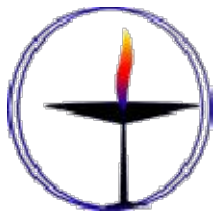


# This Week at First Unitarian Church

June 21, 2009



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 - "A RESPONSE TO RELIGIOUS HATRED" - THE REV. BARBARA GADON

Given the recent murder in the Holocaust Museum, of Dr. George Tiller and others, we feel great sorrow, bewilderment and anger toward people who have felt compelled by their religion to acts of violence. Can we make sense of this? How do we respond?

## SOCIAL JUSTICE OFFERING TO GO TO LIMEN HOUSE

The recipient organization for our Social Justice Offering this month is Limen House. Located in Wilmington, it is a half-way house for people recovering from alcohol and drug abuse. It offers a residential, therapeutic treatment program; with the capacity to treat 25 clients. Limen House exists to break the cycle of addiction. It offers hope to those who had none, spiritual growth where there had been spiritual emptiness. Limen House has been in operation since 1969, making it one of the oldest and most successful half-way houses in the United States. It has been recognized by the State of Delaware for its excellence, and United Way of Delaware has given it its highest rating. Past members of its Board have included Phyllis Wynn, Parry Norling and Florence Rice.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Hatred and bitterness can never cure the disease of fear; only love can do that." -- *Martin Luther King*

## NEXT SUNDAY -

July 5: Rev. Libby Smith —

**"Keeping Our Balance."** The "Slow Movement" advocates a more balanced approach than most of us manage to capture in our frantic lives. In these tense times, how might we adjust the pace of our lives — even if only a little — to bring greater balance and calm? Guest musician Linda Henderson will share her talents with us.

## Flowers from Your Garden

Next Sunday begins our Flowers from Your Garden celebration in which each summer Sunday we enjoy the beautiful variety of flowers that grow in our members' yards. Please contact Florence DeRosa at 302-421-8385 to pick your Sunday. Call soon so we can be sure to fill our calendar through July and August.

## Join us for Summer CYRE!

- 4 years old through entering 6th grade meet in the Youth Center starting at 10:30 am.
- Childcare is available for Newborns through 3 years old in room 7.
- Please pick up children immediately following the worship service.
- Visiting families are welcome!

Adults, Youth and Jr. Youth: Interested in helping out this summer? Contact Catherine Williamson if interested in assisting or leading activities on Sunday mornings at [catherine@firstuuwilm.org](mailto:catherine@firstuuwilm.org) or (302) 478-2384.

## **MEMBERSHIP IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD CHURCH MENTORS!**

Church Mentorship is an exciting new program in our congregation and is open to all. A Church Mentor is anyone who assists new members as they become acclimated to the church: finding their way around, meeting other members, learning about programs and activities. It may be sitting with a new member during the worship service; accompanying the new member to coffee hour and introducing them around; visiting the playground after church if the new members have children; inviting them to go with you as you participate in church activities; it may even be attending new member classes with them, just to keep them company. This is an important ministry of radical hospitality at our church, and a helpful, friendly way to welcome new members into our community. If you are interested in becoming a Church Mentor, please contact Membership Coordinator Susan Madison. (susan@firstuuwilm.org)

**Sunday Sermons:** Copies can be found in the rack in Parish Hall (on the back wall) or on the web at [www.firstuuwilm.org](http://www.firstuuwilm.org). Or you can place an order by signing the notebook in the office. Audio CD's are \$5.00. Video copies on VHS are \$5.00, DVD's are \$10.00.

## **VACATION PLANNING?**

Don't forget to buy Booster Cards! They can be used to buy:

- GAS
- SUNSCREEN
- BOTTLED WATER
- ICED COFFEE!
- GROCERIES

It's a gift card that also gives to the church. When you purchase Booster Cards a percentage of the value of the card is donated to the church, automatically! And it costs you...Nothing! Support the church while spending money on things you already buy.

Cards are available for purchase in the Parish Hall after services every Sunday. You can also purchase them in the office during the week. Call ahead, if you can, to make sure Marina, Karen or Fran are available to complete the sale.

## **NEW NIGHT CUSTODIAN!**

Please welcome our new Night Custodian, Charles Wooden, when you see him in the building. Charles started on June 15, 2009 and works weekday evenings and alternate Sunday mornings.

## **STAFF HOLIDAY!**

The Office is closed July 6th for the Independence Day Staff Holiday

## **OFFICE IS CLOSED THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>:**

As you know, the budget for 2009/2010 included a cut in pay for the staff of 2.5%. This is equivalent to a half day off per month for a full time employee. In order to provide our staff some relief in the face of the salary cut, we will start closing the church office on the First Tuesday of the month at noon. This change in office hours will continue through the fiscal year 2009-2010.

Afternoon closures for the first half of the fiscal year are as follows: July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, and December 1.

We hope that continued improvement in the economic situation and growth in our congregation will help all of us ride out this difficult time. Thank you for your understanding.

## **SENIOR MINISTER'S SUMMER HOURS**

Rev. Josh will be on vacation from July 1- 21. He will be back in the office from July 22-August 14. During those three weeks he will have regular office hours: 9 AM to 4 PM, and will be in the office on Fridays (normally his day off). Rev. Josh will be on Study Leave for two weeks, August 17-29, preparing for the church year. He will again resume regular office hours on August 31. If you have any question about Rev. Josh's availability during the summer, please contact the church office.