

Skylights *newsletter*

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION OF PRINCETON

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

April 1, 2007 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

A Vault for the Ages

Worship Leader: **Rev. Chris Reed**, Worship Associate: **Alice Harper**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz**

The tale of the discovery of the "Jesus Family Tomb" seems equally appropriate for Palm Sunday, the day before Passover, and April 1. It is a story of an archeological find that supports the recent scholarship on the historical Jesus. The Jesus Seminar, the Gnostic Gospels and the archeology of the tomb all point to a historical person, whose teachings and understandings and ways of being spoke to what is redemptive and saving in our world.

April 8, 2007 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

Celebrating Easter—A Service for All Ages

Worship Leaders: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore & Rev. Chris Reed**, Worship Associate: **Judy Malsbury**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz, the Adult Choir, the Kids' Chorale**

Join us as we celebrate, in our own unique Unitarian Universalist way, the holy day of Easter. The service will be for all ages and honor the connections between Easter, Passover and Spring!

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

Jazz and the Way of The Buddha

Guest Worship Leader: **Sergio DuBois**, Worship Associate: **Ben Krejci**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz**

This service considers the resonance of musical improvisation and a Buddhist path of awakening inspired by readings on maitri and mindfulness from Pema Chodron and Thich Nhat Hanh. The speaker and Jazz pianist Sergio DuBois and Worship Associate, Ben Krejci will engage in an impromptu improvisational dialogue that offers both performer and listener a completely fresh moment of creation and awareness.

Sergio DuBois is professionally a consultant, but studies privately with Joanne Brackeen and has performed regularly at the UU Congregation of Monmouth County near his home in Atlantic Highlands.

April 22, 2007 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

For the Love of the Earth

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore**, Worship Associate: **Eva Foster**

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

Let us remind ourselves of our profound and sacred connections with our planet and all of its inhabitants. As we renew ourselves with the love of our Earth, we'll also explore ways we can reduce our impact on the planet. Our service will cap off our wonderful weekend celebration of Earth Day, featuring choral music from Paul Winter's *Missa Gaia* and a community ritual carried over from our Saturday's EarthFest.

April 29, 2007 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

A Question & Answer Sermon

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore**, Worship Associate: **Caroline Kulesza**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz**

We are a religion that encourages people to ask questions. Using this service common to our faith, come this Sunday with questions on your mind. During the typical sermon time, you can ask Rev. Forrest Gilmore questions about religion, society, politics, our congregation and his own life and he'll do his best to answer.

Reflection

By Reverend Chris Reed

Writing this, I am sneezing, coughing, sniffing and preparing for a family gathering. But I want to take the opportunity to remind everyone of some important events that are happening this April, each of which in their own way speaks to freedom and justice.

Our Passover Seder on Friday, April 6, is an intergenerational gathering that draws over a hundred people of all ages. We sing, read, play games and share a ritual meal. The evening speaks to freedom, to the way we treat each other, and to the inherent worth of all.

On April 21, we are hosting an

Earth Fest for the community, and hope that it will be an opportunity to celebrate our right relations with the earth, as our home, and with all creatures of the earth.

And on Sunday afternoon, April 29, all adults, youth and children are invited to participate in a march and rally that will focus on diversity and anti-racism. These two events are sponsored by "Not In Our Town", an organization that we co-founded 10 years ago. Recent events in Princeton have led to a renewed effort to focus on the work of diversity and anti-racism as a community. We hope that many from our congregation can participate.

Aside from these events, and aside from the Spring celebrations of Passover, Easter and Earth Day, April is the time for congregational budget discussions. If I didn't have a bad cold, I could probably connect said discussions into the theme of the above paragraphs. But for now, let me say that learning from last year, we have scheduled many opportunities for individuals to meet with the ET to let us know your specific needs and priorities concerning the budget for next year. We have scheduled meetings both prior to the creation of a draft budget, and after, so that we may hear your feedback.

When my cold is gone, and my family has been visited, I hope to attend all the above with you. ...in addition to the April tradition of going out

and staring at my flower garden, re-establishing the relationship.

***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.

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Reflection

By Reverend Forrest Gilmore

As we move out of March and into April, we wrap up our stewardship campaign and begin to explore how to spend the funds we've raised to support our mission together. It is a powerful time to reflect on who we are and why we're here. Below is a schedule of all the events connected to the preparation of next year's budget. The Board, Chris, and I encourage you to attend all the events that you can. (Some of these events have been advertised in other contexts and will have happened by the printing of this article, but I include them for context).

The Budget Planning Schedule for the 2007-2008 Congregational Year

March 25th, 12:30 pm – Stewardship Celebration Wine & Cheese, including an opportunity for pre-budget visioning

March 27th, 7 pm – Congregational Council Meeting: Discussion of Committee Financial Requests

April 1st, 10:30 am – Sunday Forum: Pre-budget Visioning with Executive Team

April 10th, 7 pm – Board Meeting: Presentation by Executive Team of draft budget to the Board for review and discussion

April 24th, 7 pm – Board Meeting: Approval of draft budget

April 26th, 7 pm – Open Meeting: Discussion of Draft

Budget with Board President & Executive Team

April 29th, 10:30 am – Sunday Forum: Discussion of Draft Budget with Board President & Executive Team

May 8th, 7 pm – Board Meeting: Approval of Final Budget & Setting of Annual Meeting Agenda

May 20th, 10:30 am – Sunday Forum: Discussion of Annual Meeting Agenda, including Final Budget

May 30th, 7 pm – Open Meeting: Discussion of Annual Meeting Agenda, including Final Budget.

June 2nd, 5:30 pm – Annual Meeting & Community Dinner

All are welcome to participate in every meeting. The forums, open meetings, and annual meeting will provide the most opportunity for congregational feedback. See you there!



Next *Skylights* Deadline
Monday

APRIL 16

Please send all *Skylights* submissions to
skylights@uuprinceton.org

Part Time Bookkeeper Needed

We're looking for someone who can spend up to 16 hours per month in the UUCP office to close out the books and reconcile QuickBooks. Salary commensurate with experience. If you know someone not affiliated with our congregation who might be interested please have them contact Sara Oderwald at office@uuprinceton.org

Religious Education for Children and Youth

RE Teacher Check-in Meeting April 29

Teacher Check-in Meetings will take place Sunday, April 29 at 9:15 and 11:15 in Fahs Theatre immediately following Children's Worship. Teachers, please make arrangements for your liaisons to teach your classes that morning.

Earth Spirit Week Registration is Underway!

By now all RE families should have received in the mail a registration form for our UUCP Earth Spirit Week summer camp for kids ages 4 to 10. This year's camp will take place from July 9 to 13, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Our exciting theme is "Can UU Dig It?" We are planning crafts, activities, music, and snacks that encourage a sense of responsibility and genuine connection with the earth. Camp tuition is \$50, and we encourage you to register early, as space is limited! Call Shelle Summers at 609/924-1604, or e-mail her at summers@uuprinceton.org, for more information.

Youth Volunteers Needed for Earth Spirit Week

If you are in the 8th through the 12th grade and would like to join us for the fun and creativity of Earth Spirit Week, give Shelle Summers a call at 609/924-1604, or e-mail her at summers@uuprinceton.org. This is a great leadership opportunity!

RE Craft Fundraiser

On April 29, members of the RE Council will be in Robinson Lounge selling handmade UU crafts and fun items from Uni-Uniques. Please bring your checkbooks! Your purchases will help support religious education for children and youth.

Unirondack Campership Fund

Do you know a young person in our congregation who would enjoy a week at Camp Unirondack? The Unirondack Campership Fund provides financial assistance with camp fees to middle-

Children's RE Calendar

Sunday, April 1

Children's Worship: What UU IS

NOT—April Fools!

9:15 and 11:15, Fahs Theatre

Friday, April 6

UUCP Passover Seder

6:30 p.m. Channing Hall

April 8

Easter Sunday

Intergenerational Services

9:15 and 11:15, Channing Hall

No RE classes

Sunday, April 15

A Visit with HomeFront

9:15 and 11:15, Fahs Theatre

RED Room

Room 7

Childcare will be provided

Sunday, April 22

Children's Worship: Earth Day

9:15 and 11:15, Fahs Theater

Sunday, April 29

Children's Worship: UU Time Portal Game

9:15 and 11:15, Fahs Theater

RE Teacher Check-in Meetings

9:15 and 11:15 in Fahs Theatre after children's worship

Liaisons teach RE classes

If you have any questions, call Shelle Summers (609/924-1604, ext. 14)



and low-income families. If you ask for a campership, Unirondack will reduce the camp fee to a level that is affordable. The deadline for campership requests is April 15, 2004. For more information about Unirondack and the Campership Fund, please contact director@unirondack.org or see www.unirondack.org.

RED Room April 15 (Religious Education Discussion)

Anti-Racism and UUism: What Should U Do? What Can U Do?

Racism is a fact of life. Recent events in our own Princeton community remind us that prejudice and bigotry is not just found in far away states and countries. Simply being non-racist in your own life and relationships is not enough. The first principle of UUism is to affirm and promote inherent worth and dignity of every person. The old-adage "if you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem" seems particularly apropos when talking about racism. What can you do to make racism a distant memory? What can we do as a congregation to demonstrate that we stand for diversity and justice?

Racism and racial equality are the topics for discussion in the April Red Room, April 18th, John Murray Room, 10:30am-11:05am. Members of "Not In Our Town" (NIOT) will participate in the discussion and educate us about local developments and how we can support their call for diversity and fairness, dialogue and dignity in our own town.

Childcare (for all ages) will be provided in Room 7. For more information, questions, or comments, please email **Tom Prusa**

Newcomers

Meet the Ministers

First Sunday of the month (4/1 & 5/6) after each service, usually at 10:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. unless there is one service, in the John Murray Room for an informal conversation with a minister. Gather at the Welcome Circle 12 minutes after the service.

Introduction to Membership Class

Third Sunday of the month (4/15 & 5/20) 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 (4/12 & 5/17). Be sure to indicate if you need childcare when you sign up for the class.

Signing the Membership Book Ceremony

This is for those who have taken the Introduction to Membership Class and want to become members. Please sign-up at the Welcome Circle or contact one of the ministers: 609-924-1604 to arrange a time. Alternatively, an opportunity to become 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. Circles are groups of 7 to 10 people who meet monthly for an opening reading, personal check-in, topic discussion, check-out and closing reading. The topic each month is the same for all circles, so that all participants are involved in a greater conversation, congregation-wide. 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 Religious Education & Programs

THE HAUNTING CHURCH— Owning Your Religious Past

Many of us grew up in other faith traditions and chose to leave them behind for any number of reasons. We may have put that past on a shelf or buried it deep in a closet, never again to revisit. We may continue to hold those religions in contempt, bristling each time we hear a word from that past. Trying to accommodate everyone by sanitizing our vocabulary of religious language has, however, not served Unitarian Universalism well. It doesn't serve us well either, to simply run away from that past. In this 5 session class we explore the religious traditions of our youth. The intent is to understand that those traditions are a part of the continuum of our religious journey. Maybe you'll discover some things worth remembering or rediscover 'gems' that can be incorporated into your life today.

Dates: Wednesdays, April 11, April 25, May 9, May 23 and June 6 **Time:** 7 – 9 p.m.

Place: Founder's Room **Class Size:** Minimum of 5; Maximum of 10 **Class leader:**

Kathy Lehmann Sign up sheets will be in the lounge or email the office at office@uuprinceton.org

LOSS & GRIEVING GROUP

Some people in our congregation, both new and old alike, have expressed interest in a group for those who have experienced the loss of someone close to them. People who have lost a partner, or child or someone else who has been a part of their lives, go through similar experiences that we can share with each other. It is often meaningful, honoring ourselves and those we have lost, to share our loss and grief in a community whose understanding and compassion is grounded in like experience.

While this group is for those who have lost someone through death, those who have lost loved ones through estrangement or illness or in some other way may also find it meaningful.

We offered this group last spring, and due to the response and the need, we are considering an on-going group that people can enter and leave as they would like. The group will be co-led by Linda Benson, one of our pastoral associates, and Rev. Chris Reed. It will start with a series of 5 meetings on the 1st and 3rd

Wednesdays at 7:00-8:30 in Fahs Theater. Join us on **April 4 and 18, and May 2 and 16.**

The group is open to all who come at any time and for however many sessions. At the same time we anticipate that people will attend regularly as the group meets their needs for sharing their experiences in an understanding community.

If you would like to attend or try it out, or have any questions, please call or email Linda Benson at 609 497-1866, lbenson5@verizon.net or Rev. Chris Reed at reed@uuprinceton.org.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The Young Adults Group 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. Our next circle will be on **April 22**. We meet in Room 1, which is located downstairs. In

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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.

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: **April 27**

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.

Great Books Gets Defiant!

Great Books will meet Sunday, **April 15th** at 1 PM in Room 8 (downstairs) for *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio. A memoir by one of the 10 children of Evelyn Ryan, an enterprising woman who kept poverty at bay with wit, poetry, and perfect prose during the "contest era" of the 1950s and 1960s.* 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

Come set your minds on fire!! Join us on **Tuesday, April 3rd from 7-9 pm** for Minds on Fire, a monthly opportunity to explore significant issues through an intellectual lens. Our focus this month will be an article from the New York Times by Robin Marantz Henig, entitled *Darwin's God*. The reading is available in advance at UUCP or via e-mail. Contact Rev. Forrest Gilmore for information and to sign-up.

Post-Ulysses Reading Circle is open to all

Next readings: **April 12 and 26**. 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 2006 we finished reading Joyce's *Ulysses*, a labor of love that took a little over 3 years. This year we are reading aloud three texts that are related to *Ulysses*. The first is Fagles' 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.

Creative Journaling

Come join us for writing and art for anyone. Ever kept a journal? We get together and share the experience of journaling. We share our words and our ideas in a check-in, and work in our journals in a meditative setting. Creative techniques are shared, and writing prompts are provided if you wish. We meet at 7 in the Founder's Room on the first Monday of every month. Join us on **April 2, and May 7**. Please e-mail **Emily Townsend** (em@etstudio.net) to sign up or for more information.

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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 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, ideas, and perspectives! If you'd like to be added to our e-mail list, send a note to youngadults@uuprinceton.org.
Christi Surmont

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 please contact **Jeffrey Bock** 732-939-5460 or FF32NJ@hotmail.com we look forward to you joining us in the next adventure!

UUCP ADULT SINGLES

UUCP Single Adults? What's It All About? Who's It For?

Some time in December Rev. Forrest Gilmore said during one of his

sermons, "Look around you. This room is filled with people who could have chosen to stay in bed on a Sunday morning and read the Times, or go for a walk, or do any number of things. But they are here because they want to be here."

I was very moved by the recognition of the intentionality of our community. Unlike our geographic community, many of us drive here for spiritual enrichment, comfort and enlightenment and/or to be in the company of other like-minded folk, to feel one with others. Many of us come here as part of a nuclear family that may or may not support us and join us in our connection to this intentional community. Some of us come here alone—a family of one, or one adult with child or children. Many of us live alone, eat alone, etc. or lack adult companionship by choice or a circumstance. We may enjoy our solitude and privacy and yet, at times, also feel a sense of isolation.

There is no age restriction to join us, other than being an adult. There are no other criteria, and in recognition of how busy we all are, no meetings! Just a desire for companionship to share an occasion movie, dinner, walk, concert, museum trip, lecture....and/or to see a friendly face on Sunday and perhaps someone to sit with. For a single person first joining the congregation, this can be especially helpful.

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Get Out!!!

That’s what the Pharaoh finally said to Moses. What took him so long? It took flies, frogs, bugs and seven other plagues to convince him to free the Israelites from bondage. Please join us as we go back in time to learn more about the story of Passover. You need not have a Jewish background to enjoy our Seder (Passover storytelling ritual and dinner). If you appreciate your freedom, you’re set.

**Come to our UU Seder
April 6th
Starting at 6:30 P.M.**

Hear the retelling of the story of how the Jewish people were redeemed from slavery in the land of Egypt while we share a Seder style potluck dinner.

Children will participate with songs and fun surprises and they will hunt for the afikomen (matzoh) after a potluck dinner. A prize will be awarded to every child who finds one!

Call **Jennifer Niemeyer** at 215-428-1416 by April 3rd to sign up and let her know what dish you will share, (she has lots of easy recipes), and how you would be willing to help (set-up, clean-up, etc.).

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The group is in its infancy. There are currently under a dozen of us. Hopefully we will grow and as we do, we can change to meet the needs of those who are a part of it. For now, we are a very informal social group of FRIENDS, with no intent of seeking a “date” or romantic interest. We have a simple email list and send out requests or suggestions to get together. If you are interested in being added to the email list, or if you have any questions, drop me a note at Silver-Dove@comcast.net or catch me at a second service on Sundays. *~Mirah Riben*

A COURSE IN MIRACLES

April 1 - *The Savior from the Dark* Your brother/sister is your perfect gift to you.

April 8 - *Perception and Choice* You see what you believe is there. This is perception’s fundamental law.

April 15 - *The State of Sinlessness* The state of sinlessness is merely this: The whole desire to attack is gone.

April 22 - *The Special Function* As he loves “others,” so he looks upon himself with love and gentleness.

April 29 - *The Rock of Salvation* Each knows the cost of separation is death. Perceived separation is a call for death. Nothing is changeless but the Will of God. *~Hil Anderson*

PASTA WITH A PASTOR

Join us for a 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, Forrest and his partner, Jill, will be hosting a dinner at their home on Sunday **April 22nd from 5-8 pm**. There are only 8 spaces available (plus kids) so sign-up soon by contacting Forrest by phone or e-mail.

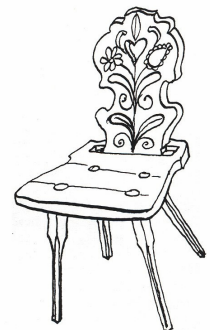


PARTNER CHURCH NEWS—BRICKS

Dear Friends!
Only some minutes ago I pick up information, that the brick-field (factory) of Segesvar, sponsored our Guest House of Feheregyhaza with 800 bricks, which will necessarily that we can continue the work at House. We bring it on Monday to Feheregyhaza, I will make some pictures about it than.

I am very-very happy!
with love, sok szeretettel es nagy orommel
(translation: much affection and great rejoicing!)
Jakab

Submitted by Ethel Mae Theriault



Community Building

Women's Alliance

The monthly meeting of the Women's Alliance will be held on Thursday, April 19 in the Founders room. Luncheon will be served at 12 noon and our program will begin at 1:00. Our speaker this month will be Virginia Banerjee, a long time UUCP member who has moved out of the area. She will be hosted by **Ruth Mazzerella**. Virginia will show us films of her trip to Antarctica, including ecological and wildlife highlights. You don't have to be a member to join in the fun. Just bring a salad to share and we will provide dessert and beverage. ~Lorraine Anderson, President.

Men's Club

The next Men's Club luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 17th. We will meet in the Church kitchen at 11:30 a.m. for snacks, beer, wine, and good fellowship. At approximately 12 noon Roger Hoff will serve up one of his delicious home cooked luncheons. Following the lunch we will have a discussion on a topic of general interest. We will share the cost of the food and drink on an equal basis. All men of the church are welcome to attend. Please reserve a place by calling **Bill Barnard** NOW at 609-430-4305.

Dinner Discussion

On Tuesday, April 24 the Dinner Discussion speaker will be Prof. Sheldon Solomon of Skidmore College and also of the City College of New York. His subject will be "Fatal Attraction: Fear of Death and Its Political Consequences." Dr. Solomon, a specialist in experimental social psychology, will discuss how the fear of death, especially after 9/11 and the prior release of an Osama bi Laden tape, affected the presidential election of 2004 and subsequent events. Dr. Solomon, co-author of the 2003 book "In the Wake of 9/11: The Psychology of Terror," will also present evidence documenting the common psychological features of conservative Americans and Islamic fundamentalists and will present constructive approaches to the "war on terrorism." Please join us for a talk on, and discussion of, this very timely topic. Sign up with **Mal Durbin** between services Apr. 15 or 22. Arrive 7 PM for snacks, 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.

UU Connections

**METRO NEW YORK DISTRICT
CHALICE LIGHTER FUNDRAISING**

The Spring 2007 recipient of the Chalice

Lighter Fund Drive will be near-by Plainfield UU Church. They plan to use the money for outreach to the community and surrounding communities to advertise the church and tell of the good values expressed in the church programs and religious education. When the basket is passed, please support this worthwhile shared program. ~Carol Allen

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PORTLAND, OREGON

Memos are circulating among the leaders of this congregation about the importance of their attendance at UU General Assembly (GA) in June. Here is a poorly-kept secret: "GA is not just for leaders." It is for learners, do-ers, dancers, singers, pagans, humanists, UU christians.....there is a UU sect for every interest including poetry. And perhaps the most thrilling part of it all is singing and meditating in unison with 3,000 other UUs.

For the nuts and bolts of GA information, go to UUA.org and hit the PORTLAND 2007 icon for scads of information. The motif this year is evergreen, so our UUCP Princeton Oak Banner will look great among the neon banners always prevalent in the opening parade.

Informational pieces such as last year's complete program book and this year's program outline will be available in Robinson Lounge to give inquirers a flavor of what it's like to go to GA. Is this your year to go? Tell **Jordon Corn**, President, if you are interested in being a delegate from UUCP. ~Carol Allen

DENOMINATIONAL CONNECTIONS

The Eventful 2007 METRO UU District Meeting

This is for you only IF:

- You are *not* going to the UUA General Assembly this year
- You *are* going to the GA in June

In either case, plan to attend the Metro District meeting on April 27-28 in Stamford Connecticut. Here's why: in two days you really will get a good feeling of the fun and stimulation of meeting a bunch of UUs, learn what's going on, try out two workshops, and more. You will capture the feeling of the GA if you can't attend, and if you are heading to Portland, OR for the GA, you will be readier.

This is a great year to attend. The theme is "RICH, WARM & FULL - Nurturing Our Congregational Life." The Keynote

Speaker is our District Exec, the Rev. CALVIN DAME, who will share his wisdom of 20 years of being a minister, carpenter, musician, and maple syrup maker.

On Friday night you will have a chance to witness The Rev. MEG BARNHOUSE, national speaker, singer/songwriter, humorist, and commentator on "Radio Free Bubba" in North Carolina. Her topic is "Did I Say That Out Loud? Pulpit Pounding, Mouthing Off, and Other Fun Ways to Misbehave!?" She is a UU minister who graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Meg will start things off at the Ingathering on Friday night, followed by a Bridging Ceremony, and a Reception. The next morning has it all-- a Worship Service with the Metro NY District Choir, Rev. Calvin's thoughts, two workshops. Then there is lunch and awards, and it is over at 3 pm.

To learn more, check out the large poster on the Bulletin Board and the small pamphlets below. Registration is now open on line at: uuetrony.org/am07

For more info, rides to Stamford, and other things, grab hold of any of these old hands on the UUCP-UU Connections Committee: **Carol Allen, Carl Haag, Doug Rhodes, Ethel Mae Theriault**.

An Invitation to UUMAC July 22-28, 2007

WHAT IS UUMAC? We are the Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community.

For one week each summer, we stay at DeSales University in Center Valley, Pennsylvania, about five miles southeast of Allentown, to learn, grow, retreat, and recreate together. UUMAC is open to people of all ages, races, abilities, genders, and sexual identities and orientations. We are intergenerational and our recreation is playful for everyone. For some, UUMAC is an ever-expanding family reunion. For others, UUMAC is an opportunity for rest and renewal. Many seek intellectual discussion and the exchange of ideas. Most enjoy lively camaraderie on hikes, on bikes, while rafting or crafting, moving in line, or dancing out of step. Come alone or bring the whole family. Come explore life's mysteries, share stories and life journeys, and experience the uniqueness of the individual within a loving, all-age community. We hope you will join us at UUMAC July 22-28, 2007.

Please download and share our brochure: <http://uumac.org/UUMAC2007Brochure.pdf> or visit our website: www.uumac.org. Ask **Leslie Bock** (leslies75@optonline.net, 609/448-1613) for more information about UUMAC!

Social Justice

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY— WORLD OF WONDER LEARNING CENTER

The World of Wonder Learning Center is an exciting congregational project that grew out of our partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

It was created in response to a dream expressed by the Director, Steve Brame that the East Trenton Community Center be a place where the Habitat families could come and feel a real sense of Community. Through this partnership, we are creating Community for ourselves, as well as building houses. Resources of materials and financial means, as well as the skills and talents of all the partners will contribute to the enrichment of everyone.

There will be many opportunities for family social events. Families will participate in trips together to museums, parks, and gatherings for movie nights, holiday and cultural celebrations, etc.

Youth groups from the Community and the Church will be working together on painting murals, creating gardens, social outings, tutoring, chess and debate clubs, pen pal- writing, playing games, etc. Young adult Coffee house Open-mic. music and poetry nights.

There will be after-school help, tutoring, a Computer lab, Life-Skills classes, a Math-Science Lab, Cozy Corners, and an Imagination & Play area.

We will work with the Youth from the High School and others in the Community planting trees and gardens in the neighborhoods.

Please check out the Social Justice table on Sunday mornings. We will need your contributions to make all these Wonderful things happen! Donations of "Like New" items. Your skills and labors of love. Your family or just You at Sunday Dinner-Activities. Your ideas.

This is an opportunity to make a real difference in the World and have a good time doing it. There is a place for everyone- for as large a commitment or as small as you are able to give! Give yourself the gift of Giving.

A formal Dedication of the WORLD of WONDER LEARNING CENTER will be held on May 6, 2007 at 2 PM, Reception following. The Mayor of Trenton, Council-members, Habitat Board, Staff, Volunteers, Community members, Congregation, and vendors and generous local Businesses are all invited.

You can call **Kate McGinnity** at 609-397-7582, or e-mail katemcginnity@aol.com

Princeton Community Housing Opportunity

After 12 years of serving as the UUCP's representative to PCH, **Linda Mather** has stepped down. We thank Linda for her years of service to UUCP and PCH. For those of you who are unfamiliar with PCH, it was founded in 1967 by a group of religious organizations – including UUCP - to provide, manage and advocate for affordable housing in Princeton. There are currently three developments, Griggs Farm, Princeton Community Village and Elm Court. These three developments provide over 396 units for low and moderate income housing in our community.

If you are interested in governance or excited by new projects in housing please consider replacing Linda and becoming our representative on the Princeton Community Housing board. For more information contact **Pat Radtke** at (609) 426-1913 or patradtke@comcast.net

UUCP Social Outreach Committee – 2007 Report to the Congregation

The 2007 Social Outreach Committee (**Lauren Foss, Corrine Reslier, Thaine Shetter, Diane Torrance and Amanda Gillum**, chair), reviewed 19 Social Outreach Grant applications, including proposals from two agencies that had not sought UUCP grants for several years. Our evaluation process considered three factors, with higher weighting on the first two:

- (1) Extent of active involvement of UUCP congregants and/or institutional commitment;
- (2) Impact of UUCP Grant on project success and potential alternative funding sources;
- (3) Gravity of the community need and number of people helped by the proposed project.

We recommend awarding a total of \$20,000 to the following 19 community organizations, from proceeds raised at our 2006 Spring Fair and 2007 Fellowship Auction. Approximately one third of the allocated funds would address poverty-related needs.

Poverty, Homelessness, and Hunger (33%)

- Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton (\$ 1,700)
- Mercer Street Friends (\$ 1,500)
- PCV Group (\$ 500)
- Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (\$ 1,800)
- YWCA of Trenton (\$ 1,000)

Independent Living (16%)

- Enable (\$ 700)
- Meals on Wheels (\$ 1,000)
- Princeton Senior Resource Center (\$ 1,500)

Environmental Education (11%)

- ISLES (\$ 1,250)
- Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Assn. (\$ 1,000)

Social Justice (11%)

- Amnesty International (\$ 600)
- Coalition for Peace Action (\$ 1,500)

Mental Wellness Support (11%)

- Hyacinth Foundation (\$ 700)
- National Assn. for the Mentally Ill of Mercer Co (\$ 900)
- Princeton Hub (\$ 700)

Crisis Pastoral Support (10%)

- Comm. on Religious Ministries (Hospital Chaplaincy) (\$ 1,000)
- Womanspace (\$ 1,000)

Community Sex Education (8%)

- HiTOPS (\$ 750)
- Planned Parenthood Assn. of Mercer County (\$ 900)

Submitted by Amanda Gillum

Legislative Ministry Update and Q&A at the Forum

John Murray Room, April 8, 2007 at 10:30

Please join us to hear the latest about the UULMNJ and the workings for the rest of this year and beyond.

We welcome input from all, but especially the UULMNJ Advisory Group and others who have expressed a special interest in this project.

The Legislative Ministry Steering Committee
Elaine Nigam and Peg Caruso, Co-chairs
Doug Rhodes, George Easter & Rev. Forrest Gilmore

Board of Trustees

No End to Ends?

By Jordan Corn, President

Your Board has been hard at work absorbing everything we have heard from you in regard to the differences we want to make in the world; that is, our “Ends”. We’ve talked about these in the Lounge, in various other forums, and at the World Café we held in January. We heard many different things, and are now taking what we’ve heard and incorporating it into these Ends statements.

Our Ends statements are intended to help our Executive Team and staff prioritize our programs, activities, and resources. It is the Board’s job to collect input from the Congregation, reflect it in these statements, and then work with the Executive Team to monitor our progress toward achieving the goals they express.

The first round of statements we generated, which we discussed at length at the World Café, are as follows:

Members and friends of the UUCP strive to create the beloved community, building a sense of wholeness in ourselves, our congregation, and our world.

- We create a joyous, loving and dynamic community – accessible to all – that provides acceptance, support, and a sense of belonging.
- We provide a nurturing environment that invites people into diverse opportunities for transformational spiritual growth.
- We deepen our sense of respect for and connection with all living things.
- We create a more compassionate, sustainable and just world.
- We strive to balance our own personal needs for sustenance and support with the needs of the congregation, the local area and the world at large.

We have generally received positive feedback regarding these statements. However, there is significant work necessary to make these statements more useful. First, we heard from you that they need to be simple and direct. Second, we heard many suggestions to add detail to them. We want to reflect what we heard. Third, we have been studying work done by other organizations (as collected in “The Policy Governance Fieldbook”), and have learned that these statements must be visionary yet measurable.

We are approaching all three of these challenges by creating a collection of “sub-statements” under each of the Ends statements listed above. This may seem like an academic exercise, but we’re discovering that it is not. First, we are doing it following the simple and direct imperative. We are limiting each collection of “sub-statements” to a handful, and working to make each one as brief as possible. Second, we are using these “sub-statements” to reflect what we’ve heard, particularly to enumerate those items which many have expressed as being critical components of a particular End. Third, we are crafting these statements to be visionary yet measurable, by casting them in language of the present (e.g. “We are...”, “We provide...”), and making them specific.

As we work through this process, we are focusing on detailing each Ends statement to one additional level of detail. How-

ever, we are finding in this work that in some areas, the conversation draws us into a second level of detail.

This effort has been challenging. Over the last few months, the Board has been through at least one iteration of detailing each Ends statement, and as many as three. While there has been much rework involved, the effort has helped us coalesce on the approach described here, and the pace of this work and our excitement about it is building. What drives us forward is the thrill of knowing that we will soon be able to outline the difference that we, the UUCP, strive to make in the world in terms that are succinct, visionary, and measurable. Once this is done, we can collectively focus our attention on what is truly important – making the difference.

Searching for a Calling – Maybe you’ll find it as a Worship Associate

One of the best things about shared ministry is that each of us gets to participate deeply in the life of our congregation. The Worship Associate program at UUCP is one reflection of our congregation’s commitment to shared ministry, providing an opportunity for lay people to play a leadership role in our Sunday morning worship services. Worship associates enjoy the deep satisfaction of contributing to community worship.

We are looking for 4 or 5 new Worship Associates for the 2007-2008 church year. Many of us are rotating off, allowing space for new voices and new perspectives.

It is our intention that our Worship Associates reflect the diversity of our congregation and our community. All congregants who are committed to the UU worship experience are encouraged to apply. Successful worship associates have the following qualities:

- Flexibility and a commitment to working in a collaborative relationship with the ministers and lay service leaders
- Desire to help plan and participate in leading a quality worship experience
- Willingness to grow in worship leadership “presence”

Responsibilities:

- Serve at both services on 6 or 7 Sundays throughout the year. The WA is needed from 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, to ensure the sanctuary is fully prepared for the service, through 12:30 p.m. During the summer months there is one service at 10:00 a.m.; therefore the commitment is from 9:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.
- Contact the minister a couple weeks prior to a particular service to plan the service and your role in delivering it.
- Attend WA training on Saturday, June 9, 2007 (8:30 – 3:00)
- Attend Sunday services regularly throughout the year

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UUCPers Demonstrate Against the War

Laurie O'Neil and **Mary Ellen Marino** stomped through icy streets in DC on Saturday, March 17 to join thousands in protest on the Fourth Anniversary of the US invasion of Iraq. Meanwhile 500 people including a dozen UUs from UUCP (**Circe Urbanski, Liz Peck, Rusty Bryant, Ethan Allen, Carol Allen** and others) and from UU Washington Crossing gathered in Lambertville on Sunday, March 18 to walk across the river in a dramatic protest. Back to Trenton on Monday, the 19th, with **Carol Haag** as an eloquent speaker and **Bob Harris** holding the flag pole. On lunch hour, were State workers **Pat Radtke** and **Kathy Lehman** and also UUCPers **Ray Hallows, Mary Ellen Marino, Carl Haag, Stephanie Harris, Nancy Strong, Carol Allen**, and others.

It is a critical time as the Congress is deliberating the big supplemental spending bill for the war. For more information on the local and regional anti-war movement, go to [www. peace-coalition.org](http://www.peace-coalition.org).
 ~Carol Allen

PBS Film Series about Racism at the Princeton Public Library

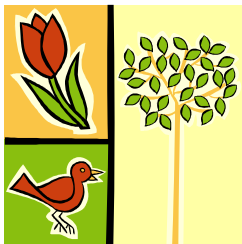
This film series is sponsored by *Not In Our Town* and the Princeton Public Library, at 7:00 pm on Monday nights in April.

April 9, "The Difference Between Us," examines the assumptions about race having a biological basis.

April 16, "The Story We Tell," examines the historical roots of racism.

April 23, "The House We Live In," examines the ways our institutions and government policies advantage . Some groups at the expense of others.

"Not In Our Town" is an interracial, interfaith social action group in Princeton committed to speak truth about everyday racism. Members of our congregation active in this group include **Elizabeth Peck, Ted Fetter and Pat Ramirez**.

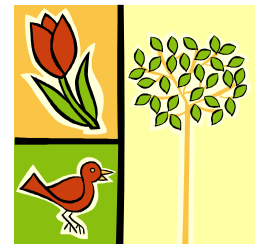


UUCP Spring Fair & Sale

Saturday May 5th

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (NEW TIME!)

Get May 5 on your calendar! Please say "Yes, yes!" when a booth chair calls to ask for your help sorting the treasure and staffing the booths, and plan to join us for 2007 Annual Spring Fair/Sale/Auction/Rummage/Fiesta/Madness/Event!!



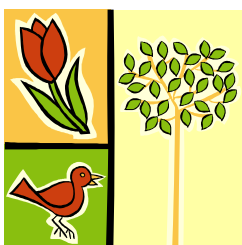
Call it whatever you want—it is a multi-faceted affair, indeed.

You will be thrilled (stunned, more likely) by the sheer volume, quantity, and variety of goods available. In addition to the clothing, toys, china, dishes, books, computers, small appliances, art, sports equipment, furniture, jewelry, linens, plants, baked goods, and hot dogs, there will be a live band playing.

Save those household goods and DONATE them to our UUCP Annual Spring Fair & Sale. All proceeds – usually between \$10,000 and \$12,000 -- go to local non-profits and charitable groups. The Fair will offer: clothing, shoes, purses, coats, linens, furniture, lamps, books, videos, computers, radios, TVs, jewelry, vases, towels, posters & pictures, kitchen appliances, dishes, trinkets, bowls, toys, baby equipment, games, sports equipment, gardening tools, general household items... you name it, we got it....if we don't have it, you don't need it.

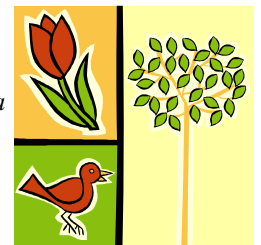
DROP DONATIONS OFF AT UUCP DURING PRE-FAIR WEEK

Donation DROP OFF Hours
 1 - 7 pm : Sunday, April 29
 4 - 7 pm : Monday, April 30 through Thursday, May 3
 4 - 6 pm : Friday, May 4



For **Large** items - Call **Bill Gillum** (737-9163) to arrange evening pickup during the week before the fair. **Very Large** items can be 'sold' by putting photos on a bulletin board during Fair. *Warning—We cannot receive or pickup a fridge or very large couch.*

2007 Spring Fair Chairs: **Judy Malsbury, Patricia Lange, Ruth Tomlinson**. (We are not occasional chairs, not lazy-boy chairs, nor easy chairs. We are just chair chairs.)



All proceeds are donated by the Congregation to local area charities and non-profits.

2007 Spring Fair UUCP - May 5, 2007

PLANT SALE PRE-ORDER

Are you thinking about buying plants at the Spring Fair? Did you know that the Plant Booth makes most of its profits from PRE-ORDERS? Help us make a bigger profit and order now! It's a win-win, because you'll receive a 10% discount if you do.

How to do it? Order form is available at the Spring Fair table on Sunday mornings and at

<http://www.uuprinceton.org/members/outreach/springfair/please-donate.aspx>, fill it in, tally up your totals, deduct 10%, and write a check to UUCP. Then, 1. Mail or bring form with payment to church office, clearly labeled as plant order form, or 2. Drop off at Spring Fair table in Robinson Lounge on Sunday mornings, in box labeled **Plant Orders**. Note: To help you with your choices, there is a packet located next to the Plant Orders box, with color photos of some of the plants.

The **final deadline** for pre-orders is **Sunday, April 15**. Don't delay! Your order will be ready for pickup in the downstairs courtyard late Friday afternoon, May 4th, or Saturday, May 5, the day of the Spring Fair. (And remember, Mother's Day is May 13th!)

Questions? Contact **Peggy Matthews** (609) 915-5901 or mmatthew@princeton.edu

ORDER FORM AVAILABLE ONLINE <http://www.uuprinceton.org/members/outreach/springfair/please-donate.aspx>

ANNUALS @ \$2.00 per 4-pack or \$18 per flat of 48
10" HANGING BASKETS @ \$15
VEGETABLES @ \$2 per 4 pack



Crisis Ministry

Footprints: Walk the path out of poverty. The Crisis Ministry will sponsor their 3rd annual walk against hunger and homelessness on April 21st at 8:30 am. We will congregate at the old Winepress Parking Lot at the Kingston entrance to the tow path. If you have not signed up yet, please contact marciam@thecrisisministry.org or visit our website, www.thecrisisministry.org for more details and materials. Get your teams organized and make your registration hassle free. Go to www.thecrisisministry.org and register by filling out a pdf and e-mailing to info@thecrisisministry.org. Separately you can make your t-shirt registration fee and team donations through our new Visa Payment option. If you need a packet or someone to come and speak to your group, call 396-9355, x 29 and leave a message.



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.

We are currently soliciting a Princeton pantry volunteer on Wednesday afternoons. This would require approximately 1-2 hours per week between the hours of 1:30 and 4. Please contact Marcia MacKillop at 396-9355, x12 or marciam@thecrisisministry.org.

~Lauren O'Neil

UUCP EARTH FEST APRIL 21, 2007



Trees

by Joyce Kilmer

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the sweet earth's flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

**JOIN US!!! UUCP EARTH FEST
ARRIVES APRIL 21st -11 am to 3 pm!**

Events:

The Telling of the Great Story of the Universe -- experience the spectacle of the Big Bang, the emergence of stars and galaxies, the advent of oceans and terra and LIFE -- then learn how our human actions have brought us to a choice point and things we can do TODAY to improve the health of our planet tomorrow.
Maypole dance Spiral dance

Activities:

Storytelling • Sing-along • Seedling planting
Make Your Own Primordial Ooze • Nature walks • Give One/Take One book and toy exchange •
Nature themed videos • How Big is YOUR Carbon Footprint?

And more...

Representatives from local environmental groups and sustainable living technology vendors will be on hand to provide information.

We still need a few more volunteers to assist us on the actual day of the event. If interested, please contact any member of the planning committee: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore, Bill Waltrip, Leslie Ashman, Ted Fetter, Todd Royer, Linda Benson, Nancy Gardner, Carol Haag, Bob Tucker, Eva Foster or Ann Schremp**

Complete your Earth Day* experience by joining us for...

**Brother Sun,
Sister Moon**

A Concert in Celebration of the Earth

Featuring Paul Winter's inspiring

Missa Gaia

Paul Winter has taken real songs from whales, wolves, and loons and woven them into a truly inspiring work -- his *Missa Gaia* (Earth Mass). The Choir will be joined by the Kids' Chorale, Handbell Choir, and instrumental ensemble, all creating a fabulous "Earth Romp" of world, jazz, classical and animal sounds.

Date: Saturday April 21, 2007
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Place: Channing Hall

General Admission Ticket \$20.00

For ticket information please call
609-924-1604, ext. 10

*All proceeds benefit the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association



The Great Story of UUCP Earth Fest

Back in the day, I remember gathering with my grade school classmates, standing in a circle around a newly planted tree, while our teacher read aloud the poem "Trees", by Joyce Kilmer. I marveled that Joyce was a man, since my mom's name was Joyce, and wondered -- eventually -- why there weren't more poems about trees. The weather in late April varied year to year, it could be cold and windy or warm and breezy, but it was the rare occasion in which the class went outside together as a whole to acknowledge Nature and her processes, and as such, my memories of Arbor Day have left a lasting impression. Perhaps we talked about Johnny Appleseed in the classroom; perhaps Weekly Reader would feature an article about alternative fuels at the time (yes, believe it or not, as far back as the '60's). Arbor Day was not a big event, certainly not one celebrated at the church I attended, but I still liked being out in the fresh air and sunshine (or cloudy drizzle, as it was April, after all), while planting a living, breathing thing that would long outlast my tenure as a student of the school.

Nowadays, Arbor Day has been supplanted by Earth Day, Aprils tend to be warmer than they used to, Johnny Appleseed is a restaurant I've stopped at along the route to my daughter's college, and while Weekly Reader isn't yet printed on recycled paper, their *online* version featured a cover story on Toxic Trash this week. Since those Arbor Days in grade school, entire sciences have developed around ecology and the environment, literature and music abound with earth-based themes, hybrid cars have become popular, and, praise Gaia, churches talk about such things.

I've noted these progressions in our awareness of the planet and our connection to it, because I think that sometimes we forget. We are at a tipping point on so many fronts, it seems, that every move, every



choice, feels as though it bears significant consequence. Many times, it does -- and UUCP and a number of committed congregants are asking you to make conscious, aware decisions in your lifestyle (i.e., your carbon footprint) that will have meaningful impact for generations to come.

And so we present Earth Fest, a gathering to acknowledge our common origins in the telling of the Great Story of the Universe (<http://www.thegreatstory.org/>), celebrate our connections to each other and the whole of creation, and to learn about ways in which we can invigorate our planet to better health. All are welcome, and we hope that the day provides fun activities, learning opportunities and environmentally focused material for everyone.

Central to the events and theme of the day will be a "choice point" opportunity. After experiencing the wonder and marvel of the cataclysmic and fortuitous events that led to the creation of the stars, life on our planet and human consciousness, participants will be asked to commit to earth-friendly changes in their habits and habitats. We'll provide information in the things that each of us can do PERSONALLY to be more ecologically sensitive and friendly. Vendors of Earth-friendly technology will be on hand, as will representatives of a number of local environmental groups so that you can find out how to Get Involved. Both indoor and outdoor activities are planned for the children, including a Give One/Take One exchange to recycle books and toys that are no longer used, but are still in good condition.

We hope that you'll join us and that you'll feel renewed, refreshed and restored with your own presence in this Earth community and in your commitment to its flourishing fitness for future generations.

-- **Leslie Ashman for the Earth Fest Planning Committee: Rev. Forrest Gilmore, Bill Waltrip, Ted Fetter, Todd Royer, Linda Benson, Nancy Gardner, Mirah Rubin or Carol Haag**

COMMUNIVERSITY

Saturday
April 28, 2007

Want to be a beacon for UUCP on Nassau Street? Come join fellow UUCPers at our booth. We'll sell books and T shirts and make art! All ages are welcomed to support UUCP and share what you've found at UUCP! We have lots to share in all areas of congregational life including: Social Action ministries, Religious Education, and worship services. Contact **Karen Kent** to sign up for one hour of service at the booth. 609-443-8039

(Worship Associate Continued from page 10)

The Worship Associates and the Worship Committee have now been folded into one committee. The additional responsibilities include two or three additional meetings throughout the year to plan:

- guest speakers for those Sundays when neither Forrest nor Chris is in the pulpit;
- coordinate the usher schedule/provide usher training;
- logistical planning for the Gathering of the Waters, Hanging of the Greens and Flower Communion Services.

Talk to any of the current associates. We can all share what being a WA has meant to us. ***If you think you can't do it, please think again.*** If you are interested in becoming a WA for the 2007-2008 congregational year, you must submit an application by **April 20, 2007** to the church office or via e-mail: office@uuprinceton.org

~Kathy Lehmann

Application for UUCP Worship Associate 2007-2008 church year

Worship Associates must be members of the UUCP congregation. All worship associates are expected to attend the WA training on Saturday June 9, 2007 from 8:30 – 3:00.

On a separate piece of paper, or via e-mail, please answer the following questions clearly and legibly.

Name:

Mailing address:

Phone:

e-mail:

Do you regularly access your e-mail?

1. Why do you want to be a worship associate?
2. Why do you believe that the worship experience is important?
3. Being able to work collaboratively is particularly important in planning a worship experience. Please discuss your ability and commitment to working in right relationship.
4. What skills, experiences and talents do you have that will enable you to contribute to this ministry?
5. What do you most want to learn from this experience?

Submit your application by **April 20, 2007** to the UUCP office or via e-mail: office@uuprinceton.org

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.

Pat Radtke was honored by the Peace Coalition on Sunday, March 25 at Princeton Theological Seminary. Pat serves as chair of the Peace Education Committee of the coalition; this committee presents lectures, films, forums, and an annual conference and chapel service. Also honored were Congressman Rush Holt, Larry Hamm of Peoples Organization for Progress, and Rev. Al Krass, Peace Organizer in Bucks and Montgomery Counties of Pennsylvania. The annual meeting speaker was Hans Blix, who opposed the Iraq War based on inspection by the UN Monitoring, Verification, and Inspection Commission which he headed.

Ben Powell was in a very serious car accident as he was driving home during a winter storm in South Dakota, when he collided head-on with a truck that somehow was on his side of the road. He received significant injuries to his head and remained unconscious until his death on March 2. He was 21 years old.

Ben's untimely death is an incredible shock and all the members of the congregation feel overwhelming sadness and sympathy for Matt and Susan and Ben's brother Henry. A memorial service was conducted by Rev. Forrest Gilmore on March 24.

Tony Tucker's last remaining sibling, his sister Essie Williams, died on March 13th at age 96. Tony is now the only remaining child of his mother's 10 children. 30-40 of Tony's cousins and other relatives from Georgia attended the funeral at the Second Baptist Church in Metuchen. They fondly called Essie "The Boss" of the family from an early age. Tony said she lived a good and happy life and he is relieved she is no longer suffering.

Over a year has past since the fire that destroyed Nancy Keene's condominium and its contents. While there are still insurance claims unsettled, Nancy herself is settled into new, comfortable quarters. From this experience Nancy says she "has learned the ultimate lesson of impermanence, attachment, and lovingkindness" as well as "riding the sea of Life just below the waves" from the Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh.

John Waltz's mother, Jossie Waltz's grandmother, died on February 28. Jossie is an 8th grader, taught in the RE program by her mother Shelley Waltz.

Cynthia Ward is in the Health Center of Meadow Lakes recovering from some severe health issues this past winter. She is happy to be there and is looking forward to hearing from folks, either by phone or in person. Her daughter Lisa (who grew up in this congregation and is now a UU minister) has helped her move in and hung pictures for her so that her room would seem less institutional. Cynthia is in the Health Center, Room B-20. Her phone number is 609-426-6681.

Judy Malsbury's father died peacefully around 3 a.m. March 15. Funeral services were on March 20th in Cherry Hill, NJ. Judy said she and her niece and the hospice nurse were with him when he died. She acknowledges that this was his time: "He died of old age and a broken heart" after the death of others he loved. She reports that both the nursing home and hospice "were awesome" and helped them through the tough times.

APRIL 2007

View the updated calendar online at: <http://plus.calendars.net/uuprinceton>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<p>APR 1—Two Services 9:15 & 11:15a.m. 8:00a-11:00p PHOTO DIRECTORY Sessions—Founders 9:00a-2:00p Brunch—Robinson 10:30a Meet the Ministers—Murray 11:00a-12:30p Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-12:3p Course in Miracles—Room 8 12:30p-2:00p Exploring Our Faith—Channing 12:30p Meet the Ministers—Murray 12:45p-2:45p UU Buddhist Group—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Youth Group—Fahs</p>	<p>APR 2 Full Moon ☉ 7:00p-9:00p Creative Journaling—Founders Room 7:15p-9:15p Covenant Circle—Murray</p>	<p>APR 3 12:00p-1:00p Office Staff Meeting—Murray 5:30p-7:30p Green Sanctuary Committee—Room 15 7:00p-9:00p RE Council Meeting—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle—Murray 7:00p-9:00p Minds on Fire—Room 15</p>	<p>APR 4 10:00a-12:00p Covenant Circle—Murray 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle—Murray 7:00p-9:00p Adult RE Council—Location TBD 7:00p-8:30p Loss & Grieving Group—Fahs 7:30—9:00p Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>APR 5 10:00a-Noon Women’s Alliance Board Meeting—Founders 10:00a-12:00p Covenant Circle—Murray 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group—Room 15 7:00p-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Heald Library 7:30p-9:00p Covenant Circle—Murray</p>	<p>APR 6 6:30p Passover Seder—Channing—All Congregation</p>	<p>APR 7 8:00a-11:00p PHOTO DIRECTORY Sessions—Founders 8:30a-10:30a Building & Grounds Meeting—Murray</p>
<p>APR 8—Two Services 9:15 & 11:15a.m. 9:00a-2:00p Brunch—Founders 10:30a-11:15a UULMNJ Steering Committee update to the Advisory Group and Congregation—Murray 11:00a-12:30p Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-12:3p Course in Miracles—Room 8</p>	<p>APR 9 7:15p-9:15p Covenant Circle—Murray</p>	<p>APR 10 Last Quarter Moon 6:30p-9:00p Covenant Circle—Murray 7:00p-9:00p—Board of Trustees Meeting—Murray</p>	<p>APR 11 6:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle—Murray 7:00p-09:00p Adult RE—Owning Your Religious Past: The Haunting Church—Founders 7:30—9:00p Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>APR 12 5:30p-7:00p Social Justice Ministry Meeting—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle—Murray 7:30p-9:30p Post-Ulysses Reading Group—Founders Room</p>	<p>APR 13 7:15p-9:00p Covenant Circle—Murray</p>	<p>APR 14 8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates—Murray</p>
<p>APR 15—Two Services 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. 9:00a-2:00p Brunch—Founders 11:15a-12:30p Course in Miracles—Room 8 12:30p-2:00p Exploring Our Faith—Channing 1:00p-3:00p Introduction to Membership Class—Murray 1:00p-3:00p Great Books—Room 8 12:45p-2:45p UU Buddhist Group—Fahs 11:00a-12:30p Youth Group—Room 15 7:00p-9:00p Youth Group—Fahs</p>	<p>APR 16 4:00p <i>Skylights</i> MAY 2007 issue DEADLINE Send to: skylights@uuprinceton.org</p>	<p>APR 17 New Moon ● 11:30a-2:00p—Men’s Club—Founders 7:00-9:00 Committee on Ministry—Murray</p>	<p>APR 18 1:00p-2:30p Office Staff Meeting—Murray 6:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle—Murray 7:00p-8:30p Loss & Grieving Group—Fahs 7:30—9:00p Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>APR 19 12:00p-3:00p Women’s Alliance Luncheon—Founders 7:00p-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Heald Library 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle Leaders Meeting—Murray</p>	<p>APR 20 Worship Associate Application Deadline</p>	<p>APR 21 8:00a-11:00p EARTH DAY FESTIVAL—ALL UPSTAIRS 8:00p Missa Gaia Earth Day Concert—Channing</p>
<p>APR 22—Two Services 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. 9:00a-2:00p—Brunch—Founders 11:00a-12:30p Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-12:3p Course in Miracles—Room 8 12:30p-2:00p Exploring Our Faith—Channing 12:30p-1:30p Young Adults—Room 1</p>	<p>APR 23 7:30p-9:00p Princeton Education Project (PEP) - Murray</p>	<p>APR 24 First Quarter Moon 7:00-9:00 Committee on Ministry—Murray 7:00p Dinner Discussion Robinson 7:00p-9:00p The Congregational Council—Murray 7:00p-9:00p Board of Trustees—Founders</p>	<p>APR 25 6:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs Theatre 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle—Murray 7:00p-9:00p Loss & Grieving Group—Fahs Theatre 7:00p-09:00p Adult RE—Owning Your Religious Past: The Haunting Church—Founders 7:30—9:00p Choir Practice—Channing Hall 8:00p-10:00p Membership Committee—Murray</p>	<p>APR 26 5:30p-7:00p Social Justice Ministry Meeting—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Budget Planning & Open Discussion of Draft Budget with Board President & Executive Team—Founders 7:30p Post-Ulysses Reading Group—John Murray Room</p>	<p>APR 27 5:00p-9:00p CUUPS Full Moon Circle—Memorial Garden/Room 11 Metro UU District Meeting in Stamford CT</p>	<p>APR 28 COMMUNIVERSITY DAY—In Town Metro UU District Meeting in Stamford CT</p>
<p>APR 29 Two Services 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. 9:00a-2:00p—Brunch—Founders 9:15a RE Teacher Check in—Fahs 10:15a-11:15a RE Craft Fundraiser—Robinson 10:30 –11:00a Sunday Forum: Discussion of draft budget with Board President & Executive Team—Murray 11:00a-12:30p Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-12:3p Course in Miracles—Room 8 11:15a RE Teacher Check in—Fahs 1:00-7:00p Donation Drop Off for Spring Fair</p>	<p>APR 30 4:00-7:00p Donation Drop Off for Spring Fair</p>	<p>MAY 1 4:00-7:00p Donation Drop Off for Spring Fair</p>	<p>MAY 2 4:00-7:00p Donation Drop Off for Spring Fair</p>	<p>MAY 3 4:00-7:00p Donation Drop Off for Spring Fair</p>	<p>MAY 4 4:00-6:00p Donation Drop Off for Spring Fair</p>	<p>MAY 5 9:00—1:00 SPRING FAIR</p>

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Day off: Monday
Study day: Friday

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