



## Connections July 2016

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We are a welcoming congregation!  
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### Calendar

- Monday, 4 July: DIMH dinner. Leigh Hesseltine, head chef
- Wednesday, 13 July 7pm: Mindfulness meditation at CBS
- Sunday, 10 July: Social Justice Sunday benefiting Adopt-A-Family
- Sunday, 10 July, 11.30am: Social Justice Committee meeting

### Sunday Services

**Sunday, 3 July:** UUCD plans a series of summer services exploring our seven principles. In the first of these, member Sheryl Winsby will explore our 5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. Fourth of July weekend seemed like an appropriate time to explore the importance of our commitment to democratic processes, messy though they often are, in our society and congregations. How relevant are these processes to other cultural traditions? And has our democracy been corrupted by "corporate personhood" and money?

**Sunday, 10 July:** Molly Keogh. Principle 1: The Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person.

**Sunday, 17 July:** Molly Keogh. Principle 2: Justice, Equity and Compassion in Human Relations

**Sunday, 24 July:** Molly Keogh. Principle 3: Acceptance of one Another and Encouragement to Spiritual Growth

**Sunday, 31 July:** Molly Keogh. Principle 4: A Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning

## DelMarVa Cluster News

Save the Dates: July 23 & October 7, 8, 9

1) Many of you know that the UUA is phasing out the district organization. Instead of being a part of the Joseph Priestly District, we soon will be part of a regional group encompassing several former districts. Part of the restructuring includes an increased focus on clusters. Clusters are smaller geographic groups. Our DelMarVa Cluster includes the 5 DE congregations and the 3 MD Eastern Shore congregations. We might have more in common and be more readily accessible and supportive of each other. Representatives of the 8 congregations have been meeting for several years now, and it remains to be seen how much (or little) things change.

2 ) You may recall the four shared worship services we planned; and the retreat we organized last year at Camp Tockwoh. It is being organized again for this year. The dates are Oct 7, 8, 9. There will be more information soon.

3) Also, we are organizing a “Paint Night” fundraiser. The details I have been provided are:

*When: July 23, 2016 - Doors open at 6:30 p.m. - Painting will be from 7:00-9:00 p.m.*

*Where: Unitarian Universalists of Southern Delaware, 30486 Lewes Georgetown Hwy, Lewes, DE 19958*

*Entry Fee: \$28.00 if registered by July 17th, \$33.00 at the door*

*What is provided: All the painting supplies (canvas, paint, brushes, etc.) and snacks*

*What participants need to bring: Smock or dressed ready to paint and whatever beverage they would enjoy (soda, wine, etc.)*

*Older children are welcome to participate. (It is recommended that participants be at least 10 years old.)*

*Checks should be made out the First Unitarian Church of Wilmington Delaware and can be mailed to the UUSD address above - Attn. Amber Peterson.*

There will be a flyer out shortly which I will forward as soon as I have it.

4) We (UUCD) will be organizing again our UU presence at the Delaware Pride event on Legislative Mall on Saturday, August 6, from 10 to 5. Please let me know if you are available to “man” our booth. It is a great opportunity to introduce the public to our faith tradition. Children (of all ages) are welcome.

Thanks. Enjoy your summer. - Greg

## **Announcements**

- Please consider joining our bridge club! Laura is a fantastic cook and always provides a delectable spread. Greg and Cindy are wonderful teachers for those who don't know anything at all about bridge, or for those looking to learn more. We have a super fun time, but would love more members! Contact Laura ([Laura.e.parks@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.e.parks@gmail.com)) or Greg (pastoruucd@gmail.com).
- We are beginning to expand our social media outreach. You can help by liking/following the UUCD Facebook page. Look forward to seeing new and interesting posts to brighten your day! We are sure they'll be so compelling that you'll want to share them with all your friends.
- The date for Lorna's "I miss potluck" has been moved to Saturday, 1 October.
- Please note that Gloria Gross has two walkers, a commode, two bath seats and a cane seat to lend.
- Adopt-A-Highway will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon. Contact Jayce (814.441.1937) with questions.
- This year's Coastal Cleanup is scheduled for 9-noon on Saturday, 17 September.
- A video of this year's General Assembly is online. [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga)

## **Birthdays**

Susan Guiteras (2), Leigh Hesselstine & Mason Foster (7), Mark Jarrell (9), Brigit Marsh (16), Abby Miller (17), Vinnie Deskiewicz (24), Lisa Perelli (30)  
Please send any upcoming birthdays to Laura Parks ([laura.e.parks@gmail.com](mailto:laura.e.parks@gmail.com))!



Please enjoy these photos from Wayne Kling.