

# CONNECTIONS

Unitarian Universalists of Central Delaware | A Welcoming Congregation | Chartered 2009

## Save These Dates

Sun **6/4**: Congregational meeting

Mon **6/5**: DIMH dinner

Wed **6/7**, 7pm: Mindfulness Meditation at CBS

Sun **6/11**, 11.30: Social Justice Committee meeting

Sun, **6/18**, after service: Africa information meeting

Wed **6/21**, 7.30pm: Board Meeting at CBS

Wed-Sun **6/21-25**: General Assembly in New Orleans (and streaming live!)

## Look Ahead

Thurs-Sat **7/27-29**: Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity (DelMarVa Cluster project)

Sat **8/5**: Delaware Pride

## Sunday Services

**June 4:** "Healthcare and Income Inequality" Sheryl Winsby

Congregational Study Action Issues (CSAI) are issues selected by UU member congregations for four years of study, reflection and action. In 2014, congregations selected Escalating Inequality/ Economic Justice as the most critical issue at that time. If anything, this issue seems even more pressing today.

**June 11:** "RE Graduation & Recognition Sunday"

Rev Greg Chute

As we come to the close of this church year, it is a good idea to take time to celebrate with our young people who have been attending our Religious Education program, and to acknowledge all those members & friends who have helped to support and maintain our spiritual community. Thanks to everyone.

Social Justice Sunday: Offering goes to Unitarian Universalist Delaware Advocacy Network

**June 18:** "What Ever Happened to Forgiveness?" Rev Greg Chute

We don't talk much about forgiveness; the word didn't even make it into our UU 7 Principles statement of values. Is it relevant? Worthy of our attention? Or is there something better?

**June 25:** "Infertility in Medieval Europe" Dr. Kristen Geaman

Dr Kristen Geaman is a lecturer in medieval history at the University of Toledo (Ohio). She will be talking about spiritual remedies for childlessness in medieval Europe. People used to visit saints' shrines and make various offerings and prayers in hopes of conceiving. See how spiritual actions could offer medieval women a way to take charge of their fertility.



## Where's Greg??



Who's he with??



And how did he get this view??

## A Note From Our President

If you are a UUCD member, you should have received a letter from me outlining the agenda for our congregational meeting and the budget that the Board is offering. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the website for those that didn't get the mailing. Please review this information and bring it with you to the meeting on **June 4th**. I hope that as many people as possible will attend. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate, although only members can vote. Childcare will be provided.

Kerry McElwee has been nominated for President. Her bio appeared in the mailing.

Hope to see you on June 4th!

Sheryl

### Julie Price

#### Board Member at Large

I was born in West Virginia, grew up in northern Delaware, and went to college in Ohio (Antioch College in Yellow Springs). After graduation, I lived in Cincinnati for many years except for a year in South America (Peru) and a year in New York City.

I taught English and Spanish at a Catholic high school in Cincinnati, where I was also the faculty adviser for the student Amnesty International club. I joined Northern Hills, a Unitarian fellowship north of Cincinnati, in the mid 1990s and sang in the choir there. In 2002, I moved back to Delaware to be with my mother, who was ill.

Since living in Dover, I have enjoyed being active in the League of Women Voters, singing with the Delaware Choral Society, and being a member of UUCD where I have played piano and worked with the Worship and Social Justice Committees. I am also one of the "head chefs" for the monthly dinners we cook at the homeless men's shelter (DIMH).

Cade Gibson has also been nominated for a member at large position on the Board. Her bio will be available before the congregational meeting.

## General Assembly

The General Assembly (GA), or annual meeting, of the UUA will be held in new Orleans **June 21 - 25**. More information and registration is available at: <http://www.uua.org/ga>. Several people from UUCD are going (including Greg). It is a great time to meet with other UUs, to celebrate and to experience our wider liberal tradition. Contact Greg for more information or if you have questions.



**Alison (and lots of other people) remembered to bring flowers for our flower communion last month.**

## Delmarva Cluster & Delaware Pride

Saturday, **August 5**, 10am to 5pm

Delaware Pride is having their annual event on Legislature Mall in Dover. The Delmarva Cluster has reserved a booth to once again distribute information and to show our support. Everyone from all of our eight congregations on the Delmarva Peninsula is invited to stop by to participate in our liberal/progressive presence. It is a great opportunity to meet with other UUs, to try to explain our religious tradition to others, and to make a social statement. For more information contact Greg Chute.

### Sandy Nelson

Vice President of the Board

I became a UU in 1971. I served a total of four years as Clerk of First Parish in Framingham and Chair of the Nominating Committee for one year. I signed the UUCD membership book in 2016. I can bring experience of 41 years in a church that had a membership between 200 and 450+ during those years.

### Erv Schleifer

Leadership Development Committee member

I'm a retired lawyer from New York City. I was born in Hungary and came to the U.S. as a political refugee at a young age. I graduated from Brandeis University, Columbia University Business School and Brooklyn Law School. I've lived in the Dover area since 2007. My wife, Myna, is a professor at DSU. I have two kids. Henry, 28, is a management fellow at the U.S. Department of HUD; Teddy, 24, is a reporter for CNN.

I'm a former president of the congregation (2011-2014) and have been involved in UU activities since 1972, although not continuously.

## South Africa Anyone?

On Sunday, **June 18th** after the service there will be an introductory/information meeting for anyone interested in or considering going with me to South Africa next **February 2018**. I plan to go for four weeks. I would love to have you join me for some part of that time and experience this marvelous place and these delightful people. The time and itinerary are still to be decided.

**We are still reaping the rewards of our last auction! Here is Tom Gower presiding over his very popular beer tasting event!**



**And Greg and Mary at the Klings' house enjoying (maybe) the chicken and dumpling dinner that Laura Parks fixed and delivered.**



## Worship with us!



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## Delmarva Cluster Social Justice Project

The Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity (CDHFH) has several new homes under construction in the greater Dover area. Being centrally located, Dover is perfect for a joint Delmarva Cluster work project. CDHFH is enthusiastic about welcoming our helping hands. They are an interfaith organization with a long history of working with church organizations, and have scheduled work groups for anywhere from one day to two weeks. They have reserved Thursday, Friday and Saturday, **July 27, 28, 29** specifically for us. Any one and every one (over 16) from all of our eight Delmarva congregations are invited to join in on one, two or all three days. All skill levels welcome; there will even be some training. There is always enough work for everyone.

For over 60 years, Habitat has been providing homes at affordable rates for people who might otherwise not have the opportunity of owning their own home. This is a great opportunity for us to participate in their mission and vision; and it is quite clearly consistent with our Unitarian & Universalist values. I have personally participated in many HFH projects in Wilmington, in South Dakota, along the Gulf Coast, and in South Africa. It has always been a rewarding, gratifying, and inspiring experience. It can be for you too.

People can contact me at [gnc1973@gmail.com](mailto:gnc1973@gmail.com) for more information and to sign up for the team. This project is not only an opportunity for people to perform local social justice work, but also to have fun and to connect with other UU's from FUCW, UUSMC, UUFN, UUCD, UUSD, UUCR, UUFS, and UUFE . Together we can make a difference.

Rev Greg Chute, UUs Central Delaware



May Cluster  
meeting



Gloria Gross (6), Laura Parks (13), Jayce Lesniewski  
(15), Ed Daniels (15), Maddie Buzek (18),  
"Roo" (Romali) (25)