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Skylights *newsletter*

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

January 7, 2007 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

A People of Promise

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore**

Worship Associate: **Jeffrey Bock**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz**

As we enter the new year and many of us have made our yearly resolutions, we'll explore the power of the promise. Unitarian Universalism is not a faith of creed but of covenant. The promise is our central spiritual practice. How do we make promises that we can keep? How do sacred vows make a difference in our lives?

January 14, 2007 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

The Beloved Community

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore**

Worship Associate: **Eva Foster**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz, the Adult Choir**

Martin Luther King, Jr. made famous the phrase, "the beloved community". On this weekend when we celebrate MLK's birth, we'll reflect together on the current state of our congregation and how we're doing in our mission to build the beloved community? Where are we succeeding? Where do we need to do things differently?

January 21, 2007 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

Thoughts from the Road

Guest Worship Leader: **Jerry Muntz**

Worship Associate: **Judy Malsbury**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz**

Sharing the road of life presents us with countless opportunities to affect the lives of others. In a prequel to his "Bumps in the Road" sermon that we heard in January 2005, Jerry Muntz will share some of his experiences as an AIDS Rider and relate them to the concept of shared ministry. Jerry is a member of The Unitarian Church in Summit and currently serves as President of the UU District of Metropolitan New York.

January 28, 2007 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

On the Face of Today

Worship Leader: **Rev. Chris Reed**

Worship Associate: **Michael Piscetelli**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz, the Adult Choir, and special guest musician Lee Morgan**

Each of us has complex responses to the changes and opportunities of change that our lives present to us. Reduced to its essential nature change is not about a transition from one place to another, - but about being present in the world, about "writing our words on the face of today."

Reflection

By Reverend Forrest Gilmore

Why I Tithe

I remember the first time I joined a Unitarian Universalist congregation. The most difficult part for me was when I learned that part of membership meant making a financial pledge to support the congregation. I found this out not because anyone told me, but because I found a pledge card in the folder that they gave me when I joined. I was just out of college, with little money and not much of a job, and I didn't know that giving money was part of membership. I went from feeling really excited to really uncomfortable. I resolved the situation at the time by ignoring it, as did the others in the congregation. I gave \$2 a week in the offering plate and called it good.

Some years later, while in the midst of seminary, I took a class on financial stewardship. As part of the class, the speaker, a UU seminarian also, spoke about how he gave away 10% of his income to support various causes, especially his congregation. He talked about how valuable this act was for him and how much joy it brought him... and about how he never met a tither who regretted the choice.

I remember feeling somewhat envious of him. I wanted the joy he felt... it was contagious. As soon as I left seminary, I began the task. The first year, I gave away 2.5%. The next year, I gave away 5%. And by the third year, I finally made it to 10%. Now, I'm not going to lie to you. That first year of tithing, sending \$3500 out of my bank account, hurt... a lot. I remember thinking of all the things I could do with that money. But, after that, it never bothered me again. Tithing is somewhat like jumping into a pool... at first, we feel an initial shock of cold, but then we find ourselves enjoying the luxury of the water. After I jumped in, tithing brought enormous joy to my life. I felt this sense that no matter how imperfect I was with my life, at least I had this as evidence that I did something generous. It was tangible proof of my values, my desire to lead a meaningful life.

There's a saying – if you want to know what someone values, look at their checkbook, or

perhaps more accurately these days, their bank and credit card statements. Yikes! Yet, this really makes sense to me. Because it is so concrete, our pattern of spending, saving and giving is one of the clearest ways to get a sense of that for which we stand.

So, I encourage you not to ignore this issue in your life... like I did in the beginning... but take it seriously so you can feel the profound joy of giving.

Our congregation is encouraging our members to give 5% of their income and I encourage or dare I say, challenge you to try and meet and/or beat that number. Chris and I both give 10% to support our mission of unity, love, and justice, and many others have signed on for between 5 & 10%. Our biggest giver this past year pledged at 5% and gave \$55,000 to support our work. And if you can't go that high this year, make a plan to get there gradually over the next few years. I promise you that



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Reflection

By Reverend Chris Reed

Either everyone seems to be going through major changes right now, or I am just more aware of it. Right before the holidays, I visited a friend who is learning to live post back surgery and with the changes that has brought to her. Just in the month of December I have heard about and witnessed so much change in congregants lives. Some are new grandparents, some new parents, some dealing with stress or depression, some trying therapy some trying medication, some starting yoga and some starting to meditate, some pursuing arts or sports they have always wanted to try, some with new jobs, some with illness, some with hospice care and some suffering loss.

At this holiday season, my daughters and I are still trying to figure out how to be a family without my husband, their father. Or perhaps I am just attuned to change right now because I turn 60 on the new year. I am no longer sure how I feel about change. There is some hidden element in our response to change. The person in my family who claims to hate any change, is the one who changes the most, her career, her home... And the ones who claim to love and embrace change, like myself, actually hold on tenaciously to all traditions, and rituals and roles. Change might not be as simple as it sometimes looks.

One of the changes that is happening now in our congregation is part of a longer trans-

formation from a family sized congregation to a larger one that requires different ways for people to feel and be connected to each other. Looking at the success of the children's RE program and the covenant circles, we want to grow groups that really meet the needs of congregants and to do this in a way that is in keeping with our mission and staying in right relations with each other. Wonderful groups started this year, the single mom's group, a singles' group, and an "older than young adults" group (TAG). We are also hoping to start dinner groups, similar to the old DUNS groups, a parents of teens group, and support and perhaps expand our reading and film groups.

If you would like to be part of this ministry of groups, either by being a leader, or helping envision such a ministry, or working on training and support, or being part of the congregational council focusing on community building please let me know. I invite you to share your interests, suggestions, and questions, and to be a part of this ministry in any way that works for you.

I will be taking the last two weeks of my study leave in the first half of January, so that I can have some time and space to look down the other side of the hill that is 60, if indeed it is a peak. I'll be back on the 15th and see you all then.

Whatever changes you may be going through, may you experience them in peace and love.



Next *Skylights* Deadline
Monday **January 15**

Religious Education for Children and Youth

RED Room

Religious Education Discussion
January 14, 2007

What's the Children's RE Program All About?

Are you curious about what actually happens in children's RE? Is there a plan? What is that plan? At what grade do kids learn about other religions? When do kids learn about good and evil? What happens in RE when my kids as they reach middle and high school? What is the Youth Group and what does it do? If you don't know the answers to these questions, here is a GREAT chance to learn and to ask questions most relevant to YOU! Come to the RED Room on January 14, 2007 at 10:25-11:05am for a general discussion about children's RE. The answer to the above questions and more will be provided. Please bring your own questions about children's RE. Tell us what you like and what you wish we did better. What directions do you want to see Children's RE go? We want to know. Don't be bashful. A goal of the RE Council is to communicate better with our families. We need to listen to what you want and also convey the current vision.

Childcare (for all ages) will be provided in Room 7.

For more information, questions, or comments, please email **Tom Prusa** (tjpprusa@hotmail.com)

RE Children for UNICEF

Our children in the RE program turned in a total of \$419.21 in the Trick or Treat for UNICEF campaign this year, more than doubling the amount collected last year! (Actually, since a number of children turned in their collection boxes to their schools rather than the church, the total amassed by RE kids is even higher than that.) Thanks so much to all who participated in this important social action.

~ Sarah Spalding-Kleiman

Building the Future of UUCP

Imagine the floors of Channing Hall vibrating with the energy of 100+ Youth, new to UUCP. On Friday, Dec 1st, this very thing happened. Channing Hall swelled with youth from local communities attending the annual music, dance and performance event, Peace Fest, sponsored by The Coalition for Peace Action. This event clearly showed that the larger community is ripe with youth looking for leadership and opportunities to devote their time and energy toward social action. UUCP is a centrally located, logical choice for them. A full-time paid youth advisor at UUCP could provide year round programming, and a home for the future advocates for

peace and social justice. We want to be the ones to ignite that flame of inspiration and commitment.

Imagine that UUCP becomes that flame -- that UUCP is the place where Youth can unite to help the poor in Trenton, or to deliver clothes and other necessities to those areas like Appalachia and to others in need. UUCP has organized youth and adults to travel to Katrina victims and help rebuild their homes. All of this is possible and so much more; but we need to start to see a future where our Social Justice and Youth ministries are complementary and adequately supported.

As many of you know, Jessica Burrows, our Campus Ministry Coordinator will soon be moving to Chicago. Her position was seven hours a week, serving the Princeton Campus ministry with dedication and love. With her leaving, this vital connection to our community may well decay. As our UUCP's Youth Advisor Coordinator, Nancy DiGiovanni and other paid youth advisors served our growing youth programs with care and dedication. Sadly, Nancy resigned from the UUCP this past June for full-time employment with benefits at the UUA.

The part-time positions in our budget may not attract and sustain adequate resources for the full-time demands of this growing population. We want to retain such talented people. The Children's Religious Education Council is proposing a full-time position that coordinates the Youth, Campus Ministry and Young Adult groups. By offering an expanded position, our hope is that a dedicated incumbent will nurture and increase the size of our congregation by directly ministering to this segment of our congregation. In the words immortalized by Whitney Houston, "I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way."

I've talked with many of you in the congregation already. Most of you have told me "we've thought
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Children's Worship Schedule

January 7

Shadow Puppetry

9:15 and 11:15, Fahs Theater

January 14

Martin Luther King, Jr.

9:15 and 11:15, Fahs Theater

RED Room

(Religious Education Discussion)

10:25-11:05, John Murray Room
Childcare provided

January 21

Meet John Murray

9:15 and 11:15, Fahs Theater

New Parent Orientation

10:25-11:05, John Murray Room

Those parents who are new to the UUCP RE Program are asked to participate in an orientation session. This will allow them to become acquainted with the goals and methods of our learning program. Childcare provided in Room 7.

January 28

Our Connection with the Earth

9:15 and 11:15, Fahs Theater

Religious Education for Children and Youth, cont'd.

RE Kids Make Be-UU-tiful Music!

On November 26 we had our special "All Music Sunday" Children's Worship services. The 9:15 kids brought wonderful music to share with us vocally and on piano, violin, and other instruments. Then RE dad **Lee Morgan** played harmonica and guitar and sang a couple of his original songs. At 11:15 we had a smaller group of musicians, including a very enthusiastic conch-shell player! After everyone presented their pieces we decided it would be fun to write a song together. We started by brainstorming words about being UUs. The kids came up with these:

safe	nice	helpful
share	parents	don't hit!
happy	thankful	care
respect	anyone	classes
hugs	kindness	fun

Then with help from RE teacher **Geri Luongo**, Lee made up a tune on the guitar. The kids put the brainstormed words into these lyrics for our wonderful UU song:

When we are here together
 we are thankful and helpful and fun
 We give each other hugs and
 we go to our classes
 Our parents teach us stuff about
 sharing, kindness, and being respectful
 We learn about being safe
 We are happy and we care
 It's fun not to be hit by anyone!
 ~Shelle Summers
 RE Coordinator

Youth Group News

We are the youth group. In the past few months, you may not have seen much of us, except for our appearance at the Halloween service (in costume, of course). Nevertheless, we have been

busy and thriving. We started out the year with a retreat at our advisor Jeffrey Bock's new house. We have since been divided into five groups, to work on the six components of a balanced youth group, including Learning, Youth-Adult Relations, Community Building, Worship, and Social Action. The sixth is Leadership, which we believe we are already doing pretty well. Each sub-group (how UU!) is working hard to come up with something to contribute to the youth group's time together.

This fall we have also had to say goodbye to one of our beloved advisors, **Jessica Burrows**. She has moved to Chicago, and while it is hard to say goodbye, we wish her all the best, and know she will be happy. Thank you, Jessica, for all your time and dedication to us! We will miss you!

We also hope to be saying hello to a new advisor in the relatively near future. Our current advisors are great, but they all have jobs other than just being youth advisors, and it can be a challenge for all the administrative loose ends to be met. The RE Council, in conjunction with the youth group, would love to create a full time paid youth advisor position, an individual who would also help administrate Campus Ministry and Junior Youth. We, the youth group members, are in full support of this idea!

In other news, the group is growing faster than ever, and we have actually moved our meeting times from Sunday mornings and the first and third Thursday nights of each month to Sunday mornings and the first and third Sunday nights of each month, so that as many people as possible can attend! So, if you want to come find us, come Sunday mornings or evenings. We are in Room 15 and look forward to your visit!
 ~Eleanor Hayes-Larson

Adult Education & Programs

Young Adults (18-35)

Our Holiday season is off to a great start! Jeffrey and Leslie Bock graciously hosted the second annual young adults' sit-down Thanksgiving dinner at their home on November 18. We got together with old and new friends for a delicious meal to which we all contributed. In addition, several members of our group have transitioned into the brand new TAG (The Adventure Group) for people ages 35-45. The Young Adults wish the Adventure Group the best of luck as they head off on this exciting journey!

If you weren't able to make it, or if you are new to the congregation or to the Young Adults Group, we would love to see you soon! The Young Adults Group at UUCP is a diverse, fun group of people ages 18-35 who get together regularly for conversation and spiritual exploration.

Please join us for our Sunday circle, which typically takes place the fourth Sunday of each month after the second service. **January 28** is the next meeting. We meet in Room 1, which is located downstairs. In addition to our Sunday circles, we take turns hosting potluck dinners at which the host or hostess chooses the activities for the night. We also enjoy group outings and gather for special events, such as the Thanksgiving dinner. Some of the things we've done have included rock climbing and volunteering as a group to help out at the congregation's Spring Fair. We welcome new faces and perspectives! If you'd like to be added to our e-mail list, send a note to youngadults@uuprinceton.org.

~Christi Surmont

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Newcomers

Meet the Ministers

First Sunday of January (1/7) after each service at 10:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. in the John Murray Room for an informal conversation with a minister. Gather at the Welcome Circle 15 minutes after the service.

Introduction to Membership Class

Third Sunday in January (1/21) from 1:00-3:00P.M. in the John Murray Room. After attending the church for a time and you're considering membership, learn the benefits, opportunities and expectations of members. Sign up at the Welcome Circle or call the office at 924-1604, ext. 10 by the **Thursday before (1/18)**. Be sure to indicate if you need childcare.

Signing the Membership Book Ceremony

This is for those who have taken the Introduction to Membership Class and want to become members. Please contact one of the ministers: 609-924-1604, to arrange a time. Alternatively, an opportunity for becoming a member is provided at the conclusion of each Introduction to Membership Class. ~Polly Ramstad & Ted Fetter Co-Chairs, Membership Committee

Covenant Circles

Get "plugged-in." Join the 130 people in covenant circles this year. We have an incredible sign up this year, and four new covenant circle leaders. All the circles started meeting in October. The formal sign-up time is over, but if you would like to join a circle or try out a sample circle, you can do so throughout the year by calling or e-mailing Shelle in the congregation office. sumners@uuprinceton.org, 609/924-1604 x14.

It is a practice of the circles to always include an empty chair, for the person who is not yet part of the circle.

If you have any questions about our small group ministry program, please speak with **Shelle Sumners** or with one of our ministers.

Adult Education & Programs, continued

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TAG (35-45)

Are you in the age range of 35-45? Are you in search of where you fit in with in UUCP? Are you in search of spiritual bonding, social justice, travel, new friends and your next adventure? Then why don't you come out and check out our brand new group = TAG (The Adventure Group). If you feel like this may be something you would be interested in to learn more about or would like to inquire further feel free to contact me directly, **Jeffrey Bock** 732-939-5460 or FF32NJ@hotmail.com we look forward to you joining us in the next adventure!

UUCP Adult Singles

Ever feel alone in a crowd or out of place at family events? Who needs a sense of community more than singles? Who's too busy for meetings? Singles!

Looking for an occasional friend to go to a film, lecture or hike with? GOOD NEWS – UUCP Adult Singles is helping build a little community within the larger UUCP ... with no planning meetings!

Just drop an email to **Mirah Riben** at silverdove@comcast.net with UUCP Single Adults in the message, or look for us at Brunch in the Founders Room after second service on Sundays.

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UU Buddhist Group

1st & 3rd Sundays of each month, 12:45–2:45 p.m. in Fahs Theatre or the John Murray Room. Contact **Fay Moore** (fay@elliottmoore.com), 609-933-1625 or **Nancy Keene** (nancy@nancykeene.com), 609-844-1260.

Single Moms UU-Nite

We meet the *first* and *third* Fridays of the month at 7:00 pm. See the calendar for meeting locations. Babysitting will be provided, but please advise the UUCP office (609/924-1604 x10) by the Tuesday prior to each meeting with the number and age(s) of the child(ren) you plan to bring. If you have any questions, please contact **Leslie Ashman** at 908-393-9031 or lhashman@optonline.net.

CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans): Full Moon Circle

Friday near the Full Moon, 7:00-9:30 pm, Memorial Garden in fine weather, classroom 11 otherwise. All are welcome. Contact **Elissa Hoeger** (609) 683-4409, hoeger@princeton.edu. Upcoming Date: **January 5**.

Stillness Circle – Always open to newcomers

Meditation is an ancient spiritual practice used throughout the world to help people embrace the moment, engage our shadow and awaken to our interconnections. Join us each week for a chance to sit with others and practice the settling of our minds. Open to beginners and advanced meditators alike. Contact **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** for information.

Creative Journaling

A Creative Journaling group meets once a month, **January 8** from 7 - 8:30 in the Founders Room. This session will show you inspired examples of other journals as we share a meditative time of cutting, tearing, collaging and writing. You don't have to be an artist or a writer - but you do have to come with an open mind and the willingness to experiment and explore your inner workings. Please contact **Emily Townsend** at em@etstudio.net to let her know you are coming. No supplies are needed for newcomers (you might want to bring a blank journal) - ongoing members will be sharing their materials. All are welcome - please join us.



Great Books

Frankenstein Meets the Book Club

Great Books of UUCP meets **Sunday, Jan 14th** in the John Murray Room (1-3 pm) to discuss *Frankenstein, or The Modern Prometheus*. Join us for this masterpiece of gothic, feminist, and romantic literature by Mary Shelley.

Did I request thee, Maker, from my clay

To mould me man? Did I solicit thee

From darkness to promote me?

(Lines from *Paradise Lost* as printed on the title page of the 1st edition of *Frankenstein*)

Contact **Karen Siracusa** at kn.siracusa@att.net 896-1016 -- Or -- **Linda Benson** at lbenson5@verizon.net; 609-497-1866 and join us.

Minds on Fire

Minds on Fire will take a break this month and return in February.

Post-Ulysses Reading Circle is open to all

Next readings: **January 11 and 25**. This reading group, that meets at 7:30 p.m. differs from most others in that we read texts that we would not read on our own, and we read them aloud together. In May we finished reading Joyce's *Ulysses*, a labor of love that took a little over 3 years. After the sign-up went over 15 we closed the group.

But the original 15 have decided to continue, opening the group to all who are interested. This year we are reading aloud three texts that are related to *Ulysses*. The first is Eagles' translation of the *The Odyssey*. Call the office or leave your name and number with **Shelle Sumners** or **Chris Reed** if you are interested, or just join us.

Pasta with a Pastor

Join us for a new monthly event sponsored by Revs. Chris Reed & Forrest Gilmore with the hopes of having some fun and connecting more deeply with members, friends and newcomers of the congregation. This month, Chris will be hosting a dinner at her home on **Sunday January 21 from 5-8 pm**. Please sign up by contacting Chris by phone or e-mail. Forrest will host a dinner at his home in February.

Women's Alliance

Carol Kivler, staffer on National Alliance on Mental Illness, will be the guest speaker at the January 18th meeting of the Women's Alliance. NAMI provides free educational programs, support and advocacy initiatives, and sponsors HELPLINE. Ms. Kivler's program is entitled, "IN OUR OWN VOICE: Living with mental illness", a recovery and educational presentation with a video which broadens our knowledge of mental illness and the challenges that people who experience these disorders face. The meeting will be held in the Founders Room at 12:00pm.

Please bring a sandwich to share; soup and desserts will be provided. All are welcome to attend this informative presentation. ~Tom Hartmann

Dinner Discussion

The next Dinner Discussion will be on Tuesday the 23rd of January. The speaker will be David Henderson, a Partner of HHG Development Associates in Trenton. His subject is: "The Trenton Ferry Historic District — whose rich history has fueled a 'new' neighborhood next to Mill Hill." Mr. Henderson (B.A. Environmental Design, M.A. Architecture), began working on construction sites at age 14, and has a considerable background in urban development. He also serves on the Board for the Trenton Downtown Association and is Past President and Board Member of the Trenton Arts Connection and the Old Mill Hill Society. Come learn of this important work and its contribution to making our region of New Jersey a more inviting place to live. Arrive 7 PM for snacks, and beverages and dinner (all for \$8; late-comers \$10 if food is available). Talk is at 8:10 PM. You can skip dinner and the fee by arriving just for the talk.

~George Schindler, Jr.

Course in Miracles

We start the New Year with the topic: The Laws of Chaos. For most people this is perhaps the most difficult of the Course to comprehend. We all seem to have a lot of resistance to the ideas presented. If you are adventurous, come join us in our effort to come to grips with these concepts.

January 7—The Laws of Chaos can be brought to light, but never really understood.

January 14—Continuation with the Laws of Chaos

January 21—Salvation without compromise Withhold forgiveness from your brother/sister, and you attack him/her. You give him nothing and receive nothing in return.

January 28—Above the Battleground. What is not loving is attack. Attack and love are incompatible.

From a different perspective the choice is miracles instead of murder.

~Hil Anderson

Denominational Connections

CONGREGATION GIVES GENEROUSLY TO CHALICE LIGHTER COLLECTION FOR KATRINA AID

The offering at both services Nov. 19 raised over \$2,000 and is going to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and related natural disasters. The Chalice Lighter program of the UU Metro New York District is conducted twice a year for a selected project. Half of the money collected is going to the Gulfport, Mississippi, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to pay for a half-time minister which will be a great help in re-building. The other half is going to the already established UUA/UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund which has made over fifty grants, mostly to nonprofit community-based organizations and a few to congregations with the emphasis on staffing for keeping the social and cultural infrastructure intact during physical rebuilding.

~Carol Allen

UU CONNECTIONS

The UU Connections Committee will meet on Thursday, January 4 at 10:30 AM in the vicinity of the church office. The agenda will include: (1) UUA General Assembly in Portland, Oregon, in June 2007; (2) frequent display of the UUCP banner so members of the congregation will become familiar

with it; (3) The Fall and Spring Chalice Lighter fund drive campaigns. Anyone interested in denominational matters is urged to attend.

~Carol Allen
UU Connections Committee

Social Action

UUCP had an inspiring sermon on the war in Iraq by **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** and also a discussion of Iraq at a recent "Minds on Fire" gathering. The local Coalition for Peace Action acknowledges the significant presence of UUs in the regional anti-war movement. They are joining in "Not One More Death, Not One More Dollar," a campaign against the continuing presence of American combat troops in Iraq. On the first week-day after the announcement of the 3,000th American service person's death, a solemn group will gather on the State House steps in Trenton at noon from 12-1 and again, with candlelight, in Palmer Square from 5-6 pm. We hope it will not be soon.

Meanwhile, save the date of Saturday, January 27, for a "Bring the Troops Home" demonstration in Washington, DC. To reserve a place on a bus, call 609-924-5022. If you would like to join in lobbying Congress in DC on this issue on Monday or Tuesday, January 29th and 30th, please contact **Carol Allen** at 609-921-2987.

UUCP a Leader in Campaign for Gay Marriage in New Jersey

At our Annual Meeting last year, the congregation passed a resolution in support of legal gay marriage. Unitarian Universalists in a dozen states have been advocates for court decisions and laws allowing full legal marriage rights to same-sex couples. After the New Jersey Supreme Court decided that the existing provisions for domestic partnership violated the State Constitution by discriminating against same-sex couples in hundreds of ways, the Court gave the State Legislature 180 days to define a legal union which provided the rights currently denied. On the night of the Court decision announcement, Garden State Unity Association and the vast coalition of people including many UUs who advo-

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cated legal marriage for same-sex couples had a big celebration at the Montclair UU church which was attended by UUCPers **Rev. Forrest Gilmore, Jill Miller, and Carol Allen.**

However, the issue was not satisfactorily resolved because the New Jersey Court had left it to the State legislature to define same-sex marriage. Assemblyman Reed Gusciora of Princeton had already introduced a bill allowing same-sex couples the rights called for by the court and naming the unions "marriage." Other legislators, with approval of Governor Corzine, have rushed through a bill defining "civil unions" with rights, but have not granted legal use of the term "marriage." So the struggle continues.

UUs were very present at the hearings leading up to the recent legislation. UUCPers Julie and Lianne Sullivan-Crowley spoke of their legal marriage in Massachusetts which is not recognized in New Jersey to which they moved so Lianne could become Princeton University's Vice President for Human Resources. Thus Julie and Lianne told the Assembly Judiciary Committee that they have had to accept a status not as good for their children, so they could pursue economic and professional opportunities. At a hearing of a State Senate Committee, UU ministers from the region spoke out; **Rev. Carol Haag** said the U.S. Constitution guarantees rights to all citizens and that those rights should be expanding, not contracting.

Our congregation has engaged in a campaign to send postcards to State officials urging the term "marriage" to be made official and legal for all couples. **Christi Surmont** is the coordinator of our campaign within the congregation which includes many letters to the editors of regional newspapers.

Early in 2007, we hope to have Assemblyman Reed Gusciora talk to us about his hopes for further legislation to extend the right of marriage to all couples who desire it. The term "marriage" more fully recognizes the love and commitment of two people together. Meanwhile, some other states do not have "civil union" provisions for same-sex pairs. Join in the advocacy for gay rights. Contact Christi at cburmont@aol.com or Garden State Equity at jverratti@gmail.com

~Carol Allen

Men's Club

The next Men's Club luncheon will be held Tuesday, **January 9th**. Meet in the kitchen at 11:30 a.m. for drinks, snacks, and good fellowship. **Roger Hoff** will serve up one of his delicious luncheons at noon. General interest discussion following lunch. Cost of food and drink to be shared equally. Call **Bill Barnard** at 609-430-4305.

Crisis Ministry Communications

We thank you for collecting food throughout the year, helping with our annual coat and back-to school supply drives, and donating personal care products. Thank you!

Martin Luther King Holiday, January 15, 2006. The Crisis Ministry will have a day of service in remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr. The age requirement is high school and/or young adults. We will incorporate a service project with education and dialogue, which will be fun and meaningful. Each group needs to provide their own transportation to The Crisis Ministry. The deadline to sign up is January 8.

Don Dickason Memorial Valentine for Food Drive, February 7-14th. In Don Dickason's memory, we will continue the tradition of our (3rd annual) Valentine's Day Food Drive. You may participate in 3 ways: bring food items to your child's school or your church, make a monetary donation to the Crisis Ministry or purchase a Valentine for Food at McCaffrey's for \$3.99.

Volunteers! The Crisis Ministry is in need of at least 4 new client assistant volunteers. If you have a desire to work one-on-one with our low-income neighbors and possess good computer skills, we would love to hear from you. Some of the activities include: listening to our clients stories and documenting their needs for assistance, checking them into our food store, and making notes on the client database. The time requirements are once a week for three hours, 9:00-noon in Trenton or 1:30-4:30 in Princeton.

If you have always wanted to volunteer, but have concerns about your schedule, contact us to see if there is a short-term project or need that can be met with your gifts. We are seeking a person to chair our 3rd annual Footprints Walk on April 21st 9-noon. This is a wonderful event that raises awareness and funds for The Crisis Ministry.

Save The Date: POVERTY SIMULATION EVENT!! On February 24, the Crisis Ministry and Princeton University Student Volunteer Council will sponsor a poverty simulation to be held at Princeton University. The hours will be 9-1. We are specifically looking for families and youth that would be willing to walk through a simulation game. Other agencies will be present so that youth will learn about volunteer opportunities in the Mercer County area.

Any questions? Contact Marcia at 396-9355, x12.

~Lauren O'Neil

Board of Trustees

From the Forum

By Jordan Corn

I'm writing this in the midst of the holiday season rush. Between musical performances, shopping, TV specials, wrapping, work, school, and life in general, it seems there is little time for genuine sharing of spirit. I'm fortunate this month to have an opportunity to write about exactly such a sharing event: the forum that the Board hosted on December 10th.

Over thirty of us gathered to discuss the organization of leadership in our Congregation, what the Board has been doing, what we need to do next, and what we've learned in the year since we implemented our current form of governance. While I can't capture the supportive spirit of the event, I can share its content with you.

Much of the forum's success was due to Elizabeth Silverman's highly entertaining and interactive icebreaker, in which groups of us tried to assemble scraps of words into our current Ends statements. What an energizing and educational event, and what a great way to establish camaraderie! From there, I proceeded to describe the role of the Board, which is to:

- Understand the difference the Congregation wants to make in the world – that is, our goals or Ends
- Capture those goals in clear statements and prioritize them
- Monitor to ensure that the Executive Team is creating and driving programs that move us toward them
- Create the governing policies under which we and the Executive Team work
- Monitor the Executive Team's compliance with those policies
- Maintain fiduciary responsibility

I then described the Executive Team's role, which is to:

- Create and drive programs that move us all toward the goals the Board has identified with the Congregation
- Measure and report progress toward these goals
- Measure and report compliance with governing and financial policies

...and the Congregational Council's role, which is as follows:

- Serve the Executive Team in running programs and in administration
- Ensure that programs and committees are staffed and successful
- Work collectively to ensure that programs are in keeping with the Congregation's goals

Next, Anil Warrior described the Board's current work, highlighting our efforts to:

- Express the Congregation's goals in clear statements
- Work at building energy around these goals
- Communicate extensively with the Congregation
- Work with the Executive Team in interpreting and understanding policies

Diane Torrance then outlined what the Board needs to do next:

- Galvanize the Congregation around the goals we've captured
- Clarify these goals so that they provide unambiguous direction to the Executive Team
- Determine how to connect these goals with programs and priorities
- Communicate more and better, in order to:
 - ❖ Help people understand how our governing structure is working
 - ❖ Help people understand how to get answers to their questions
 - ❖ Continually probe about, refine, and reflect on these goals

Nancy Fiedler closed the presentation by reflecting on some of our learnings over the last year:

- There have been major changes for everyone involved
- It's very hard to cover all the bases and figure out how to answer everything, whether you're a congregant, a trustee, a Congregational Council member, an Executive Team member, or staff!
- As Trustees, we have to think hard about our roles, and be constantly mindful of our roles' boundaries
- Our governance model is very dependent on a strong Congregational Council and strong professional staff
- We have to remember that our Executive Team members have been called here as ministers, not administrators, and adjust the model to make sure they can do that effectively

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The Mission Covenant of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton

*We come together in a free and open search
for meaning within the mysteries of life.*

*We draw inspiration from the wisdom of the
ages, guided by reason, intuition, and
experience.*

*Transformed through our shared explorations,
we are compelled to build a better
World in harmony with all existence.*

*We commit to love, respect, and nurture
each other in our lifelong spiritual journeys.*

*We pledge our hearts and hands, our minds
and means to this sacred bond.*

Habitat and East Trenton Community Center

Well, it is finally official. Work on the Habitat house we have committed to work on is under way. The house is one of 5 row homes at 640 – 654 North Clinton Avenue. Actually, work on all these houses will go on simultaneously so we will most likely have a hand in all of them, one way or another. The \$20,000 dollars we committed to this project was delivered and used for the excavation and foundation for the property.

It is anticipated that our 'hands' will be needed by late January – early February.

Ray Nichols has agreed to be the crew coordinator. He'll be working with Habitat's volunteer coordinator and scheduling teams based on the project's need.

During the Social Justice Workshop on November 18th, the interest and excitement generated was wonderful. As a result a group of 'team leaders' formed, each focusing on various areas of the Habitat and East Trenton Center. The team leaders are:

- Habitat building project - **Ray Nichols**
- Partner families – **Nancy Gardner, Corky Reslier** and **Michelle Hunt**
- Child/Family Programs
- Enrichment/Activity Coordinator – **Pat Radtke** and RE parent
- Educational Coordinator – **Kate McGinnity**
- Community Center Liaisons – **Kathy Lehmann** and **Pat Ramirez**

Finally, the first event with UUCP and the East Trenton Community Center was a Halloween Party, held on Sunday, October 29th. Hosted by UUCP, this was a successful first event in what we hope will be many more to come. The success was the result wide support from the UUCP Community – the RE families who attended and those who provided refreshments, those who helped decorate the center, those who provided pumpkins, who told stories and who assisted and guided the children with their mask making and pumpkin painting. The East Trenton Community Center was thrilled with our effort. This was the first of what we hope to be many more fun opportunities for the children of the East



Trenton community and the children of UUCP.

It's never too late to join in this project. Contact any of the team leaders. We ask that you also contact **Kathy Lehmann** at Lehmatt3@aol.com or **Pat Radtke** at PRadtke@comcast.net. For communication purposes we are keeping a database of all the volunteers.

~Kathy Lehmann

Social Justice Updates

The UUCP Social Justice ministry is off and running, with a lot of activity to report.

On November 18th, we held a very successful social justice workshop. Almost 60 of us gathered for a day filled with information and excitement. The keynote speaker was Jon Shure, Executive Director of NJ Perspectives, a research and advocacy organization. Mr. Shure presented an overview on the issue of poverty in New Jersey, the wealthiest state in the Nation. The economic disparity creates a great divide. Pockets of poverty in urban centers grow as wealthier communities pay cities to relieve themselves of their low income housing responsibilities.

Subsequently we met a working poor family, via video and then faced the challenge of futilely trying to balance this family's budget. Aimed at asking us to put ourselves in another's shoes, this exercise created a great deal of discussion.

In the afternoon we began to focus in on our specific projects with a panel presentation and discussion. Walter Bliss, a member of the Princeton School Board and liaison to the Minority Education Committee provided information about the Princeton Schools and the performance gap between wealthy and poor students. Steve Brame, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity – Trenton Area as well as the East Trenton Community Center spoke to his work and his vision of turning this community around with safe, affordable housing and services to strengthen the families and the neighborhood. Finally, we heard from Marlene Lao-Collins, legislative advocate for the NJ Catholic Conference. Ms. Collins shared her vision of what a successful legislative ministry might look like.

Following the panel presentation, we continued the discussion in smaller groups, based upon each participant's area of interest. These groups talked about next steps as we begin to broaden the congregation's ownership and leadership of these projects.

We ended up the day with a presentation and a beginning conversation about the future of the outreach funds, the monies from the Fellowship Auction and Spring Fair. Amanda Gillum provided a brief, but informative history of the outreach funds. How these funds will be dispersed in the future is something that everyone will have a chance to weigh in on. There will be at least several opportunities for discussion on this issue. No decision is imminent at this time.

It was a great day, full of energy and a feeling of possibility.

~Kathy Lehmann

Stewardship 2007-08

In the next couple of months all of us will again have the opportunity and privilege to serve our congregation through our annual stewardship campaign. The stewardship team, Betty Ashwood, Jonathan and Susan Sachs have been meeting with the ministers and discussing stewardship with others in the congregation in preparation for what we hope will be another successful year that will allow UUCP to support our programs and continue to expand our outreach ministries.

Committing our means to support our mission and ministries is an expectation of membership. Several years ago we began to focus beyond funding the operating budget and moving toward becoming generous so that we could begin to give to charitable causes and expand our outreach efforts. We have targeted 5% of income as our target for giving. Based on extrapolated average salary data by zip code, Matt Powell calculated that UUCP members, giving 5% of their incomes, could raise over a million dollars each year - think of the good work we could do with that kind of support. Good work that includes helping members of our own community who suffer hardships, providing staff support for programs that nurture us, and expanding our outreach programs. We have demonstrated the importance of our staff in the past as we've added or increased the jobs of our administrator, RE coordinator, music director, accompanist, and office assistant. Along with our co-ministers, youth advisor, sexton and campus ministry coordinator, such positions provide vital support for volunteer efforts and ultimately extend what we can achieve.

Supporting the congregation as a whole through our stewardship campaign is what makes our various ministries possible. While many of us contribute as volunteers in specific ministries of the congregation such as RE, covenant groups, partner church, fellowship auction, the board, social justice, and the like - our pledges are equally important in providing support for all of the congregation's ministries and outreach.

Michael Durall, author of the book "The Almost Church: Redefining Unitarian Universalism for a New Era, asks the question "Aren't we privileged to be part of a community of faith that can create a better world?". UUCP's commitment toward building the beloved community on earth could not be more important locally or globally. Two years ago, we became the most generous UU congregation when we dedicated 8 percent of our budget to supporting charity and outreach. This added considerably to our auction and spring fair funds which have always gone to outreach and for which we have been justifiably proud. As we consider other projects that allow us to live our values and serve our community, the ability to dedicate additional funds will make a difference.

In preparation for the stewardship campaign we are now soliciting captains who will be the contacts for assigned members and friends. Many who have served as captains previously will serve in this important role again. Stewardship is an important ministry of our congregation - it is what makes our work possible. Please contact a member of the stewardship campaign if you are willing to be a captain at bashwood@princeton.edu; jrsachs@gmail.com, and sbakewellsachs@gmail.com.

Between now and the campaign, please think about how generous you can be.
~Susan Bakewell Sachs

What Difference Will We Make? Congregation Vision Quest

On Sunday evening, January 7th, the Board will host a retreat exploring the difference that we as a Congregation hope to make in the world. The session will run from 5:30 until about 8:30. The Board will provide a light dinner for all who attend. The workshop itself will be after dinner, and will consist of interactive, cafe-style discussions over dessert and coffee. If you can join us, RSVP to the Church Office. Please direct any questions about the event to board@uuprinceton.org.

Our 2nd Annual UUCP Talent Show

SAVE THE DATE!! On Saturday, February 10th from 5:30-9:00, join us for our 2nd annual talent show as we witness the wonderful gifts of our community. Come and enjoy the show or perhaps perform an act of your own. We'll start with a potluck dinner. Contact the office (office@uuprinceton.org) to sign up to attend or perform.

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about a fulltime youth advisor before", and you strongly agree with the need to fund this position, but sadly "there's just not enough money in the budget." Robert Lathem warned us of this poverty of spirit, of living in the fear of "what if" rather than the possibilities of what could be. Forrest echoes this sentiment, reminding each of us who attended the Social Justice Leadership Training, that all of our wishes are possible - we just need the money and the will to make them happen.

Come join the RE Council, the Campus Ministry, the dedicated (and overworked) volunteer Youth Advisors, the Jr. Youth Advisors and the many UUCP members and friends who understand that the value of funding our Social Justice Youth Program comes back to us all tenfold. Let's make this the year we commit to our future.

~Nancy Gardner, Chairperson, RE Council

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- The Board has to be patient - everything takes longer than we want it to!

After the presentation, we had an excellent dialog for as long as time permitted. The questions raised were thoughtful and supportive, and the answers were open and honest. I would encourage you to talk to any Trustee to get a sense of the tone and content of this portion of the session.

I'd like to thank everyone who attended. You helped set a precedent that will challenge us: This forum was such a success that we came away realizing that we need to do more of these... and that it will be hard to match the quality of content and tone of this first one!

To all of you, your families, and friends: On behalf of my own family, I wish you a healthy and prosperous new year.

Dinner Discussion Reports

October 24, 2006

After an exciting wine and cheese social and a nutritious dinner, we listened to our guest speaker, Dr. Marjorie Herman. Yep! That's the one— director of our own UUCP choir. It seems that, in her spare time, Marjorie teaches music at Mercer County Community College, hosts a weekly music program on station WWFM, and engages in other professional activities. She's also an interesting after-dinner speaker.

The presentation focused on the healing effects of music. They begin while we're still in the womb, with the fetus responding to the mother's voice and heartbeat. In primitive societies, drumming and singing are employed to prevent and cure illness. "Toning," or chanting a single tone, helps to dissipate "emotional blockages," and is widely practiced among Hindus. (Ohm_m_m...) Other religions have their own healing musical traditions.

Marjorie said that even our own voices can help us heal. For example, screams, wailing, and sobbing may ease mental and physical pain. Singing in the shower leaves us relieved and "tuned up." (So why does it upset my neighbors?) Attendees offered other examples from their own experience. Did I mention that whistling helps to get me from the car to the front door late at night?

Group singing was said to have a particularly therapeutic effect. To illustrate, Marjorie had us sing Hymn 170, "We are a Gentle Angry People." Sure enough, most attendees confirmed that the experience relieved tension and lifted their spirits. Me? I remained a bit peeved by the shortage of baked potatoes that evening. Oh, well!

November 28, 2006

As usual, the evening began with a joyous wine and cheese social, followed by the customary gourmet dinner prepared by our volunteer kitchen slaves. After the clatter of dishes died away, we settled back to hear our guest speaker, Karen Cummins, former Education Curator in the NJ State Museum. Her topic: "Banding Penguins in Patagonia— The Pleasures and Ordeals of Ecotourism."

Karen's interest in penguins has led her to study them in Antarctica, the Falkland Islands, and the faroff island of Georgia. Most recently, she signed on with an ecotourism group to bird-band penguins in Patagonia, the southern tip of Argentina. The group lived in primitive and rather dangerous conditions.

Attendees shared their own experiences and asked evocative questions. Responding to one query, Karen's demonstration of the call of a Patagonian penguin was itself worth the price of admission. ~Al Shostack

Marriage Equality- Standing on the Side of Love

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled unanimously on October 25 that discrimination against same-sex couples "can no longer be tolerated in this state" and that same-gender couples must receive all of the same rights and responsibilities from the state as do opposite-gender married couples. The majority opinion, however, left it to the legislature to decide if same-gender couples are entitled to be married or if civil unions that provide the same rights are enough.

This is a controversial issue, and many of our elected representatives are opting to endorse civil union legislation, trying to rush through a separate-but-equal (therefore, unequal) civil unions bill without giving those of us in favor of marriage equality a chance to speak. Because of this rush, there is an extremely urgent need to mobilize sooner rather than later. You can contact your legislators through the New Jersey legislature's website: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/Default.asp>

If anyone is interested in forming a group to discuss how we can make sure our voices are heard, please contact cburmont@aol.com or 732-763-0089. Thanks for your support!

~Christi Surmont



Reminder: Outreach Grant Application Deadline is January 8, 2007

UUCP donates funds raised at the annual Spring Fair and Fellowship Auction to several Mercer County charitable organizations. An important factor in evaluating outreach grant applications is the advocacy and involvement of UUCP congregants, who serve as "sponsors" for their charities.

Reminder to Sponsors: Please keep in touch with your charity group to ensure that the grant application is being completed. All applications must be received at the Church Office by **Monday, January 8, 2007**. The Outreach Grants Committee (**Lauren Foss, Corinne Reslier, Thaine Shetter, Diane Torrance and Amanda Gillum**, chair) will meet during January and February to review applications and recommend grants to the Executive Team for final approval. Outreach Grants are awarded in the late spring. Contact **Amanda** with questions (609-737-9163; gillumam@comcast.net).

A Message from the UU Connections Committee

The UUCP Banner

The Banner Parade at the UU General Assembly is a thrilling few moments at the start of the assembly program. Each delegation is on tiptoe to see its banner appear in the procession along with about six or seven hundred others, more or less. Unless you have been to the General Assembly, you may not have seen our banner, but there may be a chance of some sightings here in the near future. The dedicated observer has only to be present and alert on some random Sunday mornings.

At that time you will see that the image on the banner is a stylized Mercer Oak. In a number of ways the image carries metaphorical significance for us. First of all we may recall that the universal image of The Tree of Life always suggests rootedness in the earth while at the same time flourishing and reaching out, giving beneficences to all beneath and within its boughs. Of course an oak tree in its own right is a symbol of strength and endurance, perfect for our faith.

The Mercer Oak stood in Princeton Battlefield Park for nearly three hundred years-- as old, in fact, as is Unitarian history in America. So for us, the image of the tree may speak to our geographic location in Mercer County and to our connection to the history of the Revolutionary War when Princeton was central to George Washington's first victories, victories which would assure the endurance of principles which were and are echoed in the principles of Unitarianism.

The Mercer Oak had been revered in Princeton Battlefield State Park until the year 2000 when a wind storm decimated it. However you can see its progeny in the park now, encircled by a protective fence. Life is renewing itself before our very eyes.

As for Hugh Mercer, a Revolutionary War general, he rested under the tree, mortally wounded. He was treated for his wounds by Dr. Benjamin Rush, and although Dr. Rush was a Unitarian and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, he could not save the general.

The banner was designed by our fellow member, **Lois Godfrey**, who is a designer and craftsperson in Princeton. The banner is in its third incarnation.

~Ethel Mae Theriault

Make Music -- Keep Warm

Looking for a way of buffering the winter doldrums? Why not participate in UUCP's dynamic Music Program!! Here are your choices:

Adult Choir Beginning January 3, we meet every Wednesday evening from 7:30pm til 9:00pm in Channing Hall to rehearse for services every other Sunday.

Joys and Sorrows

This 'Joys and Sorrows' column provides a regular place for informing the whole community of major events in member's and friend's lives. Sometimes people are pleased to have their news shared; sometimes privacy and confidentiality prevail. Thus all items for the 'Joys and Sorrows' column should be sent to skylights@uuprinceton.org for inclusion in the next issue of *Skylights* and will be reviewed by the Pastoral Associates leadership before publication. As always, we invite you to reach out to those you know.

Lauren O'Neil's father, Harry O'Neil, died last month at the age of 84 in Southbury, CT.

Ted Ellicott's grandmother, Mary Gould Ellicott, died on November 30 at the age of 109. She didn't suffer; had some difficulty breathing and died peacefully and quickly.

Stephanie Harris's mother died on October 1st at the age of 94 after a full life of loving and giving.

Congratulations to **Eleanor Hayes-Larson** who was nominated by Stuart Country Day School to the All-Star Academic Team in both math and science categories.

UUCP Pictorial Directory Project – Spring 2007

We have contracted with Lifetouch to produce our next UUCP photo directory. Won't it be nice to be able to put a face with a name? We need **everyone** to participate to have a quality directory. Photography sessions have been scheduled at the church during the last two weeks in March 2007. Everyone photographed will receive a free 8"x10" photo and a copy of the photo directory. Scheduling info and other details to follow in January. Thanks.
–**Amanda Gillum**, Photo Directory Coordinator (609-737-9163)


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We'll also be preparing for an Earth Day Concert on April 21 featuring the Missa Gaia by Jim Scott and Paul Winter.

Kids' Chorale Beginning January 21, we meet every Sunday from 10:30am til 11:00am in Channing Hall (between services) to prepare for Easter services, other intergenerational services, and the Earth Day Concert on April 21.

Bell Choir The Bells are BACK!! We're excited about starting up again, and we'll rehearse every other Thursday evening beginning on Thursday January 18 from 7:00pm til 8:15pm, with the goal to participate in services approximately once every six weeks.

For more information, contact Marjorie Herman at 609-924-1604, ext. 16, or herman@uuprinceton.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
	JAN 1 Holiday OFFICE CLOSED 2:00p-7:00p Arts Festival— Founders and Fahs Theatre Rev. Chris Reed's Birthday!!! 	JAN 2 12:00p-1:00p Office Staff Meet- ing—Murray 7:00p-9:00p RE Council Meet- ing—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle— Murray	JAN 3 Full Moon ☉ 10:00a-12:00p Covenant Circle— Murray 6:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs Theatre 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle— Murray 7:00p-9:00p Adult RE Council— Location TBD 7:30—9:00p Choir Practice— Channing Hall	JAN 4 10:00a-Noon Women's Alliance Board Meeting—Founders 10:00a-12:00p Covenant Circle— Murray 10:30a—UU Connection Com- mittee meeting 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle— Murray	JAN 5 CUUPS Full Moon Circle Room 11 & Memorial Wall 7:00p Single Mom's UU-Nite	JAN 6
JAN 7—Two Services 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. 9:00a-2:00p—Brunch—Founders 10:30a Meet the Ministers— Murray 11:00a-12:30p Youth Group— Room 15 11:15a-12:3p Course in Mira- cles—Room 8 12:30p Meet the Ministers— Murray 12:45p-2:45p UU Buddhist Group—John Murray Room 4:00p-6:00p Congregational Vision Quest—Channing 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group—Room 15	JAN 8 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle— Murray 7:00p-9:00p Creative Journaling Workshop—Founders 7:15p-9:15p Covenant Circle— Fahs Theatre (rescheduled from Jan 1) Outreach Grant Application DEADLINE	JAN 9 11:30a Men's Club Luncheon— Kitchen & Founders 7:00-9:00p—Board of Trustees Meeting—Murray	JAN 10 6:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs Theatre 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle— Murray 7:30—9:00p Choir Practice— Channing Hall	JAN 11 Last Quarter Moon ☾ 5:30p-7:00p Social Justice Ministry Meeting—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle— Murray 7:30p-9:30p Post-Ulysses Read- ing Group—Founders Room	JAN 12 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle— Murray	JAN 13 8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates—Murray
JAN 14—Two Services 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. 9:00a-2:00p Brunch—Founders 10:25a-11:05a RED Room— Murray 11:15a-12:3p Course in Mira- cles—Room 8 1:00p-3:00p Great Books— Murray 11:00a-12:30p Youth Group— Room 15	JAN 15 Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday—OFFICE CLOSED 4:00p <i>Skylights</i> February 2007 issue DEADLINE	JAN 16 12:00p-1:00p Office Staff Meet- ing—Murray 7:00-9:00 Committee on Minis- try—Murray	JAN 17 6:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs Theatre 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle— Murray 7:30—9:00p Choir Practice— Channing Hall	JAN 18 12:00p-3:00p Women's Alliance Luncheon—Founders & Chan- ning 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle Leaders Meeting—Murray	JAN 19 New Moon ● 7:00p Single Mom's UU-Nite	JAN 20
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Rev. Reed and Rev. Gilmore observe the following office hours:

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11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Tues through Thurs
Day off: Monday
Study day: Friday

Rev. Forrest Gilmore
12:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.
Tues through Thurs
Day off: Monday
Study day: Friday

Office hours indicate when ministers are in the church building. However, ministry is not confined to specific hours, and our ministers may be attending meetings at any hour of the day. In the event of emergencies needing the attention of our ministers, please contact either of them first, irrespective of time or day. If necessary, contact Jordan Corn, President of the Board of Trustees.

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