

January 29, 2012
This Week at



Welcome Visitors! After the service today, please stop by the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall to introduce yourself and find information about First Unitarian Church and its programs and activities.

This Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m.

January 29: Rev. Alison Hyder. **"Breaking Some Eggs."** Most beings resist change and the havoc it can do to our self-identity. But we're also made to take risks. Rev. Alison invites you to come and explore the tension between comfort and growth. You can't make an omelet without breaking some eggs.

This Sunday - Adult Forum 9:30-10:15 a.m. in Brunner Chapel

January 29: Our *Comparative Religion* video series continues with a lecture entitled "The Human Predicament." In this video lecture series, Professor Charles Kimball of the University of Oklahoma explores for us the complex and multi-dimensional nature of the world's five major religions.

This Sunday: Faithful Dialogues "Spirit, Biology and Being." 9:30-10:15 a.m. in Room 25

January 29: "Our lives march to a molecular beat of our tissues. Our spirit sings to the music of our biology." Come join in a conversation about spirit, biology, and being. Facilitator: Maria McCabe.

Next Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m.

February 5: Rev. Alison Hyder. **"Scars."** Life is change. The events are different, but the effect is the same. Each one is the result of pain, joys, and compromise. What can we learn from the accidents of existence?

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February 5: Dr. Jim Davis facilitates a discussion of some aspect of the PBS series Religion and Ethics Newsweekly which explores world events from the perspective of a variety of world religions.

Next Sunday: Faithful Dialogues 9:30-10:15 a.m. in Room 25

February 5: Next Sunday is Chalice Lighters Sunday. Come learn how Chalice Lighters' grants support congregations committed to *be anti-racist, anti-oppressive, multicultural religious associations working to eradicate racism and all forms of oppression in Unitarian Universalist institutions and the larger community.* Facilitator: Joan Priest.

Come Participate in "Mission Possible!"

Help create our future by participating in "Mission Possible." This project will rely on Appreciative Inquiry, a proven method of discovering our best ideas through our personal stories. We will focus on what's right with our church - what we most appreciate about it. Think for a moment about what connects you to First Unitarian, about your most memorable experiences, and about how we might build on those positive moments in the years ahead. When you join these conversations, your voice will be heard and you will share your vision for First Unitarian!

Attend one of these open community meetings:

Saturday, Feb. 18, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., Parish Hall

Thursday, Feb. 23, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., Parish Hall

OR contact us to schedule a session just for your small group, working group, social justice group, CYRE, Choir, team, etc. by contacting Donna Gonzalez: (302) 479-0425 or DLG579@verizon.net OR Barry Marrs: (610) 388-7103 or barrymarrs@verizon.net. Questions? Contact Jeff Lott: (302) 690-5489 jeffrey.lott@me.com.

**January Special Offering
Sojourners' Place**

Today's special collection is for Sojourners' Place, a non-profit organization formed to help homeless men and women in Delaware. Located in a converted warehouse at 2901 Northeast Blvd., they provide a safe place to live and meals. Sojourners' addresses problems of the residents with mental health services, addictions treatment, life skills courses, and job training. Sojourners' is Delaware's only full-time place addressing and helping the homeless. Sojourners' exists only through grants and donations and this place is my first priority for giving.

- Peggy Doss

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**Get Ready for Togs and Treasures!**

Start cleaning your closets and saving items for the Togs and Treasures sale which will be held April 28 this year. We will be needing good clothing (no shoes) and collectibles for the sale. More details later.

## Signing Sunday

Today is "Signing Sunday!" If you have been visiting for some time and have completed the necessary paperwork, please join us at the front of the sanctuary with others who will be signing the Membership Book. Photos for the New Member Board will be taken at that time as well. Our next *Pathway to Membership* series of classes will begin on March 18<sup>th</sup>. To register for that series, stop at the Welcome Table after worship or contact Membership Coordinator Susan Madison at [susan@firstuuwilm.org](mailto:susan@firstuuwilm.org).

## Add A Spark to the Chalice Lighters Flame

The Joseph Priestley District Chalice Lighters program provides grant money to organize new congregations, hire professional staff, acquire land or buildings, and fund innovative growth efforts throughout the JPD.

On Sunday, February 5, our entire congregation will be asked to join the 29% of our friends and members who already support this program's vital work. One hundred percent of all donations from nearly 2,800 pledge units goes directly to congregations to fund expansion needs.

No donation is required at the time you sign up. Donation "calls" are made three times each year by e-mail, with a suggested minimum donation amount of \$20 per e-mailed "call."

Take two minutes of time on February 5 to add your spark to the Chalice Lighters flame and see how much brighter the light will shine for congregations in need.

## Celebrate Scott's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Help us honor Scott Ward, our Music Director and Honorary Minister of Music at First Unitarian Church for 20 years! The party will take place in the Parish Hall on February 12<sup>th</sup> after the service.

You are welcome to contribute to a purse for Scott; you may give cash or write a check. **Please note – instructions have changed:** IF you give cash, please place it in a sealed, clearly marked envelope (eg, "Scott's 20th Ann.") and personally deliver it to a church office staff member. OR, you can make a check out to Scott Ward. You can drop the check in the Sunday collection during a service, take it to the church office personally, or mail it. Please feel free to do this anytime before Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

We are also making a memory book. Look for a table in the Parish hall after Sunday services where you can pick up pages to use. See June Peterson, Nan Norling, or Jan Shay with questions. Please drop off your completed submission at the Parish hall table or in the church office on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. The final due date for submissions will be February 9<sup>th</sup>.

## UUSC Guest-At-Your-Table Boxes

If you have been collecting cash donations in your GAYT boxes in support of UUSC programs, it is now time to return the boxes to the church. Our target is to have all boxes returned during the next two weeks of January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Please leave your box in the church office on Sunday or any work day during the week. Thank you for participating in this program and supporting UUSC.

## Check Your Energy Usage!

Now that cooler weather is here, it's time to check for those small air leaks in your home, and your Green Sanctuary Team has a Thermal Leak Detector that you can borrow. It's perfect for checking the seals around window sashes and doors, dryer and fan vents, electrical outlets and light switches, and attic and basement insulation. Many of these leaks can be stopped at very low cost! Contact Randy Windle at [randy.judyw@verizon.net](mailto:randy.judyw@verizon.net) to sign up, or to get more information.

## Celebrating Nature Through the Art of Photography!

Our Green Sanctuary Committee is planning a photography exhibit during February. We plan to display your works in Parish Hall, the Foyer, and the hallway outside Brunner Chapel.

If you would like to participate in the exhibit, please send your photographs to Suzie Cornell by February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please provide labels for your photos. We look forward to hearing from you and to viewing your photos in February.

Suzie Cornell (610) 925-0510; [suzcornell@verizon.net](mailto:suzcornell@verizon.net)  
Scott Ward at [iamscottw@aol.com](mailto:iamscottw@aol.com)

## We Need Your Help

Our Caring Friends teams cannot help unless we learn someone needs us. PLEASE call the church office to report your own need or the needs of others. Particularly, we need information about hospital-izations. Our ministers need to know the facility and specific room number in order to call or visit. We are a caring community. Help us to help you, your family or your friend.

## House Pin Sale Today

House Pins will be available after the service. Each pin costs \$15; about half of the sale price is donated to the YWCA Home Life Management Center in Wilmington, DE.