



UUSD Newsletter ■ August 2016

August 7 — Even the Rocks Cry Out “Enough” — Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister: This is a service of lament expressing feelings of grief, sorrow, anger, and outrage at the unnecessary loss of lives driven by the hate and senseless violence that is much, much too pervasive today. Traditionally, liturgical lament is the way a community of religious people, such as ours, deepen their bonds with one another and strengthen their ways of hanging on to that which is life giving and trust worthy.

August 14 — The Language of Reverence, the Rhetoric of Peace — Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister: What we say and how we say it matters in all of our relationships, interactions, and endeavors, especially in our spiritual community. Nonviolence is a lifestyle that is lived with mindfulness and intentionality. It asks for compassionate transformation at the deepest level. A language of reverence is a transforming catalyst. Let’s use more of it.

August 21 — Reflections on the Man, his Faith, Work, and Book — Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister: Rev. Maiorano reflects on the prophetic leadership of the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, introduced at the UUA General Assembly by President Peter Morales. A blueprint for a breakthrough in justice is offered in Rev Barber’s new book, *The Third Reconstruction: Moral*

Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement. This movement is worthy of our investigation.

August 28 — Unscripted II — Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister: A reprise of last year’s unscripted service focuses on the interim period between settled UUSD ministers. Bring an index card with your questions, wants, hopes, and fears for this all-important second and final year of interim ministry. Rev. Maiorano will craft her sermon extemporaneously in the direction your queries and comments lead her.

**Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.
Religious Education & Childcare**

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FIRST FRIDAY FILM
THE FOUR SEASONS ON AUGUST 5, 2016

The Four Seasons will be shown on Friday, August 5. Three middle-aged wealthy couples take vacations together in spring, summer, autumn, and winter. Along the way, we are treated to mid-life, marital, parental, and other crises. Nominated for four Golden Globe awards, it has a star-studded cast, which includes Alan Alda, Carol Burnett, Len Cariou, and Rita Moreno. A discussion after the movie will be led by Jane Miller and Gwen Johnson. Potluck starts at 6 p.m., movie at 7 p.m. First Friday Films are open to the public. Please email [Karen and Wayne Lunstead](#) or call them at 302-231-8192 with any questions, or email [Anne Riley](#).

REV. PAULA MAIORANO, INTERIM MINISTER



You may have seen the UUSD Facebook posts of our group of delegates and attendees at the General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. If it looked like we were having a great time, we were! We had quite the group, all participating in various workshops, protests, and activities

which expanded our awareness of UUA initiatives and deepened our commitment to them. My service to you this coming year will be enriched by my experiences in Columbus. Notice that the service on August 21 is a direct response to becoming better acquainted with the prophetic ministry of the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II.

I always participate in the General Assembly activities sponsored by our Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, and this year was no exception.

In the midst of so much heartbreaking loss of life in our country and around the world recently, it is important to stay reminded of the good and positive things that are still happening, but are not capturing any headlines. For that reason, I am sharing the following post, which is found on the segment called “Rights Reading” on the website of our Service Committee at www.uusc.org.

“An L.G.B.T. Watchdog at the United Nations” Opinion, *New York Times*, July 1, 2016 — The N.Y. Times’ Editorial Board’s brief endorsement of the creation of a global watchdog for discrimination and violence against L.G.B.T. people seems like a shorter-than-deserved mention of a significant event in the advancement of human rights at the United Nations.

As Charles Radcliffe, chief of global issues at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights said, “This is a big deal. Ten years ago, you hardly heard the words ‘gay’ or ‘trans’ at the U.N.” The fact that the initiative was introduced by Latin American countries with support from Europe is also telling, given resistance to programs protecting L.G.B.T. rights from Latin America not long ago. Opposition from African and Muslim countries was disappointing, but overall, the existence of this board is a promising development, and its activities bear watching.

UUSC is hopeful that U.N. support for L.G.B.T. rights will enable its African partner organizations to increase their efforts to advance their pioneering work to advance these rights and bring a new more just and welcoming world for all people in that continent.

On this hopeful note, I close.

In peace, *Rev. Paula*

PRESIDENT’S COLUMN — GARY COLANGELO



It is an honor, but somewhat humbling, for me to write my first President’s Column for the UUSD newsletter. Thinking back on my seven years as a member of UUSD, I recall that each Board President began their tenures with challenging times but filled with opportunities. Deanna Duby is an example of a Board President who accepted the challenge of leadership while we dreamed, planned, and successfully created a home of our own. Each member and friend of UUSD owes Deanna a big hug for her steadfast

and competent leadership that moved UUSD a big step forward in our evolution. Thanks, Deanna!

So what are the challenges and opportunities we are facing for the next few years? UUSD growth, in all its dimensions, poses the bulk of these challenges and opportunities. Maturation and spiritual growth are being addressed by the Ministerial Search Committee, which is off and running with an outstanding group of members, expert consultant guidance, and an inclusive process where the entire congregation will have an opportunity for input. The challenge here will be the hard work and time required by the Ministerial Search Committee, but once their work is completed, we can look forward to the growth opportunities that will no doubt unfold when our settled minister arrives.

Our current growth planning process is comprehensively addressing growth, to include these growth dimensions:

- **Numerical** — the number of people attending worship and programs, or the number of members
- **Maturation** — the spiritual maturity of each member
- **Organic** — a congregation's ability to maintain its health and engage the world
- **Incarnational** — making real and living change in the world
- **Associational** — our awareness of and connection with the UUA and the wide body of churches it represents.

During the growth planning process and particularly as we implement our plans, maintaining effective communication will be critical. In future President's Columns, I will explore with the congregation ways to enhance communication between the congregation and the Board. To start, I will be posting the Board's agenda at least three weeks before a Board meeting. Having the agenda out earlier should give everyone more time to understand the issues before the Board and, if desired, you should have the time to express concerns or suggestions.

I do thank the congregation for electing me to the Board for a second term, and also thank the Board for their confidence in having me serve as President.

— Gary Colangelo, Board President

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT — AMBER PETERSON



What a special day! We had our Annual Delmarva Cluster Beach Day and first-ever Mandala Paint Night Saturday, July 23. The Beach Day was a great success with at least double the attendance from last year, including over 10 children from UUSD and the First Unitarian Church of Wilmington. It was a hot one, but great conversations, relaxing in the shade, and enjoying the beach breeze were enjoyed by all. However, the best place to be was in the water! The children played constantly in the calm, cool bay waters and many of the adults joined in the fun too! I'm so glad we began this Cluster event a few years ago and hope many more join us next year!

The Paint Night was also a big hit with 2 children and 11 adults participating! This was different than one of the "paint nights" you might attend at your local art studio or restaurant. They had different templates to choose from, and you could trace your chosen pattern on to your canvas. Then you played with paint colors to your heart's content, mixing and painting until you were happy with your artwork! Thank you to Edris, Holly, and Cindy from First U Wilmington for all the guidance, supplies, and set-up that made this event possible. Special Thanks to Jon Claney of First U Wilmington for helping to coordinate and facilitate both of these events! This paint night was actually a fundraiser for our upcoming Delmarva Cluster Retreat, which will be held October 7-9 at Camp Tockwogh in Worton, MD. The Retreat should be a wonderful event that provides many activities and opportunities to connect with area UUs and your own UU identity. Thanks to all who came out to support these events, and we hope to see many of you at the Retreat!

— Amber Peterson, Director, Lifespan Faith Development

NEXT UUSD GAME NIGHT SET FOR AUGUST 19 FROM 6:30 P.M. — 8:30 P.M.

Don't forget our new Game Night! The next one will be August 19 from 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m., and all UUSD members and friends are welcome! Feel free to bring friends with you too! Just bring a simple snack to share and come prepared to have a good time.

NEWS FROM YOUR UUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Links to the meeting agenda and reports are on the UUSD website homepage and in the members-only section at <http://uusd.org/index.php/board-of-trustees-meeting-minutes.html>.

HIGHLIGHTS: JULY 12, 2016 UUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

— Gwen Johnson, Secretary, Board of Trustees

Election of Officers: The new Board elected the following officers: President: Gary Colangelo; Vice-President: Sharon Herb; Finance Officer: Pat Murdock; and Secretary: Gwen Johnson.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda, consisting of the June 7, 2016 Board meeting minutes and the Financial report, were approved. An Interim Minister's report was not filed this month.

Financial Report: Gary Colangelo, Finance Officer: Gary Colangelo reported we are in good financial shape and have a surplus of approximately \$12,000 this year.

Report on Meeting with Ministerial Settlement Representatives (MSR): Jean Charles, Chair

- Jean Charles reported the Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) met with Reverend Craig Hirshberg, our Ministerial Search Representative from the UUA, on Sunday evening July 10 and on Monday July 11, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Jean said the MSC has a very busy schedule and she encourages all congregation members to attend upcoming cottage meetings with the MSC, and to complete surveys they will be sending out to the congregation. These meetings and surveys will be used to assist the MSC in search of our permanent minister, and ensure the entire congregation has a chance to voice the qualities they would like to see in our settled minister.
- Jean requested the BOT provide two or three names of members of the congregation to serve on the Negotiating Team for the MSC committee. Pat Murdock was asked to be the BOT representative for the MSC committee, and she agreed to do it.

Report from Property Management: Gary Schmidt, Co-Chair

- Gary Schmidt reported on items contained in the document "Property Management Committee Report – July 12, 2016" located in the UUSD members section of the website under July 2016 Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting Documents (<http://www.uusd.org/images/2016-July-BOT-Meeting/Project-Management-Comm-report.pdf>)
- Gary advised that Phase 1 of the Solar Panels have been installed.
- Gary also reported that UUSD received free professional consultation from the Delaware Forestry Department for our property.
- Diane Conine and Margaret Keefe are working with a University of Delaware intern on landscaping plans for the property. This service provides credit hours for the intern.

Denominational Affairs Request to Recognize Chalice Lighters: Ron Schaeffer, Co-Chair

- Ron Schaeffer requested the BOT approve the posting of names of congregational members who are Chalice Lighters. He suggested the names be posted next to the Chalice Lighters information in the Gathering area.
- The BOT approved this request.

2017 UU Delmarva Cluster Retreat: Pat Schaeffer, UUSD Cluster Representative

- Pat Schaeffer reported the Delmarva Cluster Committee is concerned that the current location in Maryland for Delmarva Cluster Retreats may be a barrier for broad participation from Cluster congregations especially because of its distance for most congregations.
- Depending upon the outcome of the 2016 Cluster Retreat, the Cluster Retreat Committee may request UUSD to host the 2017 Cluster Retreat in Southern Delaware.
- After a lengthy discussion, the BOT felt it could not take on this major responsibility in 2017 because of the congregational focus in identifying a new settled minister during this timeframe.

Request to Approve to Special Plate Collection by First Unitarian Church of Wilmington: Joanne Saltzberg, Finance Co-Chair

- Joanne Saltzberg advised that \$1,500 was cut from the FY 2017 Budget for the Religious Education Director's training. JoAnne asked for Board approval to have First Church of Wilmington take a special plate collection to assist with this need. The BOT approved this request.

FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 (7/1/14 - 6/30/15) YIELDS GOOD RESULTS

— Joanne Saltzberg, Chair, Financial Review Committee

A second pair of eyes is always a good thing when it comes to financial management, and UUSD's By-Laws require an annual, independent review of the church's financial records and accounting practices. In May of 2016, a review of Fiscal Year 2015 was conducted by the Board-appointed Financial Review Committee that included Patricia Murdock, Joanne Saltzberg, and Lee Summerville ably assisted by Jane Miller. The review team looked at four major pieces for this work:

- Overview of the organization's year
- Testing different accounting areas
- Analysis of accounting practices with recommendations for improvement, if any
- Opinion as to whether or not Financial Statements for the year fairly represent the financial position and are free of material misstatements.

A lot happened in the time period of July 1, 2014 — June 30, 2015. These dramatic and challenging events forever changed the financial and organizational life of UUSD.

- The congregation acquired a large property on which to build the congregation's first permanent home.
- Construction was planned to begin in August of 2014 and be finished in February of 2015. A number of setbacks delayed construction and prevented completion until September 2015. Approved budgets were skewed because of the delays.
- The long-term minister left in June of 2015, and an Interim Minister was appointed in that same month.
- The accounting system changed from QuickBooks to PowerChurch.

Three key areas were reviewed by the team:

- Bank statements for all four bank accounts were compared to financial records for two time periods. The result is that all checking and savings account statements for six months and year-end matched the reconciliation detail sheets. No discrepancies were found.
- Deposits were traced for five randomly selected Sundays. All five Sunday collections were documented with a UUSD collection form and verified with double signatures. All categories of donations were traced from the UUSD collection form to the proper account deposit and accounting entries. There were no discrepancies.
- Expenses payments to both committees and vendors were examined. Eight reimbursements to four randomly selected committees were reviewed. All requests were properly submitted, documented, and within budget. Land and Building authorized large sums of money in this year. Payments to three, randomly selected vendors were

reviewed. All payment requests were properly documented and recorded. The result is that all payments were tracked to either QuickBooks or PowerChurch, and there were no discrepancies.

UUSD experienced a significant change in assets in the year reviewed. As of June 30, 2014, assets were stated as \$360,327. On June 30, 2015, assets were stated as \$1,289,554, the increase due to the acquisition of the property in Lewes, Delaware and construction of the new buildings. The bank accounts for the June 30, 2015 Balance Statement were verified.

After this intensive review, the team was happy to report that no discrepancies or missteps were discovered in what was a very challenging year. Financial reporting was very good overall except for some budget challenges associated with construction delays that are now resolved. It was the unanimous conclusion of the FY15 Financial Review Team that the Financial Statements published as of June 30, 2015 fairly represent the financial position of UUSD and are free of misstatements. The full report is posted in the [Member's Section](#) of UUSD's website.

DID YOU KNOW? — RON SCHAEFFER

THE YEAR OF THE WOMAN SERIES Part II: Julia Ward Howe

Last month, I began a series of monthly articles on famous Unitarian and Universalist women who played key roles in the suffrage movement in the U.S. As I indicated, many women from various backgrounds and faiths played important roles in bringing about the right to vote for women in 1920. However, the leadership, and particularly the early leadership, came from women who also found their religious faith in Unitarian or Universalist congregations. Last month I provided a brief sketch of Lucy Stone, and this month I will highlight the life of Julia Ward Howe.



Julia Ward Howe, born in 1819, was one of seven children raised in the home of a wealthy banker in Rhode Island. She was educated by a personal governess and in young ladies schools. Her mother died when she was five, and an aunt raised her. Her father died when she was twenty, leaving her a small legacy. She published articles in the *New York Review* and the *Theological Review* before marrying Samuel Gridley Howe. He forbade her public writing. Quite a different start than that of Lucy Stone.

They moved to Boston where she studied languages, wrote poetry, and became a Unitarian. Her marriage was difficult, but she settled on living separately instead of divorcing. In 1862 she wrote and published the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." This made her a popular public figure overnight.

After the Civil War, she became one of the leading organizers of the women's movement in New England, along with Lucy Stone and Caroline Severance. When the national women's suffrage movement split in 1869 over the issue of the Fifteenth amendment, which gave voting rights to Black men, but not to women, she and Lucy Stone supported it arguing that Black men needed the vote to survive. They formed the American Woman Suffrage Association. Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton took the opposite position and held out for universal suffrage. They formed the National Woman Suffrage Association. In 1890, Julia Ward Howe was instrumental in uniting the two national suffrage organizations that had split 21 years earlier.

She fought for women's rights for the rest of her life, and was the founder of the Association for the Advancement of Women. She toured the country as a lecturer and founded women's clubs wherever she went. In 1908 she was the first woman to be elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She died in 1910 and more than 4,000 people

attended her funeral at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and they sang the “Battle Hymn of the Republic” in her honor.

Next month we will look at the life of Susan Brownell Anthony, who was born into a Quaker family, but became a Unitarian because of its support for abolition of slavery. If you are interested in more detail on these heroines, a great source is *Unitarian and Universalist Women — Liberating History*, published by the Unitarian Universalist Women’s Heritage Society, copyright 2008. It chronicles the lives of 119 Unitarian, Universalist, and UU women covering the period 1743 to 2003.

UPDATES FROM THE MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE — JEAN CHARLES

MINISTERIAL SEARCH

— Jean Charles, Chair; Members Len Bowman, Jeff Cordiano, Deb Davies, and Betty Kirk



Photo submitted by Sue Brown and Alleane Taylor. (l to r: Jeff Cordiano, Deb Davies, Len Bowman, Rev. Craig Hirshberg, Betty Kirk, and Jean Charles.)

On Sunday, July 10, Rev. Craig Hirshberg delivered a sermon on *It’s Only Change*. She spoke to the congregation about the ministerial search process and how everyone can be involved. Rev. Craig is UUSD’s Ministerial Search Committee’s MSR (Ministerial Settlement Representative). She serves us through the UUA’s Transition Office.

Hopefully, many of you had a chance to meet Rev. Craig during coffee hour before she met with the outgoing and incoming Board members. Sunday evening was a working dinner committee meeting at Betty Kirk’s home from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. On Monday, July 11, Rev. Craig presented a workshop from 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. on the search process, helping the committee assign to specific duties for each member and to work on a calendar of deadlines. The entire committee agreed that the extra time and energy put into these workshops was invaluable, and Rev. Craig is a great consultant for us to depend on to walk us through the search process.

The survey from the search committee should be well on its way to being shared and completed. The results will be posted on the UUSD website under the Settled Ministerial Committee News. We can’t stress enough how important it is to respond to anything the Search Committee offers to you. All of the information gathered from the survey and meetings will help the committee make the best decision for UUSD. Although anyone is welcome to participate in all activities, keep in mind that in the end, **only members** will vote for the final candidate.

In the upcoming months, the Search Committee members will be interviewing staff (LSFD Director and Music Director) along with church leaders, such as committee chairs and the Board of Trustees. During the month of September, you will be asked to attend a Cottage Meeting (focus group). These face-to-face meetings with a Search

Committee member and about 15-20 people will allow us to ask some important questions. An example of that might be — “How would you describe this congregation to a prospective minister?”

Please keep in mind that your Search Committee is always available for comments or questions at any time. We are here to receive and record as much information from our congregation as possible to help us in this very important decision.

COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

— Pat & Ron Schaeffer, Co-Chairs



With the theme of “Heart Land: Where Faiths Connect” this year’s General Assembly (GA) held June 22-26 in Columbus, Ohio was inspirational and exciting for the 3,780 onsite participants and 154 offsite participants who attended. Thirteen UUSD members and friends participated in GA 2016: Rev. Paula Maiorano and Giovanni Maiorano; Jean Charles and Anne Pikolas; Ron and Pat Schaeffer; Amber Peterson; Dianne Conine and Margaret Keefe; Dan and Ceil Payne; and Susan and Mac Goekler. A total of 1,842 onsite and offsite delegates represented 562 congregations. Pat and Ron Schaeffer, as well as Rev. Paula Maiorano, served as delegates representing UUSD.

Below are just a few of the highlights. More information will be provided in a GA 2016 worship service in September.

Rev. Michael Smith Honored at GA: Sixty-five ministers, including Rev. Michael Smith, former UUSD minister, were honored at the Service of Living Tradition. Anne Pikolas organized a festive and celebratory dinner for Rev. Mike and his wife, Peggy, with the UUSD contingent.

GA Delegates Selected Next Four-Year Congregational Study/Action Issue: “Corruption of Our Democracy”
<http://www.uua.org/statements/current/corruption-of-our-democracy>.

GA Delegates Passed Three Actions of Immediate Witness: Three Actions of Immediate Witness (AIW) proposed by the Commission on Social Witness, were passed.

- **Build Solidarity With Our Muslim Neighbors:** <https://www.uua.org/statements/build-solidarity-our-muslim-neighbors>.
- **Some Guns, All Guns: Legislating Appropriate Restrictions:** <https://www.uua.org/statements/some-guns-all-guns-legislating-appropriate-restrictions>
- **Stop the Hate: Protect and Support Our Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Family:** <https://www.uua.org/statements/stop-hate-protect-and-support-our-transgender-and-gender-non-conforming-family>.

Delegates Approved One-Year Suspension of the AIW Process for GA 2017: This suspension will provide additional time for other kinds of justice education and action at GA 2017.

GA Delegates Took Action on Business and Responsive Resolutions:

- **Palestinian Rights Resolution Failed:** <http://www.uuworld.org/articles/uuaga2016-palestinian-rights-resolution>.
- **Responsive Resolution on Antiracism Work Approved:** <http://www.uuworld.org/articles/uuaga16-closing-worship>.

- **Resolution Approved on “Thanksgiving Day Reconsidered.”** <http://www.uuworld.org/articles/uuaga16-business-summary>.

UUA Presidential Candidates Held a Forum: The three candidates running for UUA President — Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, the Rev. Alison Miller, and the Rev. Jeanne Pupke — spoke at a Candidates Forum during GA and described their visions for Unitarian Universalism. More information is in the *UU World* at <http://www.uuworld.org/articles/uuaga2016presidential-forum>.

Ware Lecture: Krista Tippet, Peabody-Award winning broadcaster and best-selling author, delivered the annual Ware Lecture. A link to her presentation is at: <http://www.uuworld.org/articles/uuaga2016warelecture>.

General Assembly 2017 will be held in New Orleans on June 21-25, 2016. Look for more information in the coming months.

MEMBERSHIP

UU101 CLASS “GRADUATES” A CLASS OF NINE

— Betty Kirk, Member

On Thursday, June 23, nine newcomers completed the UU101 class facilitated by Len Bowman, Betty Kirk, and Rev. Paula Maiorano. The three session class covers UU beliefs and customs, UU and UUSD history, and UUSD activities and governance. The class is offered two or three times a year for those interested in deepening their understanding of Unitarian Universalism.



Photo submitted by Joanne Saltzberg. (l to r, First row: David Roell LeClaire, Alex LeClaire, Betty Kirk, Claire Griffith, Rachel Affrayroux, and Carol Denenberg. Second row: Rob Jasinski (hiding behind David), Lewis Maurer, Teresa Paulsen, Len Bowman, and Michael Feifer.

PARTNER CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF SUCCESSFUL SIX -YEAR PARTNERSHIP WITH TORDATUR CONGREGATION

— Ceil Toth, Chair

We are celebrating the completion of six years of a successful partnership with the Tordatur, Romania congregation. In the Spring of 2009, we sent our first email to Rev. Bodor, who replied she "had given up all hope of ever having a

partner church." The UUSD congregation voted to approve our partnership in 2010. Rev. Bodor and her husband Marton spent five weeks with UUSD in 2012. Rev. Michael Smith and Peggy Smith, Tom and Ceil Toth, Peter Schott, Jeffrey Davis, Lauren Mund, and Betty Metzler went on the first pilgrimage to Hungary and Romania in 2014. This month marks the beginning of our seventh year of partnership as we look forward to many more.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UPDATE ON SOLAR INSTALLATION

— Gary Schmidt, Co-Chair



Photo submitted by Sue Brown. (l to r: Allan Cairncross; Gary Schmidt; John Sykes, UUSD & DeIPL; Lisa Locke, DeIPL Executive Director; Andrew Abel, Clean Energy USA; Al Lister, and Ron Schaeffer.)

The first phase of our solar energy system was installed on our sanctuary roof by Clean Energy USA on July 12. The system was inspected on July 18 and Delmarva Power has installed their meter. On July 25, Clean Energy USA activated the system, and the solar panels began generating clean renewable solar energy. This phase will provide a substantial portion of our power needs — the final phase will be designed and installed based on experience with the initial system. We will be able to monitor our daily energy production, and we will provide frequent reports in the UUSD newsletter, website, Facebook, and the *Community Update*.

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE THINGS ARE BLOSSOMING AROUND UUSD

— Margaret Keefe & Dianne Conine, Co-Chairs



Photo submitted by Sue Brown. (Members of the Landscape Management Subcommittee l to r: Paul Skillin, Len Bowman, Jim Gervan, Jena Hom, Dianne Conine (Co-Chair), Anne Pikolas, Margaret Keefe (Co-Chair) Not Pictured: Dan Acker, Sally Crouch, and Randy Zipser)

You have probably noticed and hopefully enjoyed the beautiful flowers around our church home. Volunteers bought and planted them, and other helpers have stepped up to donate hoses and keep them watered and prospering. We extend a huge thank-you to all who have helped. The list of watering volunteers is on our bulletin board, so please thank them when you have a chance.

The flowers are a quick way to beautify our home while we explore long-term plans and ideas. Through a connection made by one of our members, we have arranged for an internship with a Landscape Design student at University of Delaware (UDel). This young woman from Lewes will work under the supervision of a UDel professor to help identify our current plantings and design future areas that will feature sustainable gardening practices, include native plants that are hospitable to wildlife and enhance the beauty of our wonderful, peaceful setting. The intern will draw up plans that can be implemented in stages, as our volunteer energy, time, and finances allow. Once the plans are in place, we may solicit the congregation's help in obtaining the plants we need. One way to do that will be to ask for cuttings of specific plants from your own gardens. A second option will be for members to donate money to buy a plant in memory of or to honor a loved one. We will place tags on the plants to commemorate that donation. It will be similar to our Bricks for Chairs project where you can step onto our patio and view the memorial bricks.

Some people have asked about the status of the Meditation Garden. Rest assured that there is still every intention to create such an area, possibly in the back east corner of our property, with views of the pond and areas for sitting in quiet contemplation. Most of those who were initially engaged in planning the Meditation Garden have morphed into members of the current Landscape Management Subcommittee, created to get a handle on the immediate area around the building. There is also the possibility that our UDel intern will be able to continue working with us to help design the Meditation Garden and a labyrinth. As originally planned, the memorial bricks from the Bricks for Chairs project will be transferred into appropriate places in the Meditation Garden. One other aspect of the Garden that people have inquired about is whether it would be a place where people could spread the cremains (ashes) of a loved one. Some churches offer this service on their grounds. It is something that would need to be explored further, both as a congregation to determine if there is a will/desire to do this and also to determine the various legal and code restrictions that might apply. All of these ideas are very much in the *what if* stage and open to discussion and exploration.

Recently we met with a representative from the Delaware Forest Service to discuss the trees on our property. He gave us the good news that our trees are quite healthy. In addition, he shared information about managing them wisely, along with suggestions for additional plantings to create a western boundary hedgerow and a possible buffer between the parking lot and sanctuary.

The current Landscape Management Subcommittee consists of Dan Acker, Len Bowman, Dianne Conine (Co-Chair), Sally Crouch, Jim Gervan, Jena Hom, Margaret Keefe (Co-Chair), Anne Pikolas, and Paul Skillin. We are a subcommittee of the Property Management Committee. We welcome anyone who enjoys working with plants to join us as we move forward with the external enhancement of our new UUSD home.

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

— Don Peterson, Chair

Get Out the Vote! UUSD is participating with the **League of Women Voters of Sussex County** this year to help register citizens to vote and to get voters to polls for this important election year. The League is targeting those communities that have been most disenfranchised in the past — African Americans and Hispanics. The Fifth UUA principle is "The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large." As such, UU congregations around the country have historically participated in registration drives and get out the vote efforts. Volunteers are needed to stuff envelopes, staff tables at events, make phone calls, or walk through neighborhoods. Spanish speakers are needed. All help is appreciated. **If you would like to participate, please contact [Betty Kirk](#).**

Beat the Heat: As usual, UUSDers demonstrated their love and support as once again the S&EJ Committee coordinated a collection drive to support the **Immanuel Shelter** for the Lewes/Rehoboth homeless community. Immanuel Shelter is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides year-round support to the homeless and a Code Purple shelter during the coldest months of the year. Between July 10 and July 24, we collected hats, sunscreen, water bottles, insect repellent, lip balm, and similar items that will help the homeless population (men, women, and children) get through the heat of summer. If you missed the deadline, but would like to contribute, please contact [Don Peterson](#). **Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**

Join UU Delaware Advocacy Network! (UUDAN) — The goal of this new network is to connect the social justice work in all of Delaware's UU congregations in order to have a **stronger voice** in advocating for social justice issues in the State. Working together over time, we can impact public policy and programs to better reflect our values. Joining UUDAN is free! If you are interested, please contact either [Don Peterson](#) or [Peter Schott](#).

All Are Invited! Any UUSD member or friend who wishes to see first-hand what the S&EJ Committee is all about is welcome to attend any of our meetings (no commitment required!). Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at UUSD from 3:00 — 5:00 p.m. If you would like to join the Social & Environmental Justice Committee, we would love to have you! Please contact [Don Peterson](#) for more information, or any member of the S&EJ Committee.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

FUNDRAISING

MEGA UUSD INDOOR YARD SALE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY AUGUST 27, 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
— Gwen Johnson, Yard Sale Coordinator



The All-Church Indoor Mega Yard Sale will be held on **Saturday, August 27** at UUSD from **8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** NOTE: We are having a Pre-Sale for UUSD members and friends **Friday, August 26, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Here's how you can help:

Please drop off your good condition second-hand items for the Yard Sale. These include housewares; books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles; games and toys; children's clothing; small appliances; electronics; and tools. Please, no large furniture, TVs, monitors, or adult clothing.

- Your Yard Sale items may be dropped off at UUSD on **Wednesday or Thursday, August 24 and 25**, between **10 a.m. and 4 p.m.** Contact Gwen Johnson at 302-396-7107 if you need an alternate time for delivery of items.
- We need to borrow your folding tables, and we can use as many as we can get. Please have them marked with your name so they can be returned to you.
- We need **lots of volunteers** to make this event a success. Tasks for volunteers include:
 - Sorting and organizing items by category and ensure all items are clean and priced.
 - Setting up Yard Sale signs.
 - Setting up tables and displaying items for sale.
 - Providing assistance to customers.
 - Clearing away unsold items and transporting them to the donation center or dumpster. Some items may be kept and stored until the next UUSD Yard Sale.

- Cleaning and setting up the sanctuary for Sunday service.
- Taking down tables and getting the borrowed ones to their owners.

Sylvia Daniels will coordinate our volunteer pool. Please call her at 302-945-1218 or [email her](#) to let her know how you would like to help. ***She will tell you the location, time, and duration of each volunteer opportunity.*** Contact [Gwen Johnson](#) with any questions.

NEXT CRAFT WORKSHOP SCHEDULED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 AT 10:00 A.M. AT UUSD

— Valerie Andrews and Karen Lunstead

All crafters, bakers, artists, and, candle makers are welcome to participate in the monthly crafting event held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at UUSD. The next crafting event will be on ***Wednesday, August 3 at 10 am.*** Bring your own craft or help someone else with theirs, and bring your own lunch or shared dish. We are gearing up for the UUSD Craft Faire on November 4-5. We are also looking for items to sell at our “Unique Boutique” shop. Please come and share the fun and companionship. Every one is welcome! Contact Valerie Andrews for more information.

ADULT EDUCATION

SAVE-THE-DATE

AWARD WINNING MUSICIANS RETURN TO UUSD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

— Len Bowman

Famous October will be performing at the Unitarian Universalists of Southern Delaware (UUSD) on ***Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.*** Everyone is invited to attend this heartfelt and creative concert. ***Tickets are available at the door for \$15 per person; no reservations are necessary.***

This performance is part of their “One Day Baby” 30 city tour across the U.S. to promote their upcoming debut album, *One Day Baby*, scheduled for release in October. The album features Allison Miller (Brandi Carlile, Indigo Girls), Tood Sickafoose (Ani DiFranco, Anais Mitchell), Matthias Kunzil (Regina Spektor, Moby), Jenny Scheinman (Lucinda Williams, Bill Frisell) and Kyle Sanna (Edgar Meyer, Chris Thile). A video of one of their songs is available at <https://youtu.be/8s3dj-dKTok>.



Famous October (Sarah Bowman and Rene Coal) are two singer-songwriters currently living in Switzerland with their one-year-old daughter Cecilia Anne. Sarah and her twin sister Claire are daughters of Len Bowman, UUSD member and proud father.

Though both artists are from different hemispheres, it was their individual fervent pursuit of their music that inevitably brought them together. Burrell grew up in a peaceful small Swiss town at the foot of the Alps while Bowman grew up in a high crime and economically depressed neighborhood in racially tense Davenport, Iowa. By age 19, Burrell had achieved national recognition in his native Switzerland as a BMG alt-country artist, having been nominated for a Swiss PRIX

WALO award and opening for Neil Young, ZZ Top, and Amy Winehouse. Enamored with Americana music, Burrell stumbled upon a show in Luzern featuring the twin sister duo, The Bowmans, who had been touring internationally for four years.

On the other side of the world, Bowman had been raised on her Bronx born mother’s collection of 60s protest songs and her Detroit native father’s classical music. She studied cello, piano, and vocal performance, as well as music education graduating with Honors from Duquesne University and Notre Dame of Maryland University. She sang as a

soprano with the Baltimore Symphony Choir and worked with Yuri Temirkonov and Bobby McFerrin. Bowman and her twin sister, Claire, began singing together at coffee shops since they were 14, and eventually grew up together touring through the U.S. and Europe. Individually, Bowman and Burrell had released four or five acclaimed albums and had developed thousands of fans internationally before joining together as a duo. Their individual success set the stage for the duo's success to come.

Since officially coming together as *Famous October* in 2012, Bowman and Burrell have amassed an international following with their initial tours through Switzerland, Germany, the Netherlands, and the U.S. In their first collaborative year, they won a number of prestigious Swiss music awards and were commissioned to compose an embodiment of the 300th anniversary of the great "Stans Brandnacht 1713," an excerpt of which appears on their upcoming debut album. In addition, the duo run their business, Pillow Song, which started off as a listening room for touring musicians in their rehearsal space in Stans and has grown into an international music community in which artists support one another. Pillow Song also acts as the label and management for *Famous October*.

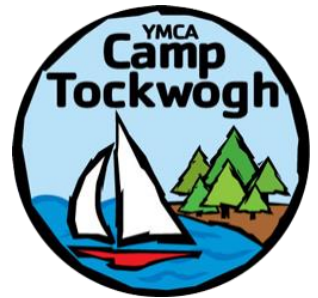
For more information about the concert, contact [Len Bowman](#).

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS DELMARVA CLUSTER

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR UU DELMARVA CLUSTER RETREAT SCHEDULED OCTOBER 7-9

— Pat Schaeffer, UUSD Delmarva Cluster Representative

The Delmarva Cluster UU Fall Retreat is set for October 7-9 at beautiful Camp Tockwogh in Worton, Maryland. Registration for this Retreat will be available soon through the UU Delmarva Cluster website at: <http://uudelmarva.org/cluster-retreat>. A [Cluster Retreat brochure](#) is also available and a copy is posted on the Event Bulletin Board in the UUSD Gathering Area.



Retreat Schedule: The Retreat will start Friday, October 7 with check in from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. followed by a campfire with music, games, and S'mores. Saturday begins with breakfast followed by an opening ceremony; small group activities; a workshop on "Better Together" (or alternative adult and children's programming); lunch; UU Team challenges; free time; dinner; sunset walk; folk dancing; stargazing; and "quiet campfire." Sunday starts with breakfast followed by a Worship Service conducted by UU Cluster ministers with the Cluster Choir performing; free time for Tockwogh activities, packing up, and yoga. The Retreat will end at noon with a Closing Circle.

Housing: Housing choices are first come first serve. There is overnight lodging at Camp Tockwogh at their Conference Center, Navajo Cottages, and by bringing your own tent. More details on the lodging are available in the Cluster brochure. Costs for overnight lodging and the program are:

- Navajo Cottages or Conference Center lodging and meals: \$98/person
- Tent camping and meals: \$80/person
- Saturday Only with Lunch Provided: \$30/person
- Saturday Only with Lunch & Dinner Provided: \$48/person
- Children 2 & younger are free.

In addition, a small number of rooms at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Chestertown, Maryland are also available.

The UU Delmarva Cluster Retreat is a great event for UUs and friends of all ages. Please contact [Pat Schaeffer](#) or [Amber Peterson](#), who serves on the Cluster Retreat Team, if you have any questions or need more information.

DON'T MISS THE DELAWARE PRIDE FESTIVAL ON AUGUST 6 AT 10 A.M. IN DOVER

— Pat Schaeffer, Co-Chair



The Delaware Pride Festival is scheduled for August 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Legislative Hall in Dover. Admission is free. The fun-filled Festival will feature food, entertainment, raffles, and more. Delaware Pride is dedicated to promoting platforms for expressing diversity and creating a more visible and united LGBTQA community. It sponsors and promotes cultural, social, educational, and recreational events. More information is available at <http://www.delawarepride.org/wordpress/>.

As in years past, the UU Delmarva Cluster is sponsoring a booth at this year's Delaware Pride Festival. Information about Unitarian Universalism and the congregations in the Delmarva Cluster, including UUSD, will be shared with Delaware Pride Festival participants. The Unitarian Universalists of Central Delaware are coordinating the Cluster presence at the Delaware Pride Festival, and UUSD's Denominational Affairs Committee has provided financial support for this year's booth.

Come out and support this year's Delaware Pride Festival. This year, more than ever, it is important that UUs show up and stand up for LGBTQ equality. And, if your schedule permits, please volunteer some of your time, whatever you can spare, at the UU Delmarva Cluster booth. It is easy and fun and you get an opportunity to connect with some great fellow UUs. Contact Pat or Ron Schaeffer if you are available.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST: 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, Mondays at 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Gentle Yoga Ongoing Class – All Levels
Contact: [Holly Piper-Smith](#)

AUGUST 1, Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Book Group: *Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant* by Daniel Tannet. A journey into one of the most fascinating minds of today — guided by the owner himself. Facilitator: Marie Fletcher. Contact: Bobbi Dunham: 302-644-2207.

AUGUST 3, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

Crafts Workshop
Contact: Valerie Andrews

AUGUST 5, Friday, 6:00 p.m.

First Friday Film — *The Four Seasons*
Contact: Karen Lunstead at 302-231-8192

AUGUST 6, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

UU Delmarva Cluster Booth at the Delaware Pride Festival – Legislative Hall – Dover
Contact: Pat Schaeffer

AUGUST 9, Tuesday, 7-9:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting – All are welcome.
Contact: Gary Colangelo

AUGUST 19, Friday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Friends and Family Game Night
Contact: [Amber Peterson](#)

AUGUST 27, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Mega Indoor Yard Sale
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