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July 3 — Humor Sunday — Beryl Martin, Lin Schmidt, and Rick Welk: UUSD Worship Committee members Beryl Martin, Lin Schmidt, and Rick Welk kick back and poke gentle fun at Unitarian Universalism and other religious traditions in this second annual event. Bring your funny bone and enjoy this start of the summer merriment.

July 10 — July 10 — "It's Only Change" — Rev. Craig Hirshberg, UUA Ministerial Settlement Representative: Searching for a new minister can be daunting and filled with emotion. Fortunately, the process is already laid out. Come hear about the process and how everyone can be involved.

July 17 — A Father's Eternal Life — Ron Schaeffer, UUSD Member: Ron Schaeffer will share insights and learnings from his relationship with his father, and the spiritual reflection of eternal life.

July 24 — Pastoral Care Ministerial Extension: Listening with the Heart — UUSD Pastoral Care Team: The Pastoral Care Team will present an overview of Pastoral Care in general and answer common questions about Pastoral Care Services at UUSD.

July 31 — Small Acts of Kindness Change the World: Kris Acker, Jean Charles, Amber Peterson, UUSD Director of Lifespan Faith Development: This intergenerational service will explore how small acts of kindness make a big difference. Whether kind acts are paid forward or returned, spreading kindness is better for all involved. Join us on this journey of following your heart to do what is right and watch the magic of kindness unfold.



(Submitted by Sue Brown and Alleane Taylor)

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

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REV. PAULA MAIORANO, INTERIM MINISTER

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU



Our Pastoral Care Ministry provides emotional and spiritual support to you when it is needed. The reasons for the need vary. It may be a loss, perhaps of a beloved person perhaps financial. It could be a death or some other life transition. It may be a spiritual crisis. It may be sickness or you may be shut in for another reason. Sometimes life just feels overwhelming and to have someone from your spiritual home to connect with can help. Pastoral Care Committee members are selected with care by the minister with the existing committee's recommendation. We look for long experience with the members of UUSD and/or a pertinent life skill from a previous career or education. All have the capacity for deep listening. All respect your confidentiality.

Every member of UUSD has a primary pastoral care contact. If you do not know who yours is, contact our chair, Dianne Conine, to find out. Pastoral caregivers are not limited to your primary contact. Any of the committee members, Allan Cairncross, Jean Charles, Dianne Conine, Jan Daly, and Peg Smith can be of assistance. If it is a situation that requires my involvement or that of another professional, I will be asked to help. Of course, you can always contact me directly if you wish. During July, when I am not available, the chaplain for Beebe Hospital, the Rev. Keith Goheen, will respond to committee members if they need professional assistance. You will learn more about pastoral care and the role of the committee on Sunday, July 24 when the Pastoral Care Committee is providing Sunday service.

See you in August.

In peace, *Rev. Paula*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR REV. PAULA'S 20 YEARS IN MINISTRY

— Deanna Duby, Board President

On Sunday, June 19, there was a special recognition during the Sunday service, celebrating Rev. Paula's twentieth anniversary in UU ministry. She was ordained on June 19, 1996. Jean Charles and Deanna Duby presented Rev. Paula with a dozen roses, and gave the congregation a brief description of some of her accomplishments in the last twenty years.

As a community minister, she founded and/or led organizations focused on fighting racism, and mentoring and employing those with criminal backgrounds. She served as chaplain in a hospice, in a long-term care facility, and in the oncology unit at Christiana Hospital. She has served as minister to at least three UU congregations, including UUSD. She also assisted two UU congregations here on the Delmarva Peninsula — Chestertown, Maryland and Dover, Delaware — through their organizing phases. And, she served for three years as facilitator of the Joseph Priestley District's Healthy Congregations.

Deanna closed with the following: "Your response to your call to the ministry has been extraordinary, and your last 20 years — the work, the commitment, the sharing of your soul with those organizations, congregations, and individuals you have served — have been amazing!" The congregation gave Rev. Paula a rousing standing ovation, and a special cake honoring her was served during the coffee hour.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN — DEANNA DUBY



Next month, there will be a new face in this photo slot, and a new name on this column. I've enjoyed communicating with you all monthly for the last four years, but I'm definitely tapped out when it comes to column ideas, so I — along with you — will be happy to be reading some new material on this page!

This column is really just one big thank you note! I leave office with an overwhelming sense of gratitude for all the support I have gotten while in office. First off, I want to thank Allan Cairncross and Pat Schaeffer for encouraging me to run for the board, and to take on the presidency. I remember sitting on my screened porch one afternoon and getting a very persuasive phone call from Allan. He convinced me that I had something to offer as a leader of UUSD, and thanks to that

call, I was willing to give it a try. Pat also encouraged me back then, as she was serving on the Leadership Development Committee. This is a lesson for all of us who are trying to encourage the emergence of new leaders in our congregation. Don't just think it, say it! Let someone know if you think he or she could fill a role at UUSD. They may just need a little encouraging nudge.

The phrase "thank you" is completely inadequate when it comes to Jean Charles. She was my co-president for two years, and a wonderful colleague, mentor, and friend. Jean is — and will, I think, forever be, the Mother Superior of UUSD! I admire her intelligence, her dedication, compassion, hard work, insight, and common sense, and I treasure her friendship.

In the past four years, I have served with some amazing folks on the UUSD Board. I thank you all! To every board member with whom I've shared the table: my immense gratitude for your hard, hard work on tough issues, for your humor and patience, and for your willingness to put your time, effort, creativity, and energy out there on behalf of this great congregation. We've had our ups and downs; we've faced some tough issues and met on some late nights. I like and respect you all, and I'm very proud of what we've accomplished together! And, I'm greatly anticipating the work of our new board and future leaders in this church; we have such fantastic potential!

I am also grateful for our wonderful Interim Minister, Rev. Paula. She has been such a source of strength, wisdom, and support for me during this past year. We're so lucky to have her leading us through the transition to our new settled minister.

The biggest debt of gratitude I owe is to my family — my wonderful and patient partner, Carol, and our sweet Aralynn. As you all know, or can certainly guess, it is not easy to be raising a small child while, at the same time maneuvering the rough shoals of aging! Carol and Aralynn, each in her own way, have been so understanding about the amount of time I have had to devote to UUSD, the meetings that have taken me away from home, and the energy taken from family and given to the church. I adore them both!

Finally — a thank you to every member and friend of UUSD. I appreciate the trust you have placed in me over the last four years, and I've tried my best to be worthy of it. As I said in my president's report at the Annual Meeting, I can't imagine a more enriching spiritual experience than that of serving as a leader of this extraordinary congregation.

I am taking on a new role at UUSD, chairing the Lifespan Faith Development Committee. I believe so strongly in the importance of this program, and feel so fortunate that we have such an outstanding LSFDD Director. I want to do what I can — as a parent and as a church volunteer — to work with Amber and the committee in promoting, supporting, and

enriching what we are doing for the children in our congregation (now and in the future), and for the community at large through our ever-expanding adult education program.

Much love and gratitude to all of you!

— Deanna Duby, Board President

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT — AMBER PETERSON



Plan to join us at the Annual Delmarva Cluster Beach Day on July 23 beginning at 10:30 a.m.! This is a fun day to spend with UUSD friends, meet other UUs, and enjoy all the beach has to offer! Bring a picnic lunch and your favorite beach activities and enjoy the calm bay waters. Our Beach Day is located at the Lewes Beach at the end of Savannah Rd. (Rt. 9). We encourage people of all ages (families, individuals, and couples) to join us for this day of fun in the sun. We have not had many Cluster events locally, so to have one so close is a treat. Plus other UUs that travel quite a distance to join us would love to see a large showing of locals. So come on out and support our locally hosted beach day!

We are also planning to have a newly popular Paint Night in the near future, though the date has not yet been determined. This will be a fundraiser for the upcoming Delmarva Cluster Retreat, which will be October 7-9. For the Paint Night, we will have painters from First U of

Wilmington bring all the supplies and know-how to instruct our participants in creating their own Mandala to take home. We will be holding this Paint Night with UU Central Delaware and UU Salisbury congregations, and it should be a great time. Keep a look out for more information!

And don't forget our new Game Night! The next one will be July 15 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.

Lots of activities coming up to help us have fun and stay connected, and I hope to see you all there!

— Amber Peterson, Director, Lifespan Faith Development

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.

A link to the meeting agenda and reports made available to the Communications Team prior to the meeting are posted on the UUSD website homepage. The link to the Board of Trustees meetings is in the Members section at <http://uusd.org/index.php/board-of-trustees-meeting-minutes.html>.

HIGHLIGHTS: JUNE 7, 2016 UUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

— Dan Payne, Secretary, Board of Trustees

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda, consisting of the May 10, 2016 Board meeting minutes, Financial report, and the Interim Minister's report, was approved.

Financial Report: Gary Colangelo, Finance Officer

- Gary noted May's net income was a little over three thousand dollars and expected net income for the year to be in the twenty thousand dollar range, if trends continue.
- Gary also furnished a report on the status of the Capital Campaign, which has been very successful. He noted a little over fifty-nine thousand dollars of pledges remain to be fulfilled and that the Capital Committee will do some follow-up work in July with congregants.

Report on the FY15 Financial Review

- Joanne Saltzberg commented on the work done by the team consisting of her, Pat Murdock and Lee Summerville. FY 15 was a very challenging year for Finance given the resignation of the Voluntary Accountant in January 2015, the acquisition of the property from the Pioneers, obtaining of a mortgage, commencement of construction of our new home and the change to PowerChurch for financial reporting. The report outlined the steps taken by the team to insure the books and record accurately reflected UUSD's financial position.
- The report concluded everything was in order, but noted areas for improvement including updating financial policies and more strict adherence to the budget reporting process. The entire report may be found on the UUSD website in the Members section at <http://www.uussd.org/images/PDFS/2016-June--BOT-Meeting/Financial-Review-FY2015.pdf> and attached to the Annual Committee Reports at <http://www.uussd.org/images/PDFS/Annual-Meeting-2016/2016AnnualComRepts-FinancialReview.pdf>.

Special Fundraising and Delmarva Cluster Retreat: Pat Schaeffer, Co-Chair Denominational Affairs and UUSD Cluster Representative

- Deanna Duby asked Denominational Affairs if they would be willing to support UUSD hosting a "Paint Night" fundraiser in coordination with UU Central Delaware and UU Salisbury to help reduce overall costs for the upcoming Cluster Retreat. Amber Peterson would coordinate the event at UUSD. While supporting the fundraising concept, Pat asked whether there would be sufficient participation from UUSD members, including the Board and Church Council, to make the fundraiser successful, particularly given the likely \$30 admission fee.
- After much discussion and feedback from Amber Peterson, the Board voted to approve UUSD hosting the Paint Night fundraiser. The Board also expressed their support for participation in other upcoming Cluster events, such as the Cluster Beach Day on July 23 and the Cluster Retreat.

Update on the Selection of Ministerial Search Committee

- Deanna reported that Rev. Craig Hirshberg was assigned by the UUA to work with the Search Committee in conducting the search for a permanent (settled) minister. She will give a sermon in early July focused on the process and the role of the Search Committee in identifying the candidate the congregation will need to approve.
- Both Rev. Paula and Deanna reported that they have learned that there is no monetary savings to be gained by doing an abbreviated versus full search. Accordingly, the Board opted for the full search process.

Solar Update

- Gary Schmidt gave an update on UUSD's efforts on going Solar. He said all the paperwork, including the lease of the solar panels from Clean Energy USA, has been completed. Installation of the panels should occur in early August. Anticipated annual lease and energy costs should approximate \$2,700, which is substantially below our budgeted costs.

Congregational Meeting Planning

- All documentation and absentee ballots have been distributed to congregants. Joyce Fitch will be nominated from the floor for the open Board slot.

Property Management Update

- The portion of the fence damaged by falling limbs will be replaced.

Plan for July Board Meeting

- Current and newly elected Board Members will meet at the Church for an orientation session, then remove to a restaurant, and following the meal, the new Board will officially meet. In the orientation, it is intended that each Board member be given instructions about procedures (including locking up the building) to be followed on days he or she is Board Representative, as well as the year's schedule of board representative assignment dates.

RESULTS OF ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

— Dan Payne, Secretary, Board of Trustees

Dan Payne, Board Secretary, declared that a quorum was met. Including both present and absentee ballots, 78 were received. (The required quorum is 30 percent of the current 124 eligible members or 38.)

Kaz Huston, Chair, Leadership Development Committee, presented the slate of three Board of Trustee candidates as follows: Gary Colangelo, Gwen Johnson, and Pat Murdock.

Joyce Fitch was presented as a write-in candidate by Lee Summerville. All candidates spoke briefly. Election of candidates was called. Gary Colangelo (76), Joyce Fitch (56), Gwen Johnson (77), and Pat Murdock (76) were elected. There was one write in vote for Gary Schmidt. (Vote count in brackets).

Kaz Huston presented the two Leadership Development Committee candidates, Kath Johnson and Ruth Lamothe, who spoke briefly. There were no write-in candidates. Election was called and Kath Johnson (59) and Ruth Lamothe (60) were elected. There was one write in vote for Donna Dolce. (Vote count in brackets).

Gary Colangelo, Finance Officer, presented Motion 1: Move to approve the Operating Budget of \$235,093 for 2016-2017 fiscal (FY17). Motion passed **78 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions**.

Gary Colangelo presented Motion 2: Move approval of a Capital Budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year (FY17) with a total net expenditure of \$50,000. Motion passed **78 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions**.

Deanna Duby presented Motion 3: Move approval of the Resolution of Conscience as proposed by the UUSD Social & Environmental Justice Committee. **Motion passed 76 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions**.

DID YOU KNOW? — RON SCHAEFFER

THE YEAR OF THE WOMAN

In American politics, 2016 could be the year of the woman as we have the opportunity to elect a woman president. The same thing can happen in our UUA world, as all current candidates for UUA president to be elected in 2017 are women. As we know, it was just 96 years ago that women in America finally received the right to vote nationally with the nineteenth amendment to the Constitution. Did Unitarianism and Universalism play a role in women's suffrage? The answer is actually quite simple — yes. And, I'll take the next several *Did You Know?* columns to explain this.

Many women from many backgrounds and faiths played important roles in bringing about the right to vote for women in 1920, but the leadership, and particularly, the early leadership, came from women who also found their religious faith in Unitarian or Universalist congregations. I will provide brief sketches of these heroines over the next several months. 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.

The first woman to be celebrated in this special focus on the suffrage movement is **Lucy Stone** (1818 — 1893). She was born in rural Massachusetts, and worked as a teacher starting in her late teens. She was quoted as explaining her vision early in her life to her family and friends, “I expect to plead not for the slave only, but for suffering humanity everywhere. Especially do I mean to labor for the elevation of my sex.” Her family was orthodox Congregationalist, but she declared herself a Unitarian at age 25, because of the abolitionist position of the denomination. Her parents tried to discourage her from going to college, but she earned her own money and eventually graduated with honors at age 29 from Oberlin College — the first Massachusetts woman to have earned a college degree anywhere. She lectured tirelessly on both abolition and women’s rights through much of her life. She married Henry Blackwell in 1855, keeping her maiden name, in what is described as truly an egalitarian marriage. She helped organize the American Woman Suffrage Association in 1869, and she founded the weekly publication, the *Woman’s Journal* in 1870, both seen as major achievements at the time. As she lay dying at age 75, her last words to friends around her were, “make the world better.” She requested cremation, another innovation for the time, and her ashes are buried in Forest Hill Cemetery in Boston.



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The next woman we will celebrate is Julia Ward Howe, another Unitarian woman, who did much more than write the Battle Hymn of the Republic in 1862. Tune in next month for her story.

Note on the June Did You Know? Column: A quick and important correction — I reported last month that the original painting entitled *The Proclamation of the Act of Torda*, by Aladar Korostoi-Kriesch is on display in the City Museum of Budapest (we have a copy in our church entrance). This is what is reported in Wikipedia. Well, it turns out that the latest spring 2016 edition of the UU Partner Church News has a short article about the painting, and indicates that the painting is now on display at the Torda Museum of History. Evidently, it is quite a large painting with the figures life-size, and the colors radiating the natural wood, flesh, and fabric colors. One of the visitors viewing the painting in the Partner News article said, “We could stand so close to the picture that we felt as though we were in the church with the people in the painting.” It is definitely worth a visit next time you are in Romania.

COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCLUDES; FOCUS ON MOVEMENT FOR BLACK LIVES ON FINAL DAY — Ron & Pat Schaeffer, Co-Chairs

The five-day UUA General Assembly in Columbus concluded on Sunday, June 26 with the movement for black lives and young UUs of color taking the main stage (<http://www.uuworld.org/articles/uuaga16-closing-worship>). The final day wrapped up an intense and emotional week for many participants at GA, where racial justice was a predominant theme in programming, worship, and witness. In the closing minutes of the final business session, the Assembly passed a resolution demanding a multiyear report on antiracism work from the UUA. The resolution was drafted by youth caucus leaders and was supported by Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism organizers, who were “frustrated by “uneven progress” from UU congregations on racial justice.” (*UU World*, June 27, 2016).

Other key votes included:

2016-2020 Congregational Study Action Issue (Approved): The Corruption of Democracy

Actions of Immediate Witness (Approved):

- Build Solidarity With Muslims;
- Some Guns, All Guns: Legislating Appropriate Restrictions; and
- Stop the Hate: Protect and Support our Transgender Brothers and Sisters.

Special Shout-Outs: **Susan Goekler**, Chair of the Commission on Social Witness, whose group managed the Congregational Study Action Issue; and to **Mac Goekler** for advocating on behalf of a proposed Congregational Study Action Issue to end gun violence. Susan and Mac are new UUSD members.

Rev. Paula will be working with Mac and Susan Goekler to organize a service later this summer on this year's GA. Look for additional information on this General Assembly, including the results of more key votes and key GA programming, in the August newsletter.



(Submitted by Pat Schaeffer)

Eleven members of UUSD attend the UUA General Assembly including (l.to r. above) Dan and Ceil Payne, Dianne Conine, Margaret Keefe, Jean Charles, Amber Peterson, Anne Pikolas, Rev. Paula and Giovanni Maiorano, and Pat and Ron Schaeffer.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME MARTY MCLAREN TO UUSD

— Bobbi Dunham, Co-Chair



A big welcome goes to new member, Marty McLaren, who joined UUSD on April 24, 2016.

Marty, her husband, Clyde, and Bassett hound, Baxter, moved to Lewes from Gettysburg 10 years ago after visiting the beach area for many years. However, shortly after they moved, Clyde was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and Marty had been caring for him at home until three years ago when she was required to find in-patient care for him. He now resides at the DE Veterans Home in Milford. Marty and Clyde have three children, son Ryan, living in New Jersey daughter Terri, who resides in Utah; and son Skeeter (Clyde, Jr.), who lives in Washington state. They also have four grandchildren. This summer Marty is meeting up

with their children and grandchildren to go tent camping in Yellowstone. What an adventure.

Before retirement, Marty spent many years teaching school, first as a biology lab instructor at Gettysburg College, then for many years teaching eighth grade science. Many of Marty's interests have followed her into retirement. She loves to read, knit and is an avid watercolor artist, as well as a member of her local Red Hat group. She has volunteered at Prime Hook, Fort Miles, and Meals on Wheels. Marty was diagnosed with MS several years ago, and she is an active member of the local MS support group.

Marty was raised Lutheran and continued in that religion through her adult life, volunteering in many capacities. However, after moving to Lewes, she found that Unitarian Universalism was more in keeping with her beliefs, and she found a home at UUSD. Marty has already become active in our church community; she has joined the Meditation Covenant group and the craft group and has just joined the book club.

We welcome Marty into our UUSD family.

WELCOME SUSAN SEIM TO UUSD

— Bobbie Dunham, Co-Chair



Welcome one of our newest members, Susan Seim, who joined our UUSD family on May 1, 2016.

Susan moved to Rehoboth in November. She was born and raised in Lutherville, outside Baltimore, and for many years, came to Rehoboth to vacation. After retiring, she purchased a vacation home with the idea of commuting between Rehoboth and Lutherville. However, after a short time, she found that living at the beach permanently was a better choice. Her dog, Dewey, who Susan adopted in January, and two cats share her home.

Susan graduated from NYU with a degree in journalism and worked for many years doing marketing and communications for nonprofits. She retired on disability from the Council on Quality Leadership (CQL) doing support and training for people working with the disabled.

Susan was raised in a "relaxed" Lutheran church, but eventually became dissatisfied. A friend suggested she try the UU church in Towson. Susan became a member and raised her two sons, Henry, age 23, who just graduated from UMBC, and Eli, age 20 as UUs. During the 16 years she belonged to the Towson UU congregation, she was on the Operations Committee and started the Communications Committee.

Susan says she is still finding her way around the area and working on meeting people and looking for activities of interest. She is interested in pastoral care and would like to join a Covenant group.

We extend a warm welcome to Susan and are happy to have you with us.

PARTNER CHURCH

— Ceil Toth, Chair

The Spring Partner Church newsletter has arrived and is posted on the UUSD bulletin board. There are many interesting articles, including one on the UU San Jose, California church pilgrimage to their partner in Transylvania. Another is by Cathy Cordes, who is retiring as the executive director of Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council (UUPCC). She was instrumental in helping UUSD partner with the Tordatur congregation back in 2009-2010. She also helped us to bring Rev. Bodor and Marton to UUSD for five weeks in the summer of 2012. We wish her a Happy

Retirement. On page 17, there is information on a "budget" pilgrimage to Transylvania from May 27 to June 8, 2017. Don't miss the photo on page 15 of the Cow and Car Wash. There is a saying in Transylvania that there are two rush hours every day — 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. — when the cows leave for pasture, and when they return back to their village. The eight of us, who went on the 2014 pilgrimage, can attest to that!

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AN UPDATE FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

— Deanna Duby, Co-Chair

There are a lot of items on the Property Management Committee's agenda these days, perhaps because of the beginning of the spring/summer season, or perhaps because looking after this wonderful church home is just a labor-intensive job! Here is an update on what's happening:

- As you know, we are going solar! We are progressing toward having an operational system by early August. We have contracted with **Clean Energy USA (CEUSA)**, a subsidiary of Schell Bros., who offer a very attractive lease program specifically for nonprofits. There is a process of permits and approvals that is underway and being completely handled by CEUSA. The panel installation will be on the west roof of the sanctuary and is designed (and **guaranteed**) to provide 90 percent of our electric usage. Our Land & Building Committee anticipated that panels would be installed on this roof, so the sanctuary roof trusses were specifically designed to carry this load.

There are no capital or maintenance costs for UUSD, and the monthly lease costs are contracted for the 20-year term of the lease. We project our electric utility cost will be reduced by over 60 percent — and the residual cost will be largely for leasing solar generating equipment, rather than purchasing power from Delmarva Power & Light.

- Alert for all staff and committee chairs: Our communication systems are, we hope, improving! You (i.e., each staff person and all committees) now have your own mail slot in UUSD's church office. This will be the place that we will put any mail that comes in for you or your committee, or that is determined to be of interest to you — so check it often when you are at the church. It is also a place where your committee members or others who have papers or items for you can leave them. Just FYI — the office is just outside the large RE room. In addition, we will also be setting up some e-mail addresses for some staff and leaders/committees, so that e-mails that come in through the website can be forwarded correctly. In addition, those addresses will be used internally and are listed on page 17 of this newsletter so that church members will be aware of how to reach staff and some committees by e-mail, without having to look up personal e-mail addresses in the directory. We may be adding others over time, so let us know if you have questions, concerns, or the need to set one up for your committee. (And if you receive an email inquiry forwarded from our webmaster, that's how it got to you. Please respond promptly.)
- We occasionally have need of a central "Lost and Found" location, as items are left at the church. That is being set up and, for now at least, it will be on the bottom level of the library shelves, just inside the gathering area when you come from the church foyer. If you find something that is left in the sanctuary or elsewhere, just drop it in there, and if you've lost something at the church, check there first. If it turns out that we need a bigger space, we will relocate it, and we'll let you know that.
- Our Landscape Management subcommittee has been hard at work on the grounds, as I'm sure you can tell from the beautiful annuals that have been planted, and the weeding and general care that has been done. They've also arranged for huge amounts of brush to be removed, and have generally looked after our large property. They would love to have some volunteer help, so please watch for notices in the community Update that they are planning a workday and need some helping hands.
- The Property Management Committee (PMC), primarily through the Rental and Usage Subcommittee, has been in discussions with various committees that are planning events and donation drives, so that use of the facility can be

factored into the planning process. Unlike Toddy's, our new home requires a bit more planning ahead when it comes to use of space, since there are now multiple (and sometimes competing) uses of space throughout each week, we have a new and larger space to care for, and we have found that joint planning goes a long way toward avoiding surprises and conflicts later. First off — be sure your event or other need for space is on the calendar. **Reserving space is absolutely required.** Then, if this is a complex event, will require storage of items or a big set-up, and definitely, if it involves use of the sanctuary, please contact PMC. We have been pleased at the way these conversations and planning sessions are going, and we look forward to continuing to work cooperatively with everyone who is planning an event. PMC met with those planning the yard sale recently, and we feel confident that this important event will be successful, and that the space needs will all be met in a way that works for everyone!

If you have any questions, or want to discuss an event or other activity, please feel free to contact PMC (Deanna Duby and Gary Schmidt, Co-Chairs) or the Rental and Usage Subcommittee (Pat Murdock, Chair).

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

UUSD'S GROWTH PLAN YIELDS SIX MONTHS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

— Joanne Saltzberg, Chair, Long-Range Planning

Reverend Paula has dubbed UUSD “the little church that could,” and nowhere is the truth of that statement more evident than in the breadth of activities that emanated from UUSD's Growth Plan passed at the end of 2015 – *Linking and Strengthening Our Ministries of Connection*. It would be hard to find an area of congregational life that hasn't been touched in these past six months by the initiatives that came from the creative minds and hard work of UUSD's Church Council. Because they took on the leadership for this plan, the work of the committees and that of the growth plan has been, if not seamless just yet, a very productive collaboration that has strengthened the connections among our dedicated leaders and yielded some amazing results!

Here are some highlights from a very long list:

- Lifelong spiritual growth and education has been enriched by an expansion of small group ministries (formerly known as covenant groups) participation guided by a new subcommittee. Six new groups have been added for a total of eleven. That is almost a 50 percent growth rate.
- Programs for families with children and youth have been strengthened by the addition of a monthly game night, inviting youth to participate in the worship service, and having children periodically sing with the choir. One of the new covenant groups will be for parents. Going forward, there will be an intergenerational play in July and Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes will be held in 2017.
- Although UUSD has a long and strong history of actions for social and economic justice, it moved closer to its growth goal of being recognized as a center for progressive thought and social justice by offering compelling courses such as a film series about the life of Trappist monk, Thomas Merton; an exploration of the afterlife, “Where Do We Go From Here?”, and Darwin Day. In the future, look for more exciting programming that includes a public forum series on progressive issues, an annual event focusing on the changing role of feminism, a joint Shoah remembrance service, and new community outreach programs.
- Attracting and keeping people, who share UU principles, is essential for UUSD to thrive and grow. There have been special efforts to get people connected by increasing the number of Newcomer luncheons and UU101 classes; a Membership table is in the foyer and staffed at every event and worship service; and brochures are being updated.
- Unitarian Universalists affirm unconditional, universal love as a foundation and grounding for its actions in the world. The “Standing On The Side Of Love” (SOSOL) program is made live at UUSD by its work for economic and social justice. Going forward, there will be worship services and adult education classes that focus on this important theme.
- Though not as visible as some of the programming activities, teams, and committees working on the critical issues of assessment, resource needs, and infrastructure have made great progress. Surveys will go out in the

near future, pieces of the financial needs analysis are being completed, and our new accounting and membership software will be cloud-based.

- Acknowledging that UUSD is part of the greater UUA community, there was a larger than usual delegation to the regional conference and a group of eleven attended the annual General Assembly in Ohio. Extra effort is being made to have higher attendance at regional events in the summer and fall.
- The physical foundation of UUSD's growth is its beautiful new home. Although the congregation is the main beneficiary of the property, through collaborations with groups such as Ayre Craft and rentals to kindred groups, it is being used to the benefit of the community.

The upshot of all this is that UUSD is growing in all of the important ways — our spiritual lives are enriched; there are more members and visitors; and we are maintaining our organizational health, living our values, and participating in outside UU activities. Most importantly, the work to grow is being shared by all. Again, kudos to a great, great team. Stay tuned and in touch because this is only the first six months!

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 put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place or contact [Betty Kirk](#).***

Resolution of Conscience and Statement of Positions: For the second year in a row, the UUSD congregation, at its Annual Meeting on June 12 adopted a Resolution that sets forth its commitment to social and environmental justice issues. The new Resolution is the result of a several-month-long process that included soliciting written comments and conducting a congregational forum to hear issues and concerns important to the participants. Major changes from the previous year's Resolution include a statement that social and environmental justice is the responsibility of all UUSD members and highlighting four justice areas for which UUSD takes a stand: Racial; Women, Family and Sexuality; Economic; and Environmental. The Resolution also includes a statement of the types of activities in which UUSD will engage over the next year. Thank you to the UUSD congregation for adopting the Resolution! If you would like to read the Resolution, you will find it on the UUSD website at <http://uussd.org/images/PDFS/SocialJustice/Resolution-of-Conscience-Final.pdf>.

Invitation: 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.

UU MEMBERS FORM THE UU DELAWARE ADVOCACY NETWORK (UUDAN)

— Don Peterson, Chair

As you can imagine, it is a challenge for members of a single Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregation to undertake effective public action at the state level. We need to collaborate with other like-minded congregations. This is where the UU Delaware Advocacy Network (UUDAN) comes in. On June 10, 2016, after several months of preliminary work, a group of individuals representing social justice committees from all five Delaware UU congregations founded the ***UU Delaware Advocacy Network***. The goal is to connect the social justice work in all of Delaware's UU congregations in

order to have a **stronger voice** to advocate for social justice issues in Delaware. Advocacy Networks is a UU-wide movement that creates capacity to advocate for change at the state level. Working together over time, we can impact public policy and programs to better reflect our values.

In forming UUDAN, we have benefitted from expert consultation provided by the Coalition of UU State Advocacy Networks (CUUSAN), the national coalition of 20 State Advocacy Networks, and from the Maryland State Advocacy Network (SAN). Based on their guidance, UUDAN is not incorporated as a separate organization, but has been established as a program of the Unitarian Universalists of Central Delaware (UUCD) located in our state capital. At their annual meeting on June 5, the UUCD congregation voted to sponsor UUDAN. The UUCD minister, *Rev. Greg Chute*, and *Jack Guerin* from the Mill Creek congregation are serving as Co-Chairs of UUDAN. *Don Peterson* and *Peter Schott* from UUSD will serve on the Leadership Team.

ENHANCING OUR UU PROFILE IN DELAWARE

— Don Peterson, Chair

Our congregations face a major challenge to achieve growth and diversity. UU Delaware Advocacy Network (UUDAN) has adopted an inclusive approach welcoming people who support our issues regardless of religious affiliation. The public advocacy process at the state level requires working with a coalition of organizations. Below is a list of some of the organizations we have been working with:

Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow (CDNJC)
Delaware Center for Justice (DCJ)
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
Complexities of Color
Black Lives Matter
League of Women Voters
Delaware Black Caucus
Interdenominational Ministers Action Council of Delaware (IMAC)
Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice
Sussex Unity

This work engages us with organizations that share our values and engage a multi-cultural following. Taking our social justice program to the state level will also generate favorable publicity for our denomination.

Please consider becoming a member of UUDAN. Membership in UUDAN is free! Individuals, not congregations, will be members. The Leadership Team, guided by UUDAN members, will decide which issues to pursue collectively. The work will be done completely by volunteers. For more information and to ***join the movement***, contact Don Peterson or Peter Schott.

“BEAT THE HEAT”

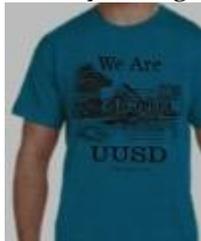
— Don Peterson, Chair

Once again, the Social & Environmental Justice Committee (S&EJ) will be coordinating a collection drive to support the ***Immanuel Shelter*** for the homeless. Between July 10 and July 24, S&EJ is collecting hats, sunscreen, water bottles, insect repellent, lip balm, and similar items that will help the homeless population (men, women and children) in the Lewes/Rehoboth area get through the heat of summer. If you have any questions, please contact [Don Peterson](#) for more information.

NEW UUSD TEE SHIRTS ON SALE AT UUSD ON JULY 3

— Anne Pikolas

Several years ago, we designed a simple tee shirt identifying us as UUSD. When we went into the community for any kind of social justice or environmental activity, we wore them, and people started to know who we were. Now that we are in our beautiful new space, we have once again designed a simple tee. The sale of these new tee shirts will be a fundraiser for the church. Some of you might not like to wear tees, but please keep in mind that when we all wear them, we make an impressive group. These are men's sizes S-2XL, and they will be on sale July 3 in the foyer. Prices are \$18 for regular sizes, \$20 for 2XL. Cash only please.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

FUNDRAISING

CRAFT WORKSHOP SCHEDULED JULY 6, 10:00 AM AT UUSD

— Valerie Andrews and Karen Lunstead

The UUSD Arts and Craft group is interested in having new members and friends join us. We meet at UUSD on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. to work on crafts for the November Craft Fair. We are always looking for new faces, and you can bring your own ideas to work on or join in on something that needs to be finished! A good time is had by all. We break for lunch and ask everyone to bring a sandwich and something to share like a salad or dessert.

The next workshop is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 6 at 10:00 a.m.** in the church's gathering area. Looking ahead, we will need bakers and candy and cookie makers for the crafts fair. Updates will be posted. We're also going to have a 'Unique Boutique' shop, selling items in good condition and above yard sale quality. So, keep that in mind when donating items! Please contact [Val Andrews](#) if you have any questions.

FIRST FRIDAY FILM

“THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING” ON JULY 8

— Karen Lunstead

Note: Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the next film will be shown on **Friday, July 8**. “The Theory of Everything” is the story of the most brilliant and celebrated physicist of our time, Stephen Hawking, who was given just two years to live following the diagnosis of a fatal illness at 21 years of age. He became galvanized by the love of fellow Cambridge student, Jane Wilde, and went on to be called the successor to Einstein. Over the course of their marriage, as his body collapsed and his academic renown soared, fault lines in their relationship were exposed which dramatically altered the course of both of their lives. Eddie Redmayne won an Academy Award for his portrayal of Hawking, and the movie was nominated for Best Picture. Laura Borsdorf will lead the discussion after the movie. A potluck dinner before the film starts at 6 p.m. The film starts at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Please email [Karen Lunstead](#) or call her at 302-231-8192 with any questions.

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

NEXT UUSD GAME NIGHT SET FOR JULY 15 FROM 6:30 P.M. — 8:30 P.M.

— Amber Peterson, Director, Lifespan Faith Development

Don't forget our new Game Night! The next one will be July 15 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.

ACTIVITIES

UUSD CHURCH PICNIC SET FOR SUNDAY, JULY 17 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

— Paul Barnette, Chair



The annual UUSD Church Picnic is set for **Sunday, July 17** immediately following the worship service. Everyone is invited! We will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, beverages, and paper goods. There will be vegetarian options also. We ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be games and activities for all ages. Please sign-up after church and indicate what dish you plan to bring. If you have any questions about the picnic, talk to Paul Barnette, Jan Daily, or Gwen Johnson. Note: Paul's new cell phone number is **410-600-5100**.

DELMARVA CLUSTER

ANNUAL DELMARVA CLUSTER BEACH DAY SCHEDULED JULY 23, 10:30 A.M. IN LEWES

— Amber Peterson, Director, Lifespan Faith Development

Plan to join us at the Annual Delmarva Cluster Beach Day on Saturday, July 23 beginning at 10:30 a.m.! This is a fun day to spend with UUSD friends, meet other UUs, and enjoy all the beach has to offer! Bring a picnic lunch and your favorite beach activities and enjoy the calm bay waters. Our Beach Day is located at the Lewes Beach at the end of Savannah Rd. (Rt. 9). We encourage people of all ages (families, individuals, and couples) to join us for this day of fun in the sun. We have not had many Cluster events locally, so to have one so close is a treat. Plus other UUs that travel quite a distance to join us would love to see a large showing of locals. So come on out and support our locally hosted beach day!

DELMARVA CLUSTER

“PAINT NIGHT” FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT CLUSTER RETREAT COMING SOON

— Amber Peterson, Director, Lifespan Faith Development

We are also planning to have a newly popular Paint Night in the near future, though the date has not yet been determined. This will be a fundraiser for the upcoming Delmarva Cluster Retreat, which will be October 7-9. For the Paint Night, we will have painters from First U of Wilmington bring all the supplies and know-how to instruct our participants in creating their own Mandala to take home. We will be holding this Paint Night with UU Central Delaware and UU Salisbury congregations, and it should be a great time. Keep a lookout for more information!

FUNDRAISING

SAVE-THE-DATE: MEGA UUSD YARD SALE SCHEDULED SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

— Gwen Johnson, Yard Sale Coordinator



The **Fundraising Committee** is planning an All-Church Mega Yard Sale for **Saturday, August 27** at UUSD from **8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Here's how you can help.

- Save 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. Make sure all items are clean and functioning.
- Your Yard Sale items may be dropped off on **Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, August 24, 25 and 26**, between **12 p.m. and 4 p.m.** Contact Gwen Johnson at 302-396-7107 if you need an alternate time for delivery of items.
- We will 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 the right owner.
- We will need **lots of volunteers** to make this event a success. Tasks for volunteers include:
 - Carrying stored Yard Sale items up from Gwen and Jane's basement and bringing them to church.

- Helping to sort and organize items by category and ensure all items are clean and priced.
- Setting up Yard Sale signs.
- Helping to set up tables and display items for sale.
- Providing assistance to customers.
- Helping to clear away unsold items and transport them to the donation center or dumpster (some items may be kept and stored until the next UUSD Auction).
- Helping to take down tables and be responsible for getting the borrowed ones to their owners.

Sylvia Daniels will be coordinating our volunteer pool. Please call her at 302-945-1218 or [FA 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.

DELMARVA CLUSTER

SAVE-THE-DATE: 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 Tochwogh in Worton, Maryland. This will be a wonderful multi-generational experience for everyone at UUSD. And, it is a special opportunity to grow Unitarian Universalism on the Delmarva Peninsula and have a lot of fun! Additional information may be found on the Delmarva Cluster Retreat website: <http://uudelmarva.org/cluster-retreat>. Please contact [Pat Schaeffer](#) or [Amber Peterson](#) if you have any questions or need more information.

JULY HIGHLIGHTS

JULY: Tuesday & Thursday, 5-7:00 p.m.

ESL Classes

Contact: [Betty Kirk](#)

JULY 6, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

Crafts Workshop

Contact: Valerie Andrews

JULY 8, Friday, 6:00 p.m.

First Friday Film — *The Theory of Everything*

Contact: [Karen Lunstead](#), 302-231-8192

JULY 11, Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Book Group: *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong. In this thoughtful book, Armstrong sets out a program that can lead us to a more compassionate life. Facilitator: Linda Marsden. Contact Bobbi Dunham: 302-644-2207.

JULY: 11, 18, & 25 at 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Gentle Yoga Ongoing Class – All Levels

Contact: [Holly Piper-Smith](#)

JULY 12, Tuesday, 7-9:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting – All are welcome.

Contact: [Deanna Duby](#)

JULY 15, Friday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Friends and Family Game Night

Contact: [Amber Peterson](#)

JULY 17, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

UUSD Church Picnic at UUSD

Contact: Paul Barnette

JULY 23: Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

UU Delmarva Cluster Beach Day – Lewes Beach

Contact: [Amber Peterson](#)



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