



UUSD Newsletter ■ September 2016

September 4 — You Had Me at Bonjour — Lin Schmidt, UUSD Member: Lin Schmidt shares stories from her travels around the U.S. and the world, examining how her religion and her experiences enrich one another.

September 11 — Spirituality and Trauma — Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister: This service, on the fifteenth anniversary of 9/11, explores the role that spirituality plays in transcending or transforming trauma, whether the trauma is national or personal.

September 18 — Peace: The Elusive Frontier — Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister: Peace Week Delaware honors September 21, the U.N. created International Peace Day advancing ideas and projects of peace. Many peace initiatives, including the formation of the U.N. itself, were forged in the crucible of war. And while we are making progress towards peace in our world, it may often seem as if peace is an elusive frontier. But is it? (Peace Week Delaware runs from September 18 to 25.)

September 25 — What is a Just Peace? — Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister: There is much

more written and studied about a just war than there is a just peace. But if we are to build a lasting peace, we must define and understand what constitutes a just peace. (September 25 concludes Peace Week Delaware.)

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

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— IMPORTANT NEWS —

JOIN REV. PAULA AND UUSD MEMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 12 AT 11 AM AT THE STATE CAPITAL IN DOVER FOR THE NATIONAL DAY OF MORAL MONDAY ACTION (Information is on page 12.)

JOIN IN ACTIVITIES FOR PEACE WEEK DELAWARE SEPTEMBER 18-25 (Information starts on page 12.)

REV. PAULA MAIORANO, INTERIM MINISTER



September brings two great opportunities for standing in witness to our Unitarian Universalist social justice values.

I hope you will join members of our Social and Environmental Justice Committee, General Assembly representatives, and me at the *Moral Mondays National Day of Action in Dover on September 12*, and the *Rally for Peace in Rehoboth Beach the following week on September 21 at 4:00 p.m.*

We are fortunate that both our national UUA leaders and local UUSD members are so dedicated to the community outreach of our core mission and values. Our witness is needed more than ever to advocate for the conditions of justice and peace in our state and country. Now is not the time to stand back and leave a committee or small group of our people to handle the onslaught of hateful rhetoric that turns people one against another and unfair laws that would limit the freedom of all people to vote for a livable wage and breathable air in our country.

The Moral Monday National Day of Action has been organized in Delaware by our Unitarian Universalist Delaware clergy and our UU Delaware Legislative Advocacy Network.

The events of Peace Week Delaware are planned by concerned citizens of Sussex County, including UUSD leadership.

When you come out for these events, you will not only be showing your support, but participating first hand in the kinds of meaningful events that can change our county, state, country, and world. Please do not delegate such important work to others!

In peace, *Rev. Paula*

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN — GARY COLANGELO

“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery,
today is God’s gift, that’s why we call it the present.
Can we talk?”

Joan Rivers, the pioneer female stand-up comedian, would pause in her routine with an emphatic, “Can we talk?” The way she delivered this phrase told me she wanted to do more than talk. Was Joan also saying, “Can we listen?” and “Can we understand?”

Talking, listening, and understanding are the components of communication.

“The basic building block of good communication is the feeling that every human is unique and of value.” If you are thinking you heard this quote by an unknown author before, you are almost correct. This is a restatement of our UU First Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person. Communication is a continuous process, inseparable from and essential to everything that goes on at UUSD. Communication is how we connect, share our stories, learn, and grow. Communication is important — so, “can we talk?”

Communication is a complex process and full of pitfalls. A few wise people in the past had something to say about this:

- “The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion it has taken place.” George Bernard Shaw
- “The more elaborate our means of communication, the less we communicate.” Joseph Priestley
- “Many attempts to communicate are nullified by saying too much.” Robert Greenleaf

And from the Bible —

- “A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart. He answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him.” Proverbs 18:2, 13 (King James Version)
- “In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise.” Proverbs 10:19 (KJV)
- “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.” Ephesians 4:29 (KJV)

In our time at UUSD, we have witnessed eloquence, gaffs, embarrassment, pain, wonderment, confusion, anger, growth, and spiritual connectedness through communication.

Two of the six covenants from Our Covenant of Good Relations state:

- I will speak from my own experience; and
- I will speak responsibly and directly with those with whom I have conflict and honor our differences.

Effective communication is woven into the fabric of UUSD and Unitarian Universalism, as well as our everyday experiences at home, work, and play. Becoming aware of the effectiveness of our own communication skills (talking, listening, and understanding) can be a rewarding part of spiritual growth.

I plan to continue discussing communication at UUSD for the next few President’s Columns. Next month we can explore together the importance of communication with UUSD leaders, including the Minister, Board of Trustees, and committees.

Thanks for listening.

— Gary Colangelo, Board President

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT — AMBER PETERSON



As some of you know, I have entered the Religious Educators Credentialing program as of this past spring. One of the requirements of credentialing is to attend several trainings to expand my knowledge and learn “best practices” to help our education programs grow in a healthy way, instead of playing catch-up down the road. I attended one of these trainings a few weeks ago in Ocean Grove, NJ. The Leadership School for Religious Educators was a three-day workshop exploring team building, trust, and conflict management with respect to committees, volunteers, leaders (both staff and lay), and the congregation as a whole. Through these workshops, I am able to communicate with colleagues in similar sized churches as well as large ones. We discuss particular programs in place, challenges we

face, and how we have resolved problems that others are currently facing. We also role-play and problem-solve to help us be better prepared for common situations. Self-assessments are also given to help us identify strengths and areas that may require some attention. These trainings are vital to the growth and support of our programs and I am grateful to have the opportunity to attend.

— Amber Peterson, Director, Lifespan Faith Development

NEXT UUSD GAME NIGHT SET FOR SEPTEMBER 16 FROM 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Don't forget our new Game Night! The next one will be September 16 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., and all UUSD members and friends are welcome! Feel free to bring friends with you too! Children are welcome to participate. 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: AUGUST 16 UUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

— Gwen Johnson, Secretary, Board of Trustees

Financial Report: Pat Murdock, Finance Officer

- Pat discussed the June financial reports and said UUSD's cash position was "solid." The BOT approved the financial reports. Pat said the challenge will be paying the mortgage, which is currently \$5,622 a month. Pat reported that she and Dan Payne had discussions with Sussex County Federal Credit Union (SCFCU) to determine if UUSD could modify its Promissory Note with them to reduce UUSD's monthly payments. As a result, the SCFCU agreed to a one-time adjustment that will lower UUSD's payment by approximately \$4,900 per year.
- The BOT unanimously approved a motion for Gary and Pat to sign the Modification to our Promissory Note with SCFCU, which will have the immediate effect of reducing UUSD's monthly payments, with no pre-payment or other penalties, on our Commercial Real Estate Loan for UUSD's new church building. The term of the loan will remain unchanged.

Orientation for New Opening for Worship Services Beginning in September: Rev. Paula Maiorano

- Rev. Paula has proposed changing the opening for worship services. She said the vote taken by the previous BOT not to change the BOT's role in the opening of the worship service was not an official vote. Rev. Paula said either Gary Colangelo or Walt Smith recommended at that meeting that she talk to the Worship Committee about this.
- There was about a twenty minute discussion during this meeting as to whether the BOT representative should begin the morning service or if the service should open with the Minister welcoming the congregation, followed by the BOT representative, and then the worship associate.
- Jean Charles said that she learned in a class that she attended during General Assembly that many of the UU churches are no longer opening their services with the BOT representatives. The trend is to have the UU minister open the service.
- After much discussion, the BOT voted whether to have the BOT representative stay as a part of the Worship Committee's proposed opening or not participate at all in the opening. Gwen Johnson, Pat Murdock, and

Sharon Herb voted not to include BOT representative in the service, and Gary Colangelo, Wayne Lunstead, and Joyce Fitch voted to include the BOT representative in the service.

- Gary has asked that the BOT members and Jean Charles (Jean was asked by Gary as the Chair of the Worship Committee) informally canvass congregation members to find out which they prefer (including the BOT representative as part of the opening of the service or not and using the opening (<http://www.uussd.org/images/2016-Aug-BOT-Meeting/Proposed-New-Worship-Service-Format.pdf>) that Rev. Maiorano provided at this meeting. The issue is on the September BOT agenda for further discussion.

Follow up: Board Meeting Date and Time

- This was revisited from the previous BOT meeting. The consensus was to keep the BOT meeting time of 7:00 p.m. and the same date, the second Tuesday of each month.

Board Retreat: Gary Colangelo, President

- The BOT retreat will be on Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Gathering Area of UUSD.

Report on Property Management: Gary Schmidt, Co-Chair

- Gary reported on items contained in the “Property Management Committee Report, 9 August 2016” (<http://www.uussd.org/images/2016-Aug-BOT-Meeting/Property-Management-Comm-Report-July-2016.pdf>).
- Gary said UUSD will receive a “sub sign” donation from the sign company where Rick Welk works. This sign will hang under the UUSD sign and will provide times for our services and other information.

Report on Long Range Plan: Joanne Saltzberg, Chair

- Joanne said there was an extensive article in the July newsletter that provided updated information on UUSD’s Growth Plan. Joanne encouraged everyone to read “UUSD 2015 to 2017 Growth Plan” (<http://www.uussd.org/images/2016-Aug-BOT-Meeting/Growth-Plan-Handout.pdf>).
- Joanne said some of the items that came from the growth plan workshops have already been implemented in Fundraising and Finance. Joanne said she hopes to finish the Growth Plan by the end of this fiscal year.

Report on Ministerial Search: Jean Charles, Chair

- Jean asked if any BOT members can take minutes at cottage meetings for the Ministerial Search Committee, and Wayne, Joyce, Sharon, and Gary offered to help.

UU Humanist Open Letter to UUA and Petition Regarding the Boy Scouts of America (BSA): Ron Schaeffer

- The UU Humanists have submitted an “Open Letter to the UUA on Renewed Relations with the Boy Scouts of America.” The letter and petition involves the issue of the BSA having made progress toward inclusiveness around sexual orientation, but it still requires that all boys and volunteers sign a statement that recognizes “God as the ruling and leading power in the universe.”
- Ron requested BOT approval to get signatures on a petition that would call on the UUA to make a public statement disagreeing with the BSA policy, pledge to work with the BSA to get this requirement changed, and to work with other organizations to remove this discrimination. The BOT unanimously approved this request.

Board Executive Session: The Board voted to move into Executive Session to discuss recommendations for congregational representatives for the negotiation team, Ministerial Search Committee, special pledge to enhance the artistic quality and expand the activity of the UUSD choir.

Next Board Meeting: *Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at UUSD.* Everyone is welcome.

DID YOU KNOW? — RON SCHAEFFER

THE YEAR OF THE WOMAN SERIES

Part III: Susan Brownell Anthony

In July, 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. Many women from different 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. So far, I have provided brief sketches of Lucy Stone and Julia Ward Howe, and this month I highlight Susan B. Anthony.



Susan B. Anthony was born in a prosperous Quaker family in 1820 in Adams, Massachusetts. She attended a Friends seminary in Philadelphia and trained to be a teacher because her father had taught her that every individual should be self-supporting. The family moved several more times, and she finally wound up in Rochester, NY in 1845, and she taught in surrounding towns. There, the Society of Friends was opposed to the abolition of slavery so the family joined the Unitarian church in Rochester, which was a part of the Underground Railroad and the home of Frederick Douglass.

She wrote in her memoirs that she found a spiritual home in Unitarianism. “Under the preaching of my reverend friend William Ellery Channing, my spirit was born anew.” It was there in 1851 that she became a devoted close friend with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and together in 1869, they formed the National Woman Suffrage Association. In 1872, Susan went to the polls in Rochester and claimed the right to vote under the Fourteenth Amendment, adopted four years earlier, providing for “equal protection” for all citizens. It did not address suffrage directly, which the Fifteenth Amendment, adopted in 1870, did for Black males. She was arrested but refused to pay the fine and was never imprisoned. During this period, she and Stanton had lost some of their support, because they had insisted that the right to vote be withheld from African American men, recently freed from slavery, until it was also given to all women. You will recall that Lucy Stone and Julia Ward Howe took the opposite position and campaigned for the vote for African American men arguing that they needed it to survive.

In 1892, she became president of the newly merged National American Woman Suffrage Association, rejoining with Lucy Stone and Julia Ward Howe, and she held this position until she retired at age 80 in 1900. Just one month before her death in March 1906, she gave her final speech at a woman’s suffrage convention exclaiming, “Failure is impossible.” She would be proven right 14 years later.

Next month, I will highlight Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

UPDATES FROM THE MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

— JEAN CHARLES, CHAIR; MEMBERS LEN BOWMAN, JEFF CORDIANO, DEBRA DAVIES, & BETTY KIRK

Many thanks go to all who responded to the congregational survey. The survey is a very important part of our effort to find the settled minister who is “just right” for UUSD, and we appreciate the time and patience it took for you to fill it out. We had 113 respondents, including 101 of 128 members, or an 80% response rate from members.

The survey results will soon be available on the Ministerial Search page of the UUSD website. The Search Committee is developing a PowerPoint summary of the results, and the complete analysis of the survey will be

posted as well, including all responses to the open-ended questions. Please review the survey results as soon as they're posted (you'll be notified by email). The small group ("cottage") discussions in September will build on the survey results. Again, many thanks.

UPCOMING SEARCH COMMITTEE WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 30: *BEYOND CATEGORICAL THINKING*

"Will the new minister hear me? Will my concerns and needs be met? Will the minister understand what I'm living with? How will the community respond to our minister?"

In answering these questions, a picture of the "ideal minister" (categorized by age, gender, gender identity, nationality, physical ability, race, and sexual orientation) comes to mind. With this picture in place, it can be easy to unintentionally exclude ministers who fall into certain categories. At times, as we get caught up in comparing candidates to our "picture," we can even forget what it is we hoped for in a minister.

On Sunday, October 30, UUSD will participate in the *Beyond Categorical Thinking* (BCT) workshop offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) for congregations involved in the search for a new minister. The UUSD Search Committee invites all congregational leaders, members, and friends to participate in this workshop.

The *Beyond Categorical Thinking* program is designed to promote inclusive thinking and help prevent unfair discrimination in the search process for a new minister. This program includes a Sunday morning service with BCT workshop facilitators followed by a three-hour workshop. In the workshop, UUSD members will:

- Consider the hopes, expectations, and concerns they have for a new minister;
- Learn more about the ministerial search process; and
- Explore how thinking categorically about people sometimes interferes with choosing the best candidate.

Come to the October 30 Sunday service and remain after coffee hour (11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) to participate in this UUA-sponsored three-hour workshop.

The selection of a minister is important. The Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop is another opportunity for everyone in our congregation to be a part of that process. This experience will provide guidance for the search committee in our work.

COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

FUNDRAISING

HUGE THANK YOU TO BARBARA BARNETTE!

— Kris Acker, Chair



UUSD'S Fundraising Committee would like to say a huge "Thank You" to Barbara Barnette. She has spent the last eight years chairing this important committee, which helps UUSD fund its operations each year. Her enthusiastic announcements for our yearly auction are memorable. We have had auctions celebrating St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras, Paris, Cowboys, a Toga Party, Into the Woods, and Peter Pan. And, we will never forget our Beach theme with Paul Barnette in his flippers. This skit is fondly known as "The Stripper and Flipper" routine.

Under Barb's leadership, the Fundraising Committee increased the amount raised for UUSD year after year. We've had Yard Sales, Sock Hops, Craft Faires, and the list goes on and on. We are so pleased to have Barb still serving as a member of Fundraising and willing to share all her expertise.

FUNDRAISING

UUSD MEGA YARD SALE IS A SUCCESS!

— Gwen Johnson and Jane Miller, Yard Sale Coordinators

Thank you to everyone who participated in making the first Mega Yard Sale in our new church home a big success. We are pleased to announce the yard sale raised over \$5,000. A special thank you goes to all the volunteers, who worked so hard to make this yard sale a success, and to our yard sale customers.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

— Lee Summerville, Chair; Members Kath Johnson and Ruth Lamothe

Greetings from your Leadership Development Committee! Lee Summerville is our chair. Kath Johnson and Ruth Lamothe are the other two members of the committee, elected this year for two-year terms. Lee will be going off the Committee next year, at which point, the congregation will elect a new member.

So what is the Leadership Development Committee? Our charge is threefold: 1) search for members who want to grow into leadership roles; 2) develop current and potential leaders in our congregation; and 3) manage the nominations process for Board of Trustees and Leadership Development Committee openings. Generally, we meet four to six times a year.

This new Leadership Development Committee is walking in mighty big footprints thanks to Ron Schaeffer, Ed Fick, and Kaz Huston. But our energy and enthusiasm is potent, and we have developed an exciting set of tasks to complete. Over the next several months, you will be hearing more from us, both here in a regular column, at events we are hoping to have (such as Committee Fairs), and from the pulpit.

Since one important task we must fulfill is identifying and nurturing future leaders, you may notice us gravitating to some members of the congregation who we think have great leadership potential. Even though our

congregation is known for a high rate of volunteerism, it's always a treat to find some folks who surprise themselves — and delight us — by their as yet undiscovered skill and dedication level.

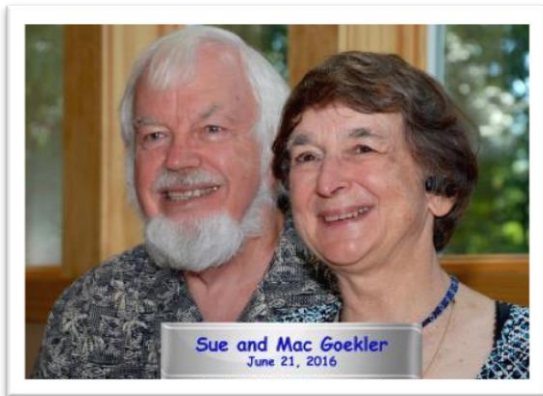
You will also be hearing from us in early 2017 as the next round of elections begins. Part of our charge is to educate the congregation on candidate qualifications and subsequently submit nominees for the election ballot.

So, come ask any of the three of us a question about Leadership Development. Are you interested in serving? Cool! Just curious? Also cool. We will be delighted to talk with you. Until next month, Peace!

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME NEW UUSD MEMBERS: SUSAN AND MAC GOEKLER

— Bobbi Dunham, Chair



Welcome to two of our newest UUSD members, Susan and Mac Goekler. Although UUSD is the Goekler's newest church home, they both have been UUs for many years. Susan is a third generation UU, and Mac joined the Southern Baptist church as a child, but has been a UU since 1994.

Both have served on church boards and been on many committees — long range planning, adult RE, finance, worship, stewardship, and many others. Susan and Mac have been active in social justice work at the congregational, district, and national levels. In the early 1990s, Susan belonged to an Afro-centric UU church in Atlanta where she was part of an African drumming

church choir and performing group. Both Susan and Mac have led Covenant groups in previous congregations. In his Ohio church, Mac was actively engaged in a twice-yearly Harry Potter Hogwarts day camp for young people. The Goeklers have been very active in the UUA on a national level. Susan chairs the UUA's Commission on Social Witness while Mac heads up two national groups — one for Peace and one opposed to the Death Penalty. They recently moved to this area and have already become involved in UUSD as members of the Social Justice Committee and participating in auction dinners.

Susan was raised in Wilmington and Mac in Phoenix. They met in Costa Rica and have lived and worked in many locations, most recently Ft. Washington, Maryland, outside of Washington, DC. Mac is a chemical engineer by education and his career was in senior manufacturing leadership. Susan has a Ph.D. in health education and retired this July 1 as a CEO for a Public Health NGO. Susan has two adult children — Jim who lives in Atlanta and Krista living nearby in Dewey with a three-year-old grandson, Lucas, plus a 21-year-old granddaughter, Hailey who attends Salisbury U.

The couple has many interests. Susan plays French horn and African drums. She also has practiced and taught tai chi for many years. Among his many other interests, Mac raises orchids and builds live steam engines. Both Susan and Mac enjoy walking and are having a great time exploring their new environs.

Welcome to Susan and Mac. We are delighted to have you with us.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER, CLAIRE GRIFFITH

— Bobbi Dunham, Chair

Claire Griffith moved here just a little over a year ago from St. Louis. She lives in Herring Creek in Lewes (Angola). She has led genealogy tours back to her roots in Wales and England, and comes from a long line of Sluggs and Maggots. (Yes, for real. They are Dutch family names on her mother's side.) She enjoys visiting her family in Atlanta, Miami, and Columbus.



Claire owns her own company in partnership with a colleague in Cleveland. R&G Business Development Solutions finds new business opportunities for convention and visitors bureaus in cities across the country. Since moving to Delaware, Claire has also gotten her real estate license.

Born and raised in Lisbon, Ohio, she moved to Cleveland when she got married and lived for there for 35 years. In her spiritual journey, she was raised in the Methodist Church and married in the Presbyterian Church. Claire also belonged to what she describes as a “Catholic lite” congregation. But for the past 12 years, she has been searching for a new spiritual home. She, and compadres, Alex and David LeClaire, discovered UUSD as a drive-by. Although new to Unitarian Universalism, she is not new to its beliefs and values. UUSD is a place where she felt instantly comfortable and where she can be herself.

Claire enthusiastically joined the choir and sings alto. Before that, she sang for five years in the Sweet Adelines Chorus of 80 women in St. Louis. Claire is also a certified Reiki practitioner and energy dowser.

Since becoming a member of the UUSD and joining the choir, she also belongs to a covenant meditation group and the book group. For 20 years, she has taught a class in adult creative writing called: “Writing for the Love of It” and hopes to continue doing that here in the near future.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

— Co-Chairs: Deanna Duby and Gary Schmidt

— Members: Allan Cairncross, Al Lister, Pat Murdock, and Walt Smith

The Property Management Committee (PMC) has been busy this summer, and has also been working collaboratively with a number of committees regarding use of the UUSD facility. We've dealt with, among other things, launching a review of safety and security issues, our successful conversion to solar, fallen limbs, and the discovery that at least one local fisherman was fishing the pond from our property on a regular basis.

We now have several subcommittees and teams, all involved in some aspect of caring for and maintaining our building and grounds:

- The Landscape Management Subcommittee oversees the grounds, and has put in many hours of work doing planting, watering, weeding, and all of the other tasks involved in keeping a beautiful setting for our building. They have also pursued opportunities to get free or reasonably priced assistance in landscape planning and tree health and maintenance.
- The Rental and Usage Subcommittee works with those in UUSD who are planning events and with potential renters. We have had several rental events, and have at least one renter meeting here regularly.
- The Energy Team is a hardworking group that monitors our usage and utility bills, works with our vendors/suppliers, and has overseen the conversion to solar.

- The Audiovisual Team maintains and operates our audiovisual equipment in the sanctuary, on Sunday mornings and for other events.

We've been working closely with the committees that have events coming up, or that are conducting donation drives of some kind, just to ensure that the committees have what they need in the way of space, and so that we avoid conflicts in usage of the building. You have probably noticed that during donation drives, we now have space set aside in the back of the sanctuary for collection of items brought in, such as the late August school supply collection. We hope that all groups and committees planning an event or those who are aware of a rental opportunity will get in touch with PMC. As this is written, we are looking forward to a successful yard sale, as the Fundraising Committee and PMC met early on to discuss plans, and event preparation went smoothly. We had (as we so often do at UUSD) a great committee effort, with incredibly dedicated and hardworking volunteers, and therefore, another successful event!

One of our fall projects will be cleaning and organizing the various storage spaces, including the attic space.

Please feel free to contact any member of PMC if you have questions, or want to discuss any issue related to the building and grounds. We (and our subcommittees) also can always use volunteers who want to help with the many tasks required to maintain our beautiful new home. We will report regularly in the newsletter to keep everyone informed, and our meetings are always open to anyone who wishes to attend. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 10:30 a.m.

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. Spanish speakers are needed. All help is appreciated. **If you would like to participate, please contact [Betty Kirk](#).**

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](#).



School Supplies: By the time you read this, UUSD will have collected and delivered several boxes of school supplies for the benefit of the great children at **H.O. Brittingham Elementary** who cannot afford to buy their own! As usual, UUSDers demonstrated their love and support as, once again, the S&EJ Committee coordinated the collection drive.


Special thanks are extended to **Jan Daily** who led the effort. Ned Gladfelter, Principal of H. O. Brittingham in Milton, DE, gratefully accepted UUSD's generous offerings. **Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**



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

FIRST FRIDAY FILM: *ALBERT NOBBS* ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

 *Albert Nobbs* will be shown on Friday, September 9 at UUSD. Nominated for three Academy Awards, including Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress, Glenn Close (*Albert Nobbs*) gives a “powerhouse performance” (*New York Post*) as a woman who passes as a man in order to work and survive in 19th century Ireland. Some thirty years after donning men’s clothing, she finds herself trapped in a prison of her own making. Also starring a prestigious international cast, *Albert Nobbs* is a “terrific” (*IndieWIRE*) film adapted from the short story by Irish author George Moore. A discussion after the movie will be led by Peg Smith. 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](#).

JOIN REV. PAULA ON SEPTEMBER 12 IN DOVER FOR NATIONAL DAY OF MORAL MONDAY ACTION — Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister

I invite you to join me in a moral revolution for a reset of our nation’s values. Please respond to the call of Rev. William J. Barber II, North Carolina’s Moral Mondays’ Initiator, and join me at the Delaware capitol in Dover on **Monday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m.** This effort is being organized by the Interfaith Delaware Clergy and the UU Delaware Legislative Advocacy Network.

On September 12, people of faith and moral courage will gather at state capitols in 25 states to deliver the “Higher Ground Moral Declaration,” which calls on governors, senators, state legislators, and candidates for office to move away from extremist politics and policies that benefit the few and move toward policies and laws that are just and fair and guarantee a better life for the majority of the people.

Don’t miss this opportunity to join me and many others from UUSD to support this National Day of Moral Monday Action by coming to the Delaware capitol in Dover on **Monday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m.**

Contact Rev. Paula if you have any questions or need more information.

SAVE-THE-DATES FOR PEACE WEEK DELAWARE SEPTEMBER 18-25 — Don Peterson, Chair-Social & Environmental Justice

The International Day of Peace is September 21, 2016. A United Nations (UN) initiative, it is dedicated to world peace, specifically to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. Delaware is sponsoring statewide activities to commemorate Peace Week and UUSD is happy to be, for the first time, participating in the events. A collaborative effort with Epworth United Methodist Church and various community organizations, the **Lewes-Rehoboth Coalition for Peace Week** has planned a series of events:

- **Sunday, September 18, 10:00 a.m. at UUSD:** Our own Rev. Paula Maiorano will deliver a sermon on the importance of working for peace in today's world. The chancel will be decorated with a Peace Pole (<http://www.peacepoleproject.org/>) at both the September 18 and 25 services. Thanks to **Mac Goekler** for the peace pole!
- **Sunday, September 18, 7:00 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church, Rehoboth Beach:** Charito Calvachi-Mateyko, a restorative justice practitioner, will give a brief overview of the approach that restorative justice uses, how it relates to building peace in Latin America, and the implications for peace building in our country and in our individual lives.
- **Wednesday, September 21, 4:00 p.m. at the Rehoboth Boardwalk:** Join us for a March for Peace along the Boardwalk to Baltimore Avenue to the CAMP Rehoboth Courtyard. Bring signs supporting peace both at home and abroad. (Meeting place for March TBA.)
- **Wednesday, September 21, 5:00 p.m. at the CAMP Rehoboth Courtyard:** Join us for a Celebration of Peace Week, including music, readings, prayers, and meditations from representatives of a variety of faith and secular organizations. A Peace Pole will be dedicated and donated to the City of Rehoboth Beach. (In case of bad weather, the celebration will be held inside the CAMP Rehoboth community center space.)
- **September 18-25, Area Public Libraries:** Books about peace will be displayed in the libraries along with a bibliography of books about peace in the Delaware library collection. (The Lewes Library display is confirmed at this time.)

Please plan to participate in one or more of these important events! For information about all the Peace Week Delaware events and activities visit: <http://www.peaceweekdelaware.org/>.

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

PBS FILM ON UUS DEFYING THE NAZIS AIRS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 9PM

— Pat & Ron Schaeffer, Co-Chairs

A long-awaited film — *Defying the Nazis: the Sharps' War* — tells the true story of an American couple's courageous mission in 1939 to help refugees escape Nazi-occupied Europe. The film will air on **Tuesday, September 20 at 9:00 p.m.** on your local PBS station.

This film by Ken Burns and Artemis Joukowsky tells the story of Waitstill and Martha Sharp, a Unitarian minister and his wife from Wellesley, Massachusetts, who engaged in several life-threatening missions in Europe on the eve of World War II to help save hundreds of political dissidents and Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazi occupation across Europe. Their story is told in the film through letters and journals of the Sharps, with Tom Hanks as the voice of Waitstill and Marina Goldman as the voice of Martha. The film also features firsthand interviews with the now adult children whom the Sharps saved, and leading historians, authors, and Holocaust scholars.

This film was endorsed by Rev. Peter Morales, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, and Rev. William Schultz, former President of the Board of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. See: <http://www.defyingthenazis.org/endorsements.html>.

There is a **UUA Action Project** associated with this film that asks how are we carrying on the Sharps' legacy by defying hatred and discrimination today. The project points out that Islamophobia and the Syrian refugee crisis are modern day parallels to the bigotry the Sharps fought against. More information is available at <http://www.uua.org/action/defying-nazis-sharp-story>.

More information is available at <http://www.pbs.org/show/defying-nazis-sharps-war/> and <http://www.defyingthenazis.org/>.

FUNDRAISING

NEXT CRAFT WORKSHOP SCHEDULED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 AT 10:00 A.M. AT UUSD

— Valerie Andrews and Karen Lunstead, Craft Faire Coordinators

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, September 7 at 10 a.m.** 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 in the fun and companionship. Everyone is welcome! Contact Valerie Andrews for more information.

SAVE-THE-DATE: UUSD CRAFT FAIRE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AND SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5

— Valerie Andrews, Craft Faire Coordinator



The third annual UUSD Craft Faire will be held on Friday, November 4 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 5 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. This amazing event includes handcrafted items, a Unique Boutique of special treasures, and an extraordinarily tasty Bake Sale. Items will also be available for children to purchase, along with perfect gifts for teachers and grandparents. So get a head start on holiday shopping, then take a break and enjoy your baked treat, mulled cider, or coffee on our deck overlooking the pond.



ADULT EDUCATION

UPCOMING UUSD ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES IN 2016

— Betty Kirk and Len Bowman, Adult RE Coordinators

The fall will be a busy time for adult education classes. Beginning in September, the following will be offered:

1. **Exploring the UU Seven Principles in Depth:** Beginning on **Saturday, September 10 from 10:00 a.m. to noon**, and running for four classes, ending on October 1, Rev. Paula Maiorano, UUSD Interim Minister, and Betty Kirk will facilitate in-depth discussions of our UU seven principles. The fee for the class is \$22, which includes \$12 for a book on the principles.
2. **Honey in the Heart:** A 10-week UUSD journal writing class will be held on **Tuesdays, September 13 to November 22 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Rev. Paula Maiorano and Claire Griffith will facilitate the course. Journal writing uses memory and imagination as a creative force for documenting your experiences of the world. It can help to heal, inform, and inspire greater understanding of your personal history. The book *Storycatcher* by Christina Baldwin will be used as a weekly map for capturing the dynamics of putting your story on paper for generations to come. There is a \$10 class fee plus purchase of the book. The class is open to all.
3. **UU101:** For two **Saturdays, October 15 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, Rev. Paula, Len Bowman, and Betty Kirk will conduct an introduction to UU beliefs, values, history, and UUSD history and governance. The class is open to newcomers or anyone interested in increasing their understanding of Unitarian Universalism and how it fits into one's own spiritual path.

4. **Four Spiritualities: Expression of Self, Expression of Spirit:** On Sunday mornings, from 8:30 a.m. — 9:30 a.m., UUSD members Mac and Sue Goekler will conduct this class, which explores learning to understand our and other's behaviors in a strictly non-judgmental way. This is a great way for UUs to learn to work with each other in team settings and explore why we react to situations in different ways. Classes will start on **October 2 and run through November 20**. There is a suggested \$10 donation for the class.
5. **Gospels as Quest:** Understood historically, the Gospels reveal a range of early Christian communities struggling to understand who Jesus was, what he did, and how they as Christians relate to Jesus. Out of their struggle emerges a spectrum of insights into Jesus, ranging from early apocalyptic preacher to a mystical embodiment of the hidden God. This course pursues that quest. It will be held on Thursday afternoons with the dates to be determined.

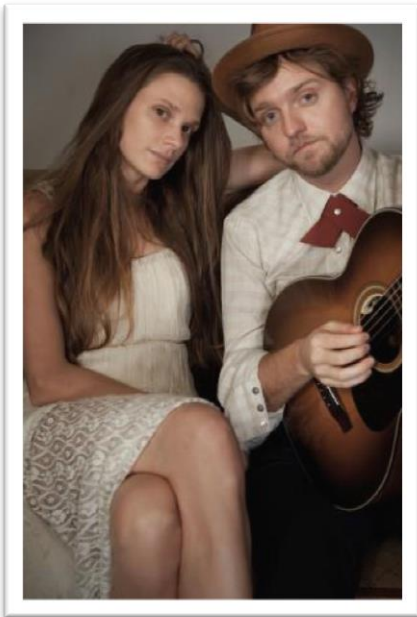
More To Come: Dates TBD

1. **What Comes Next:** Len Bowman and Jeff Cordiano will repeat this afternoon class in the evenings.
2. **Twelve Steps to Compassion:** Using Karen Armstrong's book, understanding how we can lead a more compassionate life will be explored.
3. **UU101 winter/spring.**

In all but the UU101 classes, a \$10 donation is suggested. Additional costs for books and materials will be stated at the outset.

INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED INDIE FOLK DUO RETURNS TO UUSD ON SEPTEMBER 12 AT 7 p.m.

— Len Bowman, Adult RE Co-Coordinator



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.

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

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS
EVENTS: UU DELMARVA CLUSTER AND CENTRAL EAST REGION
— Pat Schaeffer, UUSD Delmarva Cluster Representative

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR UU CLUSTER RETREAT: Online registration is now open for the UU Delmarva Cluster Fall Retreat to be held on **October 7-9** at beautiful **Camp Tochwogh in Worton, Maryland**. The link to the online registration site is at <http://registration.uudelmarva.org>. The Retreat will start Friday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. and end Sunday at noon after the worship service. You may sign up for the entire retreat or just one day. Details about the Retreat are on the Cluster website (<http://uudelmarva.org/cluster-retreat>). Information is also available on the UUSD website and UUSD's Event bulletin board in the Gathering Area. The Cluster Retreat is a great event for UUs and friends of all ages. Contact Pat Schaeffer or Amber Peterson if you have any questions.

CARE AND FEEDING OF VOLUNTEERS: Saturday, September 17, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at UU Chester River: Presented by Rev. David Pyle, CER Congregational Life Staff. Religious Communities depend on the support of their members to conduct their religious mission in the world. Much of the work of a Congregation is conducted by volunteers, and yet too often volunteers feel they are not seen or appreciated for their dedication and support. Beyond recognition, volunteers need to be cared for and sustained in the sometimes difficult work of religious community. This workshop will focus on strategies for recognizing, building, supporting, and sustaining the volunteers of a religious community, and how to encourage more people to want to volunteer! This workshop is free. There is an optional \$10 fee for lunch. Register at <http://www.uua.org/central-east/events/congregations-clusters/care-and-feeding-volunteers-delmarva-cluster>. The Unitarian Universalists of the Chester River are located at 914 Gateway Drive, Chestertown, MD 21620.

CENTRAL EAST REGIONAL EVENTS

Membership, Leadership and Outreach for the Smaller Congregation, October 1, 9:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m., St. Mary's County Library, 23250 Hollywood Rd, Leonardtown, MD 20650: Spend the day with area small congregations talking about welcoming and integrating your newer members, creating vibrant leaders, and introducing your congregation to your neighborhood. You'll get new ideas and have the chance to talk to other small congregations about their learnings. Facilitated by Rev. Megan Foley, Central East Regional staff. Bagels, fruit, granola bars, tea, and coffee will be provided. Bring your own lunch or join others for lunch after 1:30 p.m. Want to make a weekend of it? Contact [Pat Johnson](#), UU Fellowship of Southern Maryland, 301-994-0132 for ideas on where to eat or stay in this beautiful area.

UU Leadership Institute — Fall Online Course Registration is Open: Registration for the fall online courses is now open (<http://www.uuinstitute.org/>). Fall courses include: Revitalizing the Smaller Congregation, Membership Ministry, Healthy Leadership, Faithful Membership, Compassionate Communications, UU History, and History of Social Justice Theologies. Registration fees are around \$30. Courses begin September 2.

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 7, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

Crafts Workshop

Contact: [Valerie Andrews](#)

SEPTEMBER 7, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. (NEW DATE)

Book Group: *Charity and Sylvia* by Rachel Hope Cleves. This book tells the true story of two women who were together for 44 years beginning in the early 1800s and were viewed as a married couple by all who knew them, defying our perceptions of gay life in early America. Facilitator: Sharon Herb. Contact: Bobbi Dunham: 302-644-2207.

SEPTEMBER 9, Friday, 6:00 p.m.

First Friday Film — *Albert Nobbs*

Contact: [Karen Lunstead](#)

SEPTEMBER 10, Saturday 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Continuing Saturdays ending October 1

Exploring the UU Seven Principles in Depth

Contact: [Betty Kirk](#)

SEPTEMBER 12, Monday, 11:00 a.m.

Rally at Legislative Hall, Dover

Contact: [Rev. Paula Maiorano](#)

SEPTEMBER 12, Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Famous October Concert at UUSD

Contact: [Len Bowman](#)

SEPTEMBER 13, Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Continuing Tuesdays ending November 22

Honey in the Heart – Journal Writing Class

Contact: [Claire Griffith](#)

SEPTEMBER 13, Tuesday, 7-9:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting – All are welcome.

Contact: [Gary Colangelo](#)

SEPTEMBER 16, Friday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Friends and Family Game Night

Contact: [Amber Peterson](#)

SEPTEMBER 17, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Care and Feeding of Volunteers

UU Chester River in Chestertown MD

Contact: [Pat Schaeffer](#)

SEPTEMBER 18 - 25

Delaware Peace Week Activities

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Contact: SocialJustice@uusd.org

SEPTEMBER: 19, & 26, Mondays at 6:45-8 p.m.

Gentle Yoga Ongoing Class – All Levels

Contact: [Holly Piper-Smith](#)

SEPTEMBER 20, Tuesday, 9:00 p.m.

PBS: Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' Story

Local PBS Station

Contact: [Pat Schaeffer](#)

FUTURE SAVE-THE-DATES

OCTOBER 2, Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Continuing Sundays ending November 20

Four Spiritualities: Expression of Self,

Expression of Spirit

Contact: [Mac Goekler](#) and [Sue Goekler](#)

OCTOBER 15 & 22, Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

UU101

Contact: [Betty Kirk](#)

OCTOBER 30, Sunday, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop

Contact: [Jean Charles](#), Chair-Ministerial Search

NOVEMBER 4 & 5, Friday and Saturday

UUSD Craft Faire

Contact: [Valerie Andrews](#)



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- Newsletter Articles due the 20th of each month to [Pat Schaeffer](#).
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