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“GNOSTIC GOSPELS” AT THE SCHUYLKILL UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

CRESSONA—On Sunday, January 29, 2012 the Schuylkill Unitarian Universalists (Sch. UU) will present “Gnostic Gospels,” a program by Dr. Steve Debroux, Delaware Valley College. The program is scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm.

The Schuylkill Unitarian Universalists are located at 45 S. 2nd Street (corner of Ash & 2nd), Cressona. All Schuylkill UU members, friends and families, as well as everyone interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism, are warmly invited to attend.

The Gnostic (from the word “gnosis” which means knowing) Gospels were written between the 2nd and 4th centuries. This branch of early Christianity emphasized that the individual person is responsible for knowing one's self and her/his relationship with what we today might call “The Creator.” Many of the Gnostic Gospels that have survived to modern times were attributed to early leaders, including Mary Magdalene. Women were seen as equals within the Gnostic congregations. By about the year 400, the “Gnostic heretics” had been silenced.

Speaker Dr. Steve Debroux, long-time member and active committee member of the UU of Berks, was born and raised in Michigan and earned his PhD in Plant Breeding from Iowa State University in 1993. A Berks County resident with wife Mena, he teaches Crop Science at Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA.

For more information on Unitarian Universalism, a non-creedal faith that allows individual Unitarian Universalists the freedom to search for truth on many paths, please visit www.uua.org.

A start-up congregation, the Schuylkill UU currently hosts monthly programming. Up-coming programs for early 2012 include:

- Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012- 1- 3 pm- “The Basis of Religious Discrimination: Is it Human Nature?” by Dr. Charlie Law, PSU Schuylkill
- Sunday, March 25, 2012 - 1-3 pm - Baha’i Faith Presentation, Baha’i Community of the Lehigh Valley

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