



## Connections October 2016

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### **Sunday Services**

**Sunday, 2 October:** “Gaming the System: Exploring Social Justice Issues Through Video Games” Kristy Martin

The Pokémon Go craze this summer brought video games back into the news. In years past, we'd all heard stories blaming teen violence on gory video games. At the other end of the spectrum, many of us remember playing campy games such as Super Mario Bros in our childhood. Recently, small developers have been releasing games that implicitly or explicitly address a variety of issues from self-acceptance to effects of conflict on civilians in the war zone and even the for-profit prison system. The interactive nature of this medium provides a deeper understanding of these issues and has the potential to be a valuable tool.

**Sunday, 9 October:** "To Stand or Not to Stand?" Rev Greg Chute

That is becoming a question worthy of our attention. What does it mean to decline to stand for our national anthem? Why is it creating such media attention? How do we individually feel about it?

**Sunday, 16 October:** “Everyday Spiritual Practices” Alissa Bennett

As Unitarian Universalists, we are not told hit to be spiritual. We. Get to do what works for us. A spiritual activity doesn't need to be what is typically thought of as ‘spiritual’ to be fulfilling. Alissa will briefly share some of her own experiences and hopes others will share as well.

**Sunday, 23 October:** “The Gospel According to a Thomas Jefferson”

Dick Hawkins from UU Chester River will discuss Thomas Jefferson’s religious beliefs and three life lessons derived from them.

**Sunday, 30 October:** "The Pagans Are Coming, The Pagans Are Coming" Rev Greg Chute

Actually they've always been around. Halloween has its roots in the pagan tradition; and although it has changed a lot over time, there still are some pagan ideas and insights worthy of our attention. Everyone is invited to come in costume and to stay to PARTY.

### **Announcements**

- Come prepared to stay for a Halloween party after service on the 30<sup>th</sup>! Costumes are encouraged! Will there be an opportunity to bob for apples, you ask? Well, I asked, and nobody said no!! So I don't see why not!
- Hymnal donations would be most welcome! We need about ten more. They are available on uua.org for \$28 and used copies on Amazon.com for about \$20.
- The Delmarva Cluster Retreat is , 8, 9. You can find specific information on programming at: <http://uudelmarva.org/cluster-retreat>, and registration at: [registration.uudelmarva.org](http://registration.uudelmarva.org). For more info contact Greg.
- Volunteers are needed to help provide food service after Sunday services. There will be a sign up sheet next week, or email Cindy ([lucinda.27@hotmail.com](mailto:lucinda.27@hotmail.com)) if you're interested.
- Beginning in September and throughout the fall, we will be collecting items for Code Purple, an organization which distributes needed materials to homeless people throughout the year and especially in the cold winter months. They are asking for the following items: Blankets, cots, sleeping bags, towels, wash cloths, hand wipes, sanitizer, feminine products, toothbrushes, tooth paste, disinfectant spray, hats, scarves, gloves, boots, long underwear, coats, hand and feet warmers, bottled water, pre-cooked or frozen meals, instant hot drinks, garbage bags.  
Thanks for your support for this important project!

### **CLEAN OUT AND DONATE FUND RAISER**

#### **UUCD GOES TO WILSON'S AUCTION**

On Sunday, October 23 Leigh Hesseltine will bring a pickup truck and trailer to the church. Please bring any serviceable and clean household items you wish to donate. This would include outgrown toys, appliances, and small pieces of furniture and all those twice used kitchen gadgets, etc. The items collected will be taken to Wilson's Auction Services in Lincoln, DE to be sold at a Saturday auction.

If you have a larger item please contact Lee to ensure he is willing and able to fit it on the truck or trailer.

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Don't bring your Grandmother's china or crystal .... we can take that for the silent/ service auction in March.

### **Social Justice Committee News-**

Service Opportunity- Head Chefs Needed for Monthly Dinners at DIMH

One of UUCD's community outreach opportunities is preparing and serving dinner the first Monday of each month at the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing (DIMH) homeless shelter for men. DIMH is a nonprofit organization of local faith communities concerned with the needs of homeless men in the Greater Dover area. The Dover facility provides shelter, breakfast and dinner for up to 36 homeless men seeking to regain a self-reliant life. The program also provides assistance with job applications and resumes.

Our kitchen staff consists of a head chef who plans the menu and is responsible for gathering all necessary ingredients, and additional members of the congregation who come to prepare and serve the meal. The UUCD budget has money set aside for the DIMH monthly dinners- so the head chef can turn in shopping receipts for reimbursement. Also head chefs can mention needed ingredients during Sunday announcements- providing members with another way to help out! Presently we have only 2 head chefs. We would like to have at least one more head chef to be part of a monthly rotation.

Please consider helping at DIMH- 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. Contact Sara Russell for more information- 302-542-1982 or srr1023@outlook.com

### **Calendar**

- Monday, 3 October: DIMH dinner. Leigh Hesseltine, head chef
- Wednesday, 5 October 7pm: Mindfulness meditation at CBS
- Friday-Sunday 7-9 October: Cluster retreat
- Saturday, 8 October 9am: clean up at Hunn Nature Park. Contact Mark at 744-2489 for more information
- Sunday, 9 October: Social Justice Sunday benefiting UU United Nations
- Sunday, 9 October 11.30am: Social Justice Committee meeting at CBS
- Wednesday, 19 October, 7.35pm: Board meeting at CBS
- Sunday, 30 October after service: Halloween Party!

### **Birthdays**

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

Please send any upcoming birthdays to Laura Parks ([laura.e.parks@gmail.com](mailto:laura.e.parks@gmail.com))!