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# CONNECTIONS

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

## Sunday Services

### FLOWER COMMUNION

Please remember  
to bring flowers to  
share for our  
annual celebration!

### Save These Dates

**all Wed, 7-8.30pm**

Mindfulness Meditation at  
CBS

**Mon 5/6**

DIMH dinner  
Head Chef: Julie Price

**Sun 5/12, 11.30am**

Social Justice Committee  
meeting

**Wed 5/15, 6.30-8.30pm**

Board Meeting

**5/5**

**UNITARIAN CHRISTIANITY AT 200  
REV GREG CHUTE**

May 5, 2019 is the 200th anniversary of Channing's landmark sermon delivered in Baltimore addressing the criticisms of the established order and embracing the accusation of heresy. This is a good opportunity to look back and to consider what it was that our liberal spiritual ancestors were rejecting and affirming, and to consider what we reject and affirm today.

**5/12**

**STRENGTHENING OUR ROOTS  
SHERYL WINSBY**

This Mother's day, join us for this inspiring and award-winning sermon written by Rev. Shelley Page, a former minister at UUCD. Using the analogy of a grove of aspens, we will learn more about how we can thrive through mutual support. Just as our mothers and fathers have nurtured us, so also can our religious community support us as we support and strengthen it.

**5/19**

**CURIOSITY MAY HAVE KILLED THE CAT,  
BUT IT'S GOOD FOR US  
REV GRE CHUTE**

"Curiosity" is the UUA Soul Matters topic for May. What are you curious about? Where does your curiosity take you? How does curiosity affect your life and living? When have you discovered significant things about life, people, yourself? What do I love; what do I fear? These are a few of the questions we'll address, and many more.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: MEALS-ON-WHEELS**

**5/26**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS  
CINDY HESSELTINE**

A service to honor our 7th principle: to honor and respect the interconnected web of life of which we are all a part. This service will be held outside and please bring your pets and pictures of pets who have passed over the rainbow bridge. In case of rain, pets will need to stay home, but please bring pictures and stories to share.

## a note from our president

Annual meeting First Sunday of June! We will be voting on several things, board members to be considered President, Vice President, Treasurer, Member at Large - 2 and one Leadership Development Committee member. We will be voting on the budget for our next year, and we will be voting on the Emeritus Status for Reverend Greg Chute.

I want to send a very special thank you for all those who contributed to the success of our auction. We did a great job, fun and delicious food. Next year we will be moving the location to a new place, if you have suggestions or requests please contact a board member. If you have not responded to the stewardship committee with your pledge for next year, please do so now so we will have a realistic budget to vote on. Next BOT meeting is May 15th at 6:30 in the small sanctuary.

Kerry

## planning ahead??

Jayce Lesniewski is organizing a fundraising/auction task force to begin preparations for the 2020 Spring Fundraiser and to organize additional fundraisers. Please email him at [jayce.r.lesniewski@gmail.com](mailto:jayce.r.lesniewski@gmail.com) if you are interested in being part of the team.

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*We Sing of Golden Mornings*  
HYMN OF THE MONTH



## mindfulness

As we move into Spring the sangha continues to thrive as we meet Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the main sanctuary at Congregation Beth Shalom. We are grateful to be sponsored by the UUCD congregation. Our practice focuses on bringing peace to our lives and to those around us. This sangha encourages participation by anyone who is interested or curious. No prior experience is needed. We have recently expanded our leadership roles as we continue to follow the direction and teachings of Buddhist monk and teacher Thich Nhat Hanh with guided, silent and walking meditation.

Loving speech and deep listening are practiced. All are welcome.

## pride month

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 16, 2019. Our service will be one of celebration and remembrance of the LGBTQ+ community. The Rainbow Chorale will be our featured musical guests. There will be a special video on the origins of the Rainbow flag for children and adults. Invitations are going out to encourage inclusion and celebration of Pride Month.

## UUDAN Annual Membership Meeting

You are invited to attend the first annual membership meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Delaware Advocacy Network (UUDAN).

**Sunday May 19 – 2:00 to 3:30 PM**

**First Unitarian Church**

730 Halstead Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803

Room 25 (park in back)

Our annual meeting will begin with a short business meeting to adopt new by-laws and elect members of the Steering Committee and Leadership Team. The business meeting will be followed by a panel discussion of key legislative issues before the General Assembly this spring.

Although we welcome your participation in person, the meeting facility supports Zoom participation for both panelists and participants to maximize engagement by UUDAN members from all across Delaware.

Please save the date. For planning purposes and to receive the zoom link for the meeting, please fill out a brief registration form. Click [here](#) to register.

## minister search

The combined Search committees from both UUCD and UUFN continue to proceed toward filling a full-time minister position to meet the needs of both congregations. We are following the processes laid out by UUA and look forward to an exciting chapter as well as the completion of the task.

UUCD Ministerial Search Committee

Molly Keogh

Laura Parks

Leigh Hesseltine

Susan Guiteras

## THANKS to our VOLUNTEERS

### fellowship

5/5 Jayce and Laura

5/12 Esther and kids

5/19 Wayne and Judy

5/26 Rose and Arden

### 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:

Kelly Blanchies & Heather Thompson

Fund Raising: could be you!

Web Site: Tom Gower

Newsletter: Laura Parks

Social Media: Sheryl Winsby,

Susan Guiteras

Hospitality: Cindy Hesseltine

Greeters: Rose Akerman

Email Updates: Greg Chute

### Board Members & Administrative Areas

MaL Julie is Social Justice

MaL Cindy is Religious Education

MaL Jayce is Finances

Pres Kerry is Personnel/Facility

VP Sandy is Fellowship

Sec Wayne is Communication

Treas Stephanie is Worship