



The CommUunicator

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waynesboro

Your 2017-18 Board of Directors

By Susan Schmidt, Board President

Although we often think of September as the start of our new church year, it actually begins in July, and your Board for the 2017-18 year has met three times this summer. We're excited about this first year with our new mission statement to guide us, and are continuing to learn, with our policy governance, what our job is, and what is best left to the ministry teams. But we are pleased to be doing our part in the work of the Fellowship.

Returning members of the Board are Ben Pumphrey (also returning as stewardship chair), Cynthia Thompson (continuing as secretary), and me (stepping up as president); while our new members are Jeff Pickering (treasurer), Laura Riggan (vice-president and governance chair), Sharon Van Name (personnel chair), and Abbie Edwards. Debora Hoard was our capable president last year and returns in an advisory role as immediate past president. She is also in charge of coordinating and facilitating the quarterly meeting of team leaders.

Board meetings happen the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., and everyone is welcome to come observe democracy in action. As in previous years, we'll also be having several Congregational

Conversations, gatherings where we share additional information about a topic of current interest. Look for them throughout the upcoming year.



*Front: Cynthia, Susan, Laura and Jeff
Back: Abbie, Rev. Paul, Sharon and Ben*

A New Concept for the Newsletter

By Florence Ferguson

How to deliver timely news to the congregation has always been a challenge for the UUFW. So we are going to try something new. The newsletter will become a two-page bulletin, delivered as a link in the weekly email blast four times per month. Copies will also be available on Sunday mornings. It will feature UUFW news and opinion while the weekly email blast and inserts in the order of service will focus on announcements and reminders of upcoming events.

I will be editing the newsletter with support
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A New Concept (Cont.)

from a very able editorial board (Sylvia Woodworth and Theresa Curry). This change will allow our administrative assistant, Marilyn Nash, to focus her attention on the many other essential administrative tasks that she is responsible for.

The new two-page format will include articles on issues important to Unitarian Universalists. There will also be updates on the challenges individual members are facing and the introduction of new members.

Rev. Paul will be a regular contributor along with the Board president, director of RE, and individual team leaders. We also hope to enlist members to write articles on topics that concern or inspire them. Photos and links to sources of additional information will be included.

We want your feedback about the newsletter and suggestions for issues that you would like to see covered. And if you would like to write an article, please let us know. Your ideas and feedback may be emailed to me at fergusfx@comcast.net.

Community Events of Interest

The Alamo Drafthouse Cinema chain is responding to recent events in Charlottesville by offering a curated film series titled [Intolerable: Reflections of Bigotry and Hatred in Cinema](#). The series begins on September 5 at its Charlottesville location with a screening of *Cabaret*. Other films in the series include *Green Room*, *The Battle of Algiers*, *12 Angry Men*, *In the Heat of the Night*, *Hairspray*, *Do the Right Thing*,

Putney Swope, *Blazing Saddles*, and *Selma*. On the [film series webpage](#), you must indicate the Charlottesville location then click on “buy tickets” to get the screening time and date for each film. The Alamo Drafthouse Cinema is located at 375 Merchant Walk Square (434-326-5056)

New Member Spotlight



Nancy and Steve Lay were looking for “an open, accepting, caring congregation” when they moved from Florida to Staunton. They retired after years in Western Massachusetts where Nancy was a librarian and Steve worked in the plumbing and heating business. They have already enjoyed a Circle Dinner, films, and the Old Time Music Jam. The Lays will explore joining a ministry team after Nancy’s knee surgery this month.

Member News

Hazel Rose Newton was born August 17th weighing in at 7lbs, 2 oz. Congratulations Kim and Geoff.

And condolences go out to Pat Donovan who recently lost her mother, Helen Donovan.

