten Road's with an Indian Elder* by Kent Nerburn, is best described by the following quote. "This book is one of those rare works that once you've read it, you can never look at the world, or at people, the same way again. It is quiet and forceful and powerful." – American Indian College Fund

Our discussion facilitator will be Ruth MacFadyen. Please feel free to contact us at email: diversity-book-group, or call Shelly Case or Ruth MacFadyen. All are Welcome.

December's book is *The Book of Salt* by Monique Truong.

AUCTION DONATIONS

For our auction to be a success, we need your donation. Please use one of our donation forms available online at the UFWC web page (preferable), complete a form in the back of the sanctuary, or contact Chris Brenner at email: auction-donations. We need these by November 13. The left column of the donation form has suggestions of types of services to donate.

We also need business donations. You can help by taking a business letter to one of your favorite local businesses. Either print the letter from the webpage or pick up a copy in the back of the sanctuary.

Donations received after the book is published will be included in an addendum. *Donations cannot be accepted the night of the auction.*



AUCTION HELP NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help the night of the auction with set-up, clean-up and other tasks. If you like to bake, please consider bringing a dessert. (The catered dinner does not include dessert.) If you can help, please contact Mark Steel at email: auction.

FINANCIALLY YOURS

The Finance Committee is undergoing a transition, organizationally and operationally. After many years of dedicated service Linda Sander is stepping down and will be replaced by Jeanine Galen as Expense Treasurer. Cyndy Bullaughey is also planning to retire as Income Treasurer after similar long service just as soon as a replacement is named.

Linda and Cyndy have been on the job since 1997 – twelve years! Linda and Cyndy are both responsible for the excellent shape of our finances and financial records. Starting at a time when financial packages for religious institutions were less than adequate they pioneered the writing of spread sheet programs and databases to track our income and expenses, prepare budgets, reports and statements, and keep everything organized and reconciled.

Overseeing these and other financial activities for the past four years has been Erach Patel, our former Executive Treasurer who stepped down the end of June. We owe a great debt to all three people for this service. Please thank them when you see them.

Operationally, all our financial and membership records will be moving to a new online software service designed specifically for churches. We are still loading data and learning how to use the many features of the software, but ultimately parts of this package will be available on line to committee chairs and others. We hope that this will make the job of running the Fellowship easier and more efficient.

Please remember that the financial health and well being of the Fellowship is the responsibility of all members and friends. The Finance and Stewardship Committees are always seeking people to help with this important work. If you are interested in what we do and what jobs need filling, please talk to me.

– Mike Miller
Executive Treasurer

THANKSGIVING AT THE STAHL'S

Kora and Tilo Stahl are hosting Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26, at 4 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited. The Stahls will provide turkey and drinks. We welcome those who wish to come spend the holiday with us – it is a time for sharing our foods (please bring a dish) and our holiday. It is not an “open house” type of event for those with many stops to make in their journey, but is intended to be for those who wish a holiday destination.

R.S.V.P. by November 15 to coordinate a dish to share. Contact the Stahls. You should be comfortable around large friendly dogs.



YOUTH GROUP

Your amazing Youth Group had a fantastic October: we discussed and debated the relative merits of community organizing and individual social action; we hiked the Philly AIDS Walk, raising money for support services for folks living with HIV/AIDS right here in the Delaware Valley; and we traveled to Baltimore for the District Fall CON, focusing on spirituality.

What can top that? This month we'll plan a movie night for us and a separate cluster bowling event where we'll host youth from neighboring Unitarian Universalist congregations for fun and fellowship.

Want to be a part of it, offer your ideas and share your inspirations? Yes, you can! High-school-aged youth are invited to join us downstairs in the Youth Group Room Sunday mornings at 10:45. Questions? Contact us at email: youth-group.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AT KESHER ISRAEL

The Religious Council of Greater West Chester will again host a community-wide Thanksgiving Eve service. It will be Wednesday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Keshet Israel Synagogue, 1000 Pottstown Pike, West Chester. Singers are invited to gather at 6:45. Deborah will be one of the three featured speakers this year. Because the synagogue is a kosher facility, refreshments will be provided by the hosts, so don't plan to bring anything. We don't know yet about collecting for the food pantry that night. We hope to see many of you there.

LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet Friday, November 13, at 11:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 1103 West Chester Pike, near Shop Rite. Newcomers are welcome.

To be added to the e-mail reminder list, contact Linda Sander at email: lunch-group. The reminders are an easy way to RSVP, so we can save enough seats for everyone.

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

DELIBERATE LIVING

Our next meeting is November 1, the first Sunday of the month. We meet at 12:30 p.m. downstairs after the second service.

In living deliberately, we have asked ourselves questions: What are we really after in our life? What are some of the pathways toward reaching our authentic core, and how do we live it out? These pathways have many dimensions.

Helena Graham's topic will present the question, "Are our UU principles compatible with both liberal and conservative views?"

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. Contact Heidi Buss at email: deliberate-living.

GAME NIGHT

Our next Potluck and Game night will be on Friday, November 6, at the Fellowship. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for dinner or after 7 p.m. for games. Everyone is welcome – families, individuals, couples, children, friends... Bring a dish and beverage to share. (Don't forget the beverage because we never know how many are coming so we don't know how much to bring. Besides, we don't know what you want to drink.) Bring a friend too.

We send out an email reminder a few days before to those who are regulars. If you would like to be on the reminder list, just send a request to email: game-night. If you have any questions, contact Mary Yeager at email: game-night.

FOLK SINGING

There will be no folk singing in November. The next get-together will be Saturday, December 5.

Coffee House An evening of Music Saturday, November 14



7-10:15 pm at the Fellowship

Featured Act

Jake Michael and the Flying Mangos

Winner of the People's Choice Award
this summer at the Mount Airy Folk Factory

All members and friends are invited to be supporters
and/or entertainers.

Sign-up for acts begins at 6 p.m.

We will need set-up helpers around 5:30 p.m,
donations of cakes, and someone to sell these items
at the coffee house.

Contact Judy Perri email: coffee-house

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

All email addresses @ufwc.org unless otherwise noted.

- Nov 1 Sun First Sunday Food Collection.** Lobby. See p. 6.
Deliberate Living. 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Room. Contact Heidi Buss, email deliberate-living. See p. 9.
- Nov 4 Wed Religious Education Committee.** 7 p.m. Youth Group room. Contact Sue Quake, email: RE
- Nov 6 Fri Game Night.** 6:30-9 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
- Nov 8 Sun Silent Auction Begins.** Lobby. See p. 7.
Safe Harbor Dinner. Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. To help, contact Sharon Mayer-Conroy, email: safe-harbor
- Nov 9 Mon Beyond War Group.** 7-8:30 p.m. Fireplace room. Contact John Gribbin, email: beyond-war.
- Nov 10 Tue Board Meeting.** 7 p.m. Office. All are welcome. Contact Diane Cohle, email: president
- Nov 12 Thu Social Justice Committee.** 7:15-9 p.m. Office. Contact Ed Cohle, email: social-justice.
- Nov 13 Fri Exploring Our Spirituality Book Group.** 9:30 a.m. Offsite. Contact Susan Gast or Harriet Singer, email: spirituality-book-group
Lunch Group. 11:30 a.m. Panera Bread. See p. 9.
Deadline for Auction Items to be in the Catalog. See p. 7.
- Nov 14 Sat Coffee House.** 7-10 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
- Nov 15 Sun Share the Plate Sunday.** Benefits Domestic Violence Center. See p. 6.
Silent Auction Continues. Lobby. See p. 7.
Membership Committee. 12:30 p.m. Contact Mira Tyron or Barbara Long e-mail: membership
R.S.V.P. Deadline for Thanksgiving at the Stahls. See. P. 8.
Exploring Diversity Book Group. 7-8:30 p.m. Office. See p. 7.
- Nov 21 Sat Live and Silent Auction Fun-Raiser (with light dinner and entertainment).** Silent auction continues at 6 p.m. Noisy auction begins at 7:30 p.m. See p. 7,
- Nov 22 Sun Thanksgiving Food Collection.** See p. 3.
Thanksgiving Eating and Giving. During service and extended coffee hour. See p. 3.
- Nov 24 Tue Fellowship Council.** 7-9 p.m. Office. Contact Mark Steel, email: program
- Nov 25 Wed Community-Wide Thanksgiving Eve Service.** 7:30 p.m. at Keshet Israel Synagogue. Sponsored by the Religious Council of Greater West Chester. See p. 8.
- Nov 26 Thu Thanksgiving.** Office closed.
Thanksgiving at the Stahls. 4 p.m. at the home of Tilo and Kora Stahl. See p. 8.

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

- Adult Enrichment** *Dance of the Spirit, the Seven Steps to Women's Spirituality.* Wednesdays: Nov 4 and 18. 7-9 p.m. Contact Rev Mero, email: minister
- 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
- Intergenerational Choir** Rehearsals Sunday Nov 8, 10:10-10:40 a.m. and Sunday Nov 22, 8:30 a.m. for the 9 a.m. service or 10:30 a.m. for the 11 a.m. service. See p. 4.
- Youth Group** Most Sundays, 10:45-noon. Youth Group room. Email: youth-group. See p. 8.