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We are a Welcoming Congregation serving the Hockessin/Pike Creek/Kennett Square region, meeting every Sunday morning. Childcare is available; religious education is held September to June. All are welcome at our services and invited to stay for refreshments and conversation following the service. Should weather conditions be in question on Sunday mornings, call the UUSMC telephone 369-2712, check our website [www.uusmc.org](http://www.uusmc.org), or listen to WDEL 1150AM, [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com).

Membership information: Anyone interested in joining our UUSMC need only contact Rev. Nancy Dean to set up an appointment. There will be a chance to speak with Rev. Dean or Shirlee Andersen, Chair of the Membership Committee, on the third Sunday of the month following the service.

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## **Assessment of UUSMC's Growth Potential**

Frank MacArtor

On the weekend of Nov. 7-9 a consultant from the UUA, Barry Finkelstein, will visit UUSMC to assess our potential to proceed with an expansion of our church building. He will meet with the Board of Trustees and several other groups of our members to gather information about our congregation. He will evaluate the potential for growth and assess our ability to raise capital funds for expanding our building.

Two important meetings are scheduled for the whole congregation to meet with him and to participate in these discussions. Please mark your calendar now and try to attend both meetings.

1. **Sat. Nov. 8 at 1:30 PM** – An Assessment Workshop will be conducted by Barry Finkelstein for all church members and friends. (This meeting will follow several smaller meetings in the morning where he will meet with church leadership.)
2. **Sun. Nov. 9 at 11:45 AM** – Barry will present his oral assessment report to all members and friends immediately following the morning worship service. It will include his observations and recommendations.

The leadership of several committees will also be invited by email to attend other meetings that are scheduled while Barry is here. The two discussed above are the only meetings that involve the entire congregation.

Additionally, all members are invited to a Kick-Off dinner Friday evening, November 7. See Stefanie Anderson's religious education report on page 4 for more information.

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**\*\*Come celebrate Bob Gibson's almost 12 years as our Music Director at the Second-Sunday Potluck on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. We will honor Bob's devotion to UUSMC, and his work in developing our program since 1996.**

**Annual Holiday Yankee Trade**  
**Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM**  
Randy Ploener, Social Events Chair

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Come One, Come All! Please Mark Your Calendars!

The Yankee Trade is an event that Rev. Nancy Dean brought here from New England. It consists of people bringing a white elephant gift (a curious unwanted item), wrapped, to put in a pile under the holiday tree. Each person is given a number that is randomly drawn by Santa out of a hat. The idea is that a person can choose any wrapped present, but has to unwrap it and show it to everyone. Every succeeding person picking can trade his/her gift for any that has already been opened. At the end of the number picking you can end up with a fruitcake or something like the prestigious pink flamingo. It's really a lot of fun!

This is a Potluck dinner. Childcare will be provided. The children will have their own gift exchange, so parents please bring wrapped presents (under \$10.00) for each child of yours attending. Any Questions? Please call Randy Ploener at (302) 234-8832, or send email to randogumbo@verizon.net. Those who are planning to attend please sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

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**New Church Calendar**

Check out the new Activities and Rental Calendars now available on our church's website! Go to [www.uusmc.org](http://www.uusmc.org) and click on the "Calendar of Events" tab on the left side of the UUSMC main website page. When you click on a specific event in the calendar, a text box opens up to provide more details. You can view the calendar by week, month or Agenda (a listing of all events). A combined Activities and Rental calendar can be accessed by clicking on the "UUSMC Activities/Building Rental Calendar" link in the Members Only page. (You will need the church's username and password to access anything on the Members Only page). If you have an event or recurring meeting that you want posted to the calendar, please send a note to [calendar@uusmc.org](mailto:calendar@uusmc.org) including all pertinent information.

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**Assessing our readiness for a Phase II building expansion**  
**Two important meetings with UUA Consultant Barry Finkelstein:**

**Sat. Nov 8 at 1:30 PM – Assessment Workshop**

**Sun. Nov 9 at 11:45 AM – Assessment Report  
immediately following morning service.**

**We need your ideas – please plan to attend!**

“The great end in religious instruction . . . is not to stamp our minds irresistibly on the young, but to stir up their own.” (1837) William Ellery Channing

Children need religious community. They need a spiritual place of acceptance, a place to experience religion with other children. I believe there is nothing of greater import, or that we do better as a liberal faith, than to give our children the encouragement and environment to learn about their innate spirituality. To help them learn about the ways people express this spiritual nature in our UU faith and in the world religions, rituals, and celebrations.

That our UU children grow to have such open and inquiring minds is due first to their parents, but parents need other parents to provide the larger communal impact that helps children see themselves as belonging and accepted. The gift for the children is in knowing that, here, there truly is acceptance for their questions and their answers. I know that this is not true for most children.

Our UU congregations do *stir up* our children's minds in a way that helps them to feel that they, their families, their ideas are as valid as any other. We help them grow into their ethical beliefs as they see them modeled, not dictated. This is indeed a gift. Further, the religious community supports what families are teaching, and this lets our children know that liberal faith and free-thinking is not some isolated way of being religious or human.

Since our congregation has grown so well, especially our religious education program, members of the UUSMC leadership did a preliminary look at our situation (last spring), and concluded that it was time to consider how we might manage our growing RE numbers. A Next Step committee formed, and it was decided that we should seek the services of a consultant from the UUA. With the help of the consultant our members can decide if we are ready to do the Phase 2 expansion that was designed into our original building plan. (The consultant will be with us the first weekend in November; see the front page.)

Since our RE space is limited, the RE Committee with Stefanie Anderson, our Director of RE, put together what seemed the most workable solution to cope until we could figure out how to deal with this rather good problem of many children in our program. So far this seems to be working well.

In line with our congregational polity, or governance, the congregation makes the decisions for this UU community of faith, and will be the ones to decide where we go from this point. Your role is important, so please be a part of making this decision; whether or not you have children in our RE program, but especially if you do. My role is to support what you want, what you want this faith community to be, and to that end I will be here to share my thoughts and ideas, but the decision rests with you, not me.

Remember that children need RE; and, even when they sometimes resist it, they still need it, and have a lot to learn from their involvement. Spiritual growth can happen by accident, but like all good education, it happens best when done purposefully.

*Peace & love, Nancy*

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**Sunday Flowers:** Flowers make a lovely addition to our services. You may donate a flower arrangement to honor a special person, an occasion, or just because. The donating member may bring the arrangement home after the service. Simply sign up in the lobby or contact Debby Damiani, our office administrator. Write your check for \$30, \$40, or \$50 to UUSMC and write flowers and the date of the chosen service on the memo line. Place your payment in the box outside of the office or in the collection plate. Flower orders will be placed on Monday so payment must be received by the Monday prior to the Sunday requested. Thank you to the following members who bought flowers in October: Debra Damiani, Stefanie & Craig Anderson, Shirlee & Don Andersen, and Rev. Dean.

Hello All,

We've had a really great year so far and I'm extremely happy with how our new programming has been working. Community-Building time really does seem to be bringing the children together in a way that is sure to be a benefit. Additionally, having Children's Choir practice during regular RE has enabled many children to participate who wouldn't have been able to otherwise. I would like to remind everyone that Community-Building time is perfect for anyone who has an activity they would like to share with our children, so if you would like to assist in this aspect of the program, just let me know and we can work out what dates are available.

First Friday Family Fun Night was a success again this month. There were games, music, and good food. Even though it was a smaller group, everyone still had a great time and it is definitely turning out to be something I look forward to each month. Thank you to Tim, Wendy, Alex and Grace Myers for hosting the October FFFFN. First Friday Family Fun Night will be a little different in November, but is still sure to be a lot of fun for the kids. The event falls on the same night as our Kick-Off dinner for the Assessment weekend, but the two events will complement each other nicely. All members are invited to attend this dinner, which will be followed by children's and/or family activities in Room 1.

A couple reminders:

- If you have not yet done so, please sign up for AirSet. There are so many reasons that it is important for all families to be signed up, starting with the blog, which all families should be reading weekly. This has information and updates that you cannot get any other way. I understand there may be some resistance to this type of communication, but this is the reality of the program this year. Email communication was not effective for various reasons. The best solution is posting information in a permanent space where it is always available at your convenience and AirSet is the perfect solution. Additionally, the weekly Rainbow Dragons story is posted on AirSet, so any child wanting to participate in the Rainbow Dragons activities can read the story with their families when it is posted in the Files section each regular RE week.
- If you have not yet submitted RE Registration forms for your children, please do so ASAP. If you need a paper copy of the form, they are on the RE shelves located outside the main office. You can also fill out an electronic version, if you would like to save on paper, which is located in the Files section on AirSet. Just download the file, fill out the appropriate fields, save the document, and email the updated copy to me at dreusmc@gmail.com.

Last but not least, I would like to invite everyone to walk down the hallway and check out all the great artwork our children have been working on this year. Hopefully everyone has already seen our Welcoming Congregation wall, which was a lot of fun to put together and the kids got very creative. We also have some new student-created posters at the far end of the hallway. With the election coming up, we decided to make posters encouraging people to go out and vote and they all look great! If anyone has any other ideas for theme walls, let me know and we can make it one of our Community Building projects. I can be reached any time either by email dreusmc@gmail.com or by phone (484-643-3624).

*Cheers, Stefanie Anderson*

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**Light the Chalice:** Sign up to light the chalice, and dedicate your chalice lighting to honoring a birthday, anniversary, memory, or some event important in your life. The sign-up sheet is with the Flower signup. No speaking is required. Families are encouraged to light the chalice together.

When I read that the 2008 Nobel peace prize was awarded to Martti Ahtisaari, my first reaction was “Who’s he?” So I went online and found quite a remarkable story. I’ll quote parts of the NY Times article:

The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded its 2008 peace prize on Friday to Martti Ahtisaari, the former Finnish president who has been associated over decades with peace efforts and quiet, cautious diplomacy from Asia to Africa and Europe.

...the committee said, Mr. Ahtisaari had been chosen “for his important efforts in several continents and over three decades to resolve international conflicts.”

He has played a central role in ending conflicts ...some of them remote and all of them complex, presenting mediators with tangles of ethnic, religious or racial passions.

...the committee mentioned his work in ending South African domination of Namibia, ...and peace efforts in the Indonesian province of Aceh, Kosovo, Northern Ireland, Central Asia, the Horn of Africa and, most recently, in Iraq.

... Earlier this month, Mr. Ahtisaari received another peace prize from the Paris-based UNESCO and said in a speech at that time: “I am seriously concerned about the large number of conflicts that the international community has not solved. We should never accept that some conflicts remain frozen forever.”

In a time when the US administration has become known for its reluctance to negotiate with opponents and when presidential candidates are wrangling over the propriety of negotiating “without preconditions,” how wonderful it is to hear of a diplomat who simply goes about the business of quietly resolving conflict. I’m very happy that I’ve been given the opportunity to learn something about Maarti Ahtisaari.

**Thank you, thank you.**

Our congregation contains a remarkable number of people who are ready and willing to help out, over and over again. I want to express my thanks to them. Here are a few that I’m currently aware of. My apologies to those I’ve missed—please let me know.

Kim Anderson discovered Carrie Newcomer last summer, and suggested, promoted, and planned the concert that took place Oct. 4, benefiting UUSMC to the tune of \$1500. In recognizing her efforts, Carrie described Kim as “a force of nature.” What a job!

Kim had a lot of helpers, too. Here they are: Craig Anderson, Carin Bonifacino, Sue Bara, David Bonner, Kathy Dale, Boden Day, Lynn and Scott Fabian, Roberta Headley, Jamie Kegerise, Susan Klugerman, Tom Pappenhagen, Lori Rickard, Charlene Smith, Chitra Vaidyanathan, and J.B. Anderson. Many thanks to every one of you.

*Jay Gibson*



**The New Vocabulary of Stewardship**

On September 20, Reverend Nancy Dean, Mary Pat Knauss, Frank MacArtor and I attended a seminar called "Beyond Fundraising: A Complete Guide to Congregational Stewardship," held at the First UU Church of Wilmington. The seminar was led by Wayne B. Clark, who is a consultant with the UUA. Mr. Clark suggested the following vocabulary to help make issues of stewardship and church fundraising easier for members to understand and identify with.

***Program Budgets instead of Itemized Budgets:*** We will give congregants a big-picture understanding of areas where money will be spent, explaining the need rather than spending time on smaller single-line items. The Board and Finance Committee will still operate with an itemized budget that is approved by vote of the membership, but the Program Budget will be presented at the start of the Annual Budget Drive so members understand why we need to raise money.

***Annual Budget Drive instead of Pledge Drive or Canvass:*** This language is more accurate and correctly describes the activity. The church needs to get an accurate idea of the money it can expect to bring in for its operation budget. The money talk should be very clear, but it should be a smaller part of the discussion.

***Stewardship Conversations instead of "Please Fill Out Your Pledge Card":*** Let's say you and I sit down together, maybe after church, maybe over some coffee or lunch or maybe I stop by your house. Let me tell you my story. This is the reason I joined UUSMC. This is the moment I understood that I belonged here. This is what the church means to me and my family... Now I want to hear your story. Have you always been a UU? How did you find your way to this place? What do you love about our church? Tell me about your special memories of our spiritual community. What are your hopes for this church?... Most of our members truly love this church and all it stands for. All of us find ways to give our support. All of us are stewards of this faith. So now please take a moment to fill out the card (I don't need to see the amount you write in), and that's it... It was so nice getting to know you and hearing your story.

Many churches do a pretty good job of collecting and managing money. But wonderful churches—like ours—really do a great job of finding ways to connect people in meaningful ways. It is those meaningful connections that make for successful stewardship. That is why most of the stewardship conversation is about gaining a better understanding of each other, and just a small amount of time is spent talking about money.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or other helpful conversation at [Jamie@DSOFurniture.com](mailto:Jamie@DSOFurniture.com) or call me at (302) 992-9016.

*Jamie Kegerise, Annual Fund Drive Leader*

A special welcome to our newest members!

- ❖ David Smith of Newark, DE (wife, Charlene)
- ❖ Tim and Wendy Myers of Kennett Square, PA (children, Alex and Grace)
- ❖ Wendi Rapisarda Croft and baby Olivia of Newark, DE

**Sound Man!—UUSMC's Newest Super Hero**

Changes and growth in technology seem to happen so quickly these days it is sometimes hard to keep up. The Music Committee of UUSMC is struggling to keep pace and is looking for some help. We are looking for someone or someones who have the following skills (or are interested in developing them):

- \* Knowledge of how to set up, control, and manage the sanctuary's PA and sound system
- \* Knowledge to monitor and maintain the portable sound systems for those with hearing issues
- \* Understanding (or desire to learn) of how to digitally record Sunday Services from the sound system so that parts can be downloaded and heard on the church website
- \* The freedom to be able to do all of the above during services

If you have the some or all of the skills to be UUSMC's Sound Man! or just have the desire to learn, please contact Peter Barry by email at [peter.barry@bsd.k12.de.us](mailto:peter.barry@bsd.k12.de.us). We look forward to hearing from you!

**Share Our Bounty:** In November we will be filling Thanksgiving Boxes for distribution to The Kennett Square Food Bank and the YWCA Home Management Program, which provides food and shelter to women who are living on the streets. These are the same organizations we supported last year. This year we will have boxes of various sizes from ½ to 1 bushel and are asking for a cash donation in the form of an Acme Credit Card of \$10.00 to buy a turkey. Both organizations have approached members of the SA committee asking if we are going to support them this year and we have replied, “Yes!” You can get the cards from Ann Roschinsky in the lobby. Last year we filled 23 boxes to overflowing. This year our goal is 30 boxes.

**Share Our Warmth:** In December we will again be gathering warm things such as scarves, mittens, gloves, hats, baby caps, and afghans for those in need. The Farmer's Almanac is predicting a cold, snowy winter, and the current economic conditions are already hitting the poorest people the hardest. Any help you can give, whether making or purchasing something, will be much appreciated. Knitters, crocheters, and other crafters are welcome to bring whatever they are working on to show one another after services on Sunday, November 2. Additionally, Karen Myers will be holding knitting classes in December. Look for more information in the Order of Service during the coming weeks.

**Share Our Plate:** The Share Our Plate charity for November and December is the Tick Tock Early Learning Center, which offers quality day care to needy children in the Southern Chester County area. Half of the undesignated cash from our weekly collection plate will be given to this worthy organization. In July and August, we collected and donated \$234 to Limen House through Share Our Plate. Thank you for your contributions—we receive many letters of appreciation from the receiving organizations, which are usually posted on the Social Action Bulletin Board.

**Holiday cards:** This year we will be selling UU holiday cards in November and December.

**January-February, 2009:** We are working on a trip to help rebuild New Orleans with the UU Church of the Restoration in Mt Airy, PA. The trip will be a Saturday-to-Saturday trip with projects being arranged by the Orleans Rebirth Volunteer Center, which is the First UU Church of New Orleans. The tentative dates are Jan. 31 to Feb. 7, 2009—stay tuned for more info.

**Souper Bowl Sunday:** Feb 1, 2009—the day we make and buy soup with the proceeds going to the Delaware Food Bank. Get your recipe now. Food banks are in dire need of more support.

## ***FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE***

***Judi Krause, Chair***

Following are plans for fundraising for this fiscal year. We will need full participation to reach our fundraising goals. Any ideas and offers of help are greatly appreciated.

### ***December 14: Wreath and Centerpiece Sale, Volunteers needed!***

We will meet December 10 and 11 at 7:00 PM at the church to design and create wreaths and centerpieces. No experience is necessary. If you have taken a class in floral design, great! If not, Carin Bonifacino and I will show you how to design centerpieces and be there to help. We will provide a few wreaths to be decorated.

We will use fresh greens as the base for these creations and complement the designs with dried plant material and ornaments. You are welcome to bring fresh greens and berries from your yard to supplement those that will be provided. Dishes and oasis will be provided along with some dried plant material and decorative ornaments. Please feel free to bring your own decorations and dried plant material. If you are bringing your own dried plant material you will want to start gathering those items now.

Suggested dried plants include coneflower seed heads, milkweed pods, pinecones, teasel, gum balls (spikey things that fall from gum trees), and anything that is attractive when dried. We will provide glitter and paint if you wish to improve on nature.

Please sign up as soon as possible so that we can plan purchases. Mark your calendar for creating and the sale.

### ***January 2009: "Best Chili in Town" Competition***

We plan to invite the community to participate in a chili competition to find the best chili in our area. Tickets will be sold for chili tasting. More information on this event will be available in the future. You will need to let your friends and neighbors know so that they can participate and enter their best chili creations. Volunteers to help with planning this event are needed.

### ***February 21, 2009: Auction/Founders Day***

Our auction will be combined with our Founders Day celebration this year and there will be other changes. We are asking for more than services and are looking forward to strong participation by our members. Start thinking about what you can offer. We will need you to go to businesses you frequent and ask for gift cards/certificates or items for auction. You will be surprised at how often they are willing to do this. In fact, many businesses offer free gifts as part of their public relations and it is part of their annual budget. The auction is a fun event and we look forward to having a huge turnout. Look for an email from the auction committee, coming out soon. We need volunteers for the auction committee. See contact information below.

### ***April 2009: Attic Treasures Sale***

Our annual Attic Treasures Sale will be in April. The specific date will be announced soon. As you are doing your fall cleaning or post-Christmas or spring cleanouts, please set aside items for the sale. This is a big fundraiser and we will need a committee of volunteers to help pull this together.

### ***May 2009: Barbecue/Kite Sale/Drawing***

In May we will have another chicken bbq and kite sale, combined with a drawing for a Prius.

To volunteer to help with any of these events, please contact Judi Krause at 610-274-8827 or 2dogfarm@comcast.net. Please enter "Fundraising" in the subject line so I can be sure I am not opening an email I don't want to open.

## **CARING COMMUNITY**

***Felicia Shaw, Chair***

Our thoughts and prayers are with the following members of our community:

- ✿ Kierstin Anderson, daughter of J.B. and Kim Anderson, is recuperating from flu and pneumonia.
- ✿ Nancy Dean's brother is recuperating from a heart attack.
- ✿ Charles Phillips has been ill for sometime.
- ✿ Kaitlin Bonner was in a car wreck, spent the night in the hospital, but was not seriously injured.
- ✿ Linda Steere is seriously ill and will need help with meals for the next couple of weeks. Anyone who is interested please contact Felicia Shaw (contact information below).
- ✿ Members of our congregation who are losing their jobs due to the economy.
- ✿ Our congratulations and appreciation to Stefanie Anderson, our Director of Religious Education, and Debby Damiani, our Office Administrator, who have now been with us for a year.
- ✿ Congratulations to Stefanie and Craig Anderson, who celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary.
- ✿ Joy to the Doty family, whose son Ryan Gregory had his dedication ceremony on Sunday, October 12th.

If you have health problems or concerns or know of someone who does, we'd like to help. Please let Felicia Shaw know. You can reach her at (302) 994-2768, or send an email to felicshaw@comcast.net.

## **ADULT RE**

***Jeannine Ignatz***

If you have any interests that you would like us to pursue for Adult RE, please let me know about them. Also, if there is an area of expertise that you would like to share with others and just need my help in organizing the event or advertising a class, please contact me at 998-3829 or jeannineignatz@hotmail.com.

Brown-bag programs will be held each month following the Sunday service with Rev. Dean. Upcoming programs:

**Nov. 2 *How the Bible Came to Be***—Learn more about how the Bible came into being, its translations, use and misuse by religions. A good class for high school and college students.

## **UUSMC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS**

***Cyndy Falcoff & Amy White, Coordinators***

**The Evening Book Group** will meet on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30 in the church library to discuss *Housekeeping*, Marilynne Robinson's first novel, published in 1980. This novel won a Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award for best first novel and was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. (Robinson's second novel, *Gilead*, won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.)

All are welcome to attend. Please contact Amy White at amywwhite@comcast.net or 302-652-1952 for more information.



### ***Did you know . . .***

Did you know that in September UUA President William Sinkford, along with a delegation of Unitarian Universalists, met with Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad during the opening of the United Nations General Assembly? Read more about this meeting, organized by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, at <http://www.uua.org/news/newssubmissions/120089.shtml>.

## **New ways to learn at Meadville Lombard, a Unitarian Universalist Seminary**

Meadville Lombard is now offering courses in formats that make it easier for working religious professionals and lay leaders to broaden or deepen their theological and congregational understanding. Below is a sampling of some upcoming weekend courses. Visit our website for a full listing and course syllabi: [http://www.meadville.edu/Ac\\_CourseOfferings.htm](http://www.meadville.edu/Ac_CourseOfferings.htm) for more information.

***Lay Leadership Development*** with Rev. Brian Covell, November 14-15, 2008:

Designed to help ministers, lay leaders and post-internship seminarians become acquainted with the paradigms, problem-solving and relational skills necessary for effective lay leadership development. Because of the nature of this course, we offer this incentive for congregational teams: Pay for two team members from your congregations, and register a third for free.

***Real Peace/Real Security: UU Perspectives on Peace and War*** with Dr. Sharon Welch, January 17-18, 2009:

In this half-credit course, we address the issues posed by the UUA CSAI study/action issue on peacemaking. Examine options for enhancing peace and security in our contemporary world and explore perspectives held by Unitarian Universalists on strategic peace building, just peace, just war, preventive defense, nonviolence and pacifism. Then discuss the concrete ways in which congregations best foster open dialogue and informed engagement on these crucial issues of peacemaking and conflict transformation at all levels: interpersonal, congregational, national and international.

***Problems in Public Ethics*** with Rev. Dr. William Schulz and Dr. Sharon Welch, January 23-25, 2009:

Learn to clarify the theological and ethical underpinnings of your approaches to public problems; consider five of the most pressing such problems on the national and world stage today: torture, military intervention, abortion, death penalty, and poverty and learn how to articulate your perspective and navigate the complexities of dealing with such issues in an institutional context.

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***Looking for part-time work?*** I am seeking special employees to staff my shop in North East MD. The Dancing Heart began in 2006 in Havre de Grace MD. We are moving to a busier street so more people come past us.

The Dancing Heart "...for gifts that inspire," is a little shop promoting peace, love, self-esteem with a collection of uplifting, positive products including jewelry, cards, prints, candles, and baby gifts. It is non-denominational; crosses, happy Bar Mitzvah cards, new thought, can all be found. The store is meant to be a place where people can linger and explore things, whether they choose to take something home or just feel better after visiting.

As a psychiatrist, I was moved to start this project as a way of connecting with folks outside the office and hospital where I work—people who are not "patients," but who can be touched by visiting there. Because I work full time in clinical psychiatry, I need reliable staff who would feel at home at The Dancing Heart and who understand its mission and exemplify its values in their work there. A Unitarian congregation is full of such folks.

If anyone is looking for work and might be interested, from a few hours a week to full-time, please email me, Anne Stoline, at [annestoline@yahoo.com](mailto:annestoline@yahoo.com).

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<http://www.jpduua.org/pages/archive-jpd-packet.php>

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