



UUSD Newsletter ■ MAY 2017

May 7 — The Myths & Realities of Community — Rev. Michelle Collins, Candidate for UUSD's Settled Minister: We come into our communities with a lot of assumptions and idyllic pictures of what community may look like. But many of these pictures are only that — pictures — myths that can actually hold us back. What are some of the myths that we are holding for religious community and what are the realities? It's only through understanding these that we can lean into the real potential for our UU communities.

May 14: Mothering and Fathering — Rev. Paula Maiorano, UUSD Interim Minister: To different degrees, men and women are made up of qualities and characteristics both feminine and masculine. Both are important. There are times when each of us needs to tap in more to our feminine aspects or more to the masculine. This service explores the feminine mother and masculine father in us all, and considers when these different strengths are important in our relationships.

May 21: Transition: A Look Back and Forward — Rev. Paula Maiorano, UUSD Interim Minister: As the two years of interim ministry come to a close, it is timely to review the outcome of interim goals, consider our achievements together, and discern how your congregation is poised for its future.

May 28 — The War Prayer by Mark Twain: UUSD Members: On Memorial Day weekend, we pay tribute to the sacrifices of those who defend us. Our service will be a performance by several UUSD members of Mark Twain's "The War Prayer," as scripted by Paul Hale. The piece was left unpublished by Mark Twain at his death in April 1910, largely due to pressure from his family, who feared that the story would be considered sacrilegious. When urged by others to publish it anyway, Twain replied, "No, I have told the whole truth in that, and only dead men can tell the truth in this world. It can be published after I am dead." It was finally published thirteen years after his death.

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

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WELCOME REV. MICHELLE COLLINS TO "CANDIDATING WEEK" APRIL 29 - MAY 7
We welcome Rev. Michelle Collins to UUSD for Candidating Week! There will be lots of opportunities during this week to meet and get to know each other better. More information, including the schedule for Candidating Week, is available on page 5 of the newsletter.

REV. PAULA MAIORANO, INTERIM MINISTER

YOU SAY HELLO, I SAY GOODBYE



There is an air of interest and excitement these days about getting to know your ministerial candidate, the Reverend Michelle Collins. As I spend times in groups and with individuals saying my goodbyes, you are now in the next chapter of the ministry of the Unitarian Universalists of Southern Delaware.

When I arrived in August of 2015, much of the then congregation was determinedly pushing through exhaustion to the finish line, working fast and furiously to be ready for the new building opening in September, about six weeks after my arrival.

And look at you now: Growing, and growing in numbers, ministry, treasure and talent, and community presence, in creativity and depth, in commitment and love, with new ways of being together in your beautiful new sanctuary, building, and grounds.

I am so proud of the work we did together in the interim period between your retired minister and your new settled minister.

When I say goodbye in June, it will be with a heart full of the love we have shared, and with an expectation of your continued wellbeing.

And remember. Love never dies, it just keeps hearts expanding.

May your heart expand, while you say hello to Michelle, and I say goodbye to you.

With a full and happy heart,

Paula

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN — GARY COLANGELO

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future.

John F. Kennedy
Address
Frankfort, Germany
June 25, 1963

I started college with an interest in animal husbandry and a goal of becoming a veterinarian. Nat Geo WILD's highly rated, "The Incredible Dr. Pol," is now my favorite TV series because it shows what my life could have been like had I pursued my interest. In many episodes, Jan Pol's wife and office manager, turns to the camera and says "here we go again," as her husband roars off in his SUV to deliver another breech-birth calf or repair an injured horse.



UUSD has had major changes over the past few years: the retirement of Reverend Mike, moving to a home of our own, and the arrival of our interim minister, Reverend Paula. So, “here we go again” with another big change: the impending arrival of our settled minister.

Change is unsettling with so many unknowns. Will our new minister fit into the UUSD culture? Will I develop the trust and admiration I had with Mike and Paula? Will the new minister continue to fulfill my spiritual needs? My apprehensions about the future are reduced by the outstanding job done by the Ministerial Search Committee. I feel confident about our new minister because of the Search Committee’s diligence.

Each of us should now consider President Kennedy’s words as we begin a new UUSD chapter. No one should miss our bright and beautiful future by dwelling on the past and what could have been.

Gary Colangelo
President, UUSD Board of Trustees

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT — AMBER PETERSON



Since we will soon embark on a new chapter in the growth of our congregation with the addition of our new settled minister, I thought this was a good time to reflect on one of the changes that occurred during our interim period — Time For All Ages. While I was neutral about the idea of a weekly Time For All Ages when it was introduced, I now see what a valuable function it serves for our congregation. While we do have the occasional “kids say the darndest things” moments, this is certainly not the purpose or the extent of its value. The Time For All Ages is just that . . . a time for every person in our Sanctuary. The chalice lighting and reading may be over most of the children’s heads. They may not understand the hymn, but the Time For All Ages is delivered in simple language so all can understand. And the topic ties directly to the sermon for the day, so it is relevant to all. Children are called forward so they can see better and engage with the presenter directly, which is how they learn best, while adults are encouraged to participate, as appropriate. It’s also an important time when the minister is able to connect directly with our children in worship, while the

congregation learns more about the day’s message. A study showed that children and youth who are strongly connected with their minister, are far more likely to return to a UU church as they move into adulthood. If we are to grow our faith and our congregation, we are moving in the right direction by welcoming all, including individuals, couples, and families. I’m so glad our congregation has embraced this vital component to our worship, which enhances our congregation and our faith as a whole.

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://uussd.org/index.php/board-of-trustees-meeting-minutes.html>.

HIGHLIGHTS: APRIL 19 BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) MEETING

— Gwen Johnson, Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: The Board of Trustees (BOT) approved the minutes of the March 15 and 29, 2017 meetings, the Minister's Report, and the Financial Report.

- **Bricks for Sanctuary Chairs Proposal:** Walt Smith provided a presentation for the documents "Bricks for Chairs." The goal is to purchase a minimum of 30 chairs. The BOT unanimously approved Walt's proposal.
- **Settled Minister's Agreement:** Jean Charles provided background on getting the Settled Minister's Agreement signed.
- **Board Related Materials on the New Website:** Margaret Keefe, Communications Committee, represented the website team in the discussion about Pat Schaeffer's presentation at the March 15, 2017 meeting. The BOT unanimously approved having these Board-related materials available to the public on the new website: BOT Monthly Meeting Highlights, Summary of the Growth Plan, the approved Annual Budget, and the Annual Balance Sheet.
- **General Assembly (GA) Delegates:** Ron Schaeffer, Co-Chair, Denominational Affairs Committee, provided a proposed list of delegates and an alternate to represent UUSD at the upcoming General Assembly in New Orleans. The BOT unanimously approved the proposed list: three delegates (Mac Goekler, Susan Goekler, and Don Peterson) and one alternate delegate (Pat Schaeffer).
- **Annual Congregational Meeting Motions:**
 - Resolution of Conscience and Statement of Positions: Don Peterson, Co-Chair, Social & Environmental Justice Committee, provided input on the one important addition for immigrant and refugee position. The BOT unanimously approved Don speaking with the congregation on this Resolution at the annual meeting for a congregational vote.
 - Congregational Vote to Approve Receipt of a UUA First Home Grant: Allan Cairncross, Finance Committee, prepared a statement for UUSD members to approve UUSD applying for a \$25,000 UUA grant and for this money to be used to improve the parking lot. The BOT unanimously approved this motion, and Allan will present this at the annual meeting for a congregational vote.
- **Committee on Ministry Revised Proposal:** Don Peterson, Transition Committee, discussed the following motion for BOT approval, and the Board unanimously approved it.
 - Motion: Approve the Transition Committee's UUSD Committee on Ministry (COM) Proposal, revised April 12, 2017, and at this meeting establishing a Transitional Committee on Ministry (TCOM) for a period of one year.
- **Proposed Amendment to the UUA Bylaws:** Rev. Paula provided background on this proposed amendment. The UUA would like UUSD to support the bylaw change. The BOT unanimously approved supporting this change, and Gary will sign for UUSD as our BOT President.
- **FY 18 Draft Budget:** Joanne Saltzberg, Chair, Finance Committee, provided information as to how the Finance Committee compiled the FY 18 Draft Budget. The BOT unanimously approved the FY 18 Draft Budget to go forward to the congregation for approval at the June 11, 2017 Annual meeting.
- **Next Monthly Meeting:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

MINISTERIAL SEARCH
CANDIDATING WEEK APRIL 29 — MAY 7: WELCOME REV. MICHELLE COLLINS
— Jean Charles, Chair



The UUSD Ministerial Search Committee is delighted to invite you to participate in Candidating Week from April 29 to May 7, 2017 for Rev. Michelle Collins, the Committee's candidate for minister of our congregation.

After a very thorough search process, the Ministerial Search Committee unanimously presents Rev. Michelle Collins for your consideration as a minister. Rev. Michelle is a current student at Wesley Theological Seminary working on a Doctor of Ministry. She received a Master of Divinity from Starr King School for the Ministry and a Certificate in Women's Studies of Religion from the Graduate Theological Union in California.

Rev. Collins is currently serving as an interim associate minister at the Cedar Lane UU Church in Maryland. Before Cedar Lane, she served three years at First Unitarian Church of Wilmington in Delaware. Rev. Michelle has an eleven-year old daughter. Want to know more about Rev. Collins? More information is available in the Members section of the UUSD website at <http://uusd.org/index.php/ministerial-search-information.html>.

We know that you will warmly welcome Rev. Michelle when she visits us April 29 – May 7 for “candidating” week. “Candidating” is the process by which the congregation meets the candidate and, as far as possible in the time available, becomes acquainted with her and her professional capabilities. At the end of the candidating period, the congregation, at a formal meeting, votes to ratify or to reject the Ministerial Search Committee's choice.

Rev. Michelle will give sermons at UUSD on April 30 and on May 7. Between those dates, there will be several opportunities, including dinners, meetings, and social hours, for members to meet and talk with her. The Ministerial Search Committee has developed a schedule for this week, which is included after this article.

Immediately following the worship service on May 7, the congregation will vote at a Special Meeting on calling Rev. Michelle to be our settled minister. You must have been a member 30 days prior to May 7 in order to be eligible to vote. Absentee ballots are available from Gwen Johnson or Jean Charles and should be returned to Gwen and Jean by May 7 at 9:00 a.m. in order to be counted.

CANDIDATING WEEK MEETINGS FOR REV. MICHELLE COLLINS

Saturday 4/29	Sunday 4/30	Monday 5/1	Tuesday 5/2	Wednesday 5/3	Thursday 5/4	Friday 5/5	Saturday 5/6	Sunday 5/7
	* Ministerial Candidate Rev. Michelle Collins to conduct worship service * Social Hour	9:30 am to noon – Drop In visits with Rev. Michelle	9:30 am and beyond – Drop In visits with Rev. Michelle	* Meet and Greet with Worship – 10:30 am	9:30 am – 11:30 am – Drop in visits with Rev. Michelle	9:30 am – noon – Drop in visits with Rev. Michelle	9:30 am – noon – Drop in visits with Rev. Michelle	* Ministerial Candidate Rev. Michelle Collins to conduct worship service * Vote
	* Lunch with Music Director, Marcie, and Len	* Pizza at noon with S&EJ Committee, Betty, and Jeff	Break	* Noon - Lunch with LFSD Director, Amber * 2:00 Meet and Greet with LFSD Committee	* 12:30 pm - Meet and greet with Membership Committee	* Lunch with Executive Team * Daughter, Chesapeake arrives	* 3:00 pm - Ice Cream Social with RE children, parents, and teachers	
* 6 pm – Dinner with Ministerial Search Committee		* Happy Hour with A-K congregation members – 5 pm – 7 pm	* 6 pm Dinner with BOT and Executive Team	* Happy hour with L–Z congregation members – 5 pm – 7 pm	* 5 pm - ESL			

FINANCE

2017-2018 ANNUAL BUDGET MOVES ON TO CONGREGATION FOR VOTING

Patricia Murdock, Finance Officer

The Board of Trustees, at its April 19 meeting, approved the draft Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2018-19, recommended by the Finance Committee. This draft will be mailed to all members by May 11 in the packet of materials for this year’s Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, June 11.

With the generosity and commitment of all our members and friends, we were able to raise \$223,000 in pledges. Combined with great fund raising and other programs, our total Operating Income is expected to be \$274,105, a 17% increase over this year’s budget! And, with the expected reduction in moving expenses for our new settled minister, we are able to meet all required personnel and building expenses and all requested program (committee) expenses. Our Operating Budget will show a slight excess of Income over Expenses, an excellent result for our very “stretch” year. Thank you to everyone who dug a little deeper to make this happen.

The Capital Budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year is a bit of a “wish list,” which is balanced only by a draw on Capital Reserves. The Finance Committee and the revived Land & Building Committee have started working on a long-term capital plan to meet our growing needs.

The Finance Committee will hold a budget presentation for the congregation in advance of the June 11 vote. The date will be published in the Community Update and on the UUSD website. Stay tuned!

DID YOU KNOW? — RON SCHAEFFER
THIS COLUMN WILL RETURN IN THE JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

ADULT EDUCATION
UU101 CLASS LARGEST EVER!
Betty Kirk, Co-Coordinator

The March UU101 class had 16 attendees with 11 attending both classes. UU101 is open to anyone interested in learning more about UU history and beliefs, exploring where you are on your own spiritual path, and UUSD history and governance. The class is facilitated by Rev. Paula, Len Bowman, and Betty Kirk and is held at least twice a year.



Shown in the photo are: first row: Christopher Edginton, Rev. Paula, Donna Davis, Ellen Lytton, and Rand Lytton; second row: Donna Hoyt and Betty Kirk; and third row: Joanne Brentari, Beth Law, Teresa Ripley, and Anita Broderick; Top Row: Anne Riley, Len Bowman, John Hoyt, and Cass Ripley.

Amazingly, eight attendees signed the membership book upon completing the class. Welcome all!

(Photo taken by Jean Charles, Membership Committee, and submitted with permission).

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS
UPDATE ON UUA RACIAL JUSTICE CONTROVERSY
— Ron Schaeffer and Pat Schaeffer, Co-Chairs

As some of you may be aware, over the last several weeks, a major controversy developed in the UUA resulting in the resignation of the UUA President, Rev. Peter Morales, and several others in his senior staff. The turmoil arose when a Latina woman of color was not selected to fill a regional senior staff position within the UUA. This position was filled by a white male minister instead. An interim “Presidential Team” of three highly respected denominational leaders has been established by the UUA Board of Trustees. An article put together by the *UU World* tells the entire story: <http://www.uuworld.org/articles/developments-2017-04-07>.

The UUA has worked very hard on racial equality and inclusion over the last several decades, but it is clear that more work remains. The UUSD Denominational Affairs Committee will keep you informed of progress. In addition, the UUSD Facebook page and the UUA website are other resource to keep you informed on a timely basis of progress and important decisions.

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

UUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES SELECTS DELEGATES FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW ORLEANS

— Ron and Pat Schaeffer, Co-Chairs



The UUSD Board of Trustees approved the following members to represent the congregation at this year's UUA General Assembly on June 21-25 in New Orleans, LA. They are **Mac Goekler, Susan Goekler, and Don Peterson**. **Pat Schaeffer** will serve as an alternate delegate. Please contact them should you have any questions or comments about the important issues to be voted on at this year's GA.

A FEW WORDS FROM THE LIBRARIAN SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR SUMMER READING

— Joyce Fitch

What the Dog Saw by Macolm Gladwell is a collection of short essays, which tend to upend conventional thinking about how we view society. Did you ever wonder why there are many types of mustard, but only one kind of ketchup? Frankly, I never did, but Malcolm explores this question and comes up with a good answer. He has a great article about Caesar Milan, the so-called “dog whisperer,” and how he really works his magic with dogs. Do you want to know a sure way to make a fortune in the stock market. He followed a man who invested heavily in hedge funds and waited long enough to make a killing. He also had a good essay about Pit Bulls and stereotyping, comparing how we stereotype both dogs and people in the same wrong way. I liked this book enough to seek out other books he has written, something I seldom do.

In an Instant by Lee and Bob Woodruff is the story of their life together and how in 2006 Bob was seriously injured by an IED while traveling with a combat troop in Iraq. Bob was on assignment for ABC. He had just been promoted to co-host the ABC evening news. The book is well written and edited, with both Bob and Lee contributing chapters from their prospective. It is a very heartwarming story of their journey of healing and love.

The Hidden Children: The Secret Survivors of the Holocaust by Jane Marks is the story of twenty two people who share their stories of how they survived as Jewish children in Europe during World War II. Not much attention was paid to their plight after Germany was defeated because most people thought children were resilient and would forget. Their stories are harrowing, and one wonders how they survived the circumstances they had to endure. Most had no normal childhood and suffered psychologically through their adult life. As they now approach middle age (the book was written in the early 1990's), their stories are starting to be heard and many are getting the help they need. Definitely a good read even though it is sad.

COMMUNICATIONS WORK ON NEW WEBSITE IS UNDERWAY

— Pat Schaeffer, Chair

Experts say a website is the virtual front door to a congregation. Most visitors looking for a church say they look at a congregation's website before deciding to visit them. According to UU minister, Rev. Tandi Rogers, "...they [websites] are where we tell the world who we are, what we do, and why it matters." Websites form an important first impression, and as most of us know first-hand, first impressions are hard to change.

That is why the Communications Committee has spent much of the past year doing the tedious work to update our website. Our Website Team — Alleane Taylor, Margaret Keefe, Sue Brown, and most recently, Christopher Edginton — has worked hard to develop beautiful new graphics and colors, and with help from many UUSD committees, to create website pages with more photos and less text. Our goal is that UUSD members and the many visitors, who seek us out, will find the new website up-to-date and attractive with easy to find information about who we are, what we do, and why it matters.

The Website Team is now working with our outside website developer to create the new website. We expect it to be online later this summer. In the meantime, we will continue to update our current UUSD website (www.uussd.org) as we normally would. And, we will update you on our progress as we move forward.

If you have any questions about the new website, please contact Pat Schaeffer or anyone else on the Website Team.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

FIRST FRIDAY FILMS MAY 5: *PLANET OCEAN*



The next First Friday Film will be held on **May 5** with the movie *Planet Ocean*. In this beautifully filmed international award-winning documentary, *Planet Ocean*, dives into our planet's greatest mysteries with a team of international underwater cinematographers as they explore the breathtaking bond between humanity and the ocean. In the ocean we can find the answer to many of our questions about life as we know it, because it is there that life itself seems to have begun. This documentary explores the depths of this unknown, yet powerful, force that may have marked the beginning of life billions of years ago. A potluck will start at **6:00 p.m.**, and the movie will begin at **7:00 p.m.** Anne Riley will lead the discussion following the film. For more information, contact FirstFriday@uussd.org.

ADULT EDUCATION MAY 25: MORAL GPS: ETHICS FOR OUR MULTICULTURAL WORLD — Len Bowman, Co-Coordinator

UUSD will offer *Moral GPS: Ethics for Our Multicultural World*, a five-week series on Thursday evenings 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. beginning May 25. The series will be led by Dr. Len Bowman.

Moral GPS builds on the time-honored metaphor of *journey* for the moral life. But since the moral life is lived together with others, it is a *shared* journey. And since we all live in the same world, that shared journey is on one global Moral Highway. More than a “moral compass” is needed on this Highway, for that can only tell you which way is north. In this series, we will attempt to build a Moral GPS to guide complex decision-making. In an obviously multicultural world, this Moral GPS must draw on ethical norms that can be applied across different cultures in order to provide that guidance.

Drawing from Dr. Bowman’s e-book, *Moral GPS: A Positive Ethic for Our Multicultural World*, the series examines moral decision-making as analogous to driving together on a global Moral Highway. The e-book is provided free of charge to all who participate in the series.

Following the pattern of a simple automotive GPS, the series starts by checking your location — where you are in your moral life and what’s around you. Next comes deciding where you want to go — goals in your moral life, as well as in a particular decision. Then choose your route: check out various moral theories and how they relate to each other in helping you arrive at your goal. Now you’re ready to *go* —make a good decision, often together with others. Finally, you want to be sure you’ve arrived at the destination you sought — in moral terms, accept accountability for your decision.

Len currently teaches at Johns Hopkins University, including the course “Ethics for a Multicultural World” in the University’s Master of Liberal Arts program. He has taught world religions and the philosophy of religion for over forty years. He holds a Ph.D. in theology from Fordham University.

Pre-registration —at least your name and email address — is encouraged so that the *Moral GPS* e-book can be emailed to you before the series begins. A one-time \$10 donation is requested for the series.

For more information, contact [Dr. Len Bowman](#).

FUNDRAISING
MAY 31: CRAFT FAIR MEETING
Karen Lunstead, Member

Just a reminder that our next craft meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31 at 10 a.m. in the Gathering Area to work on items for the November craft faire. Everyone is welcome, and you may bring an idea and supplies for others to work on, or help us finish other crafts we’re creating. For more information, contact Karen Lunstead or [Jane Miller](#).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 18: ALL CHURCH PICNIC TO BID FAREWELL TO REV. PAULA
— Gary Colangelo, President

Rev. Paula’s last sermon at UUSD will be **Sunday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m.** An All Church Picnic will be held immediately after worship services on June 18 to bid Rev. Paula a big UUSD farewell. This will be a Southern Delaware Picnic with pulled pork, fried chicken, and vegetarian main dishes. Details will follow.

REFUGEE SUMMIT AT THE UNITED NATIONS
— Mac Goekler

In January of 2016, I was invited to participate in a discussion about the structure and content of a Congregational Action Guide that would accompany the release of the Ken Burns movie, “Defying the Nazis: The Sharps’ War.” Rev. Waitstill and Martha Sharp went to Europe twice (1939 and 1940) in a successful effort to get Jews and others out of harm’s way. This was the start of the UU Service Committee (UUSC). Besides being a study guide for the film, this booklet was to help congregations support the current refugee crisis. I expressed my disappointment that we UUs were only addressing the refugees that reached our shores as asylum seekers and not the millions of refugees spread over the globe.

In September, I invited various UU leaders to a summit to address the Unitarian Universalist response to the wider problem of refugees who would never get to the US. The summit was held on March 30 at the United Nations. Participants included Tom Andrews, the new President and CEO of the UUSC; Bruce Knotts, Director of the UUA’s UN Office; and the UU Peace Ministry Networks’ representatives, Ann Lundberg, the Refugee Lead and me, the Founder and Chair. Eric Cherry, Director of UUA International, cancelled at the last minute, but insisted we go forward.

As the summit initiator, I laid out the main issue that caring for people in place takes care of more people than resettlement and that the United Nations is the largest provider of help for the millions of refugees worldwide. The United States is the largest funder of the UN itself and of the UN independent agencies that support refugees. The U.S. Congress and new administration plan to reduce funding to the UN and the UN agencies that take care of the refugees. The last time USA funding was cut, people drowned in the Mediterranean Sea trying to get somewhere where they could feed their families and feel safe.

I expressed my belief that UUs need to respond with one voice to stop this. The Summit participants agreed on support for the UN as a key strategy for addressing the needs of the millions of refugees — people who only want safety for themselves and their families.

Tom Andrews of the UUSC suggested building an interfaith coalition because this was such a huge issue that it would require a broad, concerted effort. Bruce Knotts noted that many like-minded religious groups have offices at the UN and he offered to start building such a coalition. As a representative of the UU Peace Ministry Network, I offered that our team would continue monitoring the actions and inactions of both Congress and the administration and send out action alerts as needed.

The interest of UUSD members in the plight of refugees is evident from the clothing drive we have conducted and the work on resettlement of one family. But truly making a difference will require huge resources that only governments are capable of providing — and we as concerned people of faith must let our elected leaders know that we want them to provide this support.

MAY HIGHLIGHTS & FUTURE EVENTS

MAY 1, Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Book Group: *Waking: A Memoir of Trauma and Transcendence* by Matthew Sanford. At age 13, following a car accident, Matt was paralyzed from the chest down. He became a yoga instructor and started a nonprofit foundation. Facilitator: Lew Maurer.

Contact: [Bobbi Dunham](mailto:Bobbi.Dunham@uussd.org)

MAY 5, Friday, 6:00 p.m.

First Friday Film — *Planet Ocean*

Contact: FridayFilms@uussd.org

MAY 7, Sunday, 11:30 p.m.

Special Congregational Vote to Call Rev. Michelle Collins

Contact: [Jean Charles](mailto:Jean.Charles@uussd.org)

MAY 17, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Contact: President@uussd.org

MAY 19, Friday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Friends and Family Game Night

Contact: [Amber Peterson](mailto:Amber.Peterson@uussd.org)

MAY 25, JUNE 1, 8, 15, & 22, Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Ethics for Our Multicultural World

Contact: [Len Bowman](mailto:Len.Bowman@uussd.org)

MAY 31, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

Craft Faire Meeting

Contact: [Karen Lunstead](mailto:Karen.Lunstead@uussd.org)

SAVE-THE-DATE

JUNE 18, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

All-Church Picnic

Celebration for Rev. Paula

Contact: [Gary Colangelo](mailto:Gary.Colangelo@uussd.org)



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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](#).
- **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.

Board Committee Chairs

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