

June 2018

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CONNECTIONS

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS
OF CENTRAL DELAWARE**

A Welcoming Congregation
Chartered 2009

Sunday Services

**THE POWER OF WORDS
REV GREG CHUTE**

Words are powerful symbols of ideas. They communicate and share our thoughts. There are so many words, it is sometimes hard to come up with just the right one; and our choice is sometimes misunderstood, confused with other words, or elicits a different response than we might have expected/intended. The first two Sundays in June will each be dedicated to a specific word:

6/3

PART I: RESPECT

6/10

PART II: LIKE

6/17

**HOPE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS
KERRI HARRIS**

Some of us may be tempted to drop out or even change the very foundation of our democracy. Is there a means by which we can stay involved, holding realistic hope that our needs will be met under our present structure? One of our local citizens, Kerri Evelyn Harris, a resident of Dover who is seeking the U.S. Senate seat held by Senator Carper, believes that there is hope in our present system. We may find inspiration from her perspective and be able to tap into her energy. Congregants will be encouraged to share how they remain hopeful and involved.

In the early part of the service the children will be led in an exercise to explore kindness.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY
OFFERING GOES TO ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

6/24

**THE LIFE-CHANGING MAGIC OF TIDYING UP
LAURA PARKS**

Marie Kondo's best-selling book is subtitled "The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing." Member Laura Parks will discuss how it clarified her approach to life. We will also be breaking out the Play-Doh.

Save These Dates

Sun 6/3

UUCD annual meeting

Mon 6/4

DIMH dinner
Head Chef: Julie Price

Sun 6/10, 11.30am

Social Justice Committee
meeting

Wed 6/13, 7-8.30pm

Mindfulness Meditation at
CBS

Wed 6/20, 6.30-8pm

Board meeting at CBS

Wed 6/27, 7-8.30pm

Mindfulness Meditation at
CBS

a note from our president

The Spring Fling Auction was a success! Thank you to everyone who put in the hard work before and on the day of. Thanks to our working together we raised over \$6400, not quite as much as last year, but not far off and with less people able to attend. Some of the fun was having a menu that was outside our normal restrictions. The use of the fellowship hall at Christ Church was a joy to have and the kids room downstairs made the night fun for all. We will likely have another chance or two to use the same space, and the cost is minimal for all we get. Pot luck gathering, paint night, carnival night, wine raffle, maybe even bingo? What do you think?

We have a number of options and we need someone else to be the point person on fundraising planning. Please think about how you can help for our collective future. Many of us have more than one role ensuring this church functions weekly. Please volunteer if you can. We need everyone in order to succeed in growing our presence in central Delaware.

Our annual meeting is on June 3rd after the service. There is a lot riding on our ability to balance our budget. We have more work to do in trying to find a suitable replacement for our minister, and being able attract one will be harder if we put too much on the fundraiser or leap of faith slots. I am going to ask everyone to examine their financial representation of the value of our church. I personally will be increasing my pledge amount by just over 10 percent. In looking at my ability to pay my pledge and spend at the auction, I would rather work on filling the gap without so much riding on the auction or other efforts.

We certainly should continue to do those as well, but how would it feel to know we are building up a little savings? Do we want to stay in the same location? Want to add other staff? We are certainly capable of growing and we should be expecting our budget to need increases as we grow.

If you are able to increase your pledge please send an email to the stewardship committee at: uucdstewardship@gmail.com

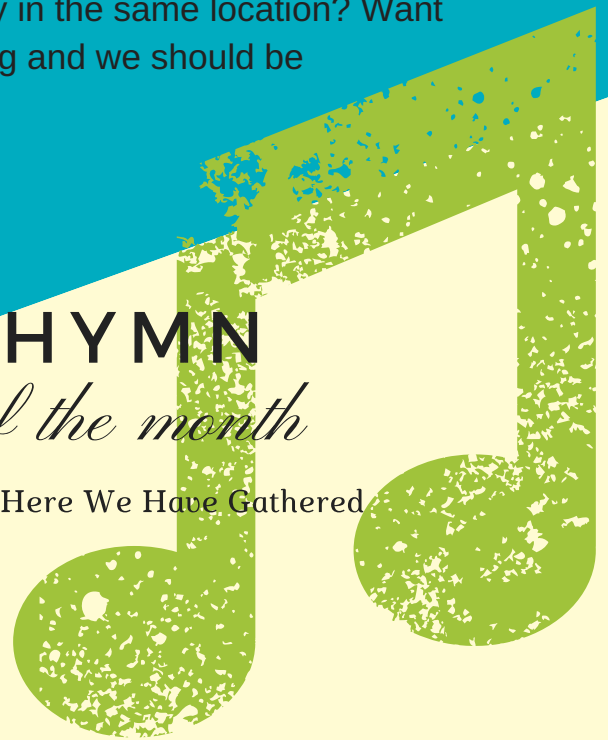
-Kerry



HYMN

of the month

#360 Here We Have Gathered



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

mindfulness

The UUCD Mindfulness Group remains active as we meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at CBS from 7:00p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The June dates for mindfulness practice are June 13 and 27. All are welcome as we enjoy sitting, guided and walking meditation in the tradition of Vietnamese Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hahn.

Several participants of this group have recently enjoyed a weekend of practice at Blue Cliff Monastery for the celebration of Vesak (Buddha's birthday).

opportunities

We are recruiting a child care provider to take the lead with grade school children (first grade and older) during Sunday services. If you know anyone who may be interested and a good fit, please help us share news of this important job! Please contact Mara for more information.

We also still need a head chef for the monthly shelter dinners! Please contact Mark Jarrell for more information.

Interested in joining Jeanne's card making class, but missed out at the auction? There are still two spots left! It will be at her home on Saturday, Sept 15 at 1:30. Let her know if you're interested.

"the woven lightning's deed", a ghazal Alexeigynaix (aka Alex Conall)

the wind through trees a sounding reed
a clamor to precede

the rain on lake and riverside
a drum that beats at speed

the thunder rumbling growling roar
the air a-humming *need*

the lightning flashing clear and bright
a call that one must heed

the dance a spinning gliding whirl
this storm my partner-lead

the water pelting cools my skin
my heartbeat thunder-keyed

the magic in the air tonight
is what if pricked I'd bleed

the thrum of power through my soul
I am awake and freed

the candles eight in line alight
the spell and prayer to feed

the spindle, needle, dye-pot, loom
the weft of this our creed

the strength of storm my strength to form
I *will* defend this seed

july services

Thank you for the 39 thoughtful replies to our survey about July Worship Services! After considering the information and discussing options, the Worship Committee has decided that, for the five Sundays in July, the committee will not be responsible for scheduling or providing services. Since many people are interested in continuing community gatherings in July, the building will be open for "Community Gathering" and conversation. The Worship Committee, Hospitality, Greeters, Child Care providers, Pianist, and Fellowship Team will step back from their usual duties, but may support informal gatherings as individuals, if available.

To accomplish this, we now need volunteers to be in charge of each Sunday in July – someone who will open and close the building and coordinate whatever preparation they wish to perform in order to conduct a Community Gathering. One possible format might be to simply prepare coffee, light a chalice, and gather round for a discussion on a topic. If needed, the Worship Committee may be able to suggest options and support as individuals. Please let us know if you would like to "be in charge" of a Sunday in July by contacting Laura Parks, Worship Committee Chair, or Rev Greg.

Working Groups/Contacts

Hospitality: Cindy Hesseltine

Greeters: Ed Daniels

Email Updates: Greg Chute

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: could be you!

Web Site: Tom Gower

Newsletter: Laura Parks

Social Media: Sheryl Winsby,

Susan Guiteras

Greeter Schedule

6/3: Kerry McElwee

6/10: Kristen Martin

6/17: Sheryl Winsby

6/24: Rose Akerman



Hospitality Schedule

6/3: Sandy Nelson

6/10: Yolande Jackson

6/17: Esther Curtis & Kerry McElwee

6/24: Sally & Ed Daniels

