

November 2017

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CONNECTIONS

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS
OF CENTRAL DELAWARE**

A Welcoming Congregation

Chartered 2009

**"Worship is transcendent
wonder."** Thomas Carlyle

Save These Dates

Mon 11/6

DIMH dinner
Head Chef: Julie Price

Thurs 11/9, 6pm

Diners Club
Olive Garden

Sun 11/12, 11.30am

Social Justice Committee
meeting

Wed 11/15, 6.30-8

Board Meeting at CBS

Fri 11/17

Moms Night Out

Sun 11/19, 11.30am

Soul Matters

Sun 11/19, 11.30am

Central group luncheon

Sat 12/9

Adopt A Highway

★ Mindfulness ★
cancelled until 2018

Sunday Services

11/5

**THE ORIGINS OF RELIGION
REV GREG CHUTE**

Karen Armstrong in her remarkable book "A History of God in exploring the origins of religion" writes: "These myths were not intended to be taken literally, but were metaphorical attempts to describe a reality that was too complex and elusive to express in any other way. These dramatic and evocative stories of gods and goddesses helped people to articulate their sense of the powerful but unseen forces that surrounded them." Taken in that context there is still great potential in the comfort of religion.

11/12

**BABYLON
GARY JACKOWAY**

In 600 BCE, Jerusalem was sacked by the Babylonians and thousands of Jews were taken to Babylon as slaves. How they reacted to exile, and how each of us reacts to feeling like strangers in a strange land, will be discussed in this service. is a member of the Newark UU Fellowship.

11/19

**WE GATHER TOGETHER
REV GREG CHUTE**

Thanksgiving is a joyful time of family, friends, and feasting. It is also an invitation to reflect on community and gratitude. We will break bread together in a ritual communion of being together and stay after coffee to share some special refreshments prepared by our children & RE team members.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY
OFFERING GOES TO CODE PURPLE**

11/26

**TBA
KERRY MCELWEE**

AN *take a look at yourself
and make that change*
EXAMINED
LIFE
UUCD
Fall 2017



Fun times at the Oct. board meeting!

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we enter the change to Fall and holidays I have to say thank you to the entire UUCD community. I appreciate every day the welcoming and accepting people in this group. I also appreciate the founding members, since without them UUCD might not exist. As in past years my family will be opening our home for Thanksgiving dinner to anyone interested in joining our family for a meal. This invitation will include a request to bring a dish to pass, but we will provide the Turkey, possibly smoked, a veggie and stuffing. I am sure, as in years past, there will be an abundance of food or merriment to share. Blessings to all we call "family".

-Kerry



Please contact Sandy Nelson with any ideas you have about a UUCD Christmas celebration!



Megan Fillette (3), Margaret Crosby (12), Thomas Smith (10), Myron Marsh (17)

First Monday of each month UUCD members prepare and serve dinner at the Dover Interfaith Men's Home (DIMH). Prior to the meal, we gather and listen as some residents share joys and concerns. After serving, we join them for dinner. Kitchen clean-up is the responsibility of the residents. Those of us who have been part of this experience return to help because we realize we are gaining as much or more than we are giving. Each month, one person serves as "head chef," and is responsible for planning the menu and gathering all necessary ingredients. We are setting our schedule for 2018. Presently we only have 2 head chefs. We need a head chef on the following dates:

1/1/18 4/2/18

7/2/18 10/1/18

If you would like to serve as head chef for one or more of these Mondays, contact Sara Russell- 302-542-1982 or srr1023@outlook.com

DIMH dinners

Book Discussion

Recently I distributed several copies of Thomas Cathcart's book *The Trolley Problem, or Would You Throw the Fat Guy Off the Bridge*. It is an excellent exploration of ethics and decision making. It seems to me that it is best digested and understood in conversation with a group. So I would encourage everyone to read it so we can come together and share our ideas and responses. It is available at bookstores, on the internet and electronically. Its an easy and quick read although quite provocative. I'm hoping we might meet after coffee on Sunday, Dec 3. Please let me know if you are interested and if that date works for you.

Greg

Continuing our 3rd Sunday deep conversations, we will meet after coffee on November 19 to explore together issues which beckon our awareness and attention. Everyone is invited to attend and to participate in sharing spiritual themes and experiences.

Soul Matters

Diners club

We're back! Join us at the Olive Garden restaurant on Rt 13, Dover, for good food and great fellowship. Please let Greg (pastoruucd@gmail.com) know if you plan to attend so he can make appropriate reservation. Everyone invited.

On November 19, the children in the Religious Education program will be preparing and selling a "soup lunch" to raise funds for the Adopt-a-Family program that we will be participating in as a service project. So, bring your appetite and a couple extra dollars that day! They will also be sharing more information with the congregation about ways to help with the Adopt-a-Family effort this holiday season.

re: RE

This program recalls the night in Germany of November 9, 1938, known as Kristallnacht, which was a major event in Hitler's persecution of the Jews.

Cantor and Mrs. George Mason will present a program of Remembrance--The End of Illusions. The program is free and open to the public. And it is made possible in part by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Congregation Beth Sholom invites you to attend this program and to learn of the atrocities of the Shoah.

We will honor the six million Jewish lives and the millions of others lost during the Holocaust.

NEVER AGAIN SHALL THE WORLD SUFFER SUCH HORROR

Shattered Glass Shattered Lives

KRISTALLNACHT

THE NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS

November 9, 1938

Thursday November 9, 2017, at 7:00 pm
340 N. Queen Street, Dover, DE
302-734-5578

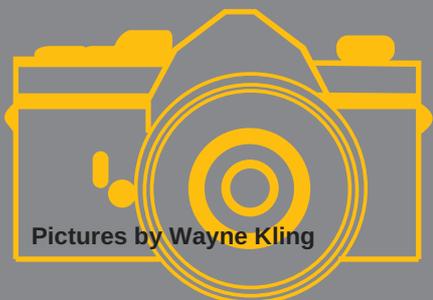
Free and open to the public

Congregation Beth
Sholom of Dover
presents a

**Program of
REMEMBRANCE:
THE END OF
ILLUSIONS
1938**

By Cantor George and
Carole Mason

Moms Night Out at The Golden Fleece



Baby Garrett!

Have some reflections on a recent service?

Or maybe a few thoughts to share?

Send your letters to
laura.e.parks@gmail.com

Okay, well, I'll start.

Letters to the Editor

There are two aphorisms that have been meaningful to me this year. Now that Teddy is really very big and Jayce is settled career-wise, I've been focusing on myself and what I want to do. "Grow where you're planted" is something I often think, which is particularly nice because I happen to like where I'm planted. It also makes me think "plant where you're growing," and I try to do that, too, literally and figuratively.

Over the summer, I saw a notebook with a cover that read "She designed a life, and then she lived it," which I thought sounded a little hokey but also kind of nice. And it did inspire me to do some journaling and hash out what my life would be ideally. It was an extremely useful exercise— I got much more out of it than I thought I would.

Laura Parks



Working Groups/Contacts

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Hospitality Schedule

November 5th- Cindy and Gloria

November 12th- ?

November 19th Alissa Bennett and
Susan Guiteras

November 26th- Kerry McElwee