

Welcome Jean Wiant, our interim Religious Educator

Jean will start with us this Sunday, May 21st and will finish out the church year in June, with the possibility of continuing on in the Fall! Yahoo!!!

Jean is a retired Credentialed Religious Educator and native Pennsylvanian. She was born and raised in Meadville, PA, attended college in Pittsburgh, PA and graduated from Indiana University, Indiana and Savannah State University, Georgia with a BS in General Studies and a Masters Degree in Business Administration respectively.



She also took several classes from Starr King School for the Ministry and Meadville Lombard Theological School for her Advanced level of Credentialing as a Religious Educator.

After working in higher education administration for 15 years, and teaching in the public schools for 5 years, Jean became involved in establishing the Unitarian Universalist Church of the South Jersey Shore in Absecon, NJ. During that time she discerned that becoming a religious educator was her passion and began working toward that goal. She became the Religious Educator for that congregation, moved on several years later to become the Religious Educator for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Washington Crossing, NJ, and later became the Religious Educator for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Centre County, PA. She retired from there in December, 2013, to move to the Philadelphia area to live closer to her daughter and help with the grandchildren. She continued to be involved in Unitarian Universalist churches as an interim Religious Educator for the Lancaster, PA congregation while their DRE was on sabbatical, and also teaching religious education classes for First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia.

Jean lives in Glenolden, PA with her husband, Frederick A. Smith, and her companion animals, Goldie and Cecil. She enjoys gardening, cooking, walking, and being with her grandchildren.