



UUSD Newsletter ■ FEBRUARY 2017

February 5 — What Does Her Life Have to Say to Us Today? — Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister: The Eva Peron museum was opened in Buenos Aires in 2002, fifty years after the death of Eva Peron, wife of Argentine President Juan Peron, at the age of thirty-three. The museum not only memorializes but also assists the visitor with understanding what is fact, fiction, or myth about this charismatic yet controversial Argentine woman, who came to be known as Evita to her beloved *decamisados* (shirtless ones) and to the world. Inspired by her visit to the museum on her recent South American trip, Rev. Maiorano ponders what Eva Peron's/Evita's life has to say to those of us in today's U.S. political age who believe that our most cherished religious values, and even life itself are threatened.

February 12 — Speaking of Love — Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister: One wit humorously observed that English has more names for different kinds of coffee — regular, espresso, cappuccino, latte — than it does for different kinds of love. Not so for the ancient Greeks, who had different names for love in a multiplicity of forms. Specialists teach that the more words for something a language has the more important it is to the culture of that language. This service explores the Greek words for love with suggestions for English adaptations that will emphasize love's importance to us, not only in this season of Valentine, but also for our lifelong commitment to Standing on the Side Love.

February 19 — Reflections on Democracy and Religion — Rev. Paula Maiorano, Interim Minister:
The fifth principle which Unitarian Universalists (UU) affirm and promote as one of their basic seven principles forming our UU covenant is the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process

within our congregations and within society at large. This service explores what is behind our belief that democracy is a religious value, and how we participate with others who would legislate morality from religious beliefs that differ from ours.

February 26 — “Share the Love Sunday” — UUSD Social & Environmental Justice Committee: The S&EJ Committee presents its annual service reaffirming UUSD's commitment to social justice and community service. This year, we will honor "The Way Home," which provides ex-offenders coming out of prison with a wide variety of services to help them turn their lives around and stay out of prison. Come, hear staff and past clients speak about the program, its successes, and its needs. At this service, we will kick off UUSD's new "Share the Plate" program, where 50% of the offering (over pledged amounts) will be donated to the organization.

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

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REV. PAULA MAIORANO, INTERIM MINISTER

SUNDAY SERVICE, A WEEKLY RECONNECTION



Sunday worship is a unifying experience. While there are many options for small groups, different activities, or learning opportunities based on personal and spiritual interests, there is only one service that connects us all in the life of the congregation, and that is Sunday worship.

Week after week, we are supported and transformed by the shared experience of word, music, meditation, and prayer, which has a transforming energy that subtly changes us over time. Our thinking becomes broader, our commitments deeper, our perspectives wiser. This is happening not just to each of us as an individual, but to all of us as a community of the whole.

Week after week, we connect with one another, and this is good for all of us. Attendance on Sundays is way above average for a Unitarian Universalist congregation the size of ours. That suggests that I am writing for the “choir” here.

But I have noticed shifts in attendance based on who is speaking, singing, preaching, and what theme or ideas are presented.

I suggest that your regular attendance at Sunday worship is an important spiritual discipline that will deepen your connections, your love, your motivations, and build a cohesive society that will shine a bright beacon illuminating that which we value.

It is good for you, for us, and for all.

See you on Sundays,

In peace, *Rev. Paula*

PRESIDENT’S COLUMN — GARY COLANGELO

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES EXECUTIVE TEAM



The Board of Trustees approved the Executive Team Charge at its January meeting. Some members have asked good questions about the Team, so here is a Q & A to answer questions you may have:

What is the purpose of the Executive Team? The UUSD Executive Team will be appointed by the Board of Trustees to manage the operations of UUSD.

Why did the Board create the Executive Team? There are two reasons to form the Executive Team:

- The BOT is transitioning to a congregational board and needs to focus on fiduciary, policy, planning, and assessment responsibilities, and must therefore delegate UUSD operations to allow the Board to concentrate on their core tasks.
- Our Minister is the UUSD chief administrator, but currently has no paid administrative support. A functioning Executive Team will allow our settled minister to effectively serve as chief administrator and fulfill all other ministerial responsibilities.

Who is on the Team? The Team will be composed of the Minister and two members who understand the culture of UUSD. The member appointees should have administrative experience (especially financial and information management). Member appointees cannot be BOT members and, preferably, are not serving in any other UUSD leadership position. Members will serve two-year terms and can be reappointed for up to three terms.

What will the Team do? Responsibilities of the Team include oversight and coordination of financial management, building operations and management, human resource management, information management and UUSD general administration. Administrative functions and policy development will continue in the relevant Board committees (Finance, Property Management, Land and Building, Personnel, and Communications), allowing the Executive Team to focus on oversight and coordination. However, Human Resource Management, Information Management, and General Administration will require a more hands-on approach.

Can I serve on the Executive Team? Yes. This is an opportunity to be of great service in managing UUSD as it grows and fulfills its Mission. For more information or to request consideration, please contact [Gary Colangelo](#).

Gary Colangelo, President, Board of Trustees

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT — AMBER PETERSON



COME TO GAME NIGHT ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Winter weather is upon us! What a great time to stay indoors and enjoy the company of friends with our Third Friday Game Night! This month our Game Night will be on February 17 from 6:30 — 8:30 p.m. There are many games to choose from including: Sorry, Trivia (or Trivia for Dummies), Connect 4, a variety of card games, and anything you would like to bring to share like Scrabble, Dominos, etc. Families are welcome and children who attend should plan to participate in games as well. Adults without children are just as welcome to join in the fun. This is a free event — just bring a snack to share and a drink for yourself. Pop in for a game of Jenga, then move on to Greedy Dice with new friends. Grab some snacks and move on to a game of Taboo Junior. While our games are family friendly, there are varying levels so little ones can feel confident in playing some games, while adults can stretch their knowledge with others. Our game nights run at the same time each month and

always on the third Friday so mark your calendars and plan to join us for the fun!

Amber Peterson, Director, Lifespan Faith Development

NEWS FROM YOUR UUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Want to know what the Board is talking about at their monthly meetings? The meeting agenda and all reports for each meeting, including those described below, may be viewed on the UUSD website in the members-only section at <http://uusd.org/index.php/board-of-trustees-meeting-minutes.html>.

HIGHLIGHTS: JANUARY 10, 2017 UUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) MEETING

— Gwen Johnson, Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: The Board approved the minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting and the Financial Report. An Interim Minister's report was not provided as Rev. Paula was on vacation.

Financial Reports: Pat Murdock, Finance Officer: Pat said we are in a strong financial position.

Announcements: Gary Colangelo, President: Gary said Walt Smith had resigned from the Board of Trustees for health reasons.

Committee Reports

- **Property (PM) Management:** Gary Schmidt, Co-Chair, reported on items contained in the "Property Management Committee (PMC) Report dated January 10, 2016," The PMC will have a roundtable discussion for the congregation with wants and needs for the future on February 5, 2017.
- **Social & Environmental Justice:** Don Peterson, Chair, presented a proposed **Refugee Resettlement Program** to the BOT. He believes that UUSD should stand behind this program. This program is run by Jewish Family Services of Wilmington, Delaware will allow UUSD to collaborate with the leaders of the Progressive Interfaith Alliance (and others) that are forming the Sussex County Refugee Resettlement Coalition. UUSD would not be sponsoring a refugee specifically; UUSD would be helping as a coalition member. **The BOT unanimously approved this motion.**
- **Land and Building:** Allan Cairncross requested, and the BOT unanimously approved, up to \$8,550 from Capital Funds to pay for Parking Proposal dated January 10, 2017. The PMC, Finance, and Land and Building have all reviewed and approved these items as necessary to address the need for additional parking spaces. Allan said for approximately \$6,000, UUSD can add 38 parking spaces quickly.
- **Growth Plan Update: Workshop on November 30: JoAnne Saltzberg, Growth Plan Coordinator,** discussed the BOT's role in taking over the Growth Plan. The Growth Plan Report to the BOT dated January 10, 2017 is available on the website.

Additional Board Approvals

- **Safe Deposit Box Access:** The Board unanimously approved access for Pat Murdock, Finance Officer, to the Community Bank of Delaware, Rehoboth Beach, safe deposit box and removal of Dan Payne, former Finance Officer, from safe deposit box access.
- **Authorized Check Signers:** The Board unanimously approved authorizing Gary Colangelo, President, and Pat Murdock, Finance Officer, to sign checks at PNC Bank, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and removing Dan Payne, former Finance Officer, as a check signer.

- **Executive Team Charge:** The BOT unanimously approved the Executive Team Charge with minor changes.
- **Lay Leader Honoree Designation:** The BOT unanimously agreed to table discussion of the Lay Leader Honoree designation .

DID YOU KNOW? — RON SCHAEFFER

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW ORLEANS



This year the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) will hold its annual General Assembly (GA) in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, on June 21 -25. The GA theme this year is *Resist and Rejoice*, with a focus on social justice work. As the UUA describes it, GA attendees will worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through the democratic process.

The history of nationwide annual meetings for our denomination goes back to 1825 with the formation of the American Unitarian Association (AUA), and its first meeting in Boston. The Universalists, although forming earlier, tended to meet at state conventions and did not hold a nationwide meeting until late in the nineteenth century. With the merger of the Unitarians and the Universalists in 1961, GA has continued, but with an increased emphasis on education and social action initiatives.

Another noteworthy event occurred in 1920 when Harriet Ware contributed \$5,000 to start an annual lecture to be given each year at the AUA annual meeting on “contemporary religion and pure Christianity.” The first lecture, named “The Ware Lecture,” was given in 1922 and every year since with the exception of 1945 (WWII) and 1950 (125th anniversary celebration). This year’s Ware Lecturer is expected to be announced shortly in a special roll-out, so it could be a significant personality. A sample list of past Ware Lecturers includes Reinhold Niebuhr (1934), Linus Pauling (1964), Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1966), Elliot Richardson (1974), Kurt Vonnegut (1986), Karen Armstrong (2011), and Cornel West in 2015.

There is significantly more to a GA today, with over 125 workshops open to all registered attendees, on theology, governance, ministry and social justice topics. There is also a business agenda for voting on bylaw changes and policy decisions. Each congregation is entitled to representatives based on its membership size. We are currently entitled to three representatives (delegates), in addition to the minister. Once members identify their intent to attend GA, they will be asked about their interest in being a delegate, and the UUSD Board will officially select our three delegates from that list. The congregation’s minister is automatically a delegate.

Next year, GA will be held in Kansas City, Missouri on June 20-24, 2018. Think about it. Maybe you can tie in a vacation or family visit.

COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

— Gary Colangelo and Lee Summerville, Co-Chairs

This month we are celebrating the three-year anniversary of the Capital Campaign for our new home, which began in December 2014. The campaign results are a miracle of the human spirit as revealed by our congregation’s commitment to joyful giving. When we started the Campaign, some thought our goals were too ambitious, but we exceeded our expectations with \$525,335 in fulfilled pledges and a \$848,694 campaign total

including pledges, gifts, grants, and in-kind contributions (Pioneer donations). The Co-chairs of the Capital Campaign want to thank UUSD members and friends for their vision, hopes, wishes, hard work, and generosity.

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS
CHALICE LIGHTERS: FIRST CHALICE LIGHTER "CALL" IN FEBRUARY

— Ron and Pat Schaeffer, Co-Chairs

To all Chalice Lighters: You will receive your first Chalice Lighter "call" in February. Thank you for supporting the Central East Region Chalice Lighters.

LAND & BUILDING
UPDATE ON PARKING LOTS

— Allan Cairncross, Chair

The wonderful news is that UUSD attendance is growing rapidly. There were more cars than parking spaces in four of the last eight Sundays. The high point was December 11 when 156 adults attended and parked 103 cars. The problem is that UUSD only has 87 parking spaces, so 16 cars did not have parking spaces. Fortunately, almost all found reasonable spaces on the grass or edges of the parking lot. Along with this wonderful growth, the coffee hour has become very crowded (still nice), and classrooms and meeting spaces are getting very busy. This has prompted a rebirth of the Land and Building Committee (L&BC) to consider ways to better handle this wonderful growth. Again, this is a good sign that we are on the right track. But visitors and members must have a place to park to feel welcome, or UUSD will not grow.

Some key developments:

- The Board of Trustees has approved a new charge for L&BC.
- The Board of Trustees also approved L&BC spending up to \$8,550 for immediate parking enhancements:
 - Purchase cement parking bumpers to mark temporary spaces on the grass.
 - Prune and clear trees and brush as needed to clear parking spaces.
 - Add one parking lot light pole in the middle of the new space.

For a second step, the engineering plan for another 37 permanent parking spaces is still part the original plan approved and permitted by Sussex County. These can be built as soon as UUSD finds the funding and votes approval. Meanwhile, an excellent suggestion has been made to add parking greeters to guide traffic to these new temporary spaces.

Please attend the Property Management Forum on February 5 after the Sunday service to learn more.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
UPDATE ON COMMITTEE FAIR

— Lee Summerville, Chair

January 15 was a perfect church day with sharing, volunteerism, exceptional music, and fellowship. After a rousing sermon by Rev. David Pyle on "A Spiritual Practice of Leadership," the Committee Fair enabled each committee to meet, greet, and answer questions about their activities and leadership in the church program.

The participation by church members was exceptional. The committees were ready with information, lists to sign, video presentations, special posters, and handout materials for this 'mini convention.' A quick count determined that there were about 40 new volunteers on the sign-up sheets. The members scurried about and visited tables to get signatures for the prize ticket to the Sock Hop. Congratulations to Beebe Frazier who won

the drawing. Thanks to all the committees, set up and tear down helpers, and excited participants. It was really a fun morning.

If you were not able to attend the Committee Faire, but are interested in joining a committee or learning more, it is not too late. Just contact the Committee Chair (see the listing on the last page of this newsletter).

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
REMINDER: NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS**

— Lee Summerville, Chair

Under the Bylaws, there will be three openings in 2017-2018 on the Board of Trustees and one opening on the Leadership Development Committee. Self-nominations or nominations by another member for the Board or LDC will be accepted from **January 15 through April 1, 2017**. The Self-Nomination form is available on the website in the member-only section at <http://uussd.org/index.php/self-nomination-process.html> or can be obtained from the Leadership Development Committee: Lee Summerville, Chair; Kath Johnson; and Ruth Lamothe.

UUSD MEMBERS: SELF-NOMINATION FORMS ON WEBSITE

Information about the individuals who file self-nomination forms for Board positions may be found in the member-only website section at: <http://uussd.org/index.php/self-nomination-process.html>). This information will be updated as members submit their self-nominations for open positions on the Board and Leadership Development Committee.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING
UUSD'S GROWTH PLAN YIELDS TWELVE MONTHS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS!**

— Joanne Saltzberg, Chair

“...Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. Begin it now.”
— Goethe

Late in 2015, with the paint barely dry on UUSD's new home, boldness begets boldness, when the congregation adopted a plan that affirmed that all growth is part of the one ministry that is UUSD, and that the state of inter-being extends to this UU congregation being accountable to all UU congregations. We named it *Linking and Strengthening Our Ministries of Connection*. Four bold goals were adopted:

1. UUSD will be a sanctuary for lifelong spiritual growth and education.
2. UUSD will be a center for progressive thought and social justice.
3. UUSD will be a joyous haven for those who choose to stand on the side of love.
4. UUSD will have the resources and frameworks it needs for sustainability and growth.

These goals are supported by planning, implementation, and the leadership by UUSD's Church Council. It would be hard to find an area of congregational life that hasn't been touched in these past fourteen months by the initiatives that came from this creativity and hard work. The planned growth has been very encouraging, and a full report on the growth plan will be published in March. A report is hardly needed, though, to see a sanctuary, gathering area, and parking lot spilling over their borders; a veritable parade of children being sung out every Sunday; and a Calendar of Events that has very little white space!

And just like boldness begets boldness, growth begets growth — some of it planned and some like the “volunteer” plants and flowers that grow in fields and gardens — unexpected gifts of soil deeply cultivated or

seeds that have more to give. It may well be the “volunteers” that are the bell weather for the depth of growth at UUSD. These are a few examples:

- The Board of Trustees is carefully re-inventing itself as a Congregational Board focused on vision and growth. And, it has a plan to address leadership and management needs going forward.
- There are six committee sub-groups to keep our property in good order, and our fundraising more and more successful.
- The Holiday Craft Faire created a crafters’ group open to all and now there is another craft group, The Fiber Mutt Club.
- The Land and Building Committee, disbanded after the move to this new home, is meeting once again to evaluate the needs of a congregation already bursting the seams of its new home!

My personal acronym for healthy growth is AMINO – each letter representing an important aspect of congregational growth. I use it because in our human bodies, amino acids are the building blocks of protein that play a crucial role in almost all biological processes; they are essential to grow and heal. On the Sunday after the 2016 Presidential election, UUSD’s attendance spiked and the numbers have remained high. UUSD is truly a “Beacon at the Beach” for people who embrace Unitarian Universalists’ affirmation that unconditional, universal love is the foundation and grounding for our actions in the world. UUSD is also essential, and helping it to grow and stay healthy is the work of an entire congregation that is doing a great job.

Stay tuned and in touch because this is only the beginning!

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

— Don Peterson, Chair

Sussex County Refugee Resettlement Coalition: At its January meeting, the Board of Trustees approved UUSD to become an official member of this newly formed Coalition, which will be responsible for supporting the needs of a newly resettled refugee family here in Sussex County. The Coalition consists of the members of the Progressive Interfaith Alliance and others. The refugees have gone through a rigorous “vetting” process (background checks and evaluation) by both the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and the United States government and have been cleared for entry into the country. Volunteers in the Coalition will provide much of the support in locating (but not paying for) housing and setting up a new home (through donations of services and goods), helping the re-settled individuals or families to integrate into the community, helping to locate possible employers, providing some transportation when needed, providing fellowship, etc. The Refugee Resettlement program in Delaware is run by Jewish Family Services. We are excited to be partnering with them! A full description of the program is available on the website at (<http://uusd.org/index.php/board-of-trustees-meeting-minutes.html>).

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration in Sussex County: Even though the parade Saturday morning was cancelled because of the threatening weather, UUSD members participated in both the banquet on Saturday, January 14, and at the worship service on January 16. Our own ***Roisin Greer-Roelants*** made us proud at the service, reading a poem entitled “Don’t Lose Faith” especially written for the occasion by Tina Miller-Hall.

S&EJ Committee Joins the DE Civil Rights Coalition: The newly formed Coalition includes over 30 organizations state-wide who have pledged to come together in a united response of long-established civil rights organizations, religious groups, civic groups, and service providers of Delaware to counter with one voice the growing threat of discrimination and hate in the nation and in Delaware. At its February meeting, the Board of Trustees will consider whether UUSD, as a congregation, will join the Coalition.

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.

A FEW WORDS FROM THE LIBRARIAN

— Joyce Fitch

The donations of books keep coming in. Soon we'll be running out of space in the library. Thank you to all of those who have donated. Here is a glimpse of some of our new books.

The Step Mother by Clair Seeber is a story about a happily married couple, who both have teenage children from previous relationships. The action starts when the blended family sets up housekeeping together, turning it into a psychological thriller with a killer twist. It really kept me guessing about what was actually happening.

For the LGBT community, there are five books written specially about them.

- *Tangled Roots* by Marianne K. Martin is about two women adapting to changing times and still finding a way to love each other.
- *Bright Lights of Summer* by Lynn Ames is the story of two woman who have a passion for softball and whose feelings go far beyond the bounds of friendship.
- *Between Us* edited by Kay Turner is a legacy of lesbian love letters.
- *Generation Q* edited by Robin Bernstein & Seth Clark Silberman is a book of essays about being LGBT.
- *The Latecomer* by Sarah Aldridge was the first book published by the Naid Press and one of the first novels to have a lesbian romance end happily.

GET YOUR EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE LARGEST AUDIENCES POSSIBLE

Do you want your event announcement to reach more members, friends, visitors, and people in the community? Then make sure you send your event announcement to [Pat Schaeffer](#), Communications Chair. And, don't forget event announcements for the Order of Service and the Community Update.

FEBRUARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

ADULT ENRICHMENT

FIBER MUTT CLUB TO MEET FEBRUARY 10, 4:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

— Alex LeClaire

What are Mutts? Mutts are unique, varied, enigmatic, colorful, and quirky! Fiber Mutts welcomes new pups (beginners) and golden-agers (experienced) alike! Share your fiber enthusiasm! Join us for a "Yarn-day-vu!" Bring any fiber art project (knitting, crocheting, spinning, etc.) to work on that travels easily and has no special requirements for space or equipment. Our purpose is camaraderie with like-minded fiber artists. We meet once a month, keeping the **second Friday at 4:30 – 6:30** where possible. The February Theme is Purple, Amethyst, Serendipitous Creativity!

IMPORTANT: Please bring a small ball of purple yarn from your stash to donate! Anything in the purple color range (light lavender almost white, to dark purple, dark raspberry, or any kind of variegated yarn that has even a teeny bit of blue purple in it). This will be a bit of a game night! What will we make? Ribbons of color? Only 10 or so minutes of your time is requested and your willingness to knit or crochet.

Participation is not required, but we'll give out a prize through a lottery upon completion of our serendipitous community created whatchamacallit. If we deem it worthy, we'll memorialize it by donating our creation to the craft fair. No pressure. You are welcome to simply come and enjoy the fun and camaraderie of our pack. For more information, contact [Alex LeClaire](#).

FIRST FRIDAY FILM
FIRST FRIDAY FILM — SELMA — ON FEBRUARY 3 TO HONOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH
— Don Peterson, Chair, S&EJ

The next First Friday Film on February 3 will honor Black History Month with *Selma*. The film, which will be sponsored by the Social & Environmental Justice Committee (S&EJ), follows the tumultuous three-month period in 1965 when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. The epic march from Selma to Montgomery culminated in President Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant victories of the civil rights movement. Don Peterson, S&EJ Chair, will lead a discussion after the movie. The potluck starts at 6:00 p.m., with the movie at 7:00 p.m. First Friday Films are open to the public. For more information, contact Don Peterson or FridayFilms@uussd.org.

FUNDRAISING
UUSD TO CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S WEEKEND WITH THIRD ANNUAL SOCK HOP, FEB 11
— Gwen Johnson and Jane Miller, Members



The third annual UUSD Sock Hop featuring local singer Cathy Gorman and songs from the '50s and '60s will start at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, February 11 at UUSD. There will be refreshments, games, and prizes for the best dancers and best costumes. (Costumes are encouraged, but not required). Tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased in advance. Limited tickets will be available at the door. Contact [Gwen Johnson](#) for ticket information.

Cathy Gorman is from Sussex County, Delaware and has been singing for approximately 26 years. She captivates audiences everywhere she goes with her charm and her love of doing what she does best...singing. Her songs will take attendees back to the songs that created memories. She will get the crowd going with her big band and World War II renditions and then everyone will be hopping and bopping to the 50's and 60's rock and roll era. For those whose favorites are country, she will sing a few Patsy Cline classics. Guests can get out those poodle skirts, white T-shirts, black motorcycle jackets, and saddle shoes and let Gorman take them back to that "remember when" time.



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
FORUM SCHEDULED SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AT 11:15 A.M.
— Deanna DUBY, Co-Chair

The Property Management Committee will hold an open forum on **Sunday, February 5** after the Sunday service, from **11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Committee members will update the congregation on current news related to our building and grounds. Also, the committee wants to hear from members and friends who have questions or concerns about our property and/or policies relating to building and grounds. The re-activated Land and Building Committee will participate, as well, to discuss the upcoming parking lot expansion. Please plan to attend; we would appreciate your input.

ADULT EDUCATION

UUSD TO HOLD ITS SECOND DARWIN DAY CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, FEB. 19, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Betty Kirk, Adult Education Co-Coordinator

UUSD will hold its second Darwin Day celebration on Sunday, **February 19, 2017** from **3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** Our celebration this year will feature a film and two speakers. The event is free and open to the public. The film is "The Genius of Charles Darwin" featuring Richard Dawkins who explains why Darwin's theory of evolution was, indeed, a revolution. Dawkins is a well-known evolutionary biologist and author, as well as a vocal atheist.



Our first speaker is Jennifer Biddle, Assistant Professor of Marine Biosciences at the College of Earth, Ocean and Environment at the University of Delaware. She received her B.S. in Biotechnology from Rutgers University and her Ph.D. from Penn State. Dr. Biddle's research is focused on microorganisms in the environment, and understanding what they do and where they are. She examines local marine sediments, the deep biosphere, and microbialites. The title of her talk is "Maybe we are archaea: finding our start point on the tree of life."

Our second speaker is Ronald Martin, Professor of Geological Sciences, from the University of Delaware Geological Sciences Department. He grew up in southwestern Ohio, where world famous assemblages of Late Ordovician fossils drew his attention to paleontology. He received a B.S. degree in Geology and Paleontology from Bowling Green State University (Ohio), M.S. in Geology from the University of Florida, and Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of California at Berkeley. His research interests include the taphonomy (preservation) and biostratigraphy of microfossil assemblages and, most recently, the role of phytoplankton evolution in the diversification of the marine biosphere. He is the author or co-author of over 60 papers, in addition to *Earth's Evolving System*, which was just published in its second edition. His presentation will focus on "Scales of Change: The Transfiguration of Experience by Historical Consciousness."



For more information, contact AdultEducation@uussd.org.

FUNDRAISING

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 10:00 A.M.

— Kris Acker, Chair

Our next meeting will be **February 22** from **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the church's Gathering Area. Please note we moved our monthly craft get-together to the **last Wednesday** of each month. We invite you to join us at 10 a.m. and you may either bring something to work on as a group or by yourself, or help us finish other crafts. We'll work until 1 p.m. and, then we will go out to lunch. Our get-togethers are great fun and you could learn a new craft too! If you have questions, please contact [Jane Miller](#) or Karen Lunstead.

SAVE-THE-DATES: EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

SAVE-THE-DATE: UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON JUNE 21-25 IN NEW ORLEANS

— Ron and Pat Schaeffer, Co-Chairs

The highlight denominational affairs event of the year will be the **UUA General Assembly** on **June 21-25** in New Orleans, LA at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. As you know, New Orleans is known for its food, music, architecture, and festivals. It's also a city of rebirth following the 2005 Hurricane Katrina devastation. UUs

contributed substantial money and time to rebuild the city and the area congregations. This will be an opportunity to celebrate our successes, and to recommit to the work still to be done.

The theme of this GA is Resist and Rejoice. The Ware Lecturer has not yet been announced, and we will post that information as soon as it is released. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Unitarian Universalism through hundreds of workshops, enjoy great music, and participate in daily worship services. Join the expected 4,000 other UUs in a truly transformative experience.



Please note: It is particularly important to know that GA registration and housing reservations (hotel and local UU home hospitality) will open up on **Wednesday, March 1 at 9:00 a.m. EST.** For those planning to go to GA in June, you need to make hotel reservations on March 1 through the UUA reservation system online or by phone in order to assure a reservation — accommodations are generally limited and rooms go fast. Special instructions will be sent out to all members prior to March 1 for guidance on exactly how to reserve a hotel room in advance for GA.

UUA has obtained special rates for a party of two at the following hotels:

- Double Tree New Orleans by Hilton — \$149/night (12 minute walk to Center)
- Embassy Suites New Orleans Convention Center — \$159/night (5 minute walk)
- Hampton Inn & Suites Convention Center — \$155/night (5 minute walk)
- Hilton Garden Inn Convention Center — \$159/night (5 minute walk)
- Hilton New Orleans Riverside — \$155/night (8 minute walk)
- Hyatt Place- \$159/night (across the street)
- Loews New Orleans Hotel — \$155/night (8 minute walk)
- Omni Riverfront Hotel — \$159/night (5 minute walk).

Registration for GA also starts on **March 1** and should be done before **May 1** to avoid late registration rates (shown in brackets below) as follows:

- Adult full time — \$360 (\$415 after May 1)
- Adult 1-day — \$140 (\$160 after May 1)
- Youth full time (grades 9 to 12) — \$215 (\$245 after May 1)
- Youth 1-day — \$90 (\$105 after May 1).

Everyone attending GA must register. Only the Service of the Living Tradition on Thursday evening and the Sunday Morning Worship Service is open to the public.

See members of the Denominational Affairs Committee — Ron and Pat Schaeffer, Mac Goekler, Betty Metzler, or Gary Colangelo — for additional information.

**FUNDRAISING
SAVE-THE-DATES**
— Kris Acker, Chair

March 10 and 12, 2017 — Rehoboth Concert Band Performances: We are very pleased to announce two upcoming concerts with the Rehoboth Concert Band. Our own UUSD member Kay Creech has brought the Rehoboth Concert Band to perform right here at UUSD. The concerts will be held **Friday evening, March 10, 7:00 p.m.** and **Sunday afternoon, March 12, 4:00 p.m.** The concerts' theme is "Superstar Composers from Baroque to Contemporary" and will be featuring guest pianist, Doug Yetter, on Beethoven's RONDO from Concerto No. 2 in B flat. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased online at [Brown Paper Tickets](#) or call Kris at 610-248-1749. If they are still available, tickets may be purchased at the door.



Saturday, March 25 at 12:00 p.m. — A Rainbow of Fashion: On Saturday, March 25, 2017, the Fundraising Committee will present its own “Rainbow Fashion Show” from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The show will feature fashions from Blooming Boutique clothing stores in Lewes, Rehoboth Beach, and Milford, as well as lunch, dessert, prizes and fun. The fashion show is open to all and the cost is \$15 per person. Details to come...but rest assured, this will not be your “ordinary” fashion show.

Saturday, April 22 at 3:00 p.m. — UUSD Auction: Get ready for the ‘Big Top Auction!’ Come see UUSD transformed into a circus with lions and tigers and bears — oh my! We will have as ringmaster Donna Dulce, who will lead the live auction. We have made a few changes this year. The Big Top Auction will begin at 3:00 p.m. with our tables full of silent auction offerings. The live auction will follow. There will be drinks and light nibbles available at the bar. When the auction is over, attendees will enjoy a covered dish dinner while our Data Committee prepares your statements. Now is the time to start thinking about what you would like to donate: an event such as a dinner, trip, a tea, an outing, or something for the home or wardrobe. In the meantime, if you would like to donate an item to the auction, please speak with Sharon Herb or Karen Lunstead. For our new church members, our annual auction is always a fun time and there are great deals to be had, so put April 22 on your calendar.

2017 Craft Faire Scheduled in November: Looking ahead, the Craft Faire will be held **Thursday, November 2, 4:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.** for UUSD family and friends. The Faire will be open to the public on **Friday, November 3 from 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.**, and **Saturday, November 4 from 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.** Lunch will be available for purchase on Friday and Saturday. More details will be released later.

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
SAVE THE DATE: March 18, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Presentation: “Solitude & Social Engagement: Lessons from Music & Merton”
Presenter: Professor Dr. Christopher Pramuk, Xavier University
Sponsored by: UUSD Social & Environmental Justice Committee and Thomas Merton Society
 Interfaith Chapter of Southern Delaware
Location: Unitarian Universalists of Southern Delaware
Contact: Don Peterson

ADULT EDUCATION
SAVE-THE-DATES: UU 101 AND UU SEVEN PRINCIPLES
— Betty Kirk and Len Bowman, Coordinators

The Adult Education Program will again be offering two classes that are open to all those interested in exploring Unitarian Universalism in greater depth. The UU 101 class will be offered on two Saturday mornings, **March 18 and 25 at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The UU Seven Principles Class is scheduled for Saturday mornings on **April 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10:00 a.m. to noon.** For more information, contact AdultEducation@uusd.org.

UUSD MEMBER DEB DAVIES TO HOLD TAI CHI COURSE AT UUSD STARTING FEB. 28 AT 11:30 A.M.

A free introductory **Tai Chi Short Yang Form Class** will be held Tuesday, February 28 at 11:30 a.m. at UUSD. Deb Davies, UUSD member, will conduct the class. Registration will immediately follow the Introductory Class. Space is limited. Classes will officially begin **Tuesday, March 7 at 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.** Classes are one hour. Tuition is \$10 per class for new students and \$5 for students repeating the class. Deb is a certified T'ai Chi instructor with the T'ai Chi Foundation and teaches the Short Yang Form as taught by Professor Cheng Man Ch'ing. She has been a student of T'ai Chi since 1991 and teaching since 1993. In addition, she teaches meditation, is a Reiki Master and instructor, and is a recently retired licensed massage therapist. For more information email Taichidebo433@gmail.com or call at 302-727-8832.

JANUARY SNIPS AND SNAPSHOTS



The end of the Capital Campaign is celebrated with Cake. Lee Summerville and Gary Colangelo are thanked for their service as Committee Co- Chairs.



UUSD honors Lee Summerville with the Clara Barton Sisterhood Award from the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation. The award was created in Barton's name as a way for local women's groups, congregations, and individuals to honor women aged 80 and over for their contributions to their congregations and communities.



On the Annual Jean Charles Service Sunday, Deanna Duby discussed service from several perspectives including that of "The Splendid Torch."

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS & FUTURE EVENTS

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

Book Group: *Jitterbug Perfume* by Tom Robbins. A saga involving a very old blue bottle embossed with the image of a horned goat. Could the liquid in the bottle contain the essence of the universe?
Facilitator: Jan Daily
Contact: [Bobbi Dunham](#)

FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, & 27, Mondays at 6:45-8 p.m.

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

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

First Friday Film – *Selma*
Contact: FridayFilms@uussd.org

FEBRUARY 5, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Property Management Forum
Contact: [Deanna Duby](#)

FEBRUARY 10, Friday, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Fiber Mutt Club
Contact: [Alex LeClaire](#)

FEBRUARY 11, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

UUSD Valentine Sock Hop (Fundraiser)
Contact: [Gwen Johnson](#)

FEBRUARY 14, Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting
Contact: President@uussd.org

FEBRUARY 17, Friday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

FEBRUARY 19, Sunday, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Darwin Day
Contact: [Betty Kirk](#)

FEBRUARY 22, Wednesday, 10:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Crafter Meeting
Contact: [Kris Acker](#)

FEBRUARY 28, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tai Chi – Introductory Class
Contact: [Deb Davies](#)

MARCH 1, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

General Assembly Registration Opens
Contact: [Ron Schaeffer](#)

MARCH 10, Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Rehoboth Concert Band Performance (Fundraiser)
Contact: [Kris Acker](#)

MARCH 12, Sunday, 4:00 p.m.

Rehoboth Concert Band Performance (Fundraiser)
Contact: [Kris Acker](#)

MARCH 18 & 25, Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

UU 101 Course
Contact: [Betty Kirk](#)

MARCH 18, Saturday, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Solitude & Social Engagement: Lessons from Music & Merton”
Contact: [Don Peterson](#)

MARCH 25, Saturday, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Rainbow of Fashion (Fundraiser)
Contact: [Kris Acker](#)

APRIL 8, 15, 22, & 29, Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Seven Principles Course
Contact: [Betty Kirk](#)

APRIL 22, Saturday, Auction, 3:00 p.m.

UUSD Auction (Fundraiser)
Contact: [Kris Acker](#)



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To email a designated person or open a website link in the *Beacon*, move your cursor over the underlined name or text and a small hand comes up, simply click on the name to open the email or site.

- **Newsletter** Articles due the 20th of each month to [Pat Schaeffer](#).
- **Publicity** requests to [Pat Schaeffer](#)
- **Order of Service** notices by Wednesday to [Anni Wood](#) and [Jean Charles](#) with a copy to [Pat Schaeffer](#)
- **Weekly Community Updates** by Thursday to [Jean Charles](#).
- **Website Calendar Updates** to [Jean Charles](#) as needed.

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