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CONNECTIONS

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

Save These Dates

Mon 1/1

DIMH dinner
Head Chef: Julie Price

Wed 1/3, 7-8.30

"Walk With Me" Movie night
at CBS

Sun 1/14, 11.30am

Social Justice Committee
meeting

Wed 1/17, 6.30-8

Board Meeting at CBS

Sunday Services

1/7

REFLECTING ON OUR SEVEN PRINCIPLES
& THE SEVEN VIRTUES
REV GREG CHUTE

What better way to start the new year than by reflecting on our own UU code of ethics and the classic set of virtues. Of course the seven deadly sins may also come up.

1/14

LESSONS FROM MR (AND MRS!) POTATO HEAD
REV JOHN WRIGHT

The Potato Head family has been around for a long time. Like so many of us, they are not always "put together" all that well. Together let's explore what insights can be gained from this humble toy!

1/21

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY
OFFERING GOES TO LINK OF LOVE

TBA
ROBB LATHEY

1/28

TBA
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE





A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we end the "holiday season," I reflect on the challenges and opportunities we will encounter together. One of the first things to think about is the minister

search; we are on target for the timeline right now. The leadership development committee will be conducting interviews for potential search committee members in the coming weeks. We expect to schedule the Spring Fling or March

Madness Auction very soon, so please start thinking about items or services you will offer as a "prize" in the live auction. As tenants of the CBS building, we have to consider the kitchen rules for providing food at the auction which includes times that the kitchen must be closed for use. We also need to be certain we are closing the building at the end of each use.

There will be a check list to consult if you are the last one out. Please see me or another board member if you are uncertain how to "lock up", you do not need keys to be the last one out. Looking forward to the coming year.

Be safe, healthy and loved.

-Kerry



Presley Deskiewicz & Tes del Tufo (8), Alisha Smith (11),
Elizabeth Hartung (13), Ryan Marsh (19)



policy forum

Unitarian Universalists Delaware Advocacy Network announces that it will present a Grassroots Policy Forum: Creating a Movement of Movements. This workshop will be held at UUFN on Saturday January 6, 2018 from 9:00 - 3:00. This is a kickoff to the State legislative year and includes speakers: Kathleen MacRae, ACLU Alan Davis Chief Magistrate of the Justice of the Court and Jeffrey Richardson University of Delaware Professor of Black American Studies.

Justice reform and environmental justice will be emphasized. This workshop is free but registration is required by going to Eventbrite.com.

link of love

The UUCD Social Justice Committee has been tasked with developing a Study/Action plan in response to the UUA's direction to address Escalating Income Inequality. The Social Justice Committee has identified those re-entering society in our local community as the demographic for our attention. The UUCD commitment is to assist ex-offenders toward an independent, self-sustaining life for themselves and their families. We are partnering with Link of Love, an organization which targets this population through their New Beginnings program. Our UUCD family will be asked to contribute the plate collection on six Sundays throughout the year for the specific needs of ex-offenders who have been able to secure housing and employment. Direct appeals to the congregation may be made throughout the year as specific needs arise.

The purpose of this initiative is to be a part of the solution to Escalating Economic Inequality. The Study part of this initiative is in the planning stages and will most likely include gathering information and conducting discussion opportunities.

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

Email Updates: Greg Chute

Hospitality Schedule

1/7/18. Judy & Wayne Kling

1/14/18 Cade Gibson & Cynthia Johnson

1/21/18 Leigh & Cindy Hesseltine

1/28/18 Esther, Kate, & Nate Curtis

anti-racism training

The Central East Region of the UUA is sponsoring two opportunities for those UUs interested in nurturing a multicultural community and working against racism in all of its forms. This Jubilee Anti-Racism training will be held twice in the coming months in our area:



All Souls Unitarian Church
1500 Harvard St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20009

Friday, January 12, 2018 through
Sunday, January 14, 2018
Fee \$160



Main Line Unitarian Church
816 Valley Forge Road
Devon PA 19333

Friday, March 2, 2018 through
Sunday, March 3, 2018
Fee \$155

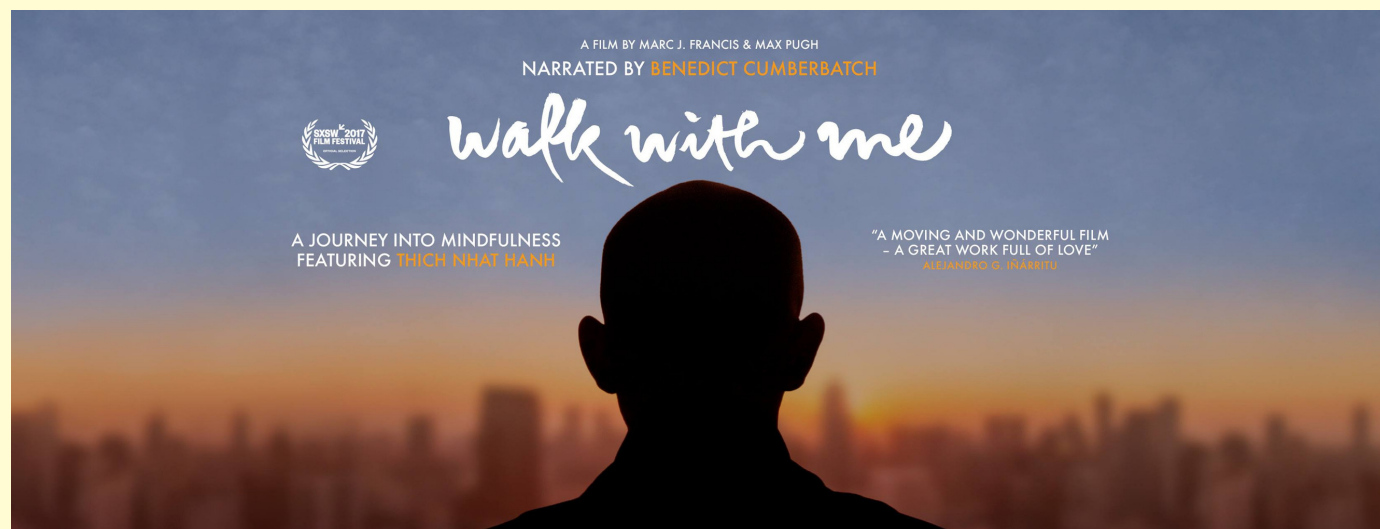
For more information contact cer@uua.org

mindfulness movie night

The monthly Mindfulness group will resume meeting on the first Wednesday of the month as of Wednesday, January 3, 2018. We meet from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. At the January 3, 2018 meeting we will suspend our usual practice in order to enjoy a film together.

"Walk With Me" features an in depth exposure to the monastic life and practice of Thich Nhat Hanh. It is narrated by Benedict Cumberbatch and runs about 90 minutes.

We will enjoy this film together at CBS in the small sanctuary. All are welcome. For further information please contact Molly Keogh 302-399-9134.



Social Justice Committee meeting



A baby elf!

Have some reflections on a recent service?
Or maybe a few thoughts to share?
Send your letters to laura.e.parks@gmail.com

Letters to the Editor

I wonder: How many of you practice an art, or a craft? (If indeed there is any difference!)

How many of you find yourselves, as William Faulkner reportedly said, “only writ[ing] when inspiration strikes”, and then rfinding that inspiration unfortunately strikes never, instead of “fortunately”—as theest of the Faulkner quote goes—striking “at nine every morning”?

But then, Faulkner was a prolific author, and surely did sit down at nine every morning and open the door to inspiration. We—we are more prosaic creatures, surely? We who must at nine every morning be at the office ready to fulfill the duties of a paralegal, or at four every evening be at the hospital ready to nurse patients, or at whatever times dictated by the vicious vagaries of a food service schedule be at the restaurant ready to serve diners?

The word “muse” derives from ancient Greek “Mousa”, a Goddess of art and inspiration—“inspire”, from Latin meaning “to breathe in”. We are familiar most likely with the Olympian Nine Muses, Kalliopē and Kleiō and the other seven daughters of Zeus and Mnēmosynē. But there are three Elder Muses as well, daughters of Ouranos and Gaia—or four, or perhaps five altogether: Meletē, Practice; Mnēmē, Memory; Aoidē, Song; Arkhē, Beginning; Thelxinoē, Charming the Mind.

Pick up a pen or a keyboard, and write. A colored pencil or crayon, and draw. Two long needles, and knit. A spoon, and cook—not for the practicality of it alone, but for the

craft, the art. Make a beginning, and practice, and remember each technique you try and fail at, every one at which you succeed. Find ways to charm minds. You won’t exactly begin by painting Botticelli’s Birth of Venus, but that’s not the point. The point is to open yourself to inspiration—to breathe in the song of the Muses. To seek out direct experience of transcending mystery and wonder by means of crafting art.

Fortunately, inspiration strikes when you do the work to invite the Muses in.

Alex Conall

