



# NEWSLETTER

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the  
South Jersey Shore



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## March 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.

<b>March 5</b>	<b>UUs Got Talent, or The Sermon on the Amount</b> <i>Rev. John Marsh</i>  This Sunday morning's service will be the kick-off for the Congregation's annual Stewardship Campaign. It will feature a story told by Jesus, another told by Shakespeare, and quotes from Benjamin Franklin. It will be all that, and either a cherry on top or a side of gravy (whichever you prefer). Don't miss it.
<b>March 12</b>	<b>U.N. Sunday</b> <i>Guest speaker Bruce Knotts</i>  The Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office's director, Bruce Knotts, will make a case for balanced emphasis on Liberty, Equality and Fraternity (caring for others). He will delve into issues of race, gender, sexual orientation and international relations, income inequality, and the influences of money, power, privilege, and the military-industrial complex in our society. You will be heartened to learn of the work and influence of Unitarian Universalists on the world stage, especially at the United Nations.
<b>March 19</b>	<b>A Fool for the Web</b> <i>Rev. John Marsh</i>  We belong to a faith tradition that counsels us to "heed the guidance of reason and the results of science." What then, compels us "to serve the common good, and make our own days glad"?
<b>March 26</b>	<b>A Report from Last Year's General Assembly</b> <i>Lay speakers Stephanie &amp; Aaron Thomas and Melissa Hutchison</i>  Every year representatives from Congregations all over the United States (including Alaska and Hawaii) gather to learn, conduct business, sing and be joyous together. It happens in June, and this year it will happen in New Orleans, and part of the business to be conducted will be the election of a new President for the UUA (spoiler alert: the UUA has never before had a female President, and this year all of the candidates are female). Some of those who attended last year, including Stephanie Achanzar, Aaron Thomas, and Melissa Hutchison, will speak of their experiences.

***Save the Date: on Sunday, March 5, 2017,  
our new Black Lives Matter sign will be installed!***



### About our guest speaker...

**Bruce Knotts** was born and raised in California, where he got his Bachelor's Degree in History from Pepperdine University and his Master's Degree in International Education from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Before he joined the Department of State as a U.S. diplomat in 1984, Bruce was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia, and worked for Raytheon in Saudi Arabia and on a World Bank contract in Somalia. As a diplomat he had assignments in Greece, Zambia, India, Pakistan, Kenya, Sudan, Cote d'Ivoire and The Gambia, where he was Deputy Chief of Mission. While in Cote d'Ivoire, Bruce served as the Regional Refugee Coordinator for West Africa covering all 16 nations of West Africa from Mauritania to Nigeria, but focusing on the refugees from the conflicts in Sierra Leone, Liberia and later in Cote d'Ivoire itself. In 2004, Bruce was elected to the Board of Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies (GLIFAA). Bruce retired from the Foreign Service in 2007 and joined the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office as its Executive Director at the beginning of 2008.

Bruce founded faith-based advocacy for sexual orientation/gender identity human rights at the United Nations and continues to advocate for the rights of women, indigenous peoples and for sustainable development in moral terms of faith and values. Bruce is co-chair of the UN NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) Committee on Human Rights, the chair of the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security, a member of the NGO UN Security Council Working Group, serves on the Board of the NGO UN Committee on Sustainable Development and he chairs the NGO/DPI (Department of Public Information) Executive Committee which represents 1,400 DPI-affiliated NGOs at the UN. In 2006, Bruce and Isaac Humphrie were wed in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Bruce proposed to Isaac at the wedding reception of Ambassador Ted Osius and Clayton Bond and followed in their footsteps who had been married in Vancouver earlier that year. Isaac works internationally as an event environmentalist, photographer and social media consultant.

### When is the last time that you had a good laugh?



This month's program for the **Margaret Circle** aims to give you a good laugh. We will play some easily structured and fun group games, and lighten up during these grim and anxious times. The program presenter is Betsy Searight. Refreshments provided by Shelee McIlvaine. We meet **Thursday, March 2,**

**1 pm** in the UU Center Library. The Margaret Circle is open to all women in the congregation.

**BOOK CLUB** will be meeting Friday, March 17 at 7 pm at the UU Center. This month we will be discussing **THE HUSBAND'S SECRET** by *Liane Moriarty*. At the heart of *The Husband's Secret* is a letter that is not meant to be read: "My darling Cecilia, if you are reading this, then I've died..." All are welcome to come and join the discussion led by Barb Morell.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH FAMILY PROMISE?

Our next week of hosting is April 30 through May 7.

How can you become involved? You can bring a meal, hang out in the evening, or sleep overnight.

Remember, for us and the other congregations in Atlantic County, Family Promise is still a fledgling endeavor. So help us get the routine down so it becomes a joyous endeavor helping those in need.

Our sincere gratitude to each and every person who steps up to the plate!

## JOIN IN! FAMILY PROMISE COIN DROP

On **Saturday, April 8**, between the hours of 9 am and 1 pm, Family Promise will be holding a county-wide fund raiser: a **coin drop**. There is a possibility of raising between \$10,000 and \$15,000 as a result of this event. We are in need of 10 to 15 people to staff an intersection. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. A safety presentation will be conducted by the police beforehand. The county level Family Promise will provide all necessary supplies such as buckets, safety vests, signs, and maybe even coupons for contributors. They will be acquiring all necessary permits, and advertising via radio, newspapers, and social media. UUCSJS is being asked to staff one intersection. If willing to participate please contact Janet Longo.

### March FULL MOON Soup Sale!

Stop at the Social Justice table in the foyer to sign up for the Full Moon Soup Sale on March 12 to benefit Family Promise of Atlantic County. Tell us how many containers of soup you plan to make. If you already know whether it will be vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, or regular, let us know that, too. Don't forget to take your containers, which are located just inside the front door.

## In the Interim...



Many of us Unitarian Universalists have recently been finding comfort and strength in the words of a Baptist minister, Rev. William Barber, leader of the North Carolina Moral Monday movement. Part of his message is that progressive people of faith must work together. He will be coming to New Jersey this month to do just that. On Thursday, March 9 he will be speaking at a rally at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Trenton. Shiloh Baptist can seat 1,000, but there is every expectation that the sanctuary will be filled to overflowing. The next day he will be conducting a workshop at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Hackensack. His message to us as a people of faith is to encourage us to:

**R**eenlist ourselves in a time of inauguration, by  
**E**ngaging on social media and  
**S**inging and reading the songs of resistance, while seeking  
**I**nspiration from moral and legal documents. Refuse the  
**S**tatus quo and normalization through deep analysis of this time.  
**T**une our minds in remembrance of "Freedom's Eve," and the truth of "Let  
**A**merica Be America Again" that calls us to demand a  
**N**ew Poor People's Campaign and to  
**C**onsecrate this moment, in part, by deeply knowing who we are, as we  
**E**nvelop ourselves in the protection of social justice community prayer.

I take heart in the many projects underway in our Congregation: our work with Family Promise and with the Asbury United Methodist Church; Our Black Lives Matter sign and the group that picks up trash by the roadside. This is a wonderful community with which to be engaged. With your support I have also produced a YouTube video, which is really a prayer for the safety of the refugees in our world. If you have not seen it yet, I invite you to take a look: <https://youtu.be/QH6zjfj8u2-4>

Rev. Barber suggests that this is not the worst time -- the struggles of slavery, Jim Crow, The Trail of Tears, the suffragettes, the internment of Japanese disasters have preceded us. He says, "This is not the WORST time. This is simply OUR time."

Onward,  
John Marsh



You have not heard much from us in a while, because given the constraints of the search process, there is not a lot of information that we can reveal to you at this time. However you should be hearing from us in early April.

If we do have a candidate, you should know that our Ministerial Search Committee has confidence and enthusiasm that this candidate will be a good fit for our congregation, and that the committee has voted unanimously for this candidate. Like last year, the pool of candidates who have shown an interest in us has been small, as we are the only congregation among the 47 who are seeking a called minister who is not offering a full time position. But, as many people have said, "it only takes one". Please know that our committee is ever mindful that we will choose "none of the above" rather than a candidate about whom we are not confident and enthusiastic.

We have had favorable feedback on the materials that we have presented to candidates, especially our packet which describes our congregation with many attractive photos. Both of our interim ministers, Rev. John Marsh, and Rev. Cynthia Cain, have been very positive advocates for our congregation in the letters they have written for our packet, and in the conversations that they have held with candidates. People in the UUA Transitions office are telling candidates that we are a congregation with a lot of good things going for us. We are optimistic that we will find a candidate whom we will be happy with.

Betsy Searight  
Chair, Ministerial Search Committee

*Your Ministerial Search Committee is Aaron Thomas, Betsy Erbaugh, Betsy Searight, Helene Gentile, Jack Miller, Jessica Dunn Safonof, Paul Utts*

**Circle Dinners:** We will continue to take sign-ups for the March 18 Circle Dinner until March 5. Sign up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary. We would love more members and friends to join us -- wonderful comments have been received regarding the February dinners. If you have already signed up you do not need to do so again. If your plans have changed and you can no longer participate, please email Marie Taylor.

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You're not obligated to win.  
You're obligated to keep trying to do the best you can every day.  
~ Marian Wright Edelman

# Board of Trustees HIGHLIGHTS

February 2017

The **regular monthly meeting** of the **UUCSJS Board of Trustees** was held on **Tuesday, February 14, 2017** at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary at the UU Center, President Jim Gentile presiding. Chalice lighting opened the meeting, and joys and concerns were shared.

## ➤ **Agenda Items**

• **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Karen York distributed her written report for February showing **account balances** (1/31) as follows: TD Checking (Operating funds): \$35,816.22; TD Savings (CC3/Capital funds): \$250.02; and Fidelity/Capital Reserves: \$10,640.88 (\$10,747.59 Operating\*). Prepayment of mortgage principal with CC3 funds was made on 1/26 in the amount of \$1,000.01; the current principal balance on **mortgage** = \$227,909.06 (2/19). [\*Operating funds in Fidelity from two separate donations of stock that have not yet been transferred.]

– **Building use requests.** The treasurer stated that there were two (2) action items: **1) Town Hall Meeting** with Congressman LoBiondo [UUCSJS contact Barbara Miller], request only, no date obtained, would be between February 20-24 from 7-9 PM. — *A motion to approve use of the UU Center and waiver of building use fee for a Town Hall-style meeting with 2nd District Congressman LoBiondo was adopted unanimously.* **2) Citizens' Climate Lobby** of Atlantic County [UUCSJS contact Colby Tippins], monthly Saturday meetings 2/11, 3/11 and 4/8. — *A motion to approve use of the UU Center and waiver of building use fee for CCL-AC was adopted unanimously.* **3) Educational forum** and Q&A session on "Trump's First 100 Days & the A.C.A." with Stockton Associate Professor of Public Health, Ron Caplan [UUCSJS contact Jesse Connor & Jack Connor, sponsored by Atlantic County Democratic Committee], building use fee (\$200).

Concluding her report, the treasurer noted that ongoing projects this month included Ministerial Search support, and plans for the upcoming Stewardship Campaign.

• **Minister's Report.** Rev. Marsh commented that after he offered observations about the stairwell in his monthly report, he discovered that indeed, others have been struck, too, by the stairwell's lack of welcoming aspect, but that so far, no resolution has been found. (He then stated that he had nothing further beyond the written monthly report.)

## • **Report from Ministerial Search Committee.**

The president welcomed MSC members Betsy Searight (*Chair*) and Paul Utts, who briefed the Board on where things stand regarding our search for a called minister. Utts began their report by noting that UUCSJS is the only congregation seeking a ¾-time minister rather than offering full-time, and that of the 80 ministerial candidates currently in search, some 45% self-identify as LGBTQ. The two concluded by stating that our ministerial search is still in progress.

## • **New R.E. Policy on Childcare.**

Together with her monthly report, Heidi Jannsch, Director of Religious Education (DRE) submitted new *UUCSJS Childcare Policy & Procedures*, compiled by the Children's Religious Education Committee (CREC) and dated 2/8/17. The document "outlines first how childcare will be provided on Sunday mornings (during and after our regular services) under the care of a Sunday Caregiver, and [then describes] a separate procedure for how childcare will be offered/coordinated at other times." In discussion, Board members expressed appreciation for the CREC's work and intent "to encourage inclusion of members with children into our gatherings and our committees, enabling all to share their gifts and talents by being fully present with us in our congregational life and work." — *A motion to approve the new UUCSJS Childcare Policy & Procedures document as written was adopted unanimously.*

## • **Congregational Strategic Planning.**

– **February 4 Workshop.** Art Wexler and Charlie Roberts reported on the Saturday workshop they attended at the UU Church of Lancaster, PA, sponsored by the Central East Region (CER) of the UUA and titled, *How to Be a Strategic Board*. "Both of us found it productive, useful time spent," Wexler said. Workshop materials described how different types of boards could be characterized on a continuum from *operational* to *hybrid* to *strategic*, and ideas were presented that might broaden how our UUCSJS Board functions in the future, Wexler said, if we choose to move toward the strategic board model. The workshop identified the *Five Strategic Tasks of a Congregational Board*: Congregational Mission/Vision, Fiduciary, Policy, Strategic Planning, and Assessment. Moving toward becoming a *strategic board* would involve "some amount of cultural change," Wexler observed, and we would need to put in place structures "to deal with operational issues" that the UUCSJS Board handles now. (It was noted that our smaller congregation doesn't have the management layer or staffing that larger churches possess.)

**RESULTS:** No conclusions were reached at this meeting, but Roberts observed that "proceeding with the strategic planning team *now* doesn't preclude eventually becoming a strategic board." (In passing, it was noted that CER's Rev. David Pyle has said, "If you're in the midst of ministerial search, don't make too many changes.")

President Gentile spoke for all of us as he sincerely thanked Wexler and Roberts for attending the CER workshop and bringing this important material back for our ongoing consideration.

– **New Strategic Planning team.** Vice President Melissa Hutchison, as head of Program Council, shared her suggestions for membership on the new strategic planning team (5-7 total members). **NEXT STEPS:** Board members divvied up names to ask directly for their participation. Karen York said she would supply a copy of the most recent 5-year plan (ended 2013), along with her notes on the process. It is estimated that the new strategic planning process just getting underway likely will last one year (or 18 months, maximum).

## ➤ **Adjournment**

After extinguishing the chalice, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

— Judy Pereira, *Secretary*

The **NEXT REGULAR MEETING** of the UUCSJS Board of Trustees will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:30 pm** in the Lounge at the UU Center, 75 S. Pomona Rd., Galloway, New Jersey



**Support our congregation by doing what you already do – buy groceries!**  
with gift cards for your local Acme or Shoprite!

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

**Chocolate is back at the Fair Trade Table!**

In addition to the large bars, we are offering mini pieces for 25 cents.





The poster features a brown background at the top with a white first aid kit icon containing a red cross. To the right, the text "Affordable Care Act" is written in a large, red, cursive font, with "TOWN HALL DISCUSSION" in a smaller, white, blocky font below it. A dark grey horizontal band contains the text "RON CAPLAN - STOCKTON U. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH" in white, all-caps font. Below this is a green textured area with three red banners containing white text: "HOW DOES IT WORK?", "WHAT ARE THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS?", and "WHO QUALIFIES?". To the left of these banners is another red banner with white text: "WHO LOSES COVERAGE WITH REPEAL & REPLACE?". On the right side of the green area is a brown rectangular box containing a circular logo for "GARDEN STATE PARKWAY" with a green and yellow design, and a green "EXIT 44" sign below it. To the right of the logo, the text "7-9 PM, THURSDAY, MARCH 9" is in large white letters, followed by "UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CENTER" and "75 POMONA ROAD" in smaller white letters, and "GALLOWAY, NJ 08205" at the bottom. At the very bottom of the poster, a red banner contains the text "Sponsored by the Atlantic County Democratic Committee" in a white, cursive font.

Ron Caplan, associate professor of public health at Stockton, will be leading a town hall gathering at UU on March 9 at 7 pm on the current status and the future of the Affordable Care Act (aka “Obamacare”). He will be speaking for 45-50 minutes, then opening the floor for questions, comments, and opinions from the audience. All opinions are welcome and the event is free and open to the public.

The topic is a hot one right now. Come join the discussion, if you can!

## TRUMP’S FIRST 100 DAYS AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

**Thursday, March 9, 7-9 pm**

Admission: Free and open to the public

**Speaker: Ron Caplan, Associate Professor of Public Health, Stockton University**

- What is actually in the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as “Obamacare”?
- How well is it working currently?
- What are the Republican plans to repeal and replace it?
- Would these Republican plans improve American health and health care?
- What do progressives want and what should they support?

We will be following a “town-hall” format – with a Question & Answer discussion following the talk. Come join us and have your say, pro or con.

*Sponsor: The Atlantic County Democratic Committee*

*Co-Sponsors: Stockton University’s Public Health Society and Black Lives Matter-Atlantic City*

## CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In our Sunday classes, our youngest group has been learning about Unitarian and Universalist heroes and heroines (Henry Burgh, Clara Barton, Dortha Dix, and Margaret Fuller) and humanism in the Spirit Play lessons. The 2-6 Grade Harry Potter class has been doing several magical projects and have prepared a dry soup mix to donate to this month's Soup Sale benefiting Family Promise. Our Coming of Age group continues to explore life's big questions and the class will be attending a retreat at Murray Grove at the end of the month focusing on preparing their credos, which they will share at the RE Service in June.



The Children's Religious Education Committee hosted our annual RE Family potluck and then attended the coffee house presented by the UUCSJS men's group. Thanks to all who attended and made this another fun evening!

The CRE Committee has completed a Childcare Policy and will be moving forward on hiring a Sunday Caregiver. This Caregiver will be on duty from 10 am - 1 pm on Sundays to oversee toddlers during the service and to supervise children during regular Sunday meetings.

In addition, the committee has established a procedure for providing childcare during events and meetings that happen outside of the Sunday meeting times. A pool of volunteers will be coordinated by Jessica Dunn Safanof. When committees are planning an event or meeting, they may contact Jess, who will draw from a pool of volunteers willing to donate a few hours so that congregants with children can attend the event or meeting. If you want to uphold our Covenant of Right Relations which affirms that "our shared purpose is to create a supportive and nurturing environment where we honor the rich diversity of those who gather here" and are willing to be on this call list, give Jess a call or email.

In fellowship,  
Heidi Janssch, UUCSJS Director of Religious Education

## March Special Collections

In March, the South Jersey Animal Advocates will be collecting donations for **Beacon Animal Rescue**, a local non-profit



organization that rescues domestic animals about to be euthanized in shelters. Beacon spays and neuters, tests, deworms and vaccinates all animals before adopting them out. You can help Beacon by bringing in canned dog and cat food, new dog toys, copier/printer paper, HE (High Efficiency) laundry detergent, Mr. Clean, Dawn dish detergent, postage stamps, towels, bleach and trash bags. Check out [www.beaconanimalrescue.org](http://www.beaconanimalrescue.org) or follow them on Facebook. Contact Ronda Cluff with any questions. Thank you!

## Annual Nursery-Grown Native Plant Sale Fundraiser To Promote Backyard Habitat & Sustainable Landscaping

Spring 2017 marks the 7th anniversary of our Annual Native Plant Sale and we have amassed a terrific collection of container-grown nursery plants for pre-order! We've selected hard-to-find shrubs, trees, and perennials that are especially ecologically beneficial. Sadly, despite their value, virtually none of these are available in local garden centers. **This year we are offering a selection of 8 trees, 20 shrubs, and 45 (!) perennials perfect for sun, part-shade, or full-shade, and also for coastal conditions.** We are also featuring three different perennial collections: a nine-plant **Woodland Garden Gems Collection**, a nineteen-plant **Spring-Fall Pollinator Collection**, and new for 2017, a twelve plant **Butterfly Host Plant Collection**. All native plants are neonicotinoid-free and genetically adapted to our area and provide food in the form of nuts, seeds, berries, fruits, leaves, pollen, and nectar that best meet the needs of our local butterflies and other pollinators as well as birds and other wildlife.

Can you help us publicize the sale? We are not advertising. Instead we're relying on UU members and avid gardeners and environmentalists to spread the word. Please pass on info about our sale to friends, neighbors, and relatives. This sale is a win-win. We'll raise funds for UUCSJS (last year we raised \$5,000+!) while also spreading the message of the importance of sustainable landscaping to folks in southern NJ.

Considering ordering for the first time? Terrific! You might be surprised to learn that 85% of our orders come from non-UUs. While it is wonderful to have a positive public response to our sale, it would be great if we could also increase the number of UUs who participate. So, be sure to take a look at our new order form. There is a plant or plant collection for everyone. For an online order form, sale details, & other info on growing natives go to [www.uucsjs.org](http://www.uucsjs.org). You can also get a hard copy at the Fair Trade Table.

**NOTE: ORDER DEADLINE IS APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>** and plants are available for orders on a first-come first-served basis. Plant sale pick-up hours are Friday, May 5, 4:00-6:00 and Saturday, May 6, 8:00-noon.

## The Social Harvest Festival Saturday, March 25, 2017 6 – 8:30 pm at UU Center

will include over thirty vendors featuring Alfrea's organizational partners, local agribusinesses, food vendors and community groups. The event will also feature live music from folk singer songwriter **Jim Scott**. For many years, Scott's music continues to inspire and educate audiences globally on the importance of connecting with our land. Festivities will kick-off Saturday between Noon and 3:00 pm in Philadelphia at the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia, then continue at UUCSJS at 6:00 pm and will conclude at 8:30 pm.

General admission is a suggested donation of \$15.00 per adult if purchased online at [alfrea.ticketleap.com/social-harvest-fest](http://alfrea.ticketleap.com/social-harvest-fest), \$20.00 at the door, and free for children and youth under the age of 18. For full details and to buy tickets visit <http://www.alfrea.com/socialharvest>

In the confrontation between the stream and  
the rock, the stream always wins – not through  
strength, but through persistence.

~ *Buddha*

# Keep the Lights On

## 2017-2018 Annual Stewardship campaign

*Karen York, Treasurer UUCSJS*



The month of March marks the beginning of our Stewardship Campaign as we look ahead to plan our budget for the next programming year which begins in July 2017. It is a time to reflect back on the events and accomplishments of the year so far, and to consider the possibilities for the year ahead.

It has been a good year with our Interim Minister Rev. John Marsh and we have continued to explore the congregation's future aspirations, while we search for the longer term ministerial relationship of a called minister. We have continued our work with racial justice, and begun hosting our first guests in collaboration with Family Promise of Atlantic County. The Board has begun a strategic planning process to help us articulate and live into our aspirations. In addition to our own internal programs, our UU center has been host to educational programs, films, discussions, a local open mic coffee house, monthly meetings of a local Buddhist sangha, the South Jersey Humanists, and the local Citizens' Climate Lobby. Alfreia, a start-up company, which is developing a network of farmers and consumers to improve the access to local, sustainably grown food, has also been a presence in our building this year during the weekdays. We are busy!

In our “**Keep the Lights On**” stewardship campaign, we will be requesting commitments (pledges) to support next year's programs. The opportunities to pledge will take place during small gatherings hosted by leaders in the congregation (Members of the Board of Trustees, or Finance Committee or staff).

Below is an outline of the events that will be offered. **Each member should choose one to attend.** Sign-up sheets will be available after services, or you can email or call the office to add you name to the guest list for any event. We look forward to some social time and having conversations about your hopes and dreams for the year ahead in this period.

- Sunday, March 5 - evening hosted by Helen & Paul Utts in their Northfield home.
- Tuesday, March 7, at 7 pm - desserts or appetizers hosted by Jeff and Marie Taylor in their Marmora home.
- Wednesday March 8, at 7pm - coffee and dessert gathering hosted by Art and Angela Wexler in their Mays Landing home.
- Friday March 10, at 7pm - create and enjoy an ice cream sundaes at a “Sundaes on Friday” gathering hosted by Jim and Helene Gentile in their Galloway home.
- Saturday, March 11, at 10 am - for brunch hosted by Barbara and Jack Miller in their Petersburg home. Children are welcome and childcare will be provided.
- Sunday March 12, brunch after services at the UU Center - with childcare provided, hosted by Melissa Hutchison (hostess) and Karen York (facilitator and assist).
- Monday, March 13, at 7 pm - for coffee and dessert hosted by Debbi Dagavarian Bonar and Nick Bonar at their Little Egg Harbor home.
- Friday, March 17, at 5 pm - wine and cheese gathering hosted by John and Betsy Searight in their Absecon home.

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