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CONNECTIONS

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

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS
OF CENTRAL DELAWARE**
A Welcoming Congregation
Chartered 2009

Sunday Services

Save These Dates
Mon 10/2

DIMH dinner
Head Chef: Lorna McElhone

Wed 10/4, 7pm

Mindfulness Meditation at
CBS

Sun 10/8, 11.30am

Social Justice Committee
meeting

Wed 10/18, 6.30-8

Board Meeting at CBS

10/1

Using recent translations of the Delphic Maxims, we will explore some of these ancient teachings and consider how these moral imperatives relate to the principles of Unitarian Universalism.

THE DELPHIC MAXIMS
ALEX CONALL

10/8

LESSONS FROM MY TWO YEARS IN SENEGAL
MARA ORMOND

Mara will elaborate on how her time as a member of the Peace Corps in Senegal has profoundly affected her life, values and career.

NIN BARA:

10/15

ESCALATING INEQUALITY
REV GREG CHUTE

Escalating inequality is not just a social justice, community action, or political issue. I maintain it is also a spiritual issue. Classism is the consequence of a bankrupt value system, and the loss of our humanity.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY
OFFERING GOES TO UU-UNITED NATIONS OFFICE

10/22

MY THREE FAVORITE APHORISMS
REV GREG CHUTE

Hard to boil it down to three, of course, but the three I have chosen speak volumes about me, my world view and my priorities. I'll share mine, and would like to hear yours.

10/29

WHEN THE SAINTS COME MARCHING IN
REV GREG CHUTE

Halloween and All Saints Day invite us to remember: to remember the saints, the heroes and heroines, the role models and icons who have influenced us and shaped our lives. Who would you nominate for sainthood?

The UUA says:

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Fun times at the
Sept. board meeting!

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We need you to volunteer! This congregation has some wonderful challenges, we have too many kids to just have one group for RE, we have a growing number of families interested in connecting on a personal level, and we have to start the process of self reflection for the minister search. We all need to work together and be engaged to manage each of these successfully.

We as the board want to be careful that we are meeting the needs of this congregation as well as the individual needs of all our members and friends. I know it can be easy to assume a career accountant would be great for treasurer, but you might want to become the head greeter instead! Please think about new or expanded ways you are willing to help; we will be asking for teachers and a variety of activity helpers in the coming months. (See pg 6 for some options!) If you have suggestions for our community please let us know.

Since I am asking for new or expanded service, I also need to thank all those who are currently active. Your hard work is greatly appreciated, we couldn't do all that we do without you!



-Kerry



Cathy Marsh (2), Bryna Alden & Kevin Coleman (3), Wayne Kling (10), Allison Guiteras (19), Christie Coleman (27), Jeanne Shafenburg (28), Gary Sparks (29)

The UUA has established a program designed to open deep discussions and shared exploration of things that are important to us. They have suggested "Welcoming" as the opening topic, and pose questions such as: When have you felt welcome? When not welcome? How do you welcome others? How might you welcome others? We will meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 11:30 to 1:00 after coffee social time to explore together. The first meeting is Oct 15. All meetings are free and open to everyone interested. Contact Greg for more info.

Soul Matters

The UUA establishes a Congregation Study/Action Issue (CS/AI) every year at General Assembly (GA). Last year we here at UUUCD explored "The Corruption of Our Democracy." The UUA also established "Escalating Economic Inequality" as a four year study program in 2014. This past June at GA in New Orleans a Statement of Conscience (SOC) was adopted in response to that study, which will be presented at the next GA for ratification. It is an all inclusive statement addressing all kinds of inequality, exploitation, marginalization and abuse; from racism, to ableism, to sexism, to – you name it. The UUA webs site puts it this way:

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I invite and urge you to read more about economic inequity (aka: classism) at:
<http://www.uua.org/economic/escalatinginequality> - Greg

The RE team is starting to try our new two class model. We will have one class with the school age children working on Service Projects. The second class we will use the Chalice Children from the UUA. Our classes will have a teacher and our childcare providers as assistant in each room. This year the service projects will be based on the interests of the children and the skills of our teachers. First class will be planning and goal setting for the year, second class will be working with Stephanie Young making Plarn. The first two classes in the Chalice Children will be introduction to having organized classes including a tour of the building and our community. Since the service projects are going to be hands on the RE team will be asking for suggestions and maybe some special supplies as well.

Please contact Sara Russell as the board contact or Susan Guiteras as the co-leader planning for the older kids or Sarah Unruh as co-leader for the Chalice Children.

Religious Education

One of our circle dinner groups just had their last dinner- just in time to sign up for this year!



Did I mention this was my 6th time ordering this ^%&#%* cart? LAURA PARKS

Volunteers don't get paid, not
because they're WORTHLESS
but because they're
PRICELESS.

SHERRY ANDERSON

Food For Thought

Well here we are kicking off another UUCD program year. It's always nice to take the summer off (sort of) to unwind and to recreate; its also nice to come back together again. The Water Communion is a good time to not only share our travels, but to share our hopes, our dreams and our blessings for this spiritual community. The board is hard at work, the worship committee has scheduled Sundays through January, the SJ committee is planning topics for forums, the communications team is exploring how to use some Delmarva cluster technology grant money, the RE team has found additional child care and is working on curriculum. There is lots to do; lots of opportunities for very necessary and rewarding work. Where do you fit in?

It has often been said that we only get out of life what we put into it. It's the same with our communities and our relationships. How often have you noticed that people who are deeply invested in organizations, events and other people get the most out of those relationships? So where do you fit into this UUCD community? Where do you invest your time, energy and presence? Not only how do you help our community thrive, but how do you, in so doing, enrich and animate your own life? Its true that we (UUCD) need your voluntary participation to make things work; but it's also true that you need to volunteer with us in order to feel an integral part of who we are.

So as we do kick off this new program year: what will you do to volunteer? How will you share your time and energy in our community? How will you immerse yourself in our organization and get even more out of it? On the next page, there is a current list of the UUCD Board members and the broad administrative areas for which they are responsible; and a list of the committees, teams and contact persons for working groups. Feel free to contact any one of these people (or several, or even myself) to figure out where you want to invest your presence. We need you to help us provide the services you enjoy. You may even enjoy UUCD even more.



Blessings,

Greg

Remember that the happiest people are not those GETTING more, but those GIVING more.

H. JACKSON BROWN JR.

Neighborhood/Extended Family Groups

North (19977, 19901): Cindy Hesseltine

West (19904, 19953): Julie Price

South (19943, 19962, 19963): Sheryl Winsby

Central (19901, 19934): Kerry McElwee

Working Groups/Contacts

Social Justice Committee: Mark Jarrell

Worship Committee: Laura Parks

Leadership Development Committee: Mara Ormond,
Erv Schleifer, Alissa Bennet

Stewardship Committee: Sandy Nelson

Caring Team: Gloria Gross

Religious Education Team:

Susan Guiteras, Sarah Unruh

Fund Raising: Steve Unruh

Web Site: Tom Gower

Newsletter: Laura Parks

Social Media: Sheryl Winsby,
Susan Guiteras

Hospitality: Cindy Hesseltine

Greeters: Ed Daniels

SINGING
never
hurts
& OFTEN HELPS



Board Areas of Responsibility

Personnel:

Pres Kerry McElwee

Fellowship:

VP Sandy Nelson

Communications:

Secretary Jayce Lesniewski

Worship :

Treasurer Stephanie Young

Religious Education:

Member at Large Sara Russell

Finance:

Member at Large Cade Gibson

Social Justice:

Member at Large Julie Price

7 ways to get involved

1

Help with Halloween or Christmas celebrations (Sandy Nelson)

2

Circle Dinners – for food and getting to know each other better (Gloria Gross)

3

Take a turn or two hosting Sunday Social time with light refreshments. (Cindy Hesseltine)

4

Sign up for a Sunday or two to greet congregants and visitors before services (Ed Daniels)

5

Send out the weekly press releases (Laura Parks)

6

Become a Head Chef for DIMH meals. Come work on the dinner for October, November, or December to learn the ropes (Mark Jarrell)

7

Donate socks to the Sox Box. As we get into colder weather, warm socks are badly needed