

# The Grapevine Newsletter



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## For our community gathered here

For our community gathered here, for the spirit that called us together and drew us to this place:

We give thanks this day.

For moments we have shared with others; for times when we have reached out across barriers of distance and fear; for times when others have reached out to us; for moments when we have discovered another along our path:

We give thanks this day.

For this community of celebration and growth, introspection and solitude, and for those moments of "that peace which passes all understanding":

We give thanks this day.

For our gathering together out of distant places; for our weaving together out of many separate selves this hour of celebration and worship:

We give thanks this day.

By Jane E Mauldin

*Source: 1997 UUMA Worship Materials Collection; adapted  
(Retrieved 4/26/19, UUA, <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/opening/5346.shtml>)*

## Reminder:

**The 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting is this Sunday!**

**11 am, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**\* no regular service\***



## Service Schedule – Sunday at 11:00AM

(unless otherwise noted)

May 5	Rev. Lori Staubitz
May 12	Reverend Dr. Don Algeo
May 19	Jessica George
May 26	Reverend Dr. Don Algeo
June 2	Rev. Lori Staubitz



Assisted listening devices are available for services – available near the lectern

### Coming Events

**Sunday, May 5** – Rev. Lori Staubitz

**Monday, May 6** – 6:00 pm, Potluck Supper. Please bring a dish to pass and join us for good food and fellowship.

**Sunday, May 12** – Reverend Dr. Don Algeo, “The Spirit of Motherhood”, Human relationships grounded in love offer blueprints of heaven.

**Sunday, May 19** – 9:00 am, Board of Trustees Meeting

**Sunday, May 19** – PMUC member and Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Education and Outreach Specialist from RESTORE, Jessica George, will be speaking about Restorative Justice

**Sunday, May 26** – Reverend Dr. Don Algeo

**Sunday, June 2** - Rev. Lori Staubitz

#### \*IMPORTANT\*

Please note: Some of our members and friends have sensitivities to fragrances and strong scents. We ask that you refrain from wearing strongly scented products when attending church so as not to negatively affect the health of those with sensitivities. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

#### \* 2019 PMUC Pledges \*

Have you submitted your pledge form for 2019?  
(The 2018 budget year ended 3/31/19.)

*Please submit your pledge form for 2019 by the end of May.*

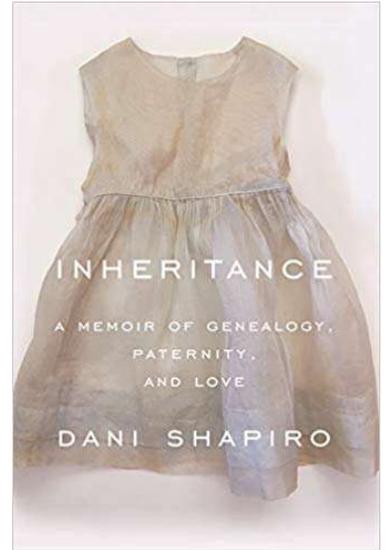
See Sylvia Goodstine with any questions.



Your stewardship is greatly appreciated.

## Next Book Discussion – May 26 at 9:30 am

- The next book discussion will be *May 26 at 9:30 am*.
- The book for the discussion is a *New York Times* Bestseller.
- Title: *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro.
- Sylvia Goodstine will be the host for this discussion.
- **Please join us!** You do not have to have read the book to join the discussion.



(Retrieved 2/25/19, Amazon)

## Save the Date!

*Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>* – Volunteers Needed: Work Bee to prepare for Strawberry Festival  
(Time to be announced)

*Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm* – Evening Service with Rich Della Costa (no service 6/23/19)

## Eye on the Board

The Board of Trustees met on April 14th. A review of the financial reports noted that we ended the church year slightly in the black, and the Endowment ended the year with a \$21,000 gain. The gain was mostly attributed to the Vanguard funds. The proposed budget fashioned by Alan Nugent was reviewed, and the Board suggested that \$5,000 be added under Equipment & Supplies to update our projection equipment, and \$7,000 be added in case we need to purchase a furnace.

The Board discussed our access to Wi-Fi and making sure we can use it when we need it.

The next book discussion is scheduled for May. Sylvia Goodstine will lead the conversation regarding

Guest speakers in May will include our own Jessica George and Rev. Don Algeo.



## Eye on the Board *continued*

The Annual Meeting plans were solidified. It had been decided that only the meeting will be held that day so that members won't have to spend most of the day at church. Lunch will be served, and Board members have agreed to make other dishes as well. Liz Schaal has received most of the reports and plans to e-mail them to all who have RSVP'd. Seventeen people have responded affirmatively, but three of them are unsure. It is hoped that we can get through the reports fairly quickly.

The Strawberry Festival, scheduled for June 7 and 8 this year will be a two-day event for the church. The Board is planning an art show, music, and a book reading. The art show will be in the dining room. Rich Della Costa and Bonnie Beiswenger can play the organ throughout the day, and Rich will ask a local author to read excerpts from her new book. Flags and posters of our faith will be on display, and several members have agreed to be on hand to talk about our UU faith. Several booths are in the works. The emphasis for the events is to bring people in and inform them about our church.

Friday evening services (held monthly) are set to begin on June 21st, with Rich Della Costa as our first speaker. These services will be less formal and more relaxed.

## Support PMUC and the Planet

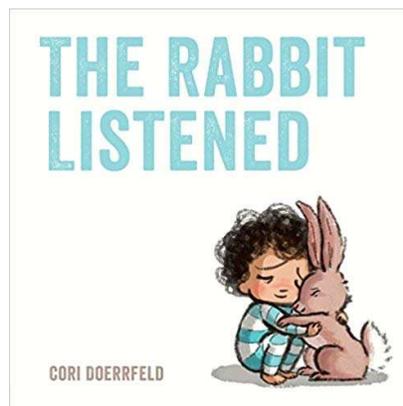


Just a reminder – We have a bin for refundable cans/bottles and one for aluminum. *Both our church and the environment benefit!!*

- The bins are located in the vestibule at the ramp entrance.
- Please be sure the aluminum is clean and labels are removed.
- Please do not crush the aluminum.

## Mentioned in the Sermon

As part of Dr. Tobin Carson's sermon on Sunday, March 24th, a great book, *The Rabbit Listened* by Cori Doerrfeld was read. Check it out.



(Retrieved 4/22/19 from Amazon.com)

## Pullman Plaudits

- Thanks to Bonnie Beiswenger, Sylvia Goodstine, Diana Dudley, Rich Della Costa, Patrick Poland, and Chris Loss for attending the Potluck Supper on April 8th. As always, the food was delicious and everyone had a great time.
- Members and friends attended a Memorial Service for Rene' Schasel at the Cobblestone Church on April 4th. Sadly, Rene' passed away on March 30. He had been a member of this church since 1986,
- and had served on many committees through the years. He was Bill Lattin's longtime companion. Rene' will be very much missed.
- Al Capurso did a great job singing 'Blowin' in the Wind' on Easter morning at church. And Susan Daiss had the difficult task of addressing both Easter and Earth Day, which she did very well.
- Rev. Donald J Reidell was back in the pulpit on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, and he lit a special candle in memory of Rene' Schasel.
- Don Olsowski, our part-time custodian, has impressed us all this year with all the great work he does. It's so nice each week to see a clean kitchen and church. Super job, Don!
- Many thanks to Bill Lattin for opening the church every Sunday, turning up the heat, and providing beautiful flowers!
- Sylvia Goodstine provided most of the yummy coffee hour goodies this past month. Many thanks Sylvia!
- Jessica George added Restore flags to our front lawn for the month of April during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The 720 small orange flags represent the number of assaults that happen each day in the US. Restore is a Sexual Assault service through Planned Parenthood.



## Worship Associates Needed!

If you would like to volunteer to be a worship associate and read the welcome/announcement message, chalice lighting words, and other elements of our worship, please contact Chris Loss ([closs1626@gmail.com](mailto:closs1626@gmail.com)).

## News from UUA Central East Region

*Are you excited about Building a Vocal community this July?*

Registration is now open for CERSI - the Central East Region Summer Institute, July 7-13 at Oberlin College, OH. Our amazing theme speaker is Dr. Ysaye Barnwell speaking on Building the Vocal Community. Workshop options cover a range of topics and the week includes time for sharing, listening, singing, and playing. Scholarships are available! Deadline to apply is May 31. Learn more at [www.cersi.uu.org](http://www.cersi.uu.org)

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### **UUMAC: July 7 - 13, residential family camp for UUs, including YOU!**

We meet each July on the campus of DeSales University, near Allentown, Pennsylvania. UUMAC lasts one week, though many campers wish it were longer! As the name indicates, we are focused on UUs from the Mid-Atlantic States but anyone is welcome to join the fun. DeSales provides food, comfortable dorm housing, and buildings for our use. Our week includes sharing, listening, building community, laughing, singing, thinking, reading, dancing, and getting to know each other. UUMAC is many things to many people: a spiritual retreat, time for reflection and celebration, a reunion with our friends, a time to revel in a community of fun-loving and like-minded people of all ages. Join us for a week which is as relaxing or action-packed as you like, and renew your spirit. Contact Ann Andrex, [andrexes@comcast.net](mailto:andrexes@comcast.net) for detailed help or encouragement! Or visit the UUMAC webpage at [www.uumac.org](http://www.uumac.org)

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