



Newsletter



Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the
South Jersey Shore

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October Services “Death”

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.

October 7	<p>Companions Remembered <i>Reverend Charlie Dieterich</i></p> <p>When human partners die, we remember them in many ways... we even become "widow" or "widower." But what about when a pet dies? You are invited to bring a photograph of a departed pet for our altar, and we will spend our hour together exploring how pets have touched our lives and changed us.</p>
October 14	<p>The Business of Death <i>Reverend Charlie Dieterich</i></p> <p>Emily Post says that when someone dies, the butler should draw the curtains. But what is a real, 21st century understanding of the mechanics of going from death to memorial? Can we find the love in this busyness?</p>
October 21	<p>End of Life Issues <i>Guest speaker Debbie Glick</i></p> <p>At the center of Hospice care is the belief that every person has the right to die in comfort and peace with dignity, and that families will receive the necessary support. It is a philosophy of care that accepts dying as a natural part of life.</p>
October 28	<p>Musings on the Tibetan Book of the Dead <i>Reverend Charlie Dieterich and Jim Gentile</i></p> <p>Our 7th principle affirms and promotes respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are part. Is this principle an invitation to meditate upon what happens to us when we die? Do we no longer exist as part of this interdependent web? Should we engage in a spiritual practice to prepare for our own deaths? If so, what should our practice be? Within the Tibetan tradition, life is both boundless and endless. The tradition views death as a strong force close to life, a powerful impulse toward the good which intensifies positive attitudes and actions. Can this ancient, rational and challenging tradition inform a disciplined meditation on the existential question raised by the 7th principle?</p>

Sunday, October 14, 10:30 AM in Wilmington, Delaware
"Delmarva Revival"

a morning-long revival service led by Rev. Dr. Stephan Papa.
Congregations from Maryland and Delaware combine choirs and RE programs for one Sunday a year.
Lunch too! Carpool to Brandywine HS,
1400 Faulk Road, Wilmington, DE 19803

Music for Moving Dreams Initiative

Opportunity to become a part of a Learning Community

By Barbara Miller

One of my first year courses to become a credentialed UU Music Leader has a long name and important goals: “Rhythm, Pitch, and Timbre: The Elements of Multicultural Competence for Musicians”. The pre-course assignments for this course challenged me to look at the privileges I assume as a white person in my culture.

- How is it different to consider “unearned privilege” versus “disadvantages?”
- What kind of resistance do I experience when I encounter other cultures or alternative perspectives?
- How does music create bridges between cultures and people?

I am asking myself these questions as I approach the course assignments, and I am asking your help in fulfilling a course requirement.

During the month of October, I will be assembling a group of 7 or 8 people to be part of the “Music for Moving Dreams Initiative.” Referred to as “The Learning Community,” the group will have in common “an interest in developing a multi-racial, multicultural, theologically diverse congregation.” I invite you to be part of this exciting music initiative.

We will meet *once for about two hours* on a Sunday afternoon in October to share a music experience. (I can’t say too much about this, as it is rather surprising experience!) I can say that you may come away from the afternoon understanding better how your cultural background shapes your values, emotions, and social commitments. We will meet again for *one hour* to evaluate a music experience that I will present to the congregation during a service in late October.

The goals for our Learning Community are:

- Raising our consciousness about the power of music as a tool for creating a supportive space to engage difference;
- Demonstrating how to create and support the spiritual practice of both welcoming and sitting with difference and ambiguity;
- Using music as a community-building strategy that welcomes people from different cultural groups.

If you would like to be part of the Music for Moving Dreams Initiative, please contact me via phone or email.



Keep Our Flame Burning Brightly!

*Join your fellow Unitarian Universalists
Making a \$20 gift to JPD Chalice Lighters
Three times a year.*

At a time when we need more UUs, your Chalice Lighter gifts keep the flame of Unitarian Universalism burning brightly. Combined with gifts from other UUs in our District, your gift helps to jump start new congregations and provides critical grant support to existing congregations. Joseph Priestley District (JPD) Chalice Lighters in our 70 congregations in MD, PA, DC, DE, and NJ have combined their \$20 or \$40 or more in contributions to help start 7 new congregations over the last 25 years, adding 750 new Unitarian Universalists to our numbers.

\$20 isn’t much to ask, but combined with thousands of others in the JPD, it enables congregations to build strong ministry, attract children, youth, and adults, and offer enhanced music services. If our congregation has over 33% participation in the Chalice Lighter program, we will be recognized on the Honor Roll at the JPD District Assembly this spring. We need your help to reach that goal!

Those members who have given generously to Chalice Lighters in the past can take special pleasure in the knowledge that they are doing their part to strengthen Unitarian Universalism in our District. Visit the Chalice Lighter table during coffee hour on Sunday to make sure that you are on the list! You may also visit jpduua.org, click on Resources, click on “Chalice Lighters” at the left, and find the online enrollment form. Why not do it today!

Winter Solstice Singing Ritual

will be Sunday December 21.

Sopranos, and lots of non-singing participants are needed. Contact Michelle Tomko for details.

**Fall is upon us!
Get the last of the tomatoes and
the first of the winter squash.**

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

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

Reverend Charlie's Page

Shore Feels Ministerial To Me!

Back in the spring time I set out a dream for October, the month following the whole run-up to the Ordination, with lots of "Death Related Things" going on. As the time approached, things evolved. As minister my role is to propose, and consult and promote, but if I find myself do-ing, then I'm not doing my job. For example, with the ordination... each meeting I would be surprised by how much had been done... plans for the reception, the invitations and order of service, the top to bottom cleaning of the UU Center... and folks came to me saying "Charlie, we want to do this..."

October will be fun, as much fun as the subject can be. It has evolved to a different set of events. The Blessing of Animals went wonderfully on Wednesday, I think we had ten dogs, remarkably well behaved dogs. Thanks to Cynthia and Richard Grzywinski, Ronda Cluff and Michelle Tomko for their work on this.

This relates to the service on the 7th, which will be about departed animals, and the love and companionship we shared with them. Wayne Andress has agreed to provide music while Barbara is away.

The week following had been planned for "small group ministry," but I am scaling that back, to give myself... and maybe you too... a bit of a break. Also, the Board meets that Wednesday night.

On the 14th there are two possibilities. One is to come to our service on the Business of Death. I will be speaking at the UU Center. The other possibility is to drive or carpool to Wilmington, DE, to the "DelMarVa Revival," a joint service put on by Delaware, Maryland and Virginia congregations. It will be big, it will be uplifting, and they have lunch too! <http://jpduua.org/news-and-notes/2nd-annual-delmarva-uu-revival>

The following week will be about end-of-life issues. October 15, Monday night we have a special event, a film called "GenSilent" about the experiences of LGBT elders as they become infirm and isolated, sometimes abused. (gensilent.com)

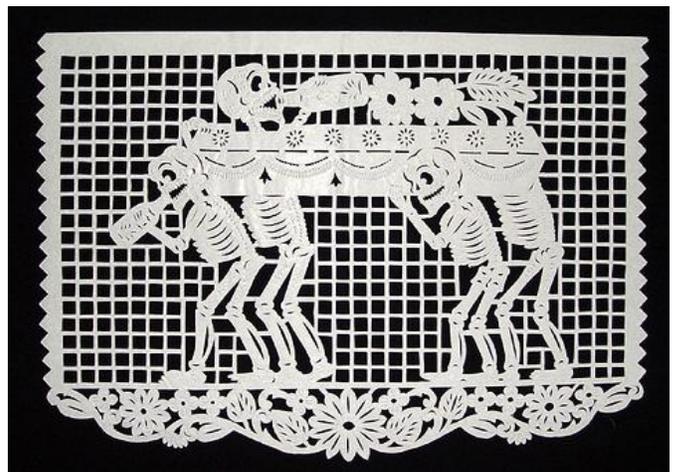
On the 21st, Hospice is the topic of the sermon, and maybe even hospice as a spiritual practice... if you can imagine that. After the service we are putting together presentations to understand living wills and other things you've put off thinking about. Suggestions and workers are both welcome here. I will be away.

I'd like to hold some small group meetings on the week that follows... I have reserved the evenings of October 23-25th for 90 minute living room meetings to reflect on the month. If you have a living room that can hold up to 10 and are willing to have an open RSVP invite to folks in your local area (Southern Cape May, for instance) send me a note, minister@uucsjs.org and we can make this happen.

Then on the 28th, Theresa McReynolds and I will help you reflect on rituals of memory celebrated at the end of October.

If any of these feel "too heavy" for you, ask Heidi Jansch to place you as a helper with children's RE that week. Possibly, Saturday the 13th may have a tour of some kind. Also, there may be a social event as well. Watch the website and midweeks!

-- Rev. Charlie



Traditional Day of the Dead *papel picado*
(perforated paper banners)

Pastor Charlie is back to his regular office hours from 10 am to 2 pm Wednesdays at the UU Center.

Feel free to call the office for a half hour appointment (he has his own mailbox on the answering machine), or send him a note at minister@uucsjs.org.



The Paw Print

Your link to the doings of the South Jersey Animal Advocates

First Annual Blessing of the Animals

UUCSJS and SJAA organized and hosted the first of what we hope will be an annual Blessing of the Animals on October 3. This ceremony coincided with the Christian Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi whose life was surrounded by legends of his ability to communicate with, and even preach to, animals. Thank you to everyone who participated, especially Rev. Charlie Dieterich, members and friends of the congregation and of course, our furry friends.

Help Animals in Cumberland County

The Cumberland County SPCA and Animal Shelter will be the beneficiary of our weekly October collection, thanks to Diane Mullee, who volunteers with the non-profit group. A chapter of the state SPCA, the CCSPCA operates a state-of-the-art animal shelter, provides low-cost spay/neuter services to thousands of animals annually, and runs education programs for schools and community groups. CCSPCA cruelty agents investigate nearly 1,000 reports of animal abuse and neglect each year and help in prosecuting the guilty parties.

The CCSPCA's shelter is a refuge for stray, unwanted, abused and sick animals. Along with cats/kittens and dogs/puppies, they have a variety of small animals from ferrets and rabbits to chickens and hermit crabs for adoption to good homes. The CCSPCA even has pure breeds in addition to mutts (which we prefer to think of as **Many Unique Talents & Traits**), so when you're looking to add another family member, don't go to pet stores, puppy mills or Internet ads. Your next best friend is waiting for you at your local animal shelter.

Needed items for CCSPCA include: dry dog/cat/kitten/puppy food (no red dyes), crunchy and soft dog treats, pig ear treats, clay cat litter (**not** clumping), machine-washable bed linens/towels, 6-inch paper plates, bleach, Comet cleanser, paper towels, tissues, leashes, collars, harnesses, chicken broth, canned chicken, Minute Rice, hand sanitizer, latex gloves, copy paper (any color), Windex, multi-surface cleaners, anti-bacterial hand soap, 30-gallon trash bags, fabric softener dryer sheets, lint rollers/replacement rolls, and AA batteries.

For more on the Cumberland County SPCA & Animal Shelter, visit <http://members.petfinder.com/~NJ44/HOME.htm> or like them on Facebook.

Be a Hero for Your Favorite Shelter/Rescue

SJAA would love to partner with you on a month-long collection for your favorite southern NJ animal shelter, rescue or animal-related charity! Talk to us about the non-profit you'd like to support, then provide us with basic information about them (usually easily found online) along with their list of needed items, and get ready to "feel the love" when you deliver the donated goodies! To get involved, contact Ronda Cluff.

Persuasion . . . exemplifies Austen's signature wit and ironic narrative style." —Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Book Group to Reappraise Jane Austen's "comedy of manners," *Persuasion*, in October

Persuasion evidences Jane Austen's comic yet biting satire of the upper classes. "Through her piercing social observation and subtly subversive style, Jane Austen drew from ordinary circumstances to produce extraordinary works of English literature," according to SparksNotes online. "Known by many as a novelist who focuses on marriage plots and happy endings, Austen's works can more deeply be understood to be a study of the complex class and gender relations which underscored early-19th century English middle-class society."¹

Join us on **Friday evening, October 19 at 7 pm in the UU Center Library** to reflect on Jane Austen's last completed novel, *Persuasion*, published posthumously in 1818 together with *Northanger Abbey*. Helene Gentile will lead our discussion.

Literary scholar Gillian Beer explains that Austen was "keenly aware that the human quality of persuasion—to persuade or to be persuaded, rightly or wrongly—is fundamental to the process of human communication," and in this novel she "gradually draws out the implications of discriminating 'just' and 'unjust' persuasion."² (emphasis added) Interestingly, the book's title is not Austen's but her brother Henry's, who named it after her untimely death in 1817 at age 41. There's no known source that documents what Austen intended to call her novel, we learn, but according to family tradition she spoke of it as *The Elliots*. However, Beer confirms the author clearly had "profound concerns about the levels and applications of 'persuasion' employed in society, especially as it related to the pressures and choices facing the young women of her day."³



The *Persuasion* story is set partly in Bath, with which Austen was acquainted, having lived there "relatively unhappily"⁴ from 1801 to 1805. Besides the theme of persuasion, the novel evokes other topics, among them the possibilities for upward mobility afforded by serving in the Royal Navy; two of Austen's brothers rose to the rank of admiral. "The reverence which *Persuasion's* female characters hold for the Naval officers reflects the esteem in which the Navy was held in Austen's day," at the height of the British Empire and amidst wars with both France and America. The Navy was much admired as the defender of British interests throughout the world.⁵

In November our selection is *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer. Subtitled "A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster" of May 1996, "Krakauer's highly readable prose makes the book read like fiction..."⁶ Jesse Connor will lead our November 16 discussion of this fateful mountaineering epic tale, called "a story for the ages."

Everybody is welcome to come to book group meetings, which are held on the third Friday evening each month, September through June. To receive reminders about these friendly literary soireés, please contact Judy Pereira. See you there!

¹SparkNotes Literary Study Guides: *Persuasion*/Context (sparksnotes.com)

²Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia: *Persuasion* (novel), p. 2

³Ibid., p. 1

⁵SparkNotes (as above)

⁶Brian Rubendall (amazon.com)

Sound the trumpet!

We have 16 new members, as of this past Sunday, September 30.

We warmly welcome them all:

Wayne Andress, Al Polk, and Patti Kenney, who have all been around for a long time and have decided to join;

Diane Mullee, who had been a member, and has now found transportation so that she can be active again;

Some new family groups: **Tracy Longshore**, with her sister **Jenifer Cassada**, and her good friend **Kim Studzinski**;

Pat Kennedy, and her daughter and son-in-law **Vandy and Dave King**, and Vandy's daughter **Carson Cradock**;

And **Cathy Cowing, Elizabeth Hall, Colleen & Ian Johnston, and Micki Roth**.

Some membership musings: While our number of members has taken a great leap forward, a realistic number of members we now have is 122, as there are quite a few folks who may come off the membership list very soon due to their inactivity or moving away. At no time have so many members joined at once except at Charter Sunday when we were officially recognized as a UU congregation by the UUA. Seventy people signed the book that night. Today there are only 20 of these folks still with us, and they are outnumbered by the just the number of new members from 2012. This is amazing to the Charter group, as they were in the majority for so many years. When Gayle Eaves signed the membership book in April 2008, she had hoped to be the 100th member – which she may have been; it is always a moving target. Today she is #66, and the last person to sign the book in the Lions Center. TJ Jansch, Doug Dickinson, and Judy Pereira were the first members to sign the book in our new building, in October 2008. Almost half of our members now have joined since we are in our new building. This is a stunning fact to be aware of as we live in our present moments.

Richard Speck, our Joseph Priestley Regional Director, said in his monthly column, "Growth and membership come when you and the others in your church get serious about being a welcoming and hospitable place. It takes everyone paying attention, reaching out, and being inviting to those who crave our free faith. Are you making a difference?"

Death, and Memory

Samhain (pronounced sow-en) is known by most folks as Halloween, but for Wiccans and Pagans it's considered a Sabbat to honor the ancestors who came before us. It is the highest of holidays for us, the end and the beginning all at the same time. It's a good time to contact the spirit world because it's the time when the veil between this world and the next is at its thinnest. If you've ever done genealogy research, or if you've had a loved one die in the past year, this is the perfect night to celebrate their memory. If we're fortunate, they will return to communicate with us from beyond the veil, and offer advice, protection and guidance for the upcoming year.

If you want to celebrate Samhain in the Celtic tradition, spread the festivities out over three consecutive days. You can hold a ritual and feast each night. Be flexible so you can work around trick-or-treating schedules!

Some of us in the Goddess tradition use the whole month to celebrate our beloved dead, creating little altars throughout the house. My mother's altar will have sewing needles as she was a seamstress. My brother's will have a camera as he loved photography and perhaps a poem book for he also loved poetry. We cook their favorite foods and bring them back to life with stories and memories so the youngest among us can remember their Nona or uncle or brother. I especially like to take all the grandkids to the cemetery with pictures; we visit the graves, place flowers and tell stories as I show them the pictures of each person. It helps them to remember, especially the little ones. And then of course on the 31st I sit by myself and spend time in meditation, communing with my beloved dead asking questions and seeking advice, and then it is

November 1st, the New Year, and we begin again. The circle ever turning, everything passes, changes, seeds become fruit, fruit becomes seeds. And so we end in the beginning and the Wheel turns on.



Board of Trustees HIGHLIGHTS September 2012

The **regular monthly meeting** of the **Board of Trustees** was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at 6:30 pm in the UU Center Lounge, President Karen York presiding. Global chalice lighting words were read by Pastor Charlie, words affirming our shared principles were read aloud in unison, and joys and concerns were shared.

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS** President York announced that: **1)** The next Board "Talk Back" will be Sunday, September 16 at 11:30 am, Dagavarian and Searight attending. **2)** The recent special collection to benefit Murray Grove amounted to \$622. **3)** Congregant Richard Schurig has requested the Board consider purchasing an Automated External Defibrillator, and Schurig has been asked if he can explore the possibility of UUCSJS applying for some type of grant to offset the cost (\$2,300). **4)** Director of Religious Education Heidi Jansch, Board member Lauren Porr, and UUCSJS President York attended "Leading into the Next 50 Years," a one-day workshop sponsored by the JPD's Central East Regional Group on Saturday, September 22 at Main Line Unitarian Church, Devon, PA.

• DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1) Revised Budget Request from Ordination Committee.

Based on a revised, detailed budget, the Board approved expenditures of up to \$4,400 for the ordination of Pastor Dieterich on September 30. *The motion passed unanimously.* (It was noted some \$2,500 in direct donations has been received.)

2) Special Ordination Collection. The Board approved a special collection to benefit the UUA's "Living Tradition Fund" during the ordination of Pastor Dieterich. *The motion passed unanimously.* The fund benefits ministers and seminarians and is now traditional on such occasions.

3) Migration from Yahoo Groups to Google Groups. The Board voiced unanimous support for the memo prepared by Congregant Michael Cluff, recommending UUCSJS "migrate" from Yahoo to Google Groups in order to better support the community's need for online communication and discussion. "The Yahoo group has fallen into disuse," Cluff wrote, "precisely at the time we've had an explosion of membership." He suggested a logical series of steps to accomplish this changeover. (Details to follow.)

4) Maintenance deficit. This item stems from the August report to the Board by Jack Miller, head of Building & Grounds, wherein he concluded: "I am concerned that the needs of our building and grounds are outpacing the attention we are giving them." After far-reaching discussion, President York summed up as follows: We have found some ways to move forward, and though the maintenance deficit is not solved, we are determined to keep an eye on things and decide where we should go from here. We are determined to "close the loop" with Garden State Commercial Cleaning, and to observe how well maintenance is proceeding in the wake of November's Volunteer Sunday. Pastor Charlie framed the situation in the following way: *Maintaining and improving this building is a spiritual task for us as members of this Congregation.* Amen.

5) UUCSJS Specific Goals for 2012-13. Pursuant to the Board's August 29 brainstorming session, President York presented this summary of the goals chosen, in order of preference:

- Articulate a clear vision and mission
- Focus social action initiatives, with purpose connecting to mission and community needs (this year – exploration, planning)
- Initiate some small group ministry groups
- Ongoing communication about finances
- Leadership development

- Strengthen Adult Religious Education (RE)
- Explore membership dynamics—how to draw people in, why people leave
- Medium and long range planning

In moving from goals to action, Pastor Charlie said "mission and vision" could be a good place to start—and squarely in the Board's bailiwick. He proposed we begin by seeking advice from the Rev. Dr. Richard Speck, District Executive of the Joseph Priestley District (JPD), on how to proceed. Our continuing need for a Congregation-wide covenant was reiterated by John Searight, among others.

• REPORTS

1) Minister's Report. Pastor Dieterich had only a few additions to his written report. **a)** Regarding the minister's strengthened role in Adult RE, it was suggested a committee meeting be facilitated by John Searight and/or Karen York, to communicate this new provision in our Congregational Service Priorities. **b)** Bridge of Faith will have representation at the Ordination. **c)** A webinar on how congregations can use webinars was somewhat informative, he said. Board members Dagavarian, Porr, and York were among those who participated on September 8. **d)** UU Ministers Association meetings are now being held in Reading, PA. Pastor Charlie will lead worship there in March.

2) Treasurer's Report. The "UUCSJS Budget Report for August 2012" is a single-page version of reports previously submitted. "I hope that fewer details will enable us to focus more easily on important financial numbers and trends," Treasurer Searight stated.

In August we had a significant drop in Total Income. This was not unexpected given the special request in July for early pledge payments, and given the summer doldrums, he added, but was quite serious this year with income for the month only 3% of annual when it should be 8.3%. Other highlights include: **a)** Total Expenses were level; expenditures were 6% of annual, **b)** Net Income was negative; the deficit was \$6,745, and **c)** Contributions for Charlie's ordination now total \$2,545.

Searight reported three other financial issues brought to the Board's attention last month had been resolved. He concluded his report by saying, "We need more communication with our members and friends about the challenges we face, and we may also have to consider a second 'ask' to supplement our completed annual budget drive."

First quarter pledge statements will be sent out by Kathleen Hartnett, UUCSJS bookkeeper, in early October. New member pledges and the auction in November will assist our bottom line, he said, but as treasurer he will recommend the Finance committee take a close look at our budget, because the fact is, not enough money is coming in each month.

• **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm, and the chalice extinguished.

— Judy Pereira, *Secretary*

The **NEXT REGULAR MEETING** of the UUCSJS Board of Trustees will be held on **Wednesday, October 10, 2012** at **6:30 pm** at the UU Center, 75 S. Pomona Rd.

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Office Administrator, Michelle Tomko
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Music Director, Worship Coordinator, Barbara Miller
Bookkeeper, Kathleen Hartnett

Children's Religious Education

"To live a full life is to experience many small deaths, to tumble out of the comfortable nest of our expectations, to learn about grief. When we find the courage to meet life head-on, the loss of a family member, loss of a friend, loss of health, or loss of youth can all be our teachers, the ways we learn the meaning of compassion."

-- From *How to Bury a Goldfish* by Virginia Lang & Louise Nayer

Along with the adult Sunday services, Children's Religious Education will be focusing on death during the month of October. Wisdom from the world's religions, the Bible, children's literature and yes, even *The Simpsons* will enrich our programming this month as we consider this difficult topic with our children. Some of our children have already experienced the loss of a person or pet who was close to them, while others have yet to encounter a death which personally affects them. Our mortality month at UUCSJS gives us the opportunity to broach the often-avoided subject in our own minds, and share our thoughts and beliefs of *"Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going"* with our children.

If you find October's death theme too heavy, you are welcome to celebrate life to its funnest and fullest by signing up to supervise the toddlers one Sunday. We will then put the subject to rest and focus on celebration with our annual Halloween Party on October 28th. The children are invited to wear their costumes and enjoy fun, games and special snacks during their usual class time.

-- Heidi Jansch, Director of Religious Education

Conference on LGBT Veterans

Stockton College is sponsoring a conference on LGBT Veterans. The conference is designed to explore the challenges the military/veteran LGBT student faces transitioning from the military to the college campus and civilian workforce. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, October 25, 2012

10 am – 1 pm

**Richard Stockton College
Campus Center Event Room**

Registration begins at 9:30 am

More Information: 609-652-4315

UUCSJS Women's Association Meetings

The Margaret Circle will meet on October 4 at 1 pm in the UU Center library. During our first hour we will share anecdotes and incidents of this past month, after which refreshments will be served by hostesses Sheila and Iris.

Prim will enlighten us on "America's first slaves" -- who they were, why they came, and what happened to them. A special presentation will be made at this meeting as well.

Judy Brown
Circle Leader

"GenSilent"

Monday, October 15, 20

7 pm

UU Center

Documentary film explores issues of aging
for LGBT elders

The Social Justice Ministry and Interweave, with the Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) are joining forces to co-sponsor a showing of "GenSilent," a documentary about end of life issues for LGBT elders.

"Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender older people who fought the first battles for equality now face so much fear of discrimination, bullying and abuse that many are hiding their lives to survive," writes filmmaker Stu Maddux, "Thousands are dying earlier than their straight counterparts because they are isolated and afraid to ask for help.

The film will be shown at the UU Center at 7 pm, with discussion groups following.

All are welcome, especially those in the health field. Stockton students will receive ULTRA credits for viewing this documentary, and the Congregation asks that others make a small donation.

Read more at http://stumaddux.com/GEN_SILENT.html

SAVE THE DATE!

The UUCSJS 8th Annual Service Auction will be held on Saturday, November 17 at 6:30 pm.

You won't want to miss it!

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