

First Unitarian E-News – Worship and Events

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Sunday morning services begin at 10:30

Children's Religious Education starts at 10:45

Childcare is available in the Youth Center from 9:30 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. before the service
and 11:50 am - 12:30 pm after the service.

Visiting families are welcome!

1. REMINDER: JPD “POLICY GOVERNANCE FOR CHURCHES” WORKSHOP SATURDAY

The JPD “Policy Governance for Churches” Workshop will be held here, at First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, **Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The cost is \$25.00 per person. (Full Fair Share Congregations received a discount of \$5.00 per registrant.) Includes lunch and all materials.

2. SUNDAY: ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Join our Sunday morning lecture series “Religions of the Axial Age; An Approach to the World’s Religions.” Our lecture series and discussion on the Axial Age (800-200 B.C.E.) and the faiths it spawned continues:

Oct 11: The Noble Path

Oct 18: From Buddha to Buddhism

Oct 25: Jainism

Join us at 9:30a.m. in Brunner Chapel as we discuss this creative and influential era and how its developments continue to impact our spiritual lives.

3. THIS SUNDAY – OCTOBER 11: "IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU" — Rev. Barbara H. Gadon.

Mary Pipher once said advertising bombards us with the message thousands of times a day that we - especially our needs and wants - are the most important thing in the universe. Buddhism and Christianity say this notion brings suffering. And yet, don't we need to find happiness and fulfillment? If it's not about us, what is it about?

4. SUNDAY ~ CYRE

All ages are invited to begin in the sanctuary. After the Time for All Ages, the children will be sung out to their classes. Please pick up children in the Nursery through Fifth Grades by 11:50 am at their classroom. All children in the classrooms at 11:50 am will be escorted to the Youth Center for Childcare. Childcare ends at 12:30 pm. All children must be picked up by 12:30 pm.

5. "JOURNEY TOWARD MEMBERSHIP" CLASS THIS SUNDAY

Whether you are a visitor or new member we invite you to join us on Sunday morning for the second in a series of workshops designed especially for you. This class is entitled "The Priesthood of all Believers" and will discuss the ways in which we share ministry with our ordained leadership. See you there!

6. EDUCATE THE CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL

We received an additional donation of \$500, bringing the total for the 9/27/09 special collection for **Educate the Children-International to \$1204.00**. Many thanks for everyone's kind generosity.

7. OPEN CIRCLES

This Sunday, October 11, there will be opportunities before and after worship for you to try a small group to see if you like it - and on October 18, we will have a special lunch for groups to have their first meeting!

We are still looking for a few good facilitators for our groups. We will offer training, and you don't necessarily have to have facilitated a group prior to this. To apply, contact either Reverend Josh or Reverend Barbara - **soon!**

8. FALL FESTIVAL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Saturday, October 24 will be here before you know it. Fall Festival is one of our largest fundraisers. **How can you participate? Start sorting through those books, CD's, movies, household goods, jewelry and kids clothes/gear and get ready to donate!** Many hands are also needed to help with set up the night before, staffing the various stations during the Festival, and break down in the afternoon. We'll also need yummy baked goods and other homemade goodies. New this year: carnival type activities: face painting, scare crow making, arts 'n crafts, cookie decorating, donut bobbing and more! Lots of fun for the whole family! Contact Mary Collat at marylewc@verizon.net or 302-994-0237.

Donations can be brought to the church office during the hours of 9:00 to 3:00 Monday through Friday, or on Sunday mornings. See Terry Walls or Donna VanName to arrange to have larger donations placed in the POD temporary storage bin we have in our parking lot.

9. PLEASE VOLUNTEER

Please volunteer some of your time to help make Fall Festival a success! Working at our annual fundraiser is a great way to meet new people and help the church all at the same time. Fall Festival is slated for Saturday, October 24th. Money earned this year will help fund the Children's Religious Exploration program. Below are links to worksheets showing the many ways in which you can help the Children's Resale Boutique portion of Fall Festival--from setting up during the week of the 19th, to working the day of the Festival. To sign-up, write your name in the blocks where you can volunteer, click on File, then press Save.

[Fall Festival Set Up](#)
[Day of Fall Festival](#)

10. NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 18: "THE BUDDHA IN THE ROBOT" — THE REV. DR. JOSHUA SNYDER.

Most explorations of the connection between religion and science usually deal with Christianity and Physics or evolutionary Biology. But what if we chose two other partners: say Buddhism and Robotic Engineering. Does a robot have the potential to become a Buddha? Come hear about a rather different way to consider how science and religion interact.

11. MARK YOUR CALENDAR – A CONCERT!

Here at First Unitarian Church, October 18th -7:00 p.m., join us for a concert by Scott Ward. *When in Doubt...Tango!* An original show with stories and songs written by Scott, sharing part of his life story. Martin Hargrove and Marina VanRenssen will join Scott. Tickets at the door, \$10.

12. MINDFULNESS MEDITATION CLASS

A four-session class introducing meditation starting at 9:00 am four Sundays: October 18 and 25, and November 1 and 8 taught by James Walsh, Ph.D., is a Pastoral Counselor in private practice in Newark, DE and is an Assistant Professor at Wilmington University. Jim has had extensive training at the University of Massachusetts Medical School's Center for Mindfulness in Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, a method taught by Jon Kabat-Zinn. He guides an interfaith group in regular meditation practice in Wilmington. Sign up at the Adult Religious Education Table in the Parish Hall or the church office.

13. SPIRITUAL JOURNAL WRITING WORKSHOP

A 3-session class on journal-writing Saturday mornings 9-11 am, October 31, November 7 and 14. Joan Leof is a published writer and former English teacher. She has many years of experience teaching journal writing classes in Wilmington and Philadelphia. Her classes at Christiana Care and the UU Fellowship of Newark have received enthusiastic reviews. Spiritual journal writing will help you find the shy inner voice that connects you to the spirit. Sign up at the Adult Religious Education Table in the Parish Hall or the church office.

14. ILYA (INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR YOUNG ADULTS)

College “Care Package” Contact People Needed: Young Adults who have “aged out” of the foster care system are beginning college or postsecondary training. Imagine going off to school without someone to send you “care packages,” encouragement or, even, birthday wishes. How about becoming a contact for a college student this year? Each contact is paired with a student to whom they send about five packages over the year. Contact Betty Wier (bwier@udel.edu) or stop by the ILYA table after church services.

15. GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPPORTUNITY

The Joseph Priestley District is allocated one workshop slot each year at the General Assembly. If you are interested in presenting a workshop, please submit a workshop application to the JPD Office, Attn: Cristina Sanchis at cristina@jpduua.org by **November 17, 2009**. [CLICK HERE FOR AN APPLICATION!](#) For further information, contact Rev. Dr. Richard Speck, JPD District Executive, at rspeck@uua.org or 800-351-6637.

16. FRIENDLY BULLETIN BOARD POLICY REMINDER:

This year we have instituted new policies on bulletin boards. Blue notices are posted on each board and bulletin boards are designated for specific purposes, such as First Unitarian Church news, Adult RE, Community News, etc. ALL postings must be approved and initialed by a Program Team member (Rev. Josh, Rev. Barbara, Scott, Catherine, Susan) or the Business Manager, Marina. Thank you for helping us to maintain meaningful, organized bulletin boards.

17. THIS SUNDAY’S VOLUNTEERS:

OFFICE: Peggy Rawheiser
GREETERS: Jim Davis, Rita McWhorter, and George Huhn
USHERS: Peggy Cairncross, Eleanore Morrow, Jenn Phillips, Jackie Watson
WELCOME TABLE: Barbara Marrs
BOOSTER CARDS: Suzanne Proud
BOOK CORNER: Debbe Krape
COFFEE HOUR: Buildings and Grounds Committee hosts coffee hour.
FIRST U LIBRARY: Open Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to noon, in the RE wing.

18 THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Religious people should always have two pockets in every garment, with a slip of paper in each one. The first slip of paper should say, ‘I am but dust and ashes.’ And the second should say, ‘For me the universe is made.’” – *Hasidic tradition*.