



# The Univoice

## First UU Berks Community Service Auction Save the Date – Saturday Mar. 27 5:30 - 8:30 pm!

This is our Seventh Service Auction and is our biggest fund raiser for our church community. The concept is wonderfully simple. Members and friends of First UU Berks donate items or services to the Church. Sometimes this means a donation of time alone (e.g. baby sitting, attic cleaning, etc.). Other offerings may entail some outlay of money on the part of the donor (e.g. prepare a dinner for 10, provide transportation, etc.). The Church then sponsors the Service Auction to sell the donated items and services. When a donation is sold, the winning bidder takes possession of the item or arranges for the service, and so benefits from her/his purchase. The money from the sale goes into the Church's bank account and is used to pay for church debt or programs during the year. **It's a win-win-win situation for us all!**

### Church Office Hours:

The church office is open Mon. through Fri. from 10-3pm, but please call ahead to ensure access.

Please contact office manager Susan Stewart to arrange for a temporary key if you need access any other time.

Rev. Fees has office hours by appointment. Please call (610) 372-0928 or email [sandraftees@verizon.net](mailto:sandraftees@verizon.net), to schedule an appointment. Monday is Rev. Fees day off.

**But that's not all: the Service Auction generates more than money** - it generates fellowship and community. The volunteer time that goes into setting up the event allows the auction's many workers to get to know each other. Enjoying good food on the night of the auction may allow friends and members to meet and greet across the table. Items or services bought through the auction often bring buyer and seller together long enough to generate some connection or even a long lasting association.

**What is it not?** The Service Auction is not a chance to donate all the unwanted items in our garages and basements. It's not a yard sale. It is a deliberate action to draw each other into our homes – to break bread together, to share a hobby or an experience among us and strengthen our community.

**How do I participate/donate?** Auction donation forms: See the auction table in the Gerber Rm after services

**How do I help?** Help with that evening's activities: See Delite Hawk or Fran Malley

**So how does the Auction 'Work'?**

### Silent Auction:

During this segment of the evening, items themselves, or the description of items/services, are laid out on large tables in the Gerber room. Each item in the silent auction will be accompanied by a sheet of paper and a pencil for the purpose of recording bids on that item. Each person who places a bid will write on the paper their bidder number (not their name), and the amount of money they are willing to pay for the item. The next interested person has the opportunity to increase the bid by writing their own bidder number and a larger sum. For example, if I write down a bid of \$5 for a plate of cookies, but you come along next and write in your bidder number and \$6, I would then be outbid. I could return and, again writing in my bidder number, bid \$7. This goes on until the silent auction is, with fair warning, declared closed. At that time, the owner of the last bidder number on the sheet is the winner, and will pay the final value written.

### Live Auction:

When the "live" auction starts, the bidding is done differently. With the auctioneer in the front of the sanctuary and the bidders sitting in the pews, each item or service is announced and described by readers, and identified by its number in the auction catalog. The auctioneer will start the bidding on the item or service. (cont. on pg. 3)



### Univoice Submission Guidelines

Email submissions by attaching a Word file or including your material in the body of an email message to [univoice@uuberks.org](mailto:univoice@uuberks.org). You may also put typewritten submissions in our mailbox in the new Chalice House in the box labelled *Univoice*.

The deadline is the 15th of each month. Please include the date, time and location of events, and the full name and phone number or email of contacts.

My new telephone number is (610) 741-6006 if you need to contact me.

~Meghan Cocuzza, Editor

# From Sandra's Study

## Rev. Sandra Fees

We have made it through the holidays with all its wonder, beauty, and busyness. We have survived December's storms including one that walloped the whole East Coast. It dashed my plans to be in New York City for Paul Winter's Winter Solstice concert with our youth, who also didn't get to go. As we move into the New Year, economists describe the stock market's recovery as sustainable, even if slow. Despite some signs of health, the rising number of unemployed and those using food pantries and food stamps tell a different story. We have a long way to go before any of us will feel comfortable that a turnaround has been secured.



Most of us have grown more conservative in our spending. We're paying down debt, avoiding new debt, deferring major purchases, and generally striving to get by with less. For some, this is an economic reality. For others, it is based in the worry of what might happen. Some of us are in a "wait and see" mode. It's difficult to balance the need to be frugal with the need to be generous at such times. We want to be smart about our spending decisions, but we also want to continue to support the things that matter to us and that make a significant difference in the world. One of those things is Unitarian Universalism.

Our congregation continues to be generous in all kinds of ways, giving to special collections, the food pantry, the minister's discretionary fund, the UU Association Sunday, the service auction, the capital campaign, and so much more. The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Berks County also needs your continued generosity to the annual budget. This month you will be asked by a steward, who is a fellow member of the church, to talk about the role of the church in your life and your financial contribution. I encourage each of you to meet with your steward, to reflect carefully on your relationship to the church, and to be as generous as possible. I will once again be pledging 3% of my family income. The UU Church is my first priority in charitable giving because it is the institution that reliably matches my ethics and values, and creates a sense of belonging and community in my life. Unitarian Universalism has dramatically transformed my life. I trust that you will also give generously to ensure the health and vitality of Unitarian Universalism in Berks County.

With love and gratitude,

*Sandra*

### Pledge Drive 2010-2011 The Spiritual And The Financial

By: Jeff Woodward

It is once again time for our annual pledge drive. We join in this effort with hundreds of UU churches across America by reminding our members that their financial support is essential to running our church and to fulfilling our mission. And so, visiting stewards soon will begin to engage in conversations with you about how your donations will make it possible for the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Berks County to continue its important ministries and programs.

It is worth noting that the Pledge Drive itself is one of the rare times that Unitarian Universalists as congregations direct their attention to the role that money plays in our personal lives and our church lives. Almost everywhere else in our media-dominated culture there is a different kind of talk about money: how to earn it, what to spend it on, how best to invest it, and what prospects there are to improve our financial lives. At pledge time we need to reflect on money in a very different light. We need to pause and consider the fact that our own spiritual growth is very much related to our financial decisions. When it comes down to it, our money choices reflect what we find most important in our lives.

As you decide on your pledge this year, please give serious thought to the role the church plays in your life: it inspires and supports your spiritual life, and it provides you with a community of like-minded people whose efforts are directed toward improving the world around them. We hope that you will make the church a top priority.

Let your pledge reflect your deepest values, and give generously!

### Minister's Discretionary Fund in Need of Funding

The Minister's Discretionary Fund has been assisting individuals with mortgage payments, rent, and utility bills this winter. Most of those asking for assistance are receiving between \$250 and \$500. The fund balance, as of Jan. 15, was \$474, which is sufficient to help one or possibly two families. The fund is supported by contributions from members and friends and an annual special plate collection.



## Love is the doctrine of this church

By: Nadine Smet-Weiss

Love is the doctrine of this church. . .

I was reminded of those words during a recent, long awaited and repeatedly rescheduled lunch with our Treasurer, Jeanne Hey.

Much earlier in the year, I had asked Jeanne to educate me a bit, on the topic of economics. After my initial lesson in the spring, coordinating our schedules proved rather challenging. Now it was mid-Dec. and I was anxious for lesson number two on the somewhat complex workings of economic systems.

Jeanne honored my expectation by sharing some personal insights pertaining to economic concepts as they relate to the current circumstances of our society. Then, Jeanne artfully steered the conversation to matters of the heart. .

Jeanne suggested, quite matter-of-factly, an idea so simple I found it radical. "I think," Jeanne said, "for that one hour or so a week that we come together, we should choose to think the best of one another."

As the conversation continued, we imagined together what a difference this one basic choice might make in the life of our church community, the personal lives of our members and friends, the life of our larger community.

If, for one hour or so once a week we simply chose to think the best of one another we might grow to appreciate one another more, we might find it easier to work together and work through challenges, we might look forward to coming together (more than we already do). Little by little, we might carry the practice to other areas of our lives. And gradually, over time, we might forget to stop.

I invite you to consider practicing Jeanne's simple proposal. Economically speaking, it can only enrich your life.

## Letter from Mentors for Berks Youth

Dear First Universalist Unitarians of Berks County,

Thank you and your Board and Social Justice Committee for your contribution of \$555.00 to Mentor for Berks Youth. This contribution will be used for mentor/protégé activities such as trips to New York, speakers, cultural presentations, recognition dinners and other programs. Our goal is to help these outstanding young people to reach their full potential. Your gift will help us meet this goal.

If any members would like to consider becoming a mentor, please do not hesitate to call our office at 610-775-8851. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Walter M. Schwenger  
President of Mentors for Berks Youth

## Community Service Auction (continued from pg.1)

Anyone willing to pay that price holds their bidding number up in the air so that it can be seen by the auctioneer, who accepts the bid and then asks if someone is willing to raise the price. If two or more people want the item being sold they raise their bids, in order, until all but one drop out. The person with the highest bid at the end of the bidding will be the winner/buyer of that item or service. The auctioneer at the service auction will be selling quickly enough to get through the entire list during the time allotted, but not so quickly that you will be overwhelmed. If you do make a bid that you did not intend, you may speak up and say so.

Remember - The Auction Has To Start With Sufficient Donations! That's Your First Step.

## Splinters from the Board

By: Gene Goodwin

Continuing to search for ways to pay off the bank loans used to finance our new Chalice House addition, the Berks UU Board of Directors has scheduled three special congregational meetings for Jan. 31, Feb. 21 and Apr. 4.

The first two meetings are to discuss ideas for paying off the \$68,000 shortfall between the total pledged and the cost to turn the bottom two floors of the addition into offices and a new religious education center. Members with fund-raising ideas are especially invited to attend the Jan. 31 and Feb. 21 sessions, at 11:45 am after Sunday services.

By the April 4 meeting, the Board plans to have a plan of action ready for discussion, before presenting it for membership approval at the Spring congregational meeting in May. The Board at its Jan. meeting was brought up to speed on the next pledge drive for 2010-2011. The pledge drive committee will be chaired again by Ann Woodward.

In other business at the meeting on Jan.12, the Board:

- Approved the five local organizations recommended by vote at the December congregational meeting to receive special Sunday plate collections this spring (reported on Page 3 of last month's Univoice).
- Appointed Jane Rohrbach to the Committee on the Ministry.
- Heard from Treasurer Jeanne Hey that pledge income and expenses are slightly below budget halfway through this fiscal year.
- Heard from our minister, Sandra Fees, that attendance at Sunday services so far this year is also down from last year, a trend, the Board agreed, that needs to be monitored and possibly evaluated.

# Religious Education

Dear Friends,

The worship focus for this month is Evolution and Sandra has some interesting services planned to explore this concept. Around the world, the birthday of evolutionary biologist Charles Darwin on February 12 is an occasion to celebrate science and reason.

Thinking about evolution wasn't really part of my spiritual path when I was a young adult. I figured that a creative force (such as God) could be behind the creation of the Universe and it didn't really matter to me whether it took seven days or millions of years. The Adam and Eve story seemed to me like a myth or wonder story, not literal history. The topic of evolution came more to the forefront for me after an incident that occurred about five years ago at a home schooling event.

I home schooled my sons Matthew and Jesse for about seven years. Home schooling for us was about creativity, freedom to explore, learning at one's own pace, and exposure to lots of different places, ideas, cultures, and people. Unfortunately for me, many of the homeschoolers in our area have a religious focus and seek to limit their children's exposure to ideas with which the parents do not agree. I had taken my kids to a pool party at the home of a family from our home schooling group. At the end of the pool party, the mother hosting the party angrily confronted me with a question.

"What is your theological stance on evolution?" she asked. Tired from having a new baby and being out in the sun all day, I kind of stammered, "Uh, I don't know. Well, I believe there were dinosaurs, you know, the fossil record..." I trailed off, blind-sided by this unexpected on-the-spot inquiry.

## RE Calendar of Events

### Food Bank Collection Sunday

**Sunday, January 31, 2010**

January 31 is the Sunday preceding our monthly Food Bank on Thursday, February 4. We all know that it's important to eat your vegetables—in that spirit—please bring one or more cans of vegetables for the food bank. Bring your donation into the sanctuary and some of the children will collect them during the service.

### Spaghetti & Song

**Saturday, February 20, 2010**

Come enjoy a pasta dinner and some fun family music time afterwards. Tracy Blunt will teach an all-ages group a simple song, which we will perform the following morning during the service. Spaghetti and meatless sauce will be provided. Please consider bringing bread, salad, pasta topping, or a dessert item to share. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Gerber Room or RSVP to Elizabeth 610-371-9199 or [esmjkfamily5@gmail.com](mailto:esmjkfamily5@gmail.com)

### Middle School Cluster Event—Exploring the Labyrinth Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York

**Sunday, March 21, 2010**

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend this special event

"Your son (Matthew) told my son that people descended from monkeys and we find that very offensive! My son was very upset and confused!" she sputtered.

I did some more confused muttering and eventually burst into tears and said angrily, "I'm too tired to have a theological stance on anything!"

This confrontation opened my eyes to how strongly some people feel about creationism. It spurred me to read more about evolution and I continue to be amazed by what I learn. The concept of evolution does not in any way dull my sense of wonder and mystery; it just fills me with amazement at this changing blue-green planet that we and many other creatures inhabit. I'm glad to have the chance to help create a safe place for my children and yours to explore spirituality and science without having to choose one or the other.

Peace,

*Elizabeth*

RE Committee: Lisa Wilder (Chair),  
Emily McNulty, Susan Stewart, Kent  
Gutzler, Stephanie Elliott, Tracy Brant,  
Celeste Galanos (Youth Representative)



*Elizabeth Kaufmann (pictured above with daughter)  
Director of Religious Education*

at the UU church in York. We'll attend the worship service with the other middle Schoolers from York, Lancaster, Harrisburg and Boiling Springs at 10 am, followed by a pizza party and then activities related to labyrinths (including walking the York church's newly-installed outdoor stone labyrinth). Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has no dead-ends or wrong turns, the way in is the way out. Walking a labyrinth is a spiritual practice, which many people find calming and comforting. For more information on the labyrinth, please refer to the following web site: <http://www.lessons4living.com/labyrinth.htm>. Please RSVP to Elizabeth by March 7 so that transportation can be arranged. We will need to leave our church at 8:15 am.

### Friday Morning Out for Parents, Babies, and Toddlers Fridays, beginning in February, 9:30 am - 11 am

If you have a new baby, small children or both, please join us (with kids in tow!) in the Gerber room each Friday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 for an unstructured, spirit-nurturing gathering of mothers or fathers. Let's take time out to let the kids play, read a story or two and share our personal experience, wisdom and hope about parenting with one another. Make as many Fridays as you can. We'll be there. Group organizer: Julia Smith.

## Adult Program Offerings

**Join the Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at noon.**

We'll share in a conversation about Evolution and Religion. Bring a brown bag lunch. Contact Rev. Fees for more information.



**What Moves Us: Unitarian Universalist Theology, developed by Rev. Dr. Thandeka.**

This program explores the life experiences of both historic and contemporary Unitarian Universalist theologians, highlighting that which caused in them a change of heart, a new direction, new hope, and a deeper understanding of their own liberal faith. We will explore their personal experiences as a way of reflecting on our own. The course will be offered on six consecutive Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m.:

**Feb. 18** – Happiness and Hosea Ballou

**Feb. 25** – Spiritual Renewal and Charles Chauncy

**March 4** – Religious Naturalism and Sophia Lyon Fahs

**March 11** – Universalism in the 21st Century and Forrest Church

**March 18** – Unitarian Universalism in a New Key and William Schulz

**March 25** – Personal Experience and Thandeka

The course is free, but registration is required. Contact Rev. Fees to sign up.

## Join the Building Keepers on Sun. Feb. 21

The Building Keeper's will be holding another work day at the church after the coffee service on Sunday, Feb. 21.

We are asking members to bring their work clothes/gloves/shoes to Church and stay after to work on some of the building projects such as :

- Painting in the Gerber Room
- Cleaning around the buildings
- Cleaning and applying Murphy Oil Soap to furniture in the building
- and more...

A light lunch will be provided around 1pm.

If you are planning to attend, please let us know by registering on the signup sheet in the Gerber Room (so we know how much food to bring for lunch).

For questions or ideas, contact Frank Wilder (frank.wilder@gmail.com).

## UU Books

On Feb. 14, members will meet at 9am to discuss "Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption" in which Jennifer Thompson-Canino and Ronald Cotton tell their tales, of how she was raped and incorrectly identified him in a police line-up, and after 11 years in prison a DNA test exonerated him. They eventually made arrangements to meet, and share their spiritual journeys.

February's selection, for discussion Mar. 14, is Jill Bolte Taylor's "My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey." The author, a Neuroanatomist, suffered a massive stroke in the left side of her brain, erasing her abilities to walk, talk, read, write, or recall any of her life at 37. With her knowledge of how the brain works, help from an amazing mother, and eight years of healing, she fully regained her lost abilities and cultivated new ones.

Her fascinating story is a memoir of the brain's remarkable resiliency, and one woman's determination to regain her faculties and recount her experience for the benefit of others, in gratitude for her connection with the cells of her body and of every living thing. Her holistic approach to healing the human mind is a valuable recovery guide to stroke survivors and their caregivers, who will find how her mother faithfully brought her back to life.

Taylor is convinced the stroke taught her that by stepping to the right of our left brains, we can all uncover the feelings of nirvana well-being and deep internal peace that are often put aside by our own brain chatter. Taylor creates a stirring emotional journey into the mechanics of the human mind.

For further information, please contact Nadine Smet-Wiess, njw1258@hotmail.com, or Kelly Hartman.



## Opening Space for God

Are you ready for a brief sabbatical from your busy routine? Join Jane Rohrbach for time spent in silence, reflection, sharing, movement, and rest in the peaceful setting of the Mariawald Renewal Center. We will explore the parts of our lives that bring us closer to God. Simple spiritual practices that can be incorporated into daily life will be introduced.

**When:** Opening Mar. 14 at 3pm – Closing Mar. 15 at 4pm

**Where:** Mariawald Renewal Center, 1094 Welsh Rd. Reading, PA 19607

**Cost:** \$95-\$125 as you are able (three meals included)

**Registration:** Send name, address, E-mail address, and phone number to Jane Rohrbach, PO Box 3, Robeson, PA 19551 (Checks made payable to Jane Rohrbach)



# This Month's Volunteers

## February

### Ushers

- 2/7 Plageman/Szajna
- 2/14 Simonson/McLeish
- 2/21 Thibault/Axsmith
- 2/28 Oxenrider/Debroux



## Coffee Corps

- 2/7 Group III  
Joe & Paula Plageman
- 2/14 Group IV  
Walter & Wilfriede Axsmith
- 2/21 Group V  
Rick Salafia & Leigh Kane
- 2/28 Group VI  
Randall Newnham

## Food Pantry

By Kelly Hartman



On Jan. 10, the UU Food Pantry distributed food to 142 recipients, 10 of whom were new. These persons represented households including 254 kids, 349 adults, and 30 seniors, for a total of 533.

Newly released USDA figures show 14.6% of all US households were food-insecure at some time during 2008, meaning they were either uncertain of having or unable to procure enough food for all household members because of insufficient resources for food. This has increased from 10% in 1999.

About two thirds of food-insecure households avoided substantial reductions in food intake by relying on a few basic foods and reducing variety in their diets. But for the remainder, eating patterns of one or more household members were disrupted and food intake reduced at least some time during the year.

Our Food Pantry plays an active role in preventing or reducing food-insecurity among vulnerable segments of our church community. Volunteers from the congregation, both regulars and some timers, provide the structure around which the Pantry is built. Your continued help, as a volunteer or with donations of food, is greatly appreciated.

For further information contact Walter Axsmith, [w2axsmith@comcast.net](mailto:w2axsmith@comcast.net)

## Special Plate Collection Schedule

- Feb. 21 Berks Women In Crisis
- Mar. 21 Family Promise
- Apr. 25 Wisdom 31
- May 23 Planned Parenthood
- June 20 Opportunity House

## History Revealed

By: Ruth N. Epler

The first UU, female minister was Irene Earll (1865-1938) arrived in Reading in 1906. She was hired at \$13 a month to assist Rev. Rice in establishing All Souls Mission within the six months for which she was hired. Ms. Earll was a well educated woman, having degrees from Cornell and Columbia Universities and received her ministerial ordination in 1891 from Crane theological school. Because of illness she was unable to complete her time here. She also was working a second job to survive. She commented, "I have been thoroughly discouraged over any woman attempting to get a foothold in our church". The mission effort never came to fruition.

A few notes about our present building – erected in 1898-89 at a cost of \$22,763.68. Mrs. Ellen Albright Frill paid off the \$6,000 mortgage in 1894.

This church is built in the Norman Style (Neo-Norman Gothic). The architect was Alexander Forbes Smith. He also designed and built the Andrew Carnegie Library (Reading Public Library) in 1912-13 and among other structures the Berkshire Country Club and Golf Course (Yes he was a Scot).

## Murray Grove News Update:

The Rainbow Circle at Murray Grove: Gatherings, Celebrations, Workshops/Trainings and Support for the GLBT Community happen monthly! All Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning and Intersex folks and their allies and supporters are encouraged to come! The February Circle will be on Valentine's Day – February 14, 2010. And the next after that is March 28. Future dates will vary, but it's on a Sunday once each month, from 5:00 to 6:00pm (free will donation), followed by dinner (\$5 per person suggested minimum donation). RSVP at 609-693-5558 or [murraygrove@murraygrove.org](mailto:murraygrove@murraygrove.org)

Save the Dates:

- Drum and Dance Retreat August 13-15, 2010
- Homecoming 2010 September 24-26, 2010

Please ask us about bartering opportunities in exchange for retreat costs.

For information and registration:  
 Murray Grove Retreat and Conference Center  
 PO Box 246, Lanoka Harbor, NJ 08734  
 609-693-5558  
[murraygrove@murraygrove.org](mailto:murraygrove@murraygrove.org)  
[www.murraygrove.org](http://www.murraygrove.org)



# February 2010



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Heart to Heart 7:30-9pm	2	3 Meditation Group 6:30- 7:30pm Choir Practice 7:30-8:30pm	4 Food Pantry 8am-Noon	5	6 Painting and Dancing 6:30pm-9am (all-nighter)
7	8	9 Board Meeting 7-9pm Lunch Bunch Noon	10 Meditation Group 6:30- 7:30pm Choir Practice 7:30-8:30pm	11	12	13
14 Town Hall Meeting 11:45- 12:45pm UU Books 9-10am	15	16	17 Meditation Group 6:30- 7:30pm Choir Practice 7:30-8:30pm	18 What Moves Us 7-8:30pm	19	20
21 Building Keep- ers Meeting 12-1pm	22	23	24 Meditation Group 6:30- 7:30pm Choir Practice 7:30-8:30pm	25 What Moves Us 7-8:30pm	26	27
28 Building Keep- ers Work Day 12-3pm						

## Chalice House Financing Town Hall Meetings Scheduled

There will be two discussion town hall meetings to solicit input from members on the Chalice House loan repayment on Jan. 31 and Feb. 14. Anyone interested in more information on the loan and anyone with creative ideas on servicing the loan are urged to attend on Apr. 4. This town hall will be a discussion on the board's final plans for servicing the loan. It will be prior to the April board meeting and will be followed by a vote of the congregation at the May congregational meeting. All three meetings are scheduled to take place at 11:45am at the first floor meeting room in the Chalice House.

# Sunday Service Schedule

10:30am every Sunday

## February 7 Christian, Non-Christian or Anti-Christian?

**Rev. Sandra Fees and Dan Matz, Music Director**

This morning we will reflect on our historic and contemporary relationship to the Christian tradition. How can we respect Christianity as a source of Unitarian Universalism, while also honoring other religions and beliefs?

## February 14 An Evolutionary Theology

**Rev. Sandra Fees and Dan Matz, Music Director**

Religion and science have much to offer one another. This morning we explore their connection, affirm evolution as sound science compatible with faith, and counter the false dichotomy of those who claim people must choose between religion and science. This service is an outgrowth of the annual interfaith effort, Evolution Weekend, and The Clergy Letters, signed by more than 12,000 clergy nationally.

## February 21 "The Avatar's Advantage"

**Rev. Sandra Fees and Dan Matz, Music Director**

How do we make a difference in the world that will endure? One way is, in the words of Tad Waddington, "to seek the

avatar's advantage." Today we will consider how we might cast our goals in mythic terms and become an avatar.

## February 28 "The Sacred Art of Poetry."

**Jenn Dalton**

A group of 5 local poets will conduct the service, all members of the Berks Bards, a local nonprofit group bringing poetry to the public throughout our region (Jen Gittings-Dalton, Liz Stanley, Marilyn Klimcho, Elizabeth Bodien, and Michael Clipman.) We will talk about poetry and listening, its origins in prehistory, as a healing force, as a force for social justice, and for the transformation of individuals and society. "Time for All Ages" will offer a children's skit with a puppet! You do not need to know anything about poetry to enjoy this service

**Please Join us for silent meditation in the Chalice House from 9:30-10:30am before the Sunday Services.**



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