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Sunday Services at 10:30 AM

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UUCGT Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 17

5:30 pm

(Board meetings have changed to
3rd Tuesdays)

JULY SERVICES

JULY Theme

“Five Things We Cannot Change and the Happiness We Find by Embracing Them”

During the month of July our services will come from ideas in David Richo's book, *The Five Things We Cannot Change...and the Happiness We Find by Embracing Them.*

These five unavoidable things are part of life, and accepting them is the best way to live with them.

Sunday, July 1 - Margaret Wozniak, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: “Everything Changes”

“Everything is impermanent and changing. We do not have to wish things to be different. We can align ourselves with the reality we face and say “Yes” to the present moment. When we say “Yes” to the present moment, we host eternity.” (David Richo)

Sunday, July 8 - Andi Kramer, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: “But That’s Not What I Planned!”

The focus of this service is on fully embracing life in the face of unexpected change, and continuing to live with deep meaning and conviction. The service will integrate thoughts from David O. Rankin, Atul Gawande and Forrest Church, and will feature a Teaching titled, "Want What You Have," by Rev. Peter Friedrichs of the Delaware County Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Pennsylvania.

Sunday, July 15 - Hal Gurian, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: “Life is Not Always Fair”

Life is not always fair. When we acknowledge this, we are called to use tools of restoration, not retribution, in our relationships. We, as individuals, can set an example for our government of how this can be done.

Sunday, July 22 - Jolynn Paige, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: “Pain is a Part of Life”

Pain is a part of life. When others are in pain, we may feel a need to “fix it.” What the other person needs is simply for the two of us to witness it together.

Sunday, July 29 - Hal Gurian

10:30 AM Service: “People are Not Perfect”

People are not perfect. When we realize this, we can let go of fear, control, and attachment. We also realize that we are one of the persons who is not perfect.

**BEACON Article Deadline:
No later than the 25th of the month
preceding the issue date**

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AUGUST SERVICES

AUGUST Theme UU Theology as Related to the Folk Music of the 60's

Sunday, August 5 - JoLynn Paige, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: "Life Calls Us On"

This Sunday, we will explore how Life Calls Us On with the music of Pete Seeger.

Sunday, August 12 - Donna Stein-Harris, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: "Our UU Worldview Through the Music of the 60's"

Join us as we explore our UU worldview through the music of the 60's. This week we will focus on how this music expresses our fears, loss, and feelings of unrest and uncertainty.

Sunday, August 19 - Amanda Mangiardi, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: TBA

Sunday, August 26 - Mark Gustafson, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: "So, What Makes a Good Film Anyway?"

This is the subject of Mark Gustafson's Annual Summer Presentation. Mark has decided to examine the 2017 Oscar nominees in a quest to determine, among other things, whether today's films are tilted toward a particular end of the political spectrum. Stand by for further insight and details!

Sunday Services Committee

The Sunday Services Committee is always looking for new members. We wonder if more congregants would be willing to serve if they had to commit to coordinating only three services a year. This would involve helping with planning the service, choosing appropriate readings and communal responses, suggesting songs, and attending the Committee's monthly meeting in which that service is discussed. Once things are finalized, you would convey the plan to Susan Sherman so she can create the Order of Service.

If you are interested in this "mini-membership" on the Sunday Services Committee, contact Margaret Wozniak at wozniak64@yahoo.com or dial 231-882-0435. We are in gratitude.

The next meeting of the Sunday Services Committee will be Sunday, July 8 at 9:00 AM. Join us!

UUA Sunday Morning Worship No Time for Casual Faith General Assembly 2018

Program Description

The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray is the ninth president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). She has served as lead minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix from 2008 to 2017. She previously served as minister of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown, Ohio, where she was a leader in congregation-based community organizing efforts, and served as intern at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville, Tennessee. After leading the UU response to Arizona's anti-immigrant laws in 2010, she became lead organizer for the Arizona Immigration Ministry and a key organizer of the 2012 Justice General Assembly. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Harvard Divinity School. She lives with her husband, the Rev. Brian Frederick-Gray, and their nine-year-old son, Henry.

Anne Watson Born is honored to be the 2018 GA Choir Director this year. She is the Director of Music Ministry at the First Unitarian Universalist Society in Newton and is a Credentialed UU Music Leader. She is the chair of the UUA's Music Leadership Certification Committee and is also the Lifelong Repertoire & Resources chair for the Massachusetts chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.

(Following this order of service is a link to the entire service)

Call to Worship - Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Chalice Lighting

Introit: "Light of a Clear Blue Morning" Dolly Parton, arr. Craig Healla Johnson - Sarah Jebian, soloist

Story: "The Perfect Heart" adapted from Paulo Coehlo

Hymn: "Busca el Amor"

Reflection from Centering - Rev. Natalie Fenimore

Testimony: "What breaks your heart?"

Pastoral Meditation - Rev. Natalie Fenimore

Choral Response: "Precious Lord" arr. Roland M. Carter - Amanda Thomas, soloist

Sermon: "No Time for a Casual Faith" - Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Song "Quiet"

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Offertory Anthem, "Wake Up, My Spirit" - Adolphus Hailstork

Testimony: "Sources of Hope and Resiliency"

Hymn: "Life Calls Us On" - Kendyl Gibbons and Jason Shelton

Benediction - Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Choral Response/Postlude

The following is a link to the entire service: <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2018/worship/sunday>



JULY

JULY 4TH—NO SUPPER

July 11th—In Home Potluck 5:30pm, Walter
July 18th—In Home Potluck 5:30pm, McDonald
July 25th—In Home Potluck 5:30pm, Watts

AUGUST

AUGUST 1ST — SUPPER OUT/BREWING COMMUNITY — LITTLE FLEET

5pm social time, 6pm dinner

August 8th—In Home Potluck 5:30pm, Clement
August 15th—In Home Potluck 5:30pm, Ort
August 22nd—In Home Potluck 5:30pm, Dressel

AUGUST 29th — SUPPER OUT/BREWING COMMUNITY — THE FILLING STATION

5pm social time, 6pm dinner

Start Collecting Water for Resumption Sunday!



As you travel this summer, please start collecting water from the places you visit! We will be asking everyone to bring their water to our Resumption Sunday (September 9th) Water Ceremony (sometimes called “Water Communion”) service. A Water Communion is a gathering ceremony often used in Unitarian Universalist congregations across the country on “homecoming”/resumption Sundays. All are invited to bring a small quantity of water to the service, sharing why the water is special or representative of the summer. As the UUA website puts it, “The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources.”

From the President

President's Report to UUCGT for June 2018

Last year, your Board of Trustees created a Task Force to examine conflict management and what it takes to be a Covenantal Congregation. The Task Force presented its findings at the June Board meeting. The Board accepted and approved the report. I am publishing the report as accepted below.

Covenantal Congregation Task Force Report to the Board of Trustees 06/11/18

The Covenantal Congregation Task Force, consisting of Barb Bloomer, Mike McDonald, Barb Termaat and Karl Love and with the support of Rabbi Chava Bahle, have met multiple times and now present their recommendations to the Board. Our discussions began with the issues of conflict management and its administration. As a group we quickly agreed that, while important, conflict management was an end-game solution and ultimately the Board of Trustees' direct responsibility whether or not a specific group is tasked with its administration. Conflict management is a method of last resort.

Our group moved further upstream. We believe that the ultimate issue in our community is the nurturing of trust. Trust of leadership, particularly the Board, is critical but trust must be nurtured more broadly than the Board itself.

For our community, we need to establish the intention and practice of trust building. Our community needs to have trust as its cornerstone.

Here are our key recommendations:

1. Renewal of the Congregational Covenant annually, possibly tied to a new member service.
2. Increase informal contact opportunities especially outside our usual social groups.
 - * Talking Circles
 - * Circle suppers 3 or 4 times a year with 4-6 at a potluck dinner
3. Committees open to sharing work with other intersecting committees.
4. Building relationships founded on joy and a sense of fun.
5. Focus on belonging rather than simple membership.
6. Committee structures loose enough to allow associate or supportive membership without a full commitment.
7. Helping new members to find a fit for THEIR interests including contact introductions.
8. Periodic services: The Sunday Services Committee (SSC) exploring what Covenantal Communities look like and what it means to be covenantal - annual or biannual schedule).

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All About Us - Congregational Care Team

We hold in our hearts:

Pinkie Hoffmann - completed radiation treatments last Wednesday and she is content at home with John and all of her family helping out. They do appreciate all of your cards and calls.

Lauren Keinath - knee surgery was successful but her therapy is going slower than she expected. We are grateful to her and Karl for sharing their wonderful Open Garden with us last month so soon after her surgery.

We all need to stop and smell the roses more often.

Paula Ward - appreciates all the cards, calls and especially text messages. She is at home with Paul who also appreciates our concerns.

Rabbi Chava - is on medical leave for 8-10 weeks. We all wish her well and look forward to her return in good health! Cards can

be sent, but calls or responses would legally be considered work related, and therefore not allowed. Contact the office or our Congregational Team if you need assistance.

Please help us remember those at home in care of their families or others:

MaryAnn Force, Peg Kauffman, Anne Olney, Karen Culp, Nancy Landfair, and Carol Still.

Enjoy your summer! Remember, it only lasts until the snow comes again!

Judith Briggs, CCT Member
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Of particular interest is building trust in leadership, their discernment and the processes used to work together for the good of the community.

1. Consider recording Board meetings and make the audio stream available on our website.
2. Creation of a Board email address for direct comments addressed to the entire Board for consideration.
3. One or two “listening sessions” per year creating opportunities for contact, engagement and face to face dialogue.
4. Continued use of mentors for new Board members regardless of previous experience in other organizations. This allows matching specific needs to be tailored rather than a classroom approach.
5. Leadership Development should host a Discernment Workshop for Trustees and Committee Chairs as needed (rather than an annual or biannual schedule).
6. Build into our culture that cultivating future leadership is of prime importance. Plans for leadership outreach should be made between the Board and LDC regularly.
7. Central to all work should be growing and nurturing a healthy community for everyone.

It is the hope of the task force that the Board will find these recommendations useful and ready to translate into direct responses for the future benefit of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barb Bloomer
Mike McDonald
Barb Termaat
Karl D. Love*

Membership News

JULY - We're halfway through 2018! How could it be? We hope you enjoy the Summer Sun, Picnics, Parades, Festivals, the Water, and any other activities you enjoy in summer!

- Greetings from the entire **FUN** and **FRIENDLY** Membership Team - Volunteer members Sherry Davis, John and Pinkie Hoffmann, Chris Walter, Rick Walter, and Jane Watts — who continue to Welcome, Greet, Facilitate into membership, and Nurture (in Partnership with other groups at UUCGT) prospective, new and current members.

This month we say farewell and **Thank You to Sue Pyne**, long-time member of the Membership Committee. Sue is retiring from our Team, and we say thank you for her service. Whenever she attended she always had good ideas to share. We wish her well in all her other activities at UUCGT.

MEMBERSHIP TEAM UPDATES - The Team will meet again on Wednesday August 8, 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm at the home of Rick and Chris Walter. Team members who wish to attend the Wednesday Night Potluck at 5:30 pm can proceed to close-by Bob and Cindy Clements' home after our meeting.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS will be announced Soon!
Look for that in the next issue of the Beacon.

It is not too late, however, for anyone out there who wishes to join our Team to do so. Just let any of us know of your interest. **Main duties:** Attend 8 - 9 Team meetings per year, staff the Welcome Table approximately every 6 weeks, Serve as a Greeter as you wish, and Brainstorm and Implement new ways of Welcoming prospective members and guiding them to meaningful membership.

MORE GREETERS ARE NEEDED this Summer - Please sign up on bulletin board near the office!

BE A GREETER MINISTRY - Share your smile and Welcoming Spirit. It's easy - just sign up on the bulletin board near the office. Greet just one Sunday, or sign up for a regular or semi-regular shift. Job description is posted on the bulletin board, but simply requires you to:

- 1) Smile,
- 2) Say "Welcome", "Glad you're here", "How are you?", etc.
- 3) Hand out Order of Service,
- 4) Count attendees, and
- 5) Help with offering.

Many Thanks to June Greeters: Abbie Innes, Chris Lautz, Joy Platteborze, Chris Walter, Rick Walter and Jane Watts.

WELCOME TABLE: Welcoming first-time attendees, encouraging Name Tag and Welcome Registry sign-up, and sharing information about UUCGT and UUA is what we do every Sunday. Once a month we provide Hospitality - Coffee, Snacks and Clean-up after Service. Many thanks to Sherry Davis, Rick and Chris Walter and Jane Watts.

Chris and Rick Walter
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**As of May 31, 2018
(91.7% of fiscal year)**

	Current Year	Prior Year
Budgeted Income Received YTD	\$244,083 89.0%	\$261,623 95.7%
Budgeted Expenses Paid YTD	\$242,550 88.4%	\$238,916 88.2%
"For Those in Need" YTD	\$ 17,822	\$ 14,702

Budgeted income includes the total of all pledged and unpledged donations and miscellaneous income including building rent, etc. "For Those in Need" collections are in addition to Budgeted Income Received and are disbursed quarterly to worthy causes, including Congregational Care, Tuesday Community Lunch and other Community needs outside our congregation. The percentage reflects the portion of the total amount of income or expense budgeted for the fiscal year.

Several members have chosen to prepay their pledge for 2017-2018. As a result, we are continuing to be "in the black" for the year. However, monthly income has not kept pace with expenses the past five months. If you have not fully paid your pledge for 2017-2018, please do so by June 30 if at all possible. If you want more detailed information, you can look at our website, click on Board, then on Board Packet, then on Statement of Financial Activity.

Questions can be directed to your Finance Committee Chair, Mike McDonald (m_mcdonald@charter.net) or to other members of the Finance Committee.

Announcements

UU Book Club

How wonderful it feels to be able to sit in the sun at the beach, work in the garden, bike on the Tart Trails and to fire up that grill.

Summer is here and with it comes our two-month hiatus from the book club reads. However, this is a great time to pick up that book you have been wanting to read, but just haven't had time.

While you are waiting to see the air show or one of the parades during Cherry Festival, or if you escape the city during this time -- take a book with you! The next gathering of our special group is September 9th at the home of Bonnie Mathias and the book is "La Rose" by Louise Erdrich. Also, be sure that you are thinking of book selections for the 2019 schedule as we will be picking books and hosts at the October meeting.

For more information, please contact:

Mark Gustafson
231 929 9608



Safe Harbor

Safe Harbor – Save the Dates: UUCGT will be providing volunteer staffing for Safe Harbor again this winter. Our week will begin on the evening of Saturday, December 8 and end on the morning of Saturday, December 15.

Please note the dates if you intend to help this year. We will begin recruiting volunteers for specific tasks in early November.

Mike and Sandra McDonald
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Pinkie Hoffmann

Thank you to all fellow UU congregants - your cards, notes of concern, foods for dinners, calls and visits are greatly appreciated by Pinkie and myself as she continues to deal with this rare brain cancer that seemingly came from nowhere. She finishes her radiation treatments on June 27. If you would like to come for a visit let us know and we will plan accordingly. Her energy level is low but she is alert and enjoys some company.

Thanks again,

John and Pinkie Hoffmann
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Our Business Administrator is leaving us

Our Business Administrator, Sheri Novak, has been offered an opportunity that she cannot refuse. It is the same type of work, but with the flexibility to work from home and choose when to put in the hours. We are happy that Sheri has this opportunity, but sad to be losing her after three years of good work here at UUCGT.

Due to the nature of our Business Administrator's role, many of you may not have had the opportunity to work with Sheri. She has been meticulous in her accounting role and has responded promptly to many special requests for information. In addition, she has served as our Human Resources person and guided us through a number of issues around health care, worker's compensation and disability, many of which have been first time issues for UUCGT. Sheri has been a joy to work with and will be sorely missed.

Sheri has given us ample notice and will not be leaving until mid-August. We have already posted her job and will, hopefully, begin interviewing candidates for her replacement soon.

"Show up on Sunday"

With Rabbi Chava on medical leave for the rest of the summer, you may wonder "What can I do to help?"

One thing we can all do to help is to "Show up on Sunday"! It would be very easy on Sunday mornings to think - "with Rabbi Chava gone, I'll just stay home until the fall". In my opinion, that would not be healthy for our congregation. Visitors would come into a nearly empty building, our speakers would not feel appreciated, and we would begin to lose our sense of community. Many of us will be traveling occasionally during the summer and will have visiting friends and/or family some weekends, but otherwise we need to make every effort to get to UUCGT on Sunday mornings.

Our Sunday Services Committee is gearing up to bring interesting speakers and programs for our services. If you have ideas for speakers or topics you would like to see, please contact our Sunday Services Committee Co-chairs, Amanda Mangiardi and Hal Guri-an.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Mike McDonald, President-elect
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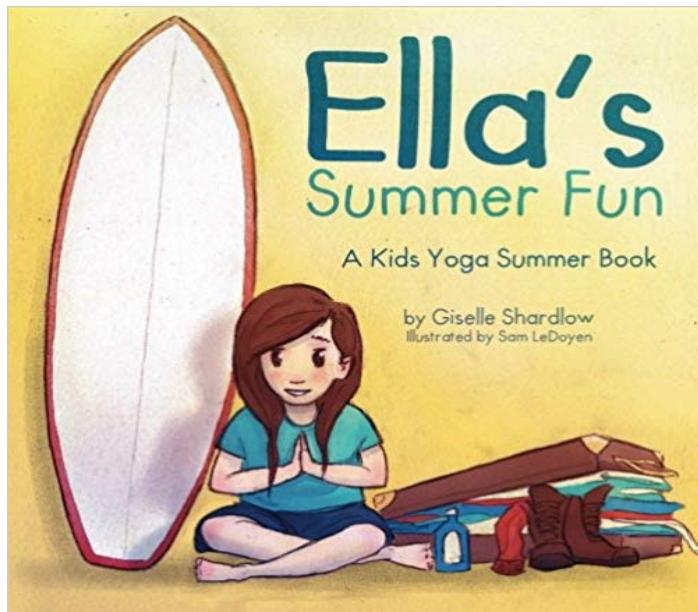


Lifespan Experience

Greetings Friends!

Sundays in July for pre k-8th grade

Our 7th annual Specialty Class Summer is off to a great start! This summer will be filled with outdoor fun (as weather allows) – lots of games, exploration, and building friendships. This month will include outdoor eye-spy nature activities, work on our UUCGT “Forest Fort” and more!



Family Ministry & the Future of Faith Formation: In recent articles and Board reports I have mentioned much work that has been done this year considering new ways of approaching our engagement with children and families in an attempt to become more holistic, and less age-segregated. I have reached out to families to renew interest in this conversation, and would encourage families to reach out to me with their ideas as we continue to consider this path.

Friday Night Out! July 13th, 5:30-9:00 pm – Contact me ASAP to reserve a spot!

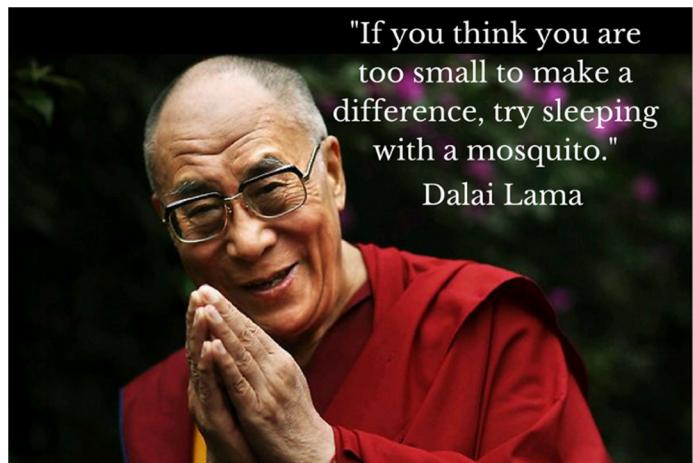
**Save the Date! Sunday, July 1 - 8:45 am (before service)
Classroom Clean-Up & Breakfast @ UUCGT!**

Please join us as we spiff up the classrooms after a busy program year - and enjoy a light breakfast!

Many hands make light work! Please RSVP to me by 6/29 to ensure there is enough breakfast for everyone - Thanks!

As always, be kind to yourselves, kind to each other, and send loving kindness out into the universe.

In Peace,
Sarah Montgomery-Richards
Director of Lifespan Experience dle@uucgt.org



Suggested reading for families/parents this month:

This month I am suggesting more activities for the summer!

Ella's Summer Fun: A Kid's Summer Yoga Book

By Giselle Shardlow

“Join Ella as she experiences a week full of fun summer activities with her grandparents. Be a surfer, skater, and swimmer. Discover summer, explore movement, and learn the days of the week. The storybook includes a list of kids yoga poses and a parent-teacher guide.

Kids Yoga Stories introduce you to engaging characters who will get your child laughing, moving, and creating. Reading is good for the mind AND body! The story links several yoga poses in a specific sequence to create a coherent and meaningful story”. <https://goo.gl/Z7DZY5>



Social Justice

Puerto Rico and its relationship to us, the United States, seems to be unclear, confusing, inconsistent, and difficult to understand. Having done some research on this subject, I am sharing the information below. Rather than put it in my own inadequate words, I am quoting well-said summaries and information.

"The prevailing consensus among scholars, lawmakers and policy-makers is that Puerto Ricans are not entitled to a constitutional citizenship status. While Puerto Ricans are officially U.S. citizens, the territory remains unincorporated. This contradiction has enabled the governance of Puerto Rico as a separate and unequal territory that belongs to, but is not a part of, the United States." Now do you understand? Hmm?!"

"On April 12, 1900, the [United States Congress](#) enacted the [Foraker Act](#) of 1900, which replaced the governing military regime in Puerto Rico with a civil form of government. Section VII of this act created a Puerto Rican [citizenship](#) for the residents "born in Puerto Rico and, therefore, subject to its jurisdiction". The Puerto Rican citizenship replaced the [Spanish citizenship](#) that Puerto Ricans held at the time in 1898. Such Puerto Rican citizenship was granted by Spain in 1897. U.S. took control of the island after the Spanish-American War of 1898."

"As a territory, the U.S. federal government controls all of Puerto Rico's commerce, trade, immigration and naturalization, military affairs, mail, highways, natural resources, Social Security and federal taxation and maritime law. Puerto Ricans have been and are an integral part of the U.S. military forces."

And adding more for our understanding, note all the islands and territories listed here: "U.S. Citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR's) who travel directly between parts of the United States, which includes Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Swains Island and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), without touching at a foreign port or place, are not required to carry a passport." Got that?

"The Commonwealth government has its own tax laws and Puerto Ricans are also required to pay some US federal taxes, although most residents do not have to pay the federal personal income tax. In 2009, Puerto Rico paid \$3.742 billion into the US Treasury." "Public welfare in Puerto Rico is a system of nutrition assistance, public health, education, and subsidized public housing, among others, provided to the impoverished population of the island. It is mainly funded by United States Federal assistance and by local government funds."

Puerto Rican do not vote for our president, but they can vote in the primaries. What? Yes. They have no representatives in Congress, so of course they do not vote. An agent is appointed to Washington DC to represent PR. Am not sure by whom appointed. He apparently usually sides with Republicans.

"A 9/11-style" independent commission [is being introduced into the Senate and House] to investigate the federal response to Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico."

"For example, nine days after Maria, just 1.6 million meals were delivered to Puerto Rico while 10.9 million were delivered in the same period after Irma struck Florida and 5.1 million to Texas after Harvey. Compounding a lackluster federal response was a series of [botched FEMA contracts](#) that delayed the delivery of crucial supplies such as tarps and meals."

Hurricane Maria is estimated to have killed almost 5,000 Puerto Ricans, although the official death toll was reportedly extremely low, only several hundred.

Puerto Rico is assigned a representative who sits in Congress but is not able to vote. Puerto Ricans, who reside in the States, are largely Democratic. If Puerto Rico became the 51st State, how would that effect our politics? Two more Senators would have to be added and that would tip the balance, as it stands now, to a margin of only one for the Republicans instead of two.

In the House, since the number of Representatives is fixed, several states would lose a representative: Minnesota, California, Texas, Washington, Florida. Puerto Rico, based on population, would get those 5 seats that were given up. How would the Democratic/Republican balance be then?

Forgive me for mentioning, but I think there might be another unstated issue here. With the politics and attitudes of some government agencies and employees, there seems to be certain feelings about people who are "of color." Could this be influencing the question of further representation and statehood, responses to disasters and needs for urgent efficient responses?

Hope you have learned some things to think about. I have. I used many references but will state only one here:

<https://www.cnn.com/2017/10/14/politics/puerto-rico-state-congress-white-house/index.html>

Emmy Lou Cholak
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Program Council News - June 2018

Program Council met June 10th with 15 members in attendance. Individual attendees commented on ideas for FUNd Raisers and reported on activities over the last month.

Chava informed us she was starting an 8 - 12 week medical leave on Monday 6-11-18. A detailed email message was sent to all congregants.

Several items of interest from various PC members are:

- ◆ New "Handicap Signs" will be installed in the spaces across from the current handicap parking.
- ◆ LE Hogwarts lessons were wrapping up and Fun Things are planned for summer.
- ◆ Arts and Exhibition are still gathering donations for the upcoming display focused on Peace, Love and Rock & Roll which will be installed the second week of July.
Get your 60's memorabilia to Barb McClellan ASAP.
- ◆ Congregational Care is getting additional help from new members Millie Putz and Linda Hebert.
- ◆ Hospitality reported Wednesday Night Suppers attendance had decreased and new Stainless steel 55 cup coffee pot will be purchased.
- ◆ Membership stated that few people have been stopping by the Welcome Table. Two planned New Member Services were canceled this year due to no interest! It was suggested that the Welcome Table be moved to just outside the sanctuary for more visibility.
- ◆ Time and Talent questionnaire information from 45 respondents has been recorded in an Excel Spreadsheet. Susan Sherman and Mike McDonald have the complete sheet and summary sheets have been printed and distributed to all of the committee chairs.
- ◆ A new Social Justice Committee is being formed and will have an organizational meeting in the next month.
- ◆ Emmy Lou Cholak pointed out that the longest standing Social Justice action activity of UUCGT is the Tuesday Lunch held at 5th and Oak every Tuesday. As with all activities at UUCGT, more volunteers are needed. Please contact Mary Kiner.

Lauren Keinath emailed this message "Spring Landscaping projects are proceeding. All adopted areas are seeing work and care going into them. The Welcoming Entryway is shaping up nicely. The beginning section of our Meandering Path has been marked; a Work-bee will focus on the actual creation of the path. Anyone is welcome, experience or not, 20 minutes or 2 hours. Be a part of this exciting project! We'll eventually have a Path Meandering throughout our entire property, with 7 'Meditation

Stations' with benches in pleasant surroundings - 7, one for each of our Principles. Some of those stations will be easily accessible from our Drive or Parking Lot, so that even those who do not wish, or are not able, to do the Path, can take advantage of them.

Mike McDonald of Finance discussed additional details of the results of the Stewardship campaign. 141 pledging units have been submitted for a total of \$207,690 or about \$8,000 short of the current recently accepted budget.

With this short fall of budgeted revenue, extensive discussion of need for FUNd-Raisers followed. A wide variety of ideas were shared:

- ◆ More publicity for UUCGT at the Christmas Eve Service at the State that we all need to plan well. Possibly we could join Petoskey UU with their NPR advertisements to let more of the local population know we are here. As people visit the area in the summer they may be looking for a place of worship to visit.
- ◆ We need to show up at services this summer to make sure visitors are welcomed.
- ◆ Why only 1 pledge drive campaign? - UUCGT is behind other UUs, many of which get 50 % of their funding from non-pledge drive activities such as grants, fundraisers, (Autumn Affairs, Fall Follies). We need MORE FUN - JOY!
- ◆ Arts and Crafts sale with all members making and donating an item, Free Wine would be provided at the event, No Tickets, Hors d'oeuvres would be donated.
- ◆ Another idea was having a Super-Bowl Auction - this could raise \$1500. Hal Gurian will lead this program.

(If anyone has additional ideas or wants to sponsor any of these ideas, please let someone on PC committee know.)

Program Council will not meet in July. The next meeting is scheduled for **August 12th at 9:00am in the Classroom**.

All are welcome to bring ideas and discuss putting some of our ideas into action.

Richard Walter
Chair, Program Council
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July 2018

UUCGT Calendar

All events and programs take place at UUCGT unless otherwise noted

JULY 2018

01 Sun Classroom Clean-up & Breakfast 8:45 - 10 AM
01 Sun **Sunday Service 10:30 AM**
01 Sun Mindfulness Meditation (1st Sunday) 2:30 - 6:30 PM
02 Mon Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM
03 Tue Community Lunch @ Friends Church Friends Church, 10:30 AM
03 Tue Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM
04 Wed **4th of July!** Office Closed
05 Thu Congregational Care Team Joanie Jackson/Pat Light 1:00 PM
05 Thu Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM

08 Sun Sunday Services Committee 9:00 AM
08 Sun **Sunday Service 10:30 AM**
08 Sun Mindfulness Meditation 5:00 PM
09 Mon Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM
10 Tue Community Lunch @ Friends Church Friends Church, 10:30 AM
10 Tue Indivisible GT Rick Walter 12:00 PM
10 Tue Concerned Citizens-Media 1:00 PM
10 Tue Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM
10 Tue Leadership Development Joe Cook 5:00 PM
10 Tue Finance Committee Mike McDonald 5:30 PM
11 Wed Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM
11 Wed Death Cafe Donna Stein-Harris 1:00 PM
11 Wed Potluck @ Chris & Rick Walter's 5:30 PM
11 Wed Endowment Committee 7:00 PM
12 Thu Shantideva Fan Club Chris Innes 9:30 AM
12 Thu Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM
12 Thu Meditation Workshop Elisabeth Treefon 5:30 PM
13 Fri Facilities Committee Dave Hasted 10:00 AM 11:00 AM
13 Fri Friday Night Out Sarah Montgomery-Richards 5:30-9:00 PM
14 Sat Women's New Moon Circle contact Carolyn Kelly

15 Sun **Sunday Service 10:30 AM**
15 Sun Social Justice Action Committee K Sibilsky, B Conley 12:00 PM
15 Sun Mindfulness Meditation 5:00 PM
16 Mon Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM
17 Tue Community Lunch @ Friends Church Friends Church, 10:30 AM
17 Tue Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM
17 Tue UUCGT Board Meeting 5:30 PM (Note date change)
18 Wed Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM
18 Wed Potluck @ Sandra & Mike McDonald's 5:30 PM
19 Thu Congregational Care Team Joanie Jackson/Pat Light 1:00PM
19 Thu Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM
19 Thu Policy Committee Tom Darnton 5:00 PM

19 Thu Meditation Workshop Elisabeth Treefon 5:30 PM

22 Sun Sunday Services Committee 9:00 AM
22 Sun **Sunday Service 10:30 AM**
22 Sun Mindfulness Meditation 5:00 PM
23 Mon Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM
24 Tue Community Lunch @ Friends Church Friends Church, 10:30 AM
24 Tue Indivisible GT Rick Walter 12:00 PM
24 Tue Concerned Citizens-Media 1:00 PM
24 Tue Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM
25 Wed Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM
25 Wed Potluck @ Jane & Price Watts 5:30 PM
26 Thu Shantideva Fan Club Chris Innes 9:30 AM
26 Thu Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM

29 Sun **Sunday Service 10:30 AM**
29 Sun Mindfulness Meditation 5:00 PM
30 Mon Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM
31 Tue Community Lunch @ Friends Church Friends Church, 10:30 AM
31 Tue Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM

AUGUST 2018

01 Wed Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM
01 Wed Wednesday Supper/Brewing Community @ Little Fleet 5:00 PM
02 Thu Congregational Care Team 1:00 PM
02 Thu Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM
02 Thu Meditation Workshop Elisabeth Treefon 5:30 PM
03 Fri Facilities Committee Dave Hasted 10:00 AM

05 Sun **Sunday Service 10:30 AM**
05 Sun Mindfulness Meditation (1st Sunday) 2:30-6:30 PM
06 Mon Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM
07 Tue Community Lunch @ Friends Church Friends Church, 10:30 AM
07 Tue Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM
08 Wed Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM
08 Wed Death Cafe Donna Stein-Harris 1:00 PM
08 Wed Membership Committee @ Walters - 4:00PM
08 Wed Wednesday Potluck @ Cindy & Bob Clement's 5:30 PM
09 Thu Shantideva Fan Club Chris Innes 9:30 AM
09 Thu Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM
09 Thu Meditation Workshop Elisabeth Treefon 5:30 PM
10 Fri Friday Night Out Sarah Montgomery-Richards 5:30 - 9:00 PM
11 Sat New Moon Women's Circle contact Carolyn Kelly
11 Sat Singing Sisters Linda Hebert 10:00 AM

12 Sun Program Council Rick Walter 9:00 AM
12 Sun **Sunday Service 10:30 AM**