

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!

FIRST U SATURDAY NIGHT FILM SERIES:

Deviance and the Eyes of the Beholder; Exploring our culture and challenges to tolerance

What is "deviance"? Who decides? What does our personal discomfort with difference tell us about ourselves? Join Alan Horowitz, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Delaware and Rev. Barbara Gadon of First Unitarian Church in exploring the boundaries of tolerance through these thought-provoking films. Films start at 7:00 p.m. \$5.00 donation. **October 17 "Paris Is Burning"** This documentary takes an honest, humorous, and surprisingly poignant peek into one of America's overlooked subcultures: the world of the urban drag queen. Jennie Livingston, director, 1991. 71 minutes.

1. 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 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.

2. THIS 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.

3. 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.

4. "JOURNEY TOWARD MEMBERSHIP" CLASS THIS SUNDAY

All visitors and new members are invited to join us on Sunday morning after worship for the third in a series of classes designed to acquaint you with our faith, our traditions, and our expectations of membership. This third class is entitled "What are Our Roots? Our History as a Denomination and the Meaning of Membership." This informal class, facilitated by Rev. Dr. Josh Snyder, will provide an opportunity for you to ask questions and interact with other newcomers. You are welcome to bring your cup of coffee and meet us in Brunner Chapel on the second Floor at 11:45a.m.

5. THIS SUNDAY – 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 Marian Sargeant will join Scott. Tickets at the door, \$10.

6. OPEN CIRCLES LUNCHEON THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, 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!**

7. FALL FESTIVAL IS NEXT WEEK!

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.

8. CORRECTION

Please note that we have a correction to the broadcast e-mail about Fall Festival which was sent out Friday morning: **Books** can be brought to the church **starting Tuesday**; we have volunteers who will begin to sort books starting Wednesday. Bring them to the office and we will pick up immediately, or take them to Room 29 (not 30.)

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 25: "What's the Difference?" — The Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder. What makes Unitarian Universalists different? Most of our Principles and Purposes emphasize our similarities to other religions and traditions, but what makes Unitarian Universalism unique? Believe it or not it is more than an overwhelming insistence that there be coffee after church!

11. ASSOCIATION SUNDAY

Plan now to be in church on Sunday, October 25th when we join with thousands of Unitarian Universalists across the nation celebrating our shared commitment on **Association Sunday**. In this service, we will strengthen the bonds of our common purpose and combine our resources to make Unitarian Universalism a stronger voice for liberal religious values in our country. We are better together.

Our values are needed to help heal the wounded world. So, we will be taking our fourth Sunday special collection for the growth and vitality of our congregations. Funds raised will be used for new lay theological education and excellence in ministry projects. We hope each person will contribute \$50. If you can't attend, please send in a check - envelopes will be available at our church in October. To donate online for Association Sunday, visit <http://www.uua.org/giving>.

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. Register and pay (\$20) in advance at the Adult Religious Education Table in the Parish Hall or the church office.

14. YOU ARE INVITED TO A BOARD-HOSTED WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 6:30-8:30 PM IN PARISH HALL

Put the emphasis on fun for this get-together, and bring the family! You'll hear the results from our recent "members' values" game, we'll share the Long Range Planning Committee's report, and follow it all up with another game where you can tell us more about your priorities. See the November Quest for more details and RSVP information.

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@jpdaua.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. THIS SUNDAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

OFFICE: Barbara Marrs
GREETERS: Barbara Perry, Kathryn Lloyd, Jan Jones
USHERS: Cindy and Steve Cohen, J. Harry and Jackie Feldman
WELCOME TABLE: Joan Priest
BOOK CORNER: Maggie Duffy
COFFEE HOUR: Women's Spirituality Group hosts coffee hour.
FIRST U LIBRARY: Open Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to noon, in the RE wing.

17. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious - the fundamental emotion which stands at the cradle of true art and true science." – Albert Einstein, *Living Philosophies*, 1931