



UUSD Newsletter ■ JULY 2017

July 2 — Spirit — Rick Welk, UUSD Member: Rick Welk discusses the importance of nurturing spiritual growth and the need to keep our spirits strong in today’s world, while sharing some of the highs and lows of his own spiritual journey.

July 9 — Job and the Search for Truth and Meaning — Len Bowman, UUSD Member: The Biblical Book of Job can give us insight into the depth and power of our Fourth Principle: “A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.” There are two stories of Job in the Book of Job. The first is an ancient folktale of “the patience of Job.” Then comes the Hebrew commentary that completely debunks the folktale, in the process calling into question a principal “received doctrine” of the Hebrew Scriptures. It’s not Job’s patience that brings him to wisdom; it’s his angry and persistent questioning. Questioning is the answer, after all. It is in the questioning, in the quest itself — a joyful quest — that truth and meaning are found.

July 16 — Dobby and the Dark Side of Chocolate — Susan and Mac Goekler, UUSD Members: Prof. De La Mer (Susan) and Prof. Remus Dumbledore (Mac) will present a service connecting the magical world of Harry Potter with the muggle (real) world. We will connect the house elf Dobby to Africa to Chocolate. We will all learn together what we can do to eliminate modern child slavery in Africa. After the children are sung out, we will discuss human trafficking here in Sussex County and around the world. We will learn how we, as vigilant consumers, can make a difference through “Fair Trade” and other means. And yes, we will all get to taste Fair Trade chocolate — the children will pass out mini bars on their way to their classes.

July 23 — What If God Was One of Us? — Anni Wood, UUSD Member: One of the beauties of UU congregations is the lack of expectation regarding how we each consider the possibility of Mystery. What if ...

God is the sunset, a poem, the song of the wind, or the laughter of a child? What if ... whatever Mystery is, she visits us in our Sanctuary or whenever we gather? What if ... whatever Wisdom is, he visits us in our homes and in our hearts? Do we name the aspects of Mystery as divine? Or do we simply open ourselves to their possibility?

July 30 — Compassion is as an Act of Courage — Sue Greer, UUSD Member: Compassion is an act of courage, the courage of an open heart! Buddha’s teaching tells us that all beings are born into suffering and that the antidote to that suffering is the “awakening” of the compassionate heart. It is the belief that within all of us is the latent wish for all beings to be well and free of suffering. Compassion for all is a strong and relevant teaching, especially in our world today that seems full of hatred, greed, and suffering that divides and separates us. Finding our open-heartedness breaks down these barriers of separation of self and other and helps us find our way. We hear the cries of suffering; your suffering or my suffering, there is no difference, and this becomes our freedom, to courageously cherish ourselves and all living beings.

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

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REV. PAULA MAIORANO, INTERIM MINISTER



When lives touch and a relationship is built, the story of a person or a group of people is shaped in ways both tangible and mysterious.

Our lives touched, then deepened together. What we shared will never be lost. Some of the impact of our time together, the changes in the Order of Service for instance, are easy to observe and might be revised in the future. But the changes of the heart are indelible changes of the forever kind, shaping our path forward in ways we don't yet understand. I certainly feel that my life has been changed for the better, after working with and serving you for two years.

The gifts of our relationship cannot be measured, and will always be present in my life. I hope it is the same for you.

Farewell and Fare Thee Well, Paula

A GRATEFUL CONGREGATION SAYS THANK YOU AND GOOD-BYE TO REV. PAULA



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN — GARY COLANGELO

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The celebration for Rev. Paula on June 18 was a glorious event that will remain in our hearts and minds for years to come. It seems to me that in addition to celebrating Paula's accomplishments and imprint on UUSD, we also celebrated ourselves and the growth of UUSD for the past two years. We should celebrate ourselves more often.

A chapter is closing at UUSD with the departure of Rev. Paula, and a new chapter will begin when Rev. Michelle begins her ministry with us in August. The month of July is a good time for us to step back and think about the future of UUSD. We will start a new growth plan after Michelle arrives, and we will begin with dream and aspiration congregation meetings.



I am not a very good original thinker, so I rely on my experiences to come up with ideas for the future of UUSD. I am not recommending these for UUSD, but I just want to demonstrate what other spiritual groups have accomplished when they are driven by desire and a mission:

The 300-year-old Burton Parish Episcopal Church in Williamsburg, Virginia has a music program consisting of seven choirs, a bell-ringing group, and several ensembles for their weekly concert series and special music programs. The music program is led by a music director, two choir directors, and an organist. More money is spent for the music program than for the support of the ministers.

I assisted the Muslim Community Center (MCC) in Silver Spring Maryland with their health care facility expansion, which added a dental treatment area. The MCC Board recognized a need for culturally sensitive health care in their community and renovated the entire lower floor of their mosque to create a health facility that provides sliding scale health care by volunteer physicians and dentists.

The Docent at Saint John the Divine in New York City explained to our group about the Value of Food: Sustaining a Green Planet banners on the iron fence outside the cathedral. The Value of Food was a large multimedia exhibition and series of public programming, and has an expanded website, with information on related events, the artists, and curators.

In April 2016, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington hosted a month-long film series, "Voices from the Holy Land," a contemporary portrayal of the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The series had to be repeated due to public demand.

We all know of examples of successful programs by faith and not-for-profit communities. Our own ESL program is one example. Perhaps with our collective experiences and new insights, we will find new initiatives that fit the mission, desires, and resources of UUSD. Our destiny remains a "permanent state of transition as our most noble condition" (adapted from Juan Ramon Jimenez, Selected Writings).

Gary Colangelo
President, UUSD Board

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT — AMBER PETERSON



Summer is here and with it, fun at the beach! Please join us for our Annual Delmarva Cluster Beach Day on July 15 beginning at 10:00 a.m. This event is co-hosted with the First Unitarian of Wilmington congregation. This is a wonderful time for individuals, couples, families, and friends to share a day of fun in the sun. Bring a picnic lunch and your favorite beach activities and enjoy the calm bay waters. Meet new UU friends from other UU congregations in the Delmarva area and connect with adults and children in our own congregation.

There will be organized games for all ages and other activities like blowing bubbles, building sand castles, and flying kites! Those who attended last year had a wonderful time. We look forward to seeing many more friendly faces this year, so mark your calendars and be sure to join us!

Our Beach Day is located at the Lewes Beach at the end of Savannah Rd. (Rt. 9). We have not had many Cluster events locally, and other UUs that travel quite a distance to join us would love to see a large showing of locals. Come on out and support our locally hosted beach day on July 15!

Namaste.

Amber Peterson
Director, Lifespan Faith Development

NEWS FROM YOUR UUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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: JUNE 28 BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) MEETING

— Gwen Johnson, Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: The Board of Trustees (BOT) approved the minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting, the Minister's Report, and the Financial Report.

- **New Board Members** Len Bowman, Joanne Saltzberg, and Mac Goekler were welcomed.
- **Executive Team (ET) Report:** Deanna Duby, ET Member, reported they have been meeting since March. Issues they are working on include the Church Calendar forms used to schedule events when the new website is released. We have funds for a part time Administrator beginning October 1, 2017. They are working with Deb Davies and Gary Colangelo on the job description.
- **Personnel:** Deb Davies, Personnel Chair, advised the BOT that we are expected to provide 10% for retirement for all full-time paid staff. The BOT unanimously approved this motion.
- **Growth Plan Update:** Joanne Saltzberg, Long-Range Planning, said everyone who attended the June 9, 2017 meeting agreed we need to keep our records in Power Church. Succession Planning for UUSD was discussed and was a focus during this meeting. Gary agreed with Rev. Paula that the BOT should ask General Assembly (GA) participants for a discussion of what was discussed at GA. This will be at a two-hour special Board meeting on **August 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Retreat with Michelle, Now in October:** Gary will be checking with Reverend Michelle and Reverend Pyle for dates. Jean recommended we come up with a date for Rev. Michelle's Installation.
- **Election of BOT Officers for FY 17/18:** Gary Colangelo, President; Joanne Saltzberg, Vice President; Gwen Johnson, Secretary and Pat Murdock, Chief Financial Officer. BOT members will vote on July 1, 2017 via email to confirm acceptance of the nominees.
- **2017 BOT Concerns Review:** Tabled for next meeting.
- **From the Floor/Future Agenda Items:** Gary asked for closing comments from BOT members to Wayne, Sharon, and Rev. Paula.
- **Next Monthly Meeting:** Wednesday August 16, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
- **Special BOT Meeting:** August 22, 2017 5:30 p.m.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF UUSD ANNUAL MEETING

— Gwen Johnson, Secretary, Board of Trustees

UUSD'S Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, June 11 following worship services. The following are the results of this meeting:

1. Board of Trustees: Three new members of the Board of Trustees were elected: Len Bowman, Mac Goekler, and Joanne Saltzberg.
2. Leadership Development: One member was elected to Leadership Development: Elizabeth Ann (Beth) Law.
3. The minutes of the June 12, 2016 Annual Meeting were approved.
4. The proposed Operating Budget and Capital Fund Budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal years (FY 18) with expenditures of \$ 270,501.00 and \$47,000.00, respectively, were approved.
5. The updated Resolution of Conscience as proposed by the UUSD Social & Environmental Justice Committee was approved.
6. Receipt of a UUA First Home \$25,000 UUA grant was approved. If this grant money is received, it will be used for improving the parking lot.

In addition, the following reports were presented:

1. Board of Trustees President's Report
2. Staff Reports: Minister, Director-Lifespan Faith Development, and Music Director

Thank you for your participation in this year's Annual Meeting. Please contact Gwen Johnson should you have any questions.

DID YOU KNOW? — RON SCHAEFFER

VOLUNTARISM AND TWO UNITARIAN MINISTERS

Rev. Paula gave an insightful and inspiring sermon June 11 on the theme of "voluntarism," which is defined as the "principle of relying on voluntary action." This term was used extensively in the 19th century with reference to voluntary organizations in social welfare, such as schools and churches feeding and educating the poor.

Unitarians and Universalists at the time both embraced and challenged this idea. They opened their churches to feed and shelter the poor, but they also fought for public education (state run and funded).

Rev. Paula mentioned the work of Unitarian minister, Henry Whitney Bellows, who was named by Abraham Lincoln to head up the United States Sanitary Commission in 1861 to address the severe problem of care for sick and wounded Union soldiers. The Commission was created by federal legislation as a "private relief agency" funded by voluntary donations and staffed by thousands of volunteers. Over the decades, this agency evolved to what is known today as the Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal government. Bellows was a friend of Lincoln, as were a number of other Unitarians. Theodore Parker was also one (Lincoln borrowed several of Parker's ideas from his sermons). And, of course, Lincoln's first Vice President, Hannibal Hamlin, was a Unitarian from Maine. What a different history we might have experienced if Lincoln had stayed with Hamlin as his Vice President for his second term.

Rev. Paula also referenced, James Luther Adams, a Unitarian minister, born at the beginning of the twentieth century (1901) and died in 1994. Most UU ministers and Christian scholars will recognize his name and his work. I was totally unaware of him and his accomplishments until I became interested in UU history about 25 years ago. He is seldom quoted in UU services today, but he is considered to have been one of the most learned and influential UU theologians of the twentieth century.

Adams was a professor of religion at Meadville-Lombard, Harvard, and Andover Newton divinity schools. He served two UU churches in Massachusetts, edited the *Christian Register* magazine, founded the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, and was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1958 at the height of his career. He annoyed some of his colleagues because he could be a harsh and a very public critic of prevailing Christian religious practices and of Unitarian Universalist shortcomings after the merger in 1960. Adams was considered to be the foremost authority on the well-known Christian liberal theologian, Paul Tillich. In the 1960s, Adams actually translated the writings of the then two German theologians, Paul Tillich and Karl Holl. Some describe Adams as a “Christian Humanist,” as he often blended the social teachings of Jesus with mid-twentieth century Humanism.

In his book, *Transforming Liberalism, the Theology of James Luther Adams*, George Beach writes, “Adams articulates theology in a prophetic key because he believes that social relevance and ethical commitment are the touchstones of authentic faith.” He was active in social justice while a parish minister, and influenced UU policy and direction. For example, along with our seven principles, there is also listed the six “sources of faith.” The second source, which reads as follows: “Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structure of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love” was written and proposed by James Luther Adams. His views are deeply imbedded in Unitarian Universalism today.

COMMITTEE NEWS

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT NEW ORLEANS!

— Ron & Pat Schaeffer, Co-Chairs

This year’s UUA General Assembly was held June 21-25 in New Orleans, LA. The theme was **Resist and Rejoice**. The Ware Lecturer was **Bryan Stevenson**, a public interest lawyer and head of the *Equal Justice Initiative* in Alabama. UUSD delegates were Mac and Susan Goekler and Don Peterson. Rev. Paula Maiorano participated as an off-site delegate. Pat Schaeffer was the Alternate Delegate. Also attending GA was Ron Schaeffer. Unfortunately, weather issues in New Orleans prevented Joanne Saltzberg, Deb Davies, Jennifer Schultz, and Betty Kirk from flying to General Assembly, and they were missed. A worship service is planned within the next few months to present the results of the GA experience to the congregation.



(l to r: Pat Schaeffer, Ron Schaeffer, Don Peterson, Susan Goekler, and Mac Goekler.

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS TOM AND CEIL TOTH RECEIVE 2017 STEWARD OF PARTNERSHIP AWARD

— Ron Schaeffer, Co-Chair

The Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council (UUPCC) is the coordinating body for all the partner church activity underway between UU congregations in the U.S. and Unitarian or Universalist churches in other parts of the world. Each year UUPCC presents a “Steward of Partnership Award” to leaders in a UU congregation for outstanding performance in managing their specific partnership.

This year, Tom and Ceil Toth were recipients of the 2017 Steward of Partnership Award for their leadership role in managing the partnership with the Tordatur Unitarian church in Transylvania, Romania.

The official award reads:

To Tom & Ceil Toth - For tireless efforts on behalf of the partnership between the Unitarian Universalists of Southern Delaware and Tordatur, Transylvania. Celebrating your remarkable dedication to building and nurturing the continuing connection with your partner church, and acknowledging that partnerships do not sustain themselves, but require time, attention, and loving care to maintain. We thank you for the gift of your commitment, to your church, to your partnership, and to the Partner Church movement.

The award is signed by Rev. Roger Bertschausen, Executive Director.

Pat and Ron Schaeffer accepted the official award on behalf of Tom and Ceil at General Assembly in New Orleans on June 23. This is a great honor for Tom and Ceil. Those of us, who have seen the hard and dedicated work of Tom and Ceil and the Partner Church Committee over the years, know this is well deserved.



(l to r: Ron Schaeffer, Tom Toth, and Ceil Toth)



**FUNDRAISING
TRAVEL WITH THE UUs!**
— Karen Lunstead, Member

The Fundraising Committee is exploring bus trips, so if you are interested in taking a trip to the U.S. Open, the New York Botanical Garden to enjoy the Dale Chihuly exhibition, to Longwood Gardens and to Brandywine Art Museum, please contact Kris Acker.

**FUNDRAISING
UUSD'S GOT TALENT!**
— Pam Smith, Member



Created by Rick Welk.

Isaac Carney and Rick Welk, members of the UUSD FUNdraising Committee, are planning to prove that **UUSD'S GOT TALENT!** If you can sing, play music, dance, provide comedy, are athletic, or have any other performing capability...then they want to hear from you to be part of this future FUNdraiser to benefit UUSD. If you have any of those talents, or other, please contact [Isaac](#) at 302-519-0735 or [Rick](#) at 302-519-0736, or speak to them when you see them. Also, let them know if you want to help on the production crew. This is going to be a FUN FUNdraising Event...please be part of it! You will have FUN!

WELCOME NEW UUSD MEMBERS
Lee Summerville, Leadership Development Committee

WELCOME: JOANNE LOEFFLER BRENTARI



My husband, Herb, and I moved to Lewes, DE, almost four years ago. Herb and I grew up together in Mahanoy City, PA. We went to Bloomsburg University, married and had a daughter named Sherri. She recently moved from New Jersey to Camden Wyoming, Delaware with our three grandchildren. We are thrilled to have them closer.

I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education, a Master's Degree in Behavior Disorders and a second Master's Degree in Teaching Strategies. I taught for 30 years, and I have been retired for 10 years. I loved teaching, but I also love retirement, especially in Lewes, DE.

I grew up in the United Church of Christ where I was very active in the youth group, Sunday school, and choir. I loved my church and the leadership. I became disillusioned with the politics of my church as an adult, and I began to search for a church that felt more comfortable to me. I was living in Allentown, PA, when I first visited a Unitarian Universalist Church located in Bethlehem, PA. I attended for a while, but the church was quite a distance, and I stopped attending.

I watched the UUSD church being built, and I remembered feeling so welcomed in my past visits to the Unitarian Universalist Church. I wanted to visit the church because I've been very concerned about the state of our country. I finally attended a service at the church, and I was able to calm down and find some peace during the service. I've since attended several times and decided that I really need the calm, quiet acceptance offered at UUSD. I signed the book and became a very happy member of the UUSD family.

MEMBERSHIP
NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION SUNDAY HELD MAY 21
— Bobbi Dunham, Chair

On Sunday, May 21, 12 of 19 new members were welcomed into the UUSD family. New members who were present are pictured below. Seven other new members — Joanne Brentani, Donna Hoyt, Donna Davis, Terri Lottman, Valarie McNichol, Teresa Paulsen, and Carol Scileppi — were unable to attend.



Rev. Paula read the new member pledge, and current and new members covenanted with each other to fulfill the principles and purposes of UUSD and the Unitarian Universalist Association. New members were presented with a Welcome booklet by Betty Kirk from the Membership Committee. Gary Colangelo, President of the Board of Trustees, participated in the ceremony. Linda Marsden provided a celebratory cake on behalf of the Membership Committee.

Many new members have already become active in the life of UUSD. Welcome to all.

(Front row: l to r: Teresa Ripley, Ellen Lytton, Rand Lytton, Rev. Paula, Beth Law, Michele Warch. Second row: Betty Kirk-Membership Committee, Chris Edginton, Cass Ripley, Claire O'Meara, Jon Bartels, Richard Wheeler, Lee Wheeler, Pat Bartels, and Gary Colangelo — Board President.)

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

— Don Peterson, Co-Chair

No One Likes a Dirty Beach! That is why on June 3, several stalwart UUSD members and friends gathered at Cape Henlopen's Herring Point to clean up the portion of the beach that UUSD has "adopted." It turned out to be a beautiful morning. We were very gratified to see how clean the beach was compared to previous years. It looks like more and more people appreciate the need to keep our wonderful beaches clean and safe! We want to thank **Betty Kirk**, who coordinated the cleanup effort this year. The team this year included **Jan Daily, Donna Dulce, Bonnie and John Long, Lew Maurer, Amber Peterson, Don Peterson, and Paul Skillin**. Thanks to all!

Social and Environmental Justice Activism Sub-Committee: This Activism Sub-Committee continues its work to provide UUSD members and friends specific actions to take to resist the threats to our values. We usually meet at 10:00 a.m. in the large RE room on the fourth Friday of each month. If you would like to attend future meetings or otherwise get involved with the sub-committee, please contact [Cass or Teresa Ripley](#).

And on a Personal Note: This will be my final submission to the newsletter on behalf of the Social & Environmental Justice (S&JE) Committee. After three years as the Chair, I am stepping down effective July 1, to explore how else I might serve UUSD. Serving as Chair has been an extremely rewarding experience for me. It has afforded me an amazing opportunity to learn and grow, to work for causes I believe in, and to meet and work with so many dedicated individuals throughout our community. I want to thank the **members of the Committee**, past and present, whose creativity, support, and commitment have been critical to whatever impact the Committee has had. I also want to thank all of the **members and friends of UUSD** who supported our social justice work. You very generously donated school supplies and holiday gifts to the children of H. O. Brittingham Elementary, twice supported massive collection efforts for the Syrian refugee camps, cooked meals and donated your time and resources to the homeless, collected luggage for People's Place, cleaned up our beaches, participated in social justice forums, collected money to support The Way Home, marched and demonstrated to support our values and principles. For three years running, you have overwhelmingly supported UUSD's Resolution of Conscience. In one way or another, and to the extent that you have been able, you all have been social justice warriors! Thank you for that! And, now it's time for new leadership. We are very fortunate that **Susan Goekler** has agreed to serve as the new Chair of the Committee. Susan brings a wealth of experience in all things related to social justice at the congregational and national levels and a dedication to the principles of UUA. We are so fortunate to have her in our congregation! I know that you will show her the same support that I have so much appreciated. So with that, let me sign off in the way I usually do on my many emails to the Committee: Peace and Love — Don

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 Susan Goekler at susangoekler@gmail.com for more information.

COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATE ON UUSD'S NEW WEBSITE

— Pat Schaeffer, Chair

The Communications Committee is in the last stages of finalizing the new UUSD website. Our website team (Alleane Taylor, Margaret Keefe, Sue Brown, and Christopher Edginton) continues to work with our outside web developer on the final content and photos and making sure everything works as we hoped. We will communicate the date when the new website will go live as soon as it is available. In the meantime, we are also working on plans to share how you can use the website and take advantage of all it offers once the new website is live.

As a reminder to UUSD leaders and staff, after the website goes online, church communications, including flyers, ads, brochures, etc., will need to incorporate the new graphics, including the chalice. Communications will be reaching out to individual leaders and to the Church Council over the next several weeks to collaborate with you on this transition. Here is our lovely new chalice.



Please contact [Pat Schaeffer](#) if you have any questions or need additional information.

A FEW WORDS FROM THE LIBRARIAN

— Joyce Fitch

Daughter of Kura by Debra Austin is a delightful tale of a matriarchal society half a million years ago. It follows a year in the life of a young girl, who is in line to become leader of her village. I particularly liked their mating rituals as well as the descriptions of the enormous time and energy spent gathering their food. The author states she constructed the story from scientific facts, plausible theories, and some wild speculations. If you read *Clan of the Cave Bear* back in the 1980s, you will enjoy this book as well.

Jane Fonda's *My Life Story* is a well-written account of her life experiences and emotional upheavals. I always like her in the movies, although I never saw that many of her 40 plus films. She revealed a lot about the movies she made and the people she worked with. Her experience with Katherine Hepburn was most interesting. She also explains in detail why she went to Hanoi and what she actually did there. Of course, she includes her three marriages and her most successful video workout business. Finally, she comes to the point where she finds fulfillment in her philanthropy and activism plus new insight into her personal struggles. This is a great book if you follow movie stars and want to know more about their personal lives.

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah: We've all heard the horrific stories of young boys forced to fight and kill. Only one such boy has actually written a book telling about his personal experiences as a child fighter. Fortunately, he was rescued and came to the U.S. at age 18. He finished high school and graduated from college. At age 24, he became a spokesperson for what happened in those terrible years. I have not read this story, but plan to do so soon, since it seems to attract my interest.

COMMITTEE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

FIRST FRIDAY FILM JULY 7: KING OF HEARTS



The next First Friday Film will be held at UUSD on **Friday, July 7 at 7:00 p.m.** with the cult classic *King of Hearts*. A potluck dinner starts at **6:00 p.m.** The film is a drama/comedy set in a small town in France near the end of World War I. Private Charles Plumpick is chosen to go into a small French town to disconnect a bomb that the German army has planted. However, Charles is chased by some Germans and finds himself holed up in the local insane asylum, where the inmates are convinced he is the "King of Hearts." Feeling obligated to help the inmates, Charles attempts to lead them out of town, but they are afraid to leave and happily frolic about the streets. Will Charles be able to deactivate the bomb in time and save his newfound friends? The film is free and open to the public. Jan Daily will lead the discussion following the film. For more information, contact FirstFriday@uussd.org.

MEN'S GROUP
JULY 8: NEXT MEETING
— Ron Schaeffer and Paul Barnette

The UUSD Men's Group will meet **Saturday, July 8 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Gathering Area. Walt Smith and Jack Murphy are facilitating. All UUSD men are invited to join the Group. Let [Ron Schaeffer](#) know if you plan to attend.

FUNDRAISING
JULY 26: CRAFT WORKSHOP
— Karen Lunstead, Member

We will meet to make items for the November Craft Fair on **Wednesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.** at UUSD. Come, join in the fun while we work together! Contact Jane Miller or Karen Lunstead.

UU DELMARVA CLUSTER EVENTS

JULY 15: ANNUAL UU DELMARVA CLUSTER BEACH DAY AT LEWES BEACH

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SAVE-THE-DATES

FUNDRAISING
YARD SALE FOR MEMBERS/FRIENDS, SEPTEMBER 22 (NEW DATE)
— Karen Lunstead, Member

The UUSD yard sale date has been changed to **Friday, September 22 for friends and UUSD members**, and **September 23 for everyone**. Please save your gently used household items, books, lamps, knick knacks, and kids (only) clothing. A UUSD member has kindly offered her garage if you need to donate larger items now instead of waiting for that week. Please speak with Gwen Johnson, Jane Miller, or Karen Lunstead for details.

JULY HIGHLIGHTS & FUTURE EVENTS

JULY 7, Friday, 6:00 p.m.

First Friday Film — *King of Hearts*

Contact: FridayFilms@uussd.org

JULY 8, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Men's Group

Contact: [Ron Schaeffer](#)

JULY 10, Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Book Group: *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Happens in the End* by Atul Gawande. The author faces the most difficult challenges of his profession: how medicine cannot only improve life, but also the process of its ending. Facilitator: Catherine Harris.

Contact: [Bobbi Dunham](#)

JULY 15, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Annual UU Delmarva Cluster Beach Day

Contact: [Amber Peterson](#)

JULY 21, Friday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Friends and Family Game Night

Contact: [Amber Peterson](#)

JULY 26, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

Craft Faire Meeting

Contact: [Karen Lunstead](#)

SAVE-THE-DATES

JULY 27, 28, & 29

Delmarva Cluster Social Justice Project

Contact: [Rev. Greg Chute](#)

AUGUST 5, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Delaware Pride Festival

Contact: [Rev. Greg Chute](#)

AUGUST 16, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Contact: Gwen Johnson

AUGUST 22, Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

Special Board of Trustees Meeting

Contact: Gwen Johnson

SEPTEMBER 22, Friday (NEW DATE)

UUSD Yard Sale (Members/Friends)

Contact: [Karen Lunstead](#)

SEPTEMBER 23, Saturday (NEW DATE)

UUSD Yard Sale (Public)

Contact: [Karen Lunstead](#)



Staff & Officers

Rev. Michelle Collins, Minister: Beginning August 1.

Faith Development

Amber Peterson, Email: DLFD@uussd.org

Music Director

Dr. Marcie Schiff

Email: MusicDirector@uussd.org

Nursery Teacher

Sabina Beaver-Kepner

Board of Trustees: 2017-2018

Note: The Board of Trustees will take an e-mail vote on July 1 to elect officers. Current members: Gary Colangelo, Len Bowman, Joyce Fitch, Mac Goekler, Gwen Johnson, Pat Murdock, and Joanne Saltzberg.

Bookkeeper: Leah Ann Thompson

(Direct all bookkeeping, pledge data requests, and related financial matters to Pat Murdock, Finance Officer)

Send changes in Directory contact information to DirectoryUpdates@uussd.org.

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](#).
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- **Website Calendar Updates** to [Jean Charles](#) as needed.

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