

This Week at First Unitarian Church

February 28, 2010



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.

Sunday: Adult Religious Exploration

Feb. 28: Exploring the Roots of Religion continues with "Mysteries of the Megaliths."

Next week:

Sunday, March 7, 9:30 to 10:15 in Brunner Chapel a discussion of Religion & Ethics. Hosted by Jim Davis.

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10:30 a.m. Service of Worship Today:

### **"Renew Beyond: We'll Build a Land"**

**The Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder:** The third and final part of the sermon series on "Renew at First U." What benefit are we? What good do we do? The church is called to be the leaven in the bread of society. We bring things to rise that would not otherwise rise. How can we be a catalyst for renewal in our wider community?

### **NEXT SUNDAY, March 7:**

### **"Suffering" First Unitarian Youth**

**Group:** This is the annual Youth Worship Service. Join us as we explore the concept of "Suffering" through music and testimonials.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

In leadership writ large, mutually agreed upon purposes help people achieve consensus, assume responsibility, work for the common good, and build community.

--Joseph Rost



## February Social Action Offering **This Sunday** *Half the Sky*

**Half the Sky** was created in order to enrich the lives and enhance the prospects for orphaned children in China. The programs include infant nurture and preschool programs, personalized learning for older children and loving permanent family care, and medical care and guidance for children with disabilities. The goal of Half the Sky is to ensure that every orphaned child has a caring adult in their life and a chance at a bright future.

Since Half the Sky began its work in China in 2000, more than fifteen thousand children have received their benefits. Please be as generous as possible to this worthy cause!

Come join us for "First Friday at First U" with a live jazz trio from the University of Delaware.

**March 5, 2010**

**7:00 p.m.**

730 Halstead Road

Wilmington, Delaware 19803



## "Masks"

We will explore the topic of masks, as they hide, transform and protect us in our lives. Led by Rev. Barbara, Lindsey Kling, Jenn Phillips and Scott Ward. (We were all set to go with this service in February, and the weather had other plans. Let's do it this time!)

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## Share Your Talent!

Have you ever heard Glen Barbaras sing? Paul McGee play the banjo? Noah and Will do an Abbot and Costello routine? Heard Rev. Gadon sing? Rev. Snyder recited poetry? Well, NOW you have a chance!

Come to the "Doing Our Part" Talent Show,  
**Saturday, March 13, 7:30, p.m.**

Bring a desert or fruit to share,  
beverages will be supplied.

We can still fit one or two "acts" in the show, so see  
Scott Ward if you would like to perform.

### Each of Us Does Our Part

This year the theme of our annual pledge campaign is "Doing Our Part." It's a reflection on the role that each of us plays in the life and growth of our church, and on a key ingredient to our long-range goals of renewal within, among and beyond. When each of us does our part, to the best of our ability, then together we can achieve what might otherwise seem impossible.

In the past year our church, like many others, has seen costs rise. If we are to continue enjoying the diverse programs and many opportunities for spiritual growth that define the First U. community, then we must meet those rising costs as a community.

Together, we can do more than merely weather a trying time, we can thrive.

As we look ahead together to March, when we each make our pledge of financial support to First U., it's important to think about what this church means within each of us, among our church community, and beyond in the greater community. And then to each do our part to turn our shared vision into reality.

Please watch your mailbox and the church Web site for additional information coming soon. And thank you for all that you do to support First U.

## NEWCOMER CLASSES

Unitarian Universalism has its historical roots in liberal Christianity and is part of the free-church tradition. As a newcomer to our faith, we want you to know this and much more about us before making a decision to join the church. In our three-session *Pathway to Membership* series, you will have an opportunity to learn about the significance of the free-church, the concept of covenant, and the meaning of church citizenship.

The next *Pathway to Membership* series will be held on Sundays, March 21, 28, and April 4. During these classes, you will meet other newcomers and have time to ask questions of our ministers and staff. All classes meet after worship in Brunner Chapel. To register for the series, visit the membership Table in the Parish Hall or email Membership Coordinator Susan Madison at [susan@firstuu.org](mailto:susan@firstuu.org).

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## PLANS FOR "TOGS & TREASURES

Replenish your wardrobe, stock up on household goods, pamper yourself with beautiful jewelry and get ahead of spring plantings, all at ridiculously low prices! You'll find all these at the Alliance's annual Togs and Treasures Sale, Saturday, April 24, in the Parish Hall of the church. Plan to bring in donations of the above items on Thursday afternoon, April 22, and all day Friday, April 23. If you can help any time during the three days, let us know. Co-chairmen are Jackie Watson, Peggy Rawheiser, Donna Van Name and Wendy Gladfelter. *Submitted by Jackie Watson*

### Save the Date!

March 7, 2010

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Brunner Chapel

SpringBoard into Growth!!

Join the Board of Trustees after the Service to  
Learn and Discuss First Unitarian's plans for  
Growth

**Lunch will be provided**

*If childcare needed please email  
[boardeventsrsvp@firstuuwilm.org](mailto:boardeventsrsvp@firstuuwilm.org) and provide the  
numbers and ages of children.*

## CARING AND SHARING

- ◆ Gov. Russ Peterson is recovering from pneumonia and in Rehab at Country Methodist House. Cards are welcome, but no visitors at this time.
- ◆ Barbara Roewe is being honored by the YWCA at the Hotel DuPont Sat., Feb. 27, 2010 for her advocacy work in eliminating racism. Way to go Barbara!
- ◆ Our own Lani Zlupko is featured this month (*and on the cover of*) *Delaware Today's* supplement called Women Today. The motto of the special section is: "In this special supplement, find all the resources a woman could need to live better."
- ◆ Our condolences go to Deborah Griffin upon the recent death of her sister, Carol Melie Seabrook