

THIS WEEK

Today

2:00 pm Fellowship Hour
2:30 pm Congregational Hearing

Monday, July 26

6:30 pm Finance Commission

Tuesday, July 27

7:00 pm Homecoming Task Force

Wednesday, July 28

7:00 pm 20s/30s Stammtisch @ Wesley Theological Seminary

Sunday, August 1

12:00 pm Bible Workbench
1:00 pm Worship Service and Communion
Preaching: Nancy Withbroe
Worship Leader: Richard Griffis
2:00 pm Fellowship Hour: Marka & David Hayes, Mike & Tobey SLAGenweit-Coffman

Birthdays:

July 30 Jamie Moore
July 31 Cynthia Hobbs, Beth Minear

Ministers:

Peter Dennebaum
Bonnie Hardy

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First Congregational United Church of Christ

A Just Peace, Open and Affirming,

Multiracial and Multicultural Congregation

Intentionally Inclusive...Expect the Unexpected



“Land of Promise, Land of Peace”

July 18, 2010 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sharing Our Faith

“ECHOES”

Words and Music: Jules Shear and Dar Williams

Adapted: Bonnie Hardy

VERSE ONE

Every time you love just a little
take one step closer, solving a riddle,
it echoes all over the world.

VERSE TWO

Every time you opt into kindness
make one connection, used to divide us,
it echoes all over the world.

REFRAIN

Ah ah ah....

VERSE THREE *

Every time you choose one more morning
goodness or mean-ness, life has one warning,
it echoes all over the world.

VERSE FOUR*

When a leader gets the hungry fed food,
when you stop to pray inside your bedroom
it echoes all over the world.
(repeat refrain and verse one)

Dar Williams and The Echoes Initiative

Dar Williams, a folk-pop singer, composer, and social activist is best known for her songs which address gender typing and inequities. A 2001 article in *The Advocate* discussed Williams' popularity among LGBT people, writing that among LGBT-supportive straight songwriters, "few manage in their lyrics to dig as deeply or as authentically as... Williams does".

On the track "Echoes" from her album "My Better Self," Dar Williams gives voice to the notion that everything we do in our lives, especially the good things and even

the small things, resonates all over the world. The words may be Jules Shear's, but the idea is one that Dar has embraced and practiced throughout her career of philanthropy and social and political activism.

For participants in the *Echoes Initiative*, Dar searched deeply into communities to find extremely worthy organizations with well-established track records of service. She contacted friends and family as well as concert promoters and radio stations that play her music in each market to find the right candidates.

Dar Williams often performs at the Birchmere in Alexandria. More information about the Echoes Initiative can be found at: <http://www.darwilliams.com>