# Save the Dates - We are Listening

#### Here is Your Invitation to a UUG Community Conversation

Spring is right around the corner and with this time of year, some of us jump into spring cleaning. Spring cleaning gives us the chance to take a fresh look at our

home, spruce it up, discard what is no longer needed and get ready for what is yet to come.

Our spirits can use the same kind of attention. It can be a useful practice to take a fresh look at our inner world just like we might with our homes and everything around us. What habits, thoughts, and behaviors do we want to discard? Where do we want to put our focus so we can keep growing?

It can be easy to keep doing the things that



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# Worship News

The Worship Committee is proud to share that **Dick Shoap** has stepped into a leadership position as the Co-Chair of our merry band of worship planners and assistants! Dick and Shannon Resh are now sharing the many responsibilities of Sunday planning under the guidance of Reverend

Cindy. Dick is a quick study and brings a fresh perspective to the leadership team! Thank you, Dick, for serving our beloved community and sharing your gifts!

The UUG Worship Team continues to plan dual platform services - both in person in our sanctuary simultaneously live on Zoom. Services are recorded each week and you can access them through our YouTube channel. Go to YouTube.com and search for Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg. If you haven't already subscribed to the channel, you can do so at this screen. Then you will see recordings of various services when clicking on the Video tab. Please note that the service is not recorded in its entirety - music videos

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## Membership Minute

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I recently attended a New UU course at my original UU church in Fresno, California, just to see how they conducted it these days. I found it to be much like the class I took there some 40 years ago. Variously called an "inquirer's" class, Crash Course in Unitarian Universalism, or UU101, these meetings can offer newcomers (and, sometimes, old-timers) a peek into UU history (sneak peek: we have a martyr), UU values/principles, current controversies, and the organizational structure of the denomination and our own congregation.

For folk who have not been UUs elsewhere, attending one of these classes is often a condition of membership, although we do not assume that everyone who attends will immediately want to "sign the book" - you can take all the time you need.

Our next offering will be on Saturday, April 20 in the morning. If you would like to attend please email the church (uugettysburg@gmail.com) to let us know if you have any dietary restrictions or if you would appreciate childcare.

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that were used and Matters of the Heart are not going to be included. If you have been enjoying the music videos, click on the Playlists navigation and you can go back and revisit some of your favorites by dates.

Look to your email inbox for Sunday service announcements coming to you from the **Jugworshipteam@ gmail.com** address. We are sending an announcement on Sunday evenings for the next week's topic as well as a Zoom link reminder the morning of the service. Should you have recommendations or requests for special services, please reach out to any member of the Worship Team. Committee members include: Shannon Resh and Dick Shoap (cochairs), Sara Paulen, Eleanor Pella, Sallie Shanahan, and J'Amy Graham Thomas. Our services are scheduled quarterly. You can see below that it's the *Season of Cindy* as we get as much time with her before she moves to Rochester, New York. (But don't worry - she will still be coming to UUG monthly come September!) Here is what is coming up this spring at UUG:

#### **Upcoming Services**

- April 7Reverend Cindy Terlazzo
- April 14 Reverend Cindy Terlazzo
- April 21 Reverend Cindy Terlazzo Earth Day
- April 28 West and Ward Mental Wellness
- May 5 Reverend Cindy Terlazzo Article 2 Update
- May 12 John Terlazzo
- May 19 Reverend Cindy Terlazzo
- May 26 John Mulligan Buddhist Service
- June 2 Reverend Joslin Kearse-High Pride Service
- June 9 Reverend Cindy Terlazzo
- June 16 Reverend Cindy Terlazzo
- June 23 Barnes and Peatling; followed by GA Service Later (Zoom Viewing) in the Afternoon
- June 30 Fifth Sunday Fellowship

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#### Save the Dates (Continued)

you always do – particularly when things are going pretty well, and often even when they are not.

But what might happen if you pause and spend some time thinking deeply about your life – what is working, what isn't? What dreams have you put to the side thinking – someday? What new dreams can you envision: things you maybe never considered before?

In the spirit of Spring Cleaning, the leadership team here at UUG thought it would be a good practice to create some opportunities for us to gather and have some community conversations. Let's have some conversations about what you love about our UU faith and all that is going on here in our little red church.

Let's talk about it all: what do you love, what is working, what needs to change? What are you excited about? What concerns you? How do you feel about the ways this community is growing? What needs attention? What dreams do you have for the future here at UUG?

To facilitate such conversations 3 cottage meetings / listening circles are planned in April and May. Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to attend at least one. Your voice is needed. Your thoughts and ideas are invaluable. You all are the future we are waiting for.

- Sunday, April 21 directly after service
- Wednesday, May 8 6:30 – by Zoom
- Monday, May 13
  6:30 in person @ church

Reverend Cindy Terlazzo cindyterlazzo@gmail.com



# **UUG Animal Ministry**

More than 20 million pets in the United States currently live in poverty, according to the Humane Society of the United States. Your UUG Animal Ministry is helping, in a small but meaningful way, to insure that some of these animals are being provided food. While we are only meeting a small percentage of the demand, we are supplying 7 outlets in our local area with regular deliveries of pet food. We are currently providing animal food to SCCAP – Gettysburg

Upper Adams Food Pantry (Biglerville), Office of Aging Meals on Wheels(Gettysburg), the Fairfield Food Pantry, the Hanover Council of Churches, the New Oxford Pantry, and SCCAP Chambersburg. Many thanks to Lydia Obrist and Lauren DeFeo for coordinating these efforts. One of the ways we are supporting this effort is thru the recycle of aluminum cans - you will soon see a recycle bin for these cans by the back door of the church.

The annual Animal Ministry service at UUG will be Sunday May 19 – Rev. Cindy Terlazzo will be in the pulpit. We will soon be asking everyone to submit pictures of your loved animals for a video display. If you are interested in Animal, Food, or Climate issues please take a look at the Unitarian Universalists Animal Ministry Website

(**UUAM.org**) and sign up for their monthly newsletter. If you would like to be an active participant in our local group, please email Bonnie Overholtzer at

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## Potluck Hosts Needed!

We have had very good luck with various groups at UUG "hosting" our monthly potluck meals after the service on the second Sunday of each month. We have the following months available if your small group/committee/social circle would like to take a turn in: April, May, or June. Please let Kris Eyssell know if your group is able to help with this important community building event. Thanks to Eleanor and others, we now have a working document to guide groups as to what is needed.

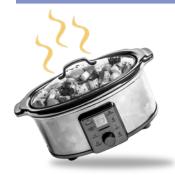
# UUG's Auction Is Back For 2024!



Mark your calendar for UUG's 2024 auction: **Saturday, April 27!** It will be held again across the street at Trinity UCC, but this year you HAVE to register to attend, but it is free! We hope to have registration available on line as well as on-line donation sites and sign-ups to help with set up, tear down and food! Plan to attend and bring friend! It's always fun with great items to buy or bid on for adventure! **Saturday, April 27!!** 

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For those who make use of our Little Lending Library, you may have noticed that it has been closed for business since December. We received a call from Trinity across the street to let us know that it had been vandalized

and books strewn around on the street in the rain. Shannon Resh and Debra Scarborough, library stewards, made the decision to close it for a period of time. Later in the spring, we intend to reopen for business and hope that UUG's Little Lending Library will one again be of benefit and use to our community neighbors! We also intend to move the structure a bit closer to the actual building and see if that helps with security.

Perhaps you would like to make a donation of gently used books that exemplify any of our eight principles? There is a basket inside of the church doors where you can place books. These donations are stamped with the insignia shown to the left that it is from our Little Lending Library. Oftentimes the books come back to the collection and sometimes they do not. Our approach is that if someone finds a book that speaks to them and they want to keep it or pass it on to another who would benefit, then we are living our principles.

Please contact Debra Scarborough, library steward, at **pesdgs@gmail.com** to arrange for a donation swap or with any questions.

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# Speaking of Libraries... 🥠

The room once used for the Bruce Boneau Forum prior to Covid is now the **Adult Library and Meditation Room!** Using all of our resources and creativity, several volunteers in the church worked to make this a quiet space of relaxation when a few moments of silence are needed or looking for new reading material. Unlike the Little Lending Library outside of the church building, the Adult Library and Meditation Room is meant to house adult content that aligns with your responsible search for truth and meaning (as well as some contemporary fiction for those with a thirst for story.) There is also a Children's Library and Meditation **Room** for our wee ones to enjoy! Aren't we blessed to have all this knowledge and story at our fingertips at UUG?!

Please contact Shannon Resh, library steward, at **shannon.resh@gmail.com** with any questions.



When you like a flower, you just pluck it.

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But when you love a flower, you water it daily.

Gautama Buddha