



UUSD Newsletter ■ June 2016

June 5 — “Love Illuminated” on Music Sunday — Dr. Marcelle Schiff, Music Director: Dr. Schiff and the UUSD Choir will be joined on Music Sunday by New York Times best-selling author Dr. Emily Nagoski; Dr. Amelia Nagoski, assistant professor and choral director at Western New England University; and members of the auditioned community ensemble Ayre Craft. This Music Sunday worship service will be filled with laughter, smiles, and song with insights into various types of relationship dynamics, each illuminated by a song from a musical.

June 12 — The Heart of our Spiritual Home — Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister: This is a Sunday celebrating and recognizing our many volunteers, truly the heart of a congregation like ours. It is such an honor to be part of it and to speak on James Luther Adams’ essay, *Voluntarism*, from his book *On Being Human Religiously*. Adams was one of our great Unitarian prophetic voices of the twentieth century.

June 19 — In Solidarity with Men: A Father’s Day Service — Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister: An often overlooked aspect of the feminist movement and the advancement of women is that in many and myriad ways patriarchy harms men as much as women. It is important that we honor and support the men in our lives so that they too may become fully and authentically human. This service reflects on the whys and hows.

June 26 — Trinity — Len Bowman, PhD, UUSD Member: The Christian teaching of Trinity is among the Sources from which our living tradition draws. The Trinity dogma has had a tragicomic history. Perhaps most tragic is that the theological dogma has managed to conceal, rather than reveal, the spiritual mystery. Perhaps we can touch that mystery — expressed in many of the world’s religious traditions — living at the core of our consciousness and embracing our entire universe.

UUSD MEMBERS: VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
Exercise your right to vote at the UUSD Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 12, at 11:30am. See page 4 for more information, including handouts.

SPECIAL THANKS TO COMMUNICATIONS
Please join me in thanking the Communications Committee for their hard work over the past church year. They include Sue Brown - Newsletter Copy Editor/Photography, Margaret Keefe - Website Administrator, Jane Miller - Board Liaison, Linda Palmer - Newsletter Lead Copy Editor, Joanne Saltzberg - Strategy Co-Chair, Courtney Sanborn, Ron Schaeffer, Alleane Taylor - Website Administrator, and Pat Williams - Publicity. They and other unsung heroes work hard every day to communicate all the wonderful ways that UUSD advances its mission. A heartfelt thanks goes to all of them.
-- Sincerely, Pat Schaeffer, Operations Co-Chair.

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

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REV. PAULA MAIORANO, INTERIM MINISTER

WE ARE WRAPPING UP AN AMAZING YEAR!



Thank you, thank you, thank you — all of you who have contributed in any way to the vision and its implementation that has resulted in such an amazing spiritual home. It was only September when the first worship service was offered, and October when the new building was dedicated.

The stewardship campaign was limited in fanfare, yet we surpassed our goal. The auction, the first in our new location, was a fun and festive night out. A thank you all church picnic is being planned for July by the fundraising committee. I will be off the month of July, but will step out of vacation for this picnic to thank you all there.

Our social justice and community outreach has expanded this year, demonstrating that we live our mission. I want to particularly thank the cleaning team of our volunteers who, by taking on regular cleaning, helped to meet the largest budget you've ever had. (Respite is in sight with cleaning in next year's budget.) The Building & Grounds Committee keeps us looking beautiful and trim, and their projects save us money.

Worship has been central with attendance high. Our glorious choir continues to expand. I listened to eighteen singers on Mother's Day! Our choir director, Dr. Marcelle Schiff, is to be congratulated. Our ushers and greeters have done an amazing job.

Kudos also to our Lifespan Religious Director, Amber Peterson, whose adjustment to new and larger space with more children attending in many different curriculum ages has kept her busy. We listened to the responses on how to improve the child time in service, and the children love it.

UUSD has competent, committed, and hardworking board leadership and committee chairs, hidden talents everywhere, a core of worker bees, and has become known as "the little church that could." This reputation has already excited several of our UU ministers who are in search!

And, of course, no one would know much about anything if it weren't for the amazing job done by our extraordinary Communications team.

Next year is shaping up as great as this one, and I thank you all for that as well!

In celebration and with a heart overflowing with gratitude.

In peace, *Rev. Paula*

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN — DEANNA DUBY



I'm reasonably sure that I am not the only member of UUSD who is moved to anger and/or tears almost daily by the news. As I listen to NPR in the car, or read the papers, or watch the evening news, I find that I can hardly bear what is happening in the world, in this country, or even here in Sussex County. And, I find myself seeking solace more desperately than ever before.

Years ago — 1975, to be exact — novelist Anne Rivers Siddons published a book of essays titled *John Chancellor Makes Me Cry*. It's a wonderful book, if a bit dated now. The reason I was thinking of it lately is that the introductory essay in the collection — and hence, the title of the book — is about the fact that she found herself crying nightly as she watched the evening news. (For those of you too young to remember,

John Chancellor was, for a number of years, the anchor for NBC Nightly News.) She was overwhelmed by the many tragic and horrifying things she saw on the news, about which she could do nothing. As she describes it:

“...[T]he tears catch me unaware, a flood tide that rises up through my throat, reddening my eyes and corrugating my face truly hideously, spilling out in a guttering runnel of Revlon, prompting me to strangle and snort and rush into the bedroom for a Kleenex, and my husband to sigh.”

My own experience is that a mixture of anger, frustration, and pain well up in me, and I can't find words to express any of it. And, it's not just this insane presidential campaign — though that would be plenty! It's the Islamic State, the Lewes Fourth Street Forest, and mass shootings everywhere. And, all I can do is shout at the computer, radio, or TV, or throw the paper on the floor and scream. Siddons concludes that her feelings arise out of not just the helplessness, but the inability to “transact” — to even talk with someone about it. And, she concludes that she just needs to anchor herself in her own life: “And so I run for comfort to my own life like I run to my refrigerator for Rocky Road ice cream when I can't balance my checkbook.”

This all gives me yet another reason to be so grateful for UUSD, and this nurturing community. We share so much, and support each other in our happiness and our celebrations, but also in our grief, our frustration, our pain at what is happening in our world. I know that I will find like-minded souls here, and we can commiserate and work together to bring our focus back to our own faith community, where we view the world through the seven principles that guide our lives. This is where we are doing what we can to make things better. It gives me some hope. Again, in Siddons' words: “It is orderly in its ordinariness, it is reassuring in its familiarity, and it is mine. . . I can keep my finger on it. I can tote it up and leaf through it.” I am so grateful for all of you, for the warmth and welcome I find in this place, and for the solace it gives me when the world outside gets to be just too much.

Bless you all, and have a wonderful June!

— Deanna Duby, Board President

NOTE: CHANGE IN JUNE BOARD MEETING DATE AND TIME

The Board of Trustees will hold their June meeting on Tuesday, June 7 from 1 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please note the new date and new time. The Board has made this change so it has an opportunity to meet before the June 12 Annual Meeting. This change applies only to the June Board Meeting. All are welcome to attend.

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT — AMBER PETERSON



Thank You Teachers! We had our challenges this year, with moving, figuring out our new space, and dealing with a new Director of Lifespan Faith Development (me). Some of our teachers had life challenges and had to step away, others stepped in to fill the need, others maintained from beginning to end of our curricula year, and still others provided special summer programs or mentoring. Whatever the case, I am very grateful for each and every one of you! Our programs don't run without you! Because of you, our children can learn UU lessons in an age appropriate format. Because of you, our older children are able to ask "big questions" and explore their beliefs and values in a safe and nurturing environment. Because of you, our children feel more comfortable within our congregation since several teachers teach each class and the children see those same faces in our service and at Social Hour. You are the heart of our programs and the face of our UU world to our young ones. Thank you for your dedication to helping our children understand our principles and thrive in our

community. I hope you will be able to attend the recognition Sunday service on June 12, so you can be honored in person. You are greatly valued and appreciated and your service is something to celebrate! Thank you again for all the big and small things you do all the time to keep our programs running smoothly. Namaste.

A special thank you to Betty Kirk and Len Bowman, for maintaining and growing our adult education programs, and to all the teachers who help make those programs possible. Our community is vastly enriched by your efforts and you are appreciated greatly! I hope you can also attend on June 12 so you can be celebrated as well! Namaste.

— 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 the meeting. ***Please note: the Board's June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, the first Tuesday in June instead of the second Tuesday. This one-time change is so the Board has a chance to meet before the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 12. They will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.***

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 meeting section is in the members-only page at <http://uusd.org/index.php/board-of-trustees-meeting-minutes.html>.

JUNE 12, 2016 ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

— Dan Payne, Secretary, Board of Trustees

The UUSD Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on ***Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.*** at UUSD. All members are urged to attend or, if they are unable to attend, to submit an absentee ballot. We will be electing four members to the Board of Trustees and two members to the Leadership Development Committee, plus approving an operating budget and a capital budget for 2016-2017. In addition, we will be voting on a Resolution of Conscience proposed by the UUSD Social and Environmental Justice Committee.

Anyone who has been a UUSD member for 30 days before the date of the Annual Meeting is eligible to vote.

The following materials are available for review on the UUSD website (Members-Only) at <http://uusd.org/index.php/board-of-trustees-meeting-minutes.html>.

1. Agenda for the June 12, 2016 Annual Congregational Meeting
2. Information about the Nominees (Self-Nomination Forms)
3. Minutes of the June 14, 2015 Annual Meeting
4. Proposed FY 2016-2017 Operating and Capital Budgets
5. Individual Committee/Backup Information on the Proposed FY 2016-2017 Operating and Capital Budget (available after June 7)
6. Board of Trustees President's Report (available after June 6)
7. Annual Committee Reports (available after June 6)
8. Staff Reports: Minister, Director-Lifespan Faith Development, and Music Director (available after June 6)
9. Proposed Resolution of Conscience
10. Absentee Ballot, which contains full information on how to return it before the meeting (available after June 5)

Only a limited number of copies of the agenda and documents will be available at the Annual Meeting. If you wish to have these documents at the meeting, please make copies and bring them with you to the Annual Meeting on June 12.

Listing of the Motions for Congregational Vote

MOTION 1: Move to approve an Operating Budget for 2016-2017 (FY2017) in the amount of \$235,093.

MOTION 2: Move to approve a Capital Budget for 2016-2017 (FY2017) in the amount of \$50,000.

MOTION 3: Move approval of the Resolution of Conscience as proposed by the UUSD Social & Environmental Justice Committee.

Anyone with questions related to the schedule of the meeting or voting procedures may contact [Dan Payne](#), Board Secretary by email.

HIGHLIGHTS: MAY 10, 2016 UUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

— Dan Payne, Secretary, Board of Trustees

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda, consisting of the April 12, 2016 Board meeting minutes, Financial report, and the Interim Minister's report, was approved.

Financial Report: Gary Colangelo, Finance Officer

- Gary noted April's income was a little over \$11,000, and he expected the net income for the year to be in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 range if trends continue.
- The Capital Budget is being formatted to be consistent with the other financial reports and should be available for the June Board Meeting.

Proposal from Clean Energy Delaware USA

- The Property Management Committee evaluated the Clean Energy USA proposal to add solar panels to the sanctuary. Based on the energy cost savings, Property Management stated the economics make sense and going solar is in line with our values. The Board authorized Property Management to begin discussions with Clean Energy with the intent to have a contractual arrangement for having solar panels installed in the near future.

2016-17 Operating and Capital Budget: Joanne Saltzberg and Dan Payne, Finance Co-Chairs

- The Board approved the Budgets, which were recommended by the Finance Committee. On the Operating Budget side, Joanne took the lead and noted strong stewardship results of almost \$183,000 coupled with prudent management of expenses allowed the Finance Committee to recommend the Board submit the budget to the

congregation for approval. Up to \$15,000 was provided for minister search costs and a contingency fund of some \$14,000 was established to handle revenue shortfalls and unanticipated costs.

- On the Capital side, the \$50,000 consists of \$42,460 of debt reduction, the balance being equipment and improvements.

Update on Selection of Ministerial Search Committee

- The Board approved Len Bowman, Jean Charles, Jeff Cordiano, Deb Davies, and Betty Kirk to be members of the Ministerial Search Committee. A meeting amongst them, the Board, and Rev. Pyle will be scheduled.

Approval of Delegates to GA 2016 in Columbus

- Pat and Ron Schaeffer were approved as delegates. Rev. Paula, by virtue of her position, is also an approved delegate.

Congregational Meeting Planning

- The notice of the Annual meeting along with documents including on-site ballots will be sent out by May 12 to congregants. Absentee ballots will be mailed no later than June 5.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7 instead of Tuesday, June 14 so as to precede the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 12.

DID YOU KNOW? — RON SCHAEFFER

THE EDICT OF TORDA – RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

In another part of this newsletter, you will find an article by Ceil Toth, Chair of our Partner Church Committee. Ceil reminds us of two wall hangings we received as gifts from our Partner Church in Tordatur, Romania, which hang in our building entrance. One is a copy of a famous painting of Ferenc David and the 1568 Proclamation of Religious Freedom of Torda completed in 1896 by Aladar Korosfoi-Kriesch. The original is on display in the City Museum of Budapest. The second is a copy of the edict itself. I thought it might be helpful to provide a little history around these beautiful gifts.



Although Americans are proud of our early constitutional mandate for the concept of separation of church and state, it really started at the Diet of Torda in January, 1568 with the Edict of Torda, which declared official toleration for all religions in Transylvania. This was the result of a public debate between a Unitarian minister (Ferenc David) and a Calvinist bishop (Peter Melius), and David's argument prevailed with the King. It was the first time in Western history, where preachers and congregations were permitted to follow a religion other than the State's decreed religion, and it resulted from the tireless determination of Unitarian minister, Ferenc David. The Edict was not perfect, applying to only four religions at the time, but it established a precedent that was to eventually spread to other parts of Europe.

Again, in January of 1782, the Emperor of Austria issued the Edict of Toleration, giving Unitarians legal rights to worship according to their consciences. In both cases, a small community of Unitarians, in what is today Eastern Europe, pressed for their religious rights and broke ground for everyone. That's how it seems to happen — one step at a time somewhere in the world, people making a difference that impacts us all — another example of our interconnection across borders, time, and cultures.

Finally, some brief thoughts on our Fifth Principle — *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large*. As a member of this congregation, you have a unique responsibility to influence its future through your active participation, which includes your vote for volunteers who offer to serve, and for resolutions and decisions that impact our outreach and wellbeing as a community. Please meet this minimum standard of membership — make your voice heard and vote at the annual meeting.

ADD WORLD OCEAN DAY TO JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister

Father's Day, solstice, graduations, and weddings — there is just so much to celebrate in June! There is one day that may not be first on your radar, but as residents near the coast, you probably would want it to be.

In 2008, the United Nations officially designated June 8 as a day to honor the part of the planet covered in water, which is to say, most of it. These days, it is a growing [global event](#) with an emphasis on education and preservation. Because we do so much celebrating as a community of faith, I think it is important to ask us to focus on what we can do to reduce the giant patch of plastic soup the size of Texas, so large it can be seen from space, sitting in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

Taking a look at the Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a sobering way to realize there is no "away" when it comes to trash, especially trash that lacks the ability to decompose.

So celebrate and celebrate this June and the whole year around, but do it without purchasing plastics! Biodegradable paper plates are available, and with a dishwasher, no problem with using real silverware, or at least ones to reuse if they are plastic.

Let's bring our own tote bags to the grocery store, and not complain about the no balloons rule on our property. I recommended that policy to the Rental & Usage Subcommittee, who were eager to adopt it when they understood the reason.

Perhaps we can even act like the Scouts who take a metal container with their own plates and utensils on camping trips.

The range of possibilities is endless although possibly inconvenient. But it is an inconvenience well worth it, and I've made my own commitment to not purchasing any new plastics.

COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

PASTORAL CARE

PASTORAL CARE HOSTS FIRST REGIONAL WORKSHOP HELD AT UUSD ON APRIL 30

— Dianne Conine, Chair

UUSD's Pastoral Care Committee had the honor of hosting a regional workshop offered to the Central Eastern Region of UUA this past April 30. The workshop was the first of its kind in our new church home and was facilitated by Rev. David Pyle, District Executive of the Joseph Priestley District. Jillian Conway, Regional Administrator, arranged for on-line registration for all participants. The workshop was designed by Rev. Pyle for CER congregational Pastoral Care Teams and focused on active listening skills, visitation skills, and helping people with difficult decisions. There were 21

participants including Rev. Paula and Rev. Pyle. UU congregations represented were Easton; Salisbury; Newark; Mill Creek; Towson; Chester River; Harford Co., Maryland; Bull Run, Virginia; and UUSD.

In an expression of a call to care for others, the UUSD Pastoral Care Committee endeavors to follow the mission of UUSD: to nurture spiritual growth, embrace diversity, work for justice, and strive for a loving world. Committee members are Rev. Paula Maiorano, Dianne Conine (chair), Jean Charles, Allan Cairncross, Jan Daily, and Peg Smith.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

ELECTION FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE APPROACHES — Ed Fick; Kaz Huston, Chair; and Lee Summerville

With the close of the self-nomination process, the ballot for elections at the June 12 Annual Meeting is taking shape. We were fortunate to have several members step forward to offer their services. Gary Colangelo, Gwen Johnson, and Patricia Murdock filed for the Board of Trustees (BOT). Kath Johnson and Ruth Lamothe submitted their names for the Leadership Development Committee (LDC).

There are two open seats on the LDC, an independent three-member committee established by the UUSD by-laws. Members serve for two-year terms. A prime function of the LDC is running the nomination process for itself and the Board of Trustees. The BOT also has two-year terms and has seven members.

Currently there are three candidates for the four open BOT seats. Other candidates may be nominated from the floor of the Annual Meeting. Eligible members may nominate themselves or be nominated by another UUSD member. The nominee should be present to accept nomination and speak to their interest and qualifications for the position. While the time for completing the self-nomination form is past, that form is available on the website and in the Gathering Area, and may serve as a reference regarding the points to be addressed.

If the Board does not reach a full compliment through election, it may appoint someone to fill the vacant seat; however, it would be most desirable to begin the new term with a complete BOT elected by the members of UUSD.

It is critical that we have a fully staffed Board of Trustees as we proceed during this exciting and challenging period in the life of the church. Please consider serving or urge someone you believe to be a good candidate to offer his or her

services. Further details are available from the Leadership Development Committee members Kaz Huston, Lee Summerville, and Ed Fick.

TRULY A STIMULATING AND REWARDING UU SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Kaz Huston, Chair

This is my last column as your Leadership Development Committee Chair. I've enjoyed the fun, work, and camaraderie working with Ed Fick and Lee Summerville and before that Ron Schaeffer, Chuck Herbert, and Sturges Dodge. There were activities we managed to complete — stellar work on the Nominations Process — acquiring qualified leaders for our church, supporting committees on projects, and acquiring new members, or supporting ideas to run meetings or help with conflict situations and people. LDC also created a volunteers acquisition program where people could connect with committees to do short and longer term projects to feel more a part of the activities of UUSD as well as get their feet wet to see if they'd like to join a committee down the road. We assessed, presented a rationale, and conducted a Conflict Resolution Program for UU Leaders and committee chairs, which helped, I understand, to manage our increasingly larger congregation.

Honestly there were activities — important ones — that we could not get to do because of our busy lives and UU world. That postponement had to occur so that we did not overwhelm our Congregation at a time when we were moving into a new church and dealing with the entry of our new Interim Minister and other issues that prevented more action at the time.

We've had our challenges, especially acquiring qualified leaders for the Board of Trustees and Leadership Development Committees, particularly for the coming few years. However, we are managing to have people step up to leadership, which we all appreciate! Stepping up to real, qualified leadership does have a learning curve, but it is one that someone who is up for the task with not only passion, but some expertise in influencing people and systems toward a more positive — even selfless — outcome can learn to manage.

I am moving on to other activities — helping other committees — particularly in Adult Education. I look forward to continued expansion of our wonderful congregation of UU's and for positive change from our significant contributions in social and environmental justice. This is particularly true with one of the most crucial presidential elections of our time. So stay tuned and join in the festivities with me when you can!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR 2016

— Jean Charles, Chair

A simple “thank you” just doesn't seem to be enough for this stewardship commitment, but please know that it comes with a huge heartfelt appreciation! Although our goal was \$180,000, we went beyond that goal with \$182,383, which is the most ever pledged in UUSD history.

A special thanks to Joanne Saltzberg for doing those wonderful brochures. It was great teamwork and a great example of “stewardship.”

We have all taken a long walk with gratitude! Continue to enjoy the quiet of our sanctuary, the softness of the seats, the views from our amazing windows, and the peacefulness of the scenes of nature from the back deck. Take a long look and imagine future generations enjoying the same views.

We have spread our young wings and have taken flight. Thank you for “Protecting Our Progress and Providing for Our Future.”

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

ELEVEN UUSD MEMBERS TO ATTEND UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY JUNE 22-26 IN COLUMBUS

— Ron & Pat Schaeffer, Co-Chairs



Eleven UUSD members and friends have registered for the UUA General Assembly 2016 (GA) to be held in Columbus on June 22-26. They are: Dianne Conine and Margaret Keefe, Amber Peterson, Director of Lifespan Faith Development; Jean Charles and Anne Pikolas, Ceil and Dan Payne; Pat and Ron Schaeffer; and Rev. Paula and Giovanni Maiorano. The theme of this year's GA is *Heart Land: Where Faiths Connect*, and the Ware Lecturer will be **Krista Tippett**, author, journalist, and radio host.

Ron Schaeffer and Pat Schaeffer were appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve as delegates to General Assembly. In addition, Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister, will serve as a delegate. Delegates are authorized to vote on business that comes before the General Assembly, such as the selection of the 2016-2020 Congregational

Study Action Issue and Actions of Immediate Witness.

Several GA events will be live streamed for everyone, and registration is not required to view them. You can link to the live streaming events on this page: <http://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2016>.

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (S&EJ)

— Don Peterson, Chair



(l to r: Jan Daily, Don Peterson, Karen Lunstead, Kris Acker, and Dan Acker)

March to End Discrimination: It was cold and wet, but on April 29, UUSD members participated in a march and demonstration to end discriminatory hiring practices in Delaware state government employment. A series of "listening sessions" conducted by the chapters of the DE NAACP across the state confirmed a pattern of bias in hiring, promotions, and discipline. The effort has resulted in a report to Governor Markell making several recommendations for changes in practices and for holding managers accountable for discriminatory acts.

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](#).



(l to r: Bobbi Dunham, Kris Acker, Karen Lunstead, Jan Daily, Betty Kirk, and Mac Goekler)

Support for People's Place: The S&EJ Committee sponsored the First Friday Film showing of "Sleeping with the Enemy," a harrowing film starring Julia Roberts about domestic violence. The film was moderated by staff from People's Place, who deal daily with the trauma of domestic abuse. The discussion helped to raise our consciousness about what it is, what it looks like, and its devastating effects. The film showing marked the kickoff of UUSD's efforts to support **People's Place**, a nonprofit organization providing multiple services to victims of domestic violence. From May 8 to May 22, UUSD members contributed a "foyer full" of household goods needed by families as they leave the shelter and begin to re-build their lives. All the wonderful contributions were delivered to People's Place staff on May 23. **Thank you all for your amazing generosity and caring!**

PARTNER CHURCH

WALL HANGINGS ARE GIFTS FROM REV. BODOR AND THE TORDATUR CONGREGATION

— Ceil Toth, Chair

Have you noticed the two wall hangings at the East entrance to our church? One is a sepia colored photogravure that hangs in most Unitarian churches and many homes in Transylvania. It is a copy of a famous painting of Ferenc David and the 1568 Proclamation of Religious Freedom at Torda. On January 13 of this year, the Hungarian Unitarian Church celebrated the 448th Anniversary of the Declaration of Religious Freedom and Tolerance, an edict which might be considered the first legal guarantee of religious freedom in Christian Europe. The Hungarian Unitarians celebrate this special day with events in Torda and Kolozsvar, two cities in the Transylvanian part of Romania near Tordatur, our Partner Church village. The other wall hanging is a copy of the edict. Both were gifts from Rev. Bodor and the Tordatur Congregation. A special thank you goes to them and to Kris Acker for framing and hanging them.

ADULT EDUCATION

LARGE TURN OUT FOR HEALTHY EATING SERIES FEATURING DOROTHY GREET

— Len Bowman, Adult Ed. Co-Coordinator

In May, UUSD hosted a two-week educational series on "Eating For Your Health and the World's" featuring Dorothy Greet, a Plant-Based Nutrition Educator living in Lewes. The first session focused on the Why of Plant-Based Eating" and featured the film, "Forks Over Knives." The second session focused on "The How of Plant-Based Eating" and covered serious food facts, fun, food prep, demonstration, and tasting. We had over 35 participants, about half from outside UUSD, in this Healthy Eating series. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

FIRST FRIDAY FILM: "INSIDE OUT" ON JUNE 3

— Karen Lunstead



The next First Friday Film will be "Inside Out" on June 3 at 7 p.m. Disney Pixar presents a heartwarming and inventive animated film that takes you on a journey from the Inside Out to discover the emotional roller coaster inside your head. After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions — Joy (voice of Amy Poehler), Fear (Bill Hader), Anger (Lewis Black), Disgust (Mindy Kaling) and Sadness (Phyllis Smith) — conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school. For adults and children

alike! Jan Daily will lead the discussion after the movie, and she warns us to bring tissues! A potluck dinner before the film begins at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Please contact Karen Lunstead at 302-231-8192 with any questions.

UU101 CLASS TO BEGIN ON THURSDAY, JUNE 9 AT 6 P.M.

— Betty Kirk, Adult Education Co-Coordinator

UU101, a three-session class, is open to all who want to find out more about Unitarian Universalism and UUSD. Rev. Paula, Len Bowman, and Betty Kirk will be the class facilitators. Healthy snacks will be provided. The first class will cover UU beliefs and principles, our services and ceremonies, and UU resources. The second class on June 16 will cover UU and UUSD history. The third and final class on June 23 will cover UUSD governance and activities as well as membership information. New UUSD members, who have not already done so, and newcomers thinking about UUSD membership, are encouraged to attend this fun and interesting class. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. For more information, please email [Betty Kirk](mailto:Betty.Kirk@uudelm.org) or call her at 302-645-9061.

ACTIVITIES

SAVE-THE-DATE: UUSD CHURCH PICNIC SET FOR SUNDAY, JULY 17 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

Paul Barnette, Chair



UUSD members, friends, and anyone attending the July 17 worship service are invited to attend the UUSD Church Picnic. The picnic will be held on Sunday, July 17 immediately following worship services. This annual event will be held on the beautiful grounds at UUSD! Come dress casually for a picnic! The Activities Committee will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls and sodas, and vegetarian offerings. Everyone else should bring a dish to share, and something to sit on. Intergenerational games are being planned, including the Corn Hole (Bean Bag Toss) and Horseshoes. Look for more details in the July newsletter. Contact [Paul Barnette](mailto:Paul.Barnette@uudelm.org) if you have any questions.

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

SAVE-THE-DATE: UU DELMARVA CLUSTER BEACH DAY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JULY 23

— Pat Schaeffer, UUSD Delmarva Cluster Representative

The UU Delmarva Cluster will hold its annual Beach Day on **Saturday, July 23, 10:30 a.m.** at the Lewes Beach. Beach Day has games for kids and young adults, and the young at heart. Amber Peterson, Director of Lifespan Faith Development is on the Beach Day planning team. Look for more information in the July newsletter, UUSD website, and Facebook.

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

— Pat Schaeffer, UUSD Delmarva Cluster Representative

The Delmarva Cluster UU Fall Retreat is set for October 7-9 at beautiful Camp Tochwoh in Worton, Maryland. This will be a wonderful multigenerational 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! Here is additional information from the Delmarva Cluster Retreat website: <http://uudelm.org/cluster-retreat>. Amber Peterson, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, represents UUSD on the Cluster Retreat Team (thank you, Amber!).

FUNDRAISING

SAVE-THE-DATE: UUSD CRAFT FAIR SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 5

— Valerie Andrews, Member

UUSD'S third annual Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 5. Please join in on the first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the church's Gathering area for a monthly craft workshop to make items for the fair. You can bring your own crafts and material or help with a craft that the committee has thought of and needs finishing. Bring a sandwich and something to share — salad, dessert, etc. — and enjoy fellowship, good times, and laughs as we come up with creative ways to raise money for UUSD.

The next meeting will be held on June 1. Please contact [Val Andrews](#) or regular crafters Gwen Johnson, Jane Miller, and Karen Lunstead if you have any questions.

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

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

ESL Classes

Contact: [Betty Kirk](#)

JUNE 3, Friday, 6:00 p.m.

First Friday Film — *Inside Out*

Contact: Karen Lunstead at 302-231-8192

JUNE: 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Gentle Yoga Ongoing Class – All Levels

Contact: [Holly Piper-Smith](#)

JUNE 6, Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Book Group: *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Eric Larson. This non-fiction book reads like a suspense novel as the author switches between the hunted and the hunter as the ship crosses the Atlantic at the beginning of World War I. Facilitator: Jan Daily. Contact Bobbi Dunham: 302-644-2207.

JUNE 7, Tuesday, 1-3:00 p.m. New Date/Time

Board of Trustees Meeting – All are welcome.

Contact: [Deanna Duby](#), Board President

JUNE 9, 16, & 21, Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

UU 101 Class

Contact: [Betty Kirk](#)

JUNE 12, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

UUSD Annual Congregational Meeting

Contact: [Deanna Duby](#), Board President

JUNE 17, Friday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Friends and Family Game Night

Contact: [Amber Peterson](#)



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- Weekly Community Updates by Thursday to [Jean Charles](#). Website Calendar Updates to Jean as needed.

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