



NEWSLETTER



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May Services

We meet at our UU Center, Pomona Rd and Liebig Street, Galloway NJ (near the north entrance to Richard Stockton College).
Services are at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted.

<p>May 2</p>	<p>Parenting Perfection <i>Lay speaker Jim Woodcock</i> It is a daunting challenge to raise a child well, even though we may have the best of intentions. Today's talk will compassionately look at some of the traps which we parents may fall into. But perhaps there is a way by which all of us, parents and children alike, can find redemption from our missteps. <i>(postponed from February 7)</i></p>
<p>May 9</p>	<p>Adventures of a UU Hindu <i>Guest minister Rev. Manish Mishra</i> Rev. Mishra, recently installed as Minister of the UU Church in Cherry Hill, will share his experience of coming to Unitarian Universalism from a Hindu background, and how our UU understanding of religious pluralism impacted his life. Join us on this special Sunday as we explore a central tenet of our faith - religious diversity - and reflect on its impact in our own lives.</p>
<p>May 16 11:00 am</p>	<p>Celebrating Our Feathered Friends <i>Guest minister Rev. Dr. Marie DeYoung</i> Drawing on the poetry of Emily Dickenson and the music of Western composers, Rev. deYoung's message will explore the sounds, the colors, the feelings of joy and abundance inspired by the birds that share our world. <i>Potluck will follow.</i></p>
<p>May 23</p>	<p>Margaret Fuller <i>Led by members of the UUCSJS Margaret Fuller Circle</i> The Margaret Fuller Bicentennial is an opportunity to celebrate and learn about an extraordinary woman and continue her global vision of equality and human rights. The Bicentennial hopes to raise awareness of Margaret Fuller, so that her story may inspire people of all ages to follow her lead and think independently, express their thoughts clearly, defend their convictions with courage, learn through dialogue and the free exchange of opinions, believe in the equality of all people, and be open to change.</p>
<p>May 30</p>	<p>Do I Need a Bucket List? <i>Lay speaker Robert Baum</i> Not for Bob. Just as he forces himself not to obsess over checking e-mails, texts, and twitters (tweets?), not putting virtual friends above real friends, and not having to cross things off his chores list, he also will not have a bucket list of phenomenal things to check off before he dies. Rather, Bob wants to live in the moment and stay true to daily and weekly joys that give meaning to life.</p>

UPCOMING: Our ANNUAL MEETING will be held following the service on Sunday, June 6.

At that time the members of the congregation will elect members of the Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee, and Representatives to General Assembly, and the 2010-2011 Annual Budget will be voted on.

Other agenda issues will be sent to members early in May. Our ANNUAL REPORT, which includes summaries of the work of all committees and activities, will be distributed at the meeting.

All questions should be directed to Jim Gentile, President, or Karen Zindell, Secretary.



Our guest speakers this month....

Rev. Manish Mishra joined the Unitarian Universalist Church in Cherry Hill in 2009. He has over sixteen years of professional experience, encompassing the fields of ministry, diplomacy, and education. He has served five previous congregations in varying forms of ministry, and before that was an active lay leader at one of our denomination's most historic churches.

Having traveled extensively throughout the world, Rev. Mishra has lived in India, Oman, Finland, and Switzerland. This international exposure gave him the opportunity to live in countries where Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Christianity have helped define the cultures. This brings a multi-religious appreciation to his ministry, drawing on a variety of faith traditions and other sources of inspiration in his preaching and leadership of worship.

As a former educator, Rev. Mishra has a deep sense of love for children and youth, and an appreciation of how spiritual growth and development are lifelong processes for all of us. As a former diplomat, he is an accomplished preacher and an effective public spokesperson.

Rev. Dr. Marie deYoung lives in New Jersey, and serves the post-Katrina Gulfport Mississippi UU Fellowship as a volunteer consultant. She is a teacher, an author, a former Army chaplain, and a public commentator on spiritual, military and education issues. Her advocacy has been covered by Vanity Fair, NPR, and other national and regional media programs. She enjoys beach walking, poetry, and observing the flight patterns and musical calls of birds that nest on her roof and by her lakeside apartment.

Bob Baum retired a few years ago as a middle-school teacher in order to paint fulltime (art, not houses) and be with Carolyn on the Egg Harbor River in Mays Landing. In his most recent teaching assignment, he developed and taught a humanities program that included his loves of history, literature, writing, and the arts. He's always been a painter and sculptor, and is represented by several galleries in Pennsylvania, Florida, and New Jersey, including our local Noyes Museum. He grew up on his grandfather's farm near Williamstown, served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, and received his B.A. from Valdosta State College, Ga., and his M.A. in Education and Art Certification at Glassboro State College (now Rowan University). During several years' hiatus from education, Bob was the editor of educational magazines, most recently Science World, and a freelance feature writer.

From the Sunday Services Committee:

At the April 18 meeting of the Sunday services committee, the following items were approved for April through August.

1. Because the new banner and the chalice table (on the dais) are the visual focal points of our morning gatherings, the lighting of the front area will be active, even on sunny days. Related to this, the sconce lighting along the north and south walls will also be used during the service to enhance the spiritual warmth of the space, and to hold our attention inside... even when the beautiful weather beckons us to "escape". Please resist the temptation to "help" by adjusting the lighting. Consult a member of the Committee if you have an ongoing concern.

Also relevant to your ease in participating in our services:

2. The baskets for collection of food, pet care, and items for CARA have been placed at the far side of the carpeted area, so that the children will have a more direct, and we hope less congested, path from their seats, to the baskets, Time for All Ages, when scheduled, and exiting for the classrooms.

3. The relocation of the baskets, and the return of the piano to its traditional orientation, should make the Joys and Sorrows vessel near the piano more easily accessible. Please use that side if you are seated on the southerly side of the room or the line on the other side is very long.

Join Hands – Join Spirits

A Unitarian Universalist Prayer

Good Friend, your soul is within me now,
And I hallow your spirit with my love.
Our peace will come and goodwill shall be done,
And we will learn that our Earth is our Heaven.

This day and all days, I offer you
My bread, my hand and my heart.
I ask your forgiveness for my injustices
As I will always offer you mine in return.

And if we yield not to unkindness
We shall deliver our souls from evil.
For ours is the joy to find glory
In the good that we do
And the love that we share,

Forever and ever.
Amen.

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REFLECTIONS by President Jim Gentile

As I indicated to the Congregation in a series of Reflections over the past 9 months, the Board identified the issue of Ministry as one of the most important issue facing the Congregation during the current year. With that in mind, a series of services were presented in November, December and January to offer a historical perspective on Unitarian Universalism. On January 24, 2010, the Congregation engaged in a mission and vision process with Rev. Libby Smith, during which we examined the mission and vision of our congregation.

With regard to our mission statement: A number of members of the Congregation have expressed an interest reviewing the statements generated on January 24 to make a recommendation as to whether the Congregation should consider modifying our present mission statement. If any of you are interested in engaging in such a review, please let me know and I will put you in touch with the persons interested in engaging in this process.

With regard to the Congregation developing a plan to get involved with an "umbrella" Social Justice issue: our Social Justice Committee has agreed to examine various social justice issues and recommend to the Congregation a "mission" in which we will seek to join. If you are interested in participating in this process, please feel free to approach Angela Jones about becoming a member of the Social Justice Committee.

As to the issue of the Congregation seeking a Minister: The Program Council, consisting of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Congregation's various Committees, and the Members of the Board, had a session with Rev. Libby Smith on April 20, 2010, to begin to determine where the Congregation is on the issue of seeking a Minister. This meeting did not result in any conclusions other than that it is time to turn to the Congregation to see where we all are on the issue. The Board and Program Council will be engaging the Congregation on this issue in the coming weeks, although the method of engagement has yet to be determined. If anyone has questions about the meeting which we had with Libby, please feel free to contact me or any member of the Board or Program Council. In addition, please do not forget that members of the Board are available every other week for talkbacks after services and that these offer an additional opportunity to discuss the issue of a Minister (or any other issue for that matter). The next talkback is scheduled for May 2.

On a personal note, I want to mention that I just completed a semester teaching the 5th through 7th graders in our Children's Religious Education Program. While I missed being able to attend services, I cannot adequately relay how rewarding an experience it was to teach. The kids are fantastic. They are attentive, bright and intellectually active. Probably one of the best things that we do as a Congregation is teach children's RE. Probably one of the best things you can do for yourself is to get involved in teaching Children's RE. I strongly suggest that you give participation in the Program some serious thought and tell Heidi you want to help.

Finally, PLEASE HELP MAKE THE COFFEE ON SUNDAYS.

As Anita Bryant should have said, a day without caffeine is a day without sunshine.

Jim

**Please note! Board of Trustees meetings are ALWAYS open to the public.
Any member can observe – no advance “permission” or “RSVP” needed – just SHOW UP!**
Board meetings are the second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the downstairs lounge.

Board Meeting Notes

March 9, 2010

Followup discussion of the January 24 Visioning workshop resulted in plans for a meeting (Board and Program Council) with JPD consultant Libby Smith at a future date.

Two donations were accepted by the Board, one in the amount of \$1000 from Maxine Blumenthal towards the purchase of a wireless microphone, and an anonymous \$1500 toward reducing the principal of the mortgage we hold through the UUA.

Pros and cons of changing mail retrieval from a post office box to street delivery were discussed.

April 13, 2010

Annual Staff evaluations: The Board designated President Gentile as the contact person. Congregation members are invited to submit feedback on staff performance to Jim via phone, email, or in person.

The Board approved Richard Gryzwinski as the UUCSJS delegate for the 2010 General Assembly

Following the Board meeting it came to the Board's attention that the foregoing motion was not consistent with UUCSJS Bylaws, and was later withdrawn via email vote.

The Board approved Debra Stanton and Kathie Benner to serve as UUCSJS delegates to the Joseph Priestly District Spring conference.

In order to help offset the costs of attending the conferences, the Board approved the expenditure of \$300 from the volunteer development line item, as follows: \$150 to GA, and \$150 to JPD, each amount to be divided equally between delegate(s).

To reduce of the cost of printing and mailing the paper newsletter, July 1 has been set as the date that the newsletter will be transmitted electronically, unless someone specifically opts in for the paper version.

Next Board meeting – Tuesday, May 11, at 6:30 pm in the downstairs lounge.

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Committee Meeting schedule

1st Sunday Adult RE, Social Justice
2nd Sunday Children's RE, Interweave, FUUN
3rd Sunday Sunday Services
4th Sunday Membership
5th Sunday Potluck! *Please, no committee meetings.*

Who owns your congregation?

A congregation's owner isn't its board, minister, or members; it is its mission.

By Dan Hotchkiss [excerpted from uuworld.org]

Sometimes when I ask, "What is the board's job?" someone (often a lawyer or banker) uses an obscure word that speaks rather deeply to the nature of the board's role: "The board is a fiduciary." Many people connect this word exclusively with money, but the concept actually is much broader. A fiduciary (in Latin, fiduciarius, "trust," from fides, "faith") is anyone whose duty is to act in faithfulness to the interest of another, even at cost or peril to himself. A parent, for example, is a fiduciary for his or her children and must care for them, no matter how much sacrifice that might require. The board of a business corporation holds the corporate assets as fiduciary for the stockholders. Since the stockholders' main interest, ordinarily, is to make money, the duty of a corporate board is to increase stockholder value.

A congregation's board is a fiduciary, also. Like a for-profit board, it controls property on behalf of its real owner. But who is the owner? In a church, who plays the role of the stockholders in a business? Not the members. Not the board. Not the minister. All these are fiduciaries whose duty is to serve the owner. The "owner" that the board must serve is the congregation's mission, the covenant the congregation has set its heart to.

UU Book Lovers

The next meeting of the book group will be on Friday, May 21 at 7 pm in the library. *Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse is the book we will be discussing.

We will also be choosing books for next year's discussions. All interested individuals are asked to email two book selections to Helene Gentile with a brief (about 3 sentences) argument about why this book would be GREAT discussion material -- will it make us think a new thought? look at something differently? teach?

Anyone attending is asked to bring a dessert or drink to share as this looks to be an enjoyable time.

May is not too early to fire up the grill!

Buy **Gift Cards** any Sunday for **Acme & Shoprite.**



Don't you have to buy groceries anyway??!

Using these gift cards for groceries nets the congregation 5%.
We also have Fair Trade coffee and tea!

11th Annual Birding B & B Congregational Event and Fundraiser

UUCSJS Women's Association Meetings

Margaret Fuller Circle - Thursday, May 6, 1 pm

We will gather in the library and begin the meeting by lighting the Chalice and sharing joys and concerns that have happened in our lives this past month. After a short meeting and refreshments, Sheila Stoner will be speaking to us about a very interesting subject -- being Transgender, as a child, middle age, and then as we grow older. Maxine Blumenthal will be providing refreshments, so please RSVP to her so she will know how many to prepare for.

Olympia Brown Circle - Thursday, May 13, 7 pm

The meeting will be held in the Library and the discussion will be on the life of Olympia Brown. If you get a chance, see what you can find out about her life so you can contribute to the presentation. Kathryn Kelley will be providing refreshments, please RSVP to her or Circle Leader Marsha Hannah.

Women's Spirituality Circle - Thursday, May 27, 7 pm

This group will now be meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month, in the library. This circle is studying and discussing Elizabeth Lesser's book, *A Seekers Guide*. We have finished Book I: The American Landscape, and have moved on to Book II: The Landscape of the Mind. At our May meeting we will be addressing Chapter 7 which deals with Stress. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kathryn Kelley, Circle Leader.

RE Mother's Group – Saturday, May 22, 1 pm

The Mother's Group will meet on Saturday, May 22 at 1 pm to attend the UUCSJS Women's Association's First Annual Pot Luck Social which is being held in the Sanctuary.

These circle meetings are open to all women of the congregation; it is a chance to get to know the women of the congregation better. We make lasting friendships and always have a good time. Guests are always welcome.

*The UUCSJS Women's Association is holding its
First Annual Pot Luck Social in the Sanctuary*

Saturday, May 22, 1 pm - 3 pm

- Fellowship
- Good Food
- Election of Officers
- Circle Activities Report
- Speaker (hopefully)

All women of the Congregation are cordially invited
and guests are welcome

Look for the food Sign Up Sheet in the vestibule

We have many new people in our community who may not understand what our Birding B&B is all about. Essentially, we advertise to the UU community in nearby states that we will host folks and give them birding tours during a weekend in May, when migration is underway and birds are singing. This year it is May 14, 15, and 16. This program has been successful because we have many people in our congregation with great interest and skill in birding to serve as guides, we have a great location for birds, and this is an interest that appeals to a lot of UU folks. This year we have 14 people coming, and at \$275 each, they will bring \$3850 to our coffers, minus some expenses. Because of all the volunteerism involved, our expenses are slight.

Lots of people help to make this happen, and we want to recognize them. John and Betsy Searight have coordinated the publicity, registration, and assignments. They are joined by Pam Hendrick, Jon Luoma, Jesse and Jack Connor, Jack Miller, and Kim Peters as birding guides and chauffeurs.

Our guests will be staying in the homes of Art & Angela Wexler, Carolyn & Bob Baum, Michael & Ronda Cluff, Jack & Jesse Connor, Marsha & Jerry Hannah, Pam Hendrick & Jon Luoma, and John & Betsy Searight. But before they get to their homes, they will have a meal at the Center coordinated by Tracy Staab, Judy Pereira, & Pam and Jon. They will receive help from Kathryn Kelly, Karen Zindell, and some others who are not known yet. Our guests will be wearing special bird nametags made by Will Parsons.

On Saturday, our guests and guides will have a picnic lunch at Belleplain State Park, provided by Jeanine Blockus and Kathy Purdy. At the end of the day, they will go to one of two or three homes for a relaxing dinner. One will be at either the Baum or the Wexler home, and one at the Gentile home. We may need another home in the Galloway area -- Any volunteers?

Everyone can help by providing some food at the **Sunday potluck**, which needs to feed up to 24 people (guests and guides) who will not be bringing food. **Our service on this day will be at 11:00**, in order to give the birders enough time to see Forsythe Refuge well. The FUUN Committee is coordinating.

Some history: We had our first B&B on September 14, 2001. Yes, three days after 9/11. The weather continued to be gorgeous, as it was on the 11th, and we had a very successful and meaningful event. The Sunday service was held in a picnic shelter at Cape May County Park. This location continued to be our tradition until we were in the Catholic Campus Ministry Center. We abandoned fall B&Bs, as they are hard to pull off if the weather is really bad. We *have* had some tough weather in the spring, but with staying in cars, some luck, and some toughness, we have always managed to have fun and see lots of birds. Our birding event is known to many in the denomination, and it gives us a special identity. And, a total of all the money we have raised through B&Bs including this year, is \$44,810. Many of our guests are repeaters, and this year a third of those coming have been here before. We think that we must be doing something right!

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MISSION: Broadening Religious Imaginations

Pam Altaffer is offering the well-received **Interplay** program again this month. This workshop offers participants a full day of fun and introspection. Details below.

Anyone who has ideas for specific programming is welcome to attend our meeting on the 1st Sunday of every month. We welcome all ideas. -- Marsha Hannah, Chair, Adult RE

A new support group is forming.

It will provide a setting in which people can share, explore, and learn to cope with such issues as being a primary caregiver for a family member, relationship problems, or difficulty in dealing with whatever circumstances life has presented you with. The group will essentially be self-directed, but Jim Woodcock has volunteered to facilitate the group as it establishes its identity as a resource for its members.

The first meeting will be on June 2 at 7 pm in the library. Further meetings will probably be on a monthly basis.

For further information, please contact Jim Woodcock – his email and phone are in the Member Directory, which members and friends of the congregation can access online at members.uucsjs.org.

Tired of the RAT RACE?

Learn how to change your life and change your world with the deep movement practices of InterPlay. InterPlay is an active, creative way to unlock the wisdom of the body; a set of practical tools and ideas to help individuals and communities thrive. Anybody can do it! If you would like to become a "recovering serious person," and are intrigued by this crazy idea that we can save the world with play, then InterPlay is for you. Learn more at www.interplay.org. Certified Interplay Leader Pamela Altaffer LCSW has been helping people achieve their goals in her psychotherapy practice for over 25 years. InterPlay is a way to bring healthy fun, play, creativity, connection wholeness, and delight into your life.

May 22, 2010 – 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

What will happen if you do Interplay?

- ❖ Effortlessly find oneself in the "Now" or the "Present".
- ❖ Release joys and/or sorrows through creativity.
- ❖ See one's friends and community members in fresh and delightful ways.
- ❖ Notice feelings of love, connection, and joy emerge with grace and ease.
- ❖ Deepen and expand one's relationship with oneself and community.
- ❖ Experience your connection to Spirit through stillness and play.

Doesn't that sound wonderful???

Children's Religious Education

Spring into Children's Religious Education

Mystery Solved!

This year's Mystery Pal identities were revealed on April 25 at a special get-together following the Sunday service. Thanks to all the adults who participated in our Annual Mystery Pal program this spring, and to Katy Cardwell who organized the program for us!

Spring Religious Education Classes

As we move into the spring lessons in our RE classes, the Children's RE committee has decided to combine the age groups a bit differently; throughout the month of May, all students in grades Pre-K through 4th grade will be working together in one group. Seeing how this arrangement works for the children will enable us to plan our class groupings for next year. Our two older classes will also be combined this month as they begin working on the June 6th Sunday Service.

Audubon planting

On May 8, 2010 our Children's Religious Education students have been invited by the New Jersey Audubon Society to participate in the Elsinboro Township Marsh Restoration Project. Through this program, the kids will help to restore 50 acres of common reed by replanting native vegetation. Restoring native grasses will provide habitat for native pollinators as well as grassland dependent birds.



The Children's RE Committee would like you and your children to be part of this project which enables them to live out our seventh Unitarian Universalist principle, *Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part*. We will leave from the UU Center at 10 am and return by 5:30 pm. Please contact Kim Peters at by April 30 and let her know if you and your kids will attend. Bring a bag lunch and be prepared to get muddy!

Summer Sessions

It is a UUCSJS tradition that during the summer months no formal Children's RE classes are held. Instead, we hold "Summer Sessions," where, each Sunday, a member of the congregation leads an activity for an all-ages group of children. In the past, these activities have included nature walks, drumming, cooperative games, fun and informative presentations (recycling), and craft activities (like beading, scrap-booking, pottery, and tie-dying). If you would like to share a special activity with the children one Sunday this summer, please let me know.

-- Heidi Jansch, Director of Religious Education

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SOCIAL JUSTICE?

The Social Justice Committee (SJC) dealt with a very full agenda at its Sunday, April 10 meeting, beginning with member sign-ups for our regular weekly information table when we sell Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate, along with Chico bags and other sought-after items; for tables at several special spring eco-events; and for Adopt-a-Road clean-up on April 18. Susan Polk has created an instruction sheet for Sunday table-sitters that may ease the way for new volunteers.

In harmony with our upcoming **Native Plants Swap & Sale**, the focus of the Social Justice table for the month of May will be “**Native Plants**,” answering your questions about why to use natives and their importance for local backyard habitat. There’s still time for UUs and other local gardeners to pot up native plants to share at the **2nd Annual Native Plants Swap & Sale**, to be held at the UU Center on Saturday, May 8 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Designed to promote southern New Jersey plants, we are seeking native perennials, shrubs, vines, and tree seedlings, along with some non-natives especially useful to butterflies, hummingbirds, and birds. (Drop off your labeled, potted plants Friday, May 7 from 4:30-6:30 pm or before swap-time Saturday morning, 8:30-9:30 am. Invasive plants cannot be accepted.) This year we will also have mouth-watering organic, heirloom vegetable plants for sale. Don’t miss this rare opportunity to learn about our native plants and obtain some of them for your garden!

Members of the SJC will host tables at **ACUA’s Earth Day Festival** in EHT on Sunday, April 25, **Eco-Fair at Wheaton Village** in Millville on Saturday, May 1, and **Mullica Township Green Day** on Saturday, June 5. If you would like to be involved, please contact Angela Jones. On sale at these events for the first time will be made-in-the-USA, reusable produce bags in yellow/orange mesh, great all-purpose bags for taking home your apples, onions, peppers, etc. Reduce waste and conserve resources: \$3.50 each, or 3 for \$10.

Colorful blue flyers featuring a peace dove were distributed for members to post announcing **Reverend Robert Moore’s visit to the UU Center** set for Wednesday, May 12 from 7 - 9 pm. Jointly sponsored by the UUCSJS Social Justice Committee and the Coalition for Peace and Justice, Reverend Moore, Executive Director of the Princeton-based Coalition for Peace Action, will speak on the topics of Peace Voter 2010, efforts to abolish nuclear weapons, and the peace movement’s response to the war in Afghanistan. We hope you’ll join us for this evening event.

President Jim Gentile, who is Board liaison to the SJC, spoke to members about the possibility that Social Justice take the initiative in leading the Congregation toward fulfillment of the strong desire expressed through our **Mission Statement workshop** on January 24 to become more engaged in the wider community. It was suggested that we might identify an “umbrella” issue to help focus our involvement. In this

connection Angela Jones reported on the UU Church in Cherry Hill’s **Community Outreach Week**, and further proposed that we proceed to invite **Reverend Om Prakash** to do a **three-hour workshop** entitled “**Doing the Best Work in the Community for Real Change**,” to be held in the fall when attendance is higher. Meanwhile we can and should continue to brainstorm on this topic at future meetings in advance of the workshop. Tracy Staab said she will be happy to share her list of local non-profit organizations, and further, she described to us the process of finding local volunteering opportunities using the United Way website.

In LGBT news, it was announced that the **Transgender Health Conference & Fair** to be hosted at the **Mazzoni Center** in Philadelphia will be held on June 3-5. Several congregations are supporting the idea of having a UU table at this event and we will be joining them as a co-sponsor, providing support through our labors and/or a modest financial contribution. Also, the **National Equality Forum** is scheduled to be held from April 26 through May 2; more information at www.equalityforum.com.

It was announced that **Barbara Fiedler** is planning to create a brochure to present the salient facts about our Congregation’s “green” building, and that **Jon Luoma** has generously offered to host group tours of our UU Center building.

On a final and lighter note, a tentative date was set for a SJC tour and wine tasting at **Bellview Winery** in Landisville, near Vineland, on Saturday, July 24 at 2 pm. Cost TBD (about \$10), and we are contemplating various transportation options, including a rented van. This can be nothing but fun, with some issue discussions on the side, perhaps. Do join us!

Reverend Robert Moore and CFPA

Based in Princeton NJ, the Coalition for Peace Action (CFPA) is a grassroots citizens organization which brings together people of all ages, backgrounds, professions, and political persuasions in support of three goals: global abolition of nuclear weapons, a peace economy, and a halt to weapons trafficking at home and abroad.

The Rev. Robert Moore has served since 1981 as its full-time Executive Director. Since 1989, he has also served as part-time Pastor of East Brunswick Congregational Church (United Church of Christ).

Rev. Moore has traveled widely in his various peacemaking ministry roles, including trips to Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the former Soviet Union, Germany, Scandanavia, Greece, Holland, Canada, and Mexico.

The 9th Annual Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference June 3 - 5 Philadelphia Convention Center

As the country debates healthcare reform, at the center of the debate are issues of quality of care and access. The political debate may be over in Congress, but issues of quality of care and access will continue for trans communities. These will be among the many issues that will be explored through this conference.

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