

September 2018

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CONNECTIONS

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS
OF CENTRAL DELAWARE

A Welcoming Congregation
Chartered 2009



Sunday Services

Save These Dates

Mon 9/3

DIMH dinner. Head Chef:
Leigh Hesseltinge

Sun 9/9, 11.30am

Social Justice Committee
meeting

Sat 9/8

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

Wed 9/12, 7-8.30pm

Mindfulness Meditation at
CBS

Sat 9/15

Coastal Cleanup

Wed 9/19

Board meeting at CBS

Wed 9/26

Mindfulness Meditation at
CBS

September 16th is
Ingathering and
Water Communion!
Remember to mark
your calendars now!

9/2

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
CINDY HESSELTINE

9/9

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.

9/16

WATER COMMUNION
REV GREG CHUTE

As we return from our various summer holidays, vacations, excursions and recreations we gather again to celebrate our UUCD community. Everyone is invited to bring "sacred water" from their special places and to add it as a blessing to our water communion.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY
OFFERING GOES TO CODE PURPLE

9/23

UU GA
WAYNE KLING

The 2018 Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly (GA) was in Kansas City, MO, this past June. The Worship Services presented at GA are known for their exceptional speakers, their timely, emotionally stirring, spiritually uplifting topics, and thought-provoking charges. Join us in sharing that experience through a video of one of the GA Worship Services.

9/30

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE
A PEOPLE OF VISION?
REV GREG CHUTE

This is the question posed for September by the UUA Soul Matters group. Let's explore this together.

a note from our president

The board met this month to get our areas of responsibility situated and discussed the lingering annual meeting questions. We have scheduled another congregational meeting for Sunday October 14 after church to provide updates and have the votes for our two missing board members. We do have a full board, in the last meeting in June Cindy Hesseltine was appointed Member at Large and Wayne Kling was appointed Secretary. Also for October 14th, I have signed up for hospitality and plan to offer a meal, not just snacks. If anyone wants to help prepare and design a menu, it might be fish sticks, but there will be a chance to eat lunch at church before our meeting. Hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! Look forward to seeing everyone back this fall.

Peace-
Kerry

hymn
OF THE MONTH

#12 O Life That Maketh
All Things New

you're invited!!

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

We are starting the UUCD choir up again
and would love to have you join!

We will practice on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., for three or four weeks before each scheduled performance (We're planning only three or four performances this year.)

SEPTEMBER practices will be Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30 for our first performance at the service on SEPT. 30.

If interested, let Julie Price or Sheryl Winsby know.
Looking forward to a great year of singing!

Peace Week DELAWARE

SEPTEMBER 15–23, 2018



PWD 2018 to offer a variety of quality programs

They include community picnics, community walkabouts, interfaith conversations, discussions on racial divisions, alternative to violence workshops, shared stories that highlight immigration issues, healthy practices from yoga to meditation, films, religious services, dramatizations on topics like homelessness and peace vigils, drum circles, several collections for the needy, consciousness raising for LGBTQ populations, a discussion on the value of keeping girls in school, a radio program, a community wellness fair and youth activities ranging from taking video to painting and writing poetry to making crafts like pinwheels and origami.

visit their website for more info!
<http://www.peaceweekdelaware.org/>

UUCD 10 Year Celebration

We should celebrate our 10th anniversary as a chartered congregation! Our charter date is March 1st 2008, with our formal acceptance into the UUA at the June 2008 General Assembly. To celebrate, we hope to have a dinner or luncheon, a special Sunday service, and more this upcoming spring! If you are interested in brainstorming and assisting with the planning process, please contact Judy Kling (jlkling50@gmail.com). She hopes to have a first meeting in September.



Michael Tucker (2), Alexis Hamilton (11)

Saying goodbye to summer and Ed and Sally

The Hesseltines would like to extend an invitation for a happy hour at their house (not the farmhouse) on September 7th from 6 to 8pm. Ed and Sally are moving to Mexico, and this is a great opportunity to say goodbye and wish them the best of luck on their new adventure! Bring a favorite beverage and/or a favorite appetizer to share. Hope to see you on the 7th.

Address: 877 Fast Landing Road, Dover

RSVP or if questions email Cindy at Lucinda.27@hotmail.com

mindfulness

The UUCD Mindfulness practice group (sanga) is alive and well. We are in the process of registering as an official sanga with the Mindfulness Bell. More to follow on that next month. During the month of September we will meet at CBS in the main sanctuary on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Our practice time is 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The sessions include a variety of activities designed to bring us to the present moment. We consider the teachings of our teacher Thich Nhat Hahn as we breathe, sit, walk and listen. No experience is needed as we review the basics at each session. We also practice deep listening, guided meditation and silent meditation. Our hope is to take this practice into our daily lives bringing peace to ourselves and others.

September dates for Mindfulness are 12th and 26th.

Working Groups/Contacts

Social Justice Committee: Mark Jarrell

Worship Committee: Laura Parks

Leadership Development: Erv Schleifer

Stewardship Committee: Sandy Nelson

Caring Team: Gloria Gross

Religious Education Team:

Susan Guiteras

Fund Raising: could be you!

Web Site: Tom Gower

Newsletter: Laura Parks

Social Media: Sheryl Winsby,

Susan Guiteras

Hospitality: Cindy Hesseltine

Greeters: Rose Ackerman

Email Updates: Greg Chute



Greeter Schedule

9/2: Teddy Lesniewski

9/9: Sheryl Winsby

9/16: Yolande Jackson

9/23: Sara Russell

9/30: Rose Akerman



Hospitality Schedule

9/2: Sandy Nelson

9/9: Gloria Gross & Judy Kling

9/16:

9/23: Leigh & Cindy Hesseltine

9/30:

Please contact Cindy (Lucinda.27@hotmail.com) to sign up for one of the open dates!

Sarah McBride and the Fight for Transgender Equality

Triumphing Over Hate Through Understanding



Delaware native Sarah McBride is the National Press Secretary for the Human Rights Campaign. Her new book, *Tomorrow Will Be Different*, tells of how she questioned her gender identity and then came out as trans during her senior year in college. Sarah became the first openly transgender person to address a national political convention when she spoke at the Democratic National Convention in 2016.

Learn how Sarah's courageous journey for transgender rights has been successful, but also how much more work there is to do.

Monday, September 17, 2018

6:30 pm Reception & Refreshments

**7:00 pm Lisa Goodman
President
Equality Delaware**

**7:10 pm Sarah McBride
National Press Secretary
Human Rights Campaign**

**First Unitarian Church
Sanctuary
730 Halstead Road
Wilmington, DE 19803
Off Concord Pike**

Sponsored by the First Unitarian Church Human Rights Task Force.
For information, contact Becky Laster, blaster102@verizon.net.

News from the Central East Region of Unitarian Universalist Association

[http://uua874.activehosted.com/index.php?
action=social&chash=feab05aa91085b7a8012516bc3533958.1964&ts=aea18b119cb4863fd725a2504eaf4eb4](http://uua874.activehosted.com/index.php?action=social&chash=feab05aa91085b7a8012516bc3533958.1964&ts=aea18b119cb4863fd725a2504eaf4eb4)

- Nice description of the Chalice Lighter Program recently addressed in our 5 August 2018 Worship Service by Sheryl Winsby:



The graphic features the UUA logo (a stylized flame inside a 'U') and the text "UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION" on a red background. To the right, it says "Central East Region". Below this is a purple banner with the text "Opportunities for Connection" and "CER Update ~ September 2018".

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Featured Resource: CER Chalice Lighter Program

The Chalice Lighter program has been in place for decades in most areas of the United States as a way to fund growth in Unitarian Universalist congregations helping to establish new congregations, improve and expand structures, fund new staff and resourcing programming innovations. Clusters of congregations may also apply for funding for collaborative projects.



Individual Chalice Lighter Subscribers pledge to contribute three times a year when the calls are issued – and those faithful contributions add up to significant funding. Since we have formed the Central East Region Chalice Lighter program beginning in the fall of 2017 replacing four individual District-based programs, we have awarded \$140,000, building on the over TWO MILLION we have awarded in the past. Details of recent grants appear in our [newsletters](#). Want to know more? [Read our FAQ](#).

To continue this worthwhile program, we need help from our congregations and members. To learn more please read the [Better Together blog post](#) on Chalice Lighters and [Subscribe today!](#)

- Contact Wayne Kling if you have questions or if you are interested in carpooling to this event:

Building Community: What's In Your Toolbox?

Saturday, September 22, 2018, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

First Unitarian Church of Wilmington

730 Halstead Road, Wilmington DE 19803

Join other UU congregations in the Central East Region
for a day of networking, learning, and connecting

- Learn how to use social media to advance your community
- Discover new ways to encourage volunteerism in your congregation
- Invigorate your church's social justice programs
- Find out about new requirements for Welcoming Congregations
- Linkage: Where we are and how we got here

Lunch provided. All are welcome.

Registration: For planning purposes, please register by September 17, at
<https://www.uua.org/central-east/events/region/building-community-wilmington-918>

\$10 registration fee requested (waivers available).

Childcare available by RSVP only.

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