

## *Upcoming Sunday Worship Services*

**June 6, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**

***The Blossoms of Hope—A Service for All Ages***

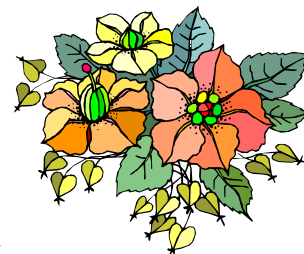
Today, we celebrate our gifts to the world as we honor those who have served in the shared ministry of our congregation. Please bring a flower or two to our service. We'll share these with each other as we acknowledge the hope we each have to offer.

Worship Leaders: **Revs. Chris Reed & Meg Barnhouse**

Worship Associate: **Ted Fetter**

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

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**June 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**

***Giving Your Children Your Blessing***

The concept of "blessing" is full of power and history in all faith traditions. Many of us feel a need to give something of ourselves that will strengthen and encourage others. Many of us have felt a need to receive that as well. Can a blessing be stolen, though? From the Hebrew scriptures, we'll hear the story of Jacob and Esau seeking their father's blessing and we'll talk about how to bless those around us.

Worship Leader: **Rev. Meg Barnhouse** Worship Associate: **Jordan Corn**

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

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**June 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**

***Solar Celebration***

On this Sunday near the longest day of the year, let us celebrate the sun and summer in UU style, with the recognition of our solar panels and our green sanctuary program.

Worship Leader: **Rev. Chris Reed** Worship Associate: **Ron Campbell**

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

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**June 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**

***Jesus' Grandmothers***

Reading the Christian scriptures, most of us skip the genealogies, the "begats." It could be interesting, though, to look at the list of the women in Jesus' family. What were they like? Perfect, sweet, quiet well-behaved women? Think again!

Worship Leader: **Rev. Meg Barnhouse** Worship Associate: **Sharon Copeland**

Music: **Adult Choir, Beth Ertz**

## Reflection Reverend Meg Barnhouse

Rev. Barnhouse is recovering from knee surgery. Her column will return next month.

deserved respite after her work on the survey and recent hip replacement surgery; Kathy is also recovering from her second knee replacement surgery. Linda is working on her contributions to the packet.

So, we're still here and still interested in your thoughts and opinions as we move forward. Check out our new location on the redesigned UUCP website. Click on our logo for the latest information about our Search efforts.

—Carl, Diana, Kathy, Linda, Pete, Sharon, and Susan



## Ministerial Search Committee

### What Are We Up To Now?

Although you have not received any e-mail blasts from us lately, your Search Committee has not been idle.

We are in the midst of preparing the documents that will go up on the UUA website by the end of October. On November 1, ministers who are considering a change will check out those congregations who are in search and will contact us if they are interested in coming to UUCP.

Prospective ministers will first see our Congregational Record, which is a fact-based, straight-text description of our congregation. If they contact us and we are interested in them, they will be able to see our "packet": a fuller, more descriptive, and photograph-including story of our congregation. The packet will also be available to you on our congregational website. So, if you have taken some great photos at a UUCP event, we would love to have them for possible use in our online ministerial packet! Please contact Sharon McCrae at [mccrae7@comcast.net](mailto:mccrae7@comcast.net) for guidelines in sending (or taking) photos.

Carl has been busy making arrangements for the visits that our three chosen pre-candidates will make in January and February. Pete is working with the Negotiating Committee on the contract that will be offered to our chosen candidate. Sharon is leading the creation of the packet, and Susan is in charge of putting the Congregational Record together. Diana is getting a well-



## June 6, 2010

**1. 10:00—ONE Service**

**2. Annual Meeting—follows the service**

**3. PICNIC—follows the Annual Meeting**

**PICNIC PICNIC PICNIC PICNIC**  
Burgers (veggie & beef) hot dogs, rolls and condiments will be provided.

Please bring the following items to share:

*If your last name begins with:*

*Bring:*

**A thru H**

Beverages

**I thru Q**

Salads

**R thru Z**

Desserts

**Reflection**  
**Reverend Chris Reed**

When I first became a minister I believed that everyone should have a chance to tell their story. I still believe and hope for this. Our theology does not come from doctrine or sacred text but is a narrative theology, found in the stories of our lives that we share with each other.

Over the last ten years we have created different structures and opportunities that invite us to share our sacred stories with each other. In worship, our worship associates have this opportunity in reflections each Sunday. Recently Allison Woolbert, Susan Sachs and Drake Baer shared their stories in a worship service on “adult passages”, and our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Coming of Agers shared theirs in an earlier service this month.

We have covenant circles and other small groups for people to share their lives. One of the richest of these groups is the Aging and Saging Circle that has about 13 regular attendees. And as everyone is over 60, we end up having decades and decades to share with one another. One of the best discussions on politics that I have heard here in the last 20 years was one that took place in this

group this spring.

And we have a wonderful new adult program, “Telling Our Stories”, which has featured some ten congregants this year, sharing their lives with us, the achievements, the challenges, the humor, the love, and the personal meanings.

Please let us know if you would like to be a worship associate, or tell your story, or try out a covenant circle or another small group. Someone recently said that in the worship service she likes to sit and be filled spiritually. Another person said that he finds that UU’s do have a sacrament, a ritual in which we receive divine grace, and it is in the sharing of our lives with one another.

Our congregation also has a story, told in our services, our programs, and our policies and actions that we make together as a congregation. On June 6, we add to this story. We add to it in our Flower Communion, at 10:00 when we celebrate our various ministries, and in our Annual meeting at 11:30 and finally in our Annual Picnic following the meeting. Hope to see you all on June 6!



**The Mission Covenant  
of the Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation of Princeton**

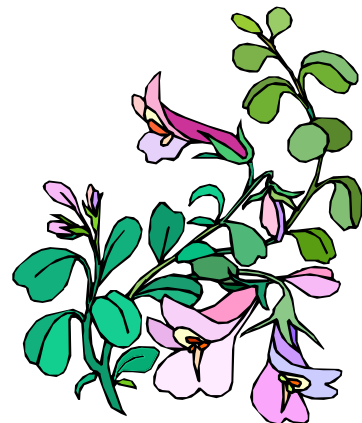
*We come together in a free and open search for meaning within the mysteries of life.*

*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.*



*Welcome New  
Members!*  
**Emerald Thaw**  
**Chris Munford**

# Religious Education for Children and Youth

## Summer RE Program Begins June 13

**2010 Summer Chalice Program**  
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.  
June 13 – September 5

(Please note that we will not have a children's session on Sunday, July 4)

The UUCP Summer Religious Education (RE) Program offers two classes: one for 3-5 year olds, and one for 6-12 year olds. The Summer Chalice Program differs from the year-round program in some significant ways:

When you register for the summer, there is not an expectation that your child attend each Sunday when possible. It is fine during the summer to attend whenever your family would like to do so. Your child is not "taking up a spot in the class."

Rather than building a community composed of a small group that stays the same each week, the emphasis is on a less structured community that worships and works together.

While there is some continuity in content each week, such as an opening ritual, each Sunday has a different theme and activity.

In addition to stand-alone lessons with spiritual and nature themes, for several consecutive Sundays this summer the Summer Chalice Program will have a special focus on learning about Conflict Resolution and Peacemaking, through fun games and activities.

**Please Register for the 2010-2011 RE year by June 20**

You can now register for 2010-2011 RE online at [www.uuprinceton.org/childrens-re](http://www.uuprinceton.org/childrens-re)  
Please try to send your completed form to Shelle Summers by June 20. If you need a hardcopy form to fill out, call Shelle at 609-924-1604, ext. 14

## Children's Worship & Religious Education Schedule

**Sunday, June 6**  
*Intergenerational Flower Communion*  
10:00 Channing Hall

**Sunday, June 13**  
*Community Harmony Circle*  
Summer Chalice Program Begins  
10:00 Fahs Theatre

**Sunday, June 20**  
*Animal Yoga*  
10:00 Fahs Theatre

**Sunday, June 27**  
*Conflict Resolution: Talking and Listening*  
10:00 Fahs Theatre

**Sunday, July 4**  
*NO Children's RE—Happy Holiday!*

**Sunday, July 11**  
*Conflict Resolution: Anger and Empathy*  
10:00 Fahs Theatre

**Sunday, July 18**  
*Conflict Resolution: Resolving Sticky Situations*  
10:00 Fahs Theatre

**Sunday, July 25**  
*Peacemaking: Peaceable Being*  
10:00 Fahs Theatre

If you have any questions, call Shelle Summers (609-924-1604, ext. 14)  
[sumners@uuprinceton.org](mailto:sumners@uuprinceton.org)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**This month the youth travel to New Orleans to partner with GNOUU and support rebuilding efforts post Hurricane Katrina!!**

## JUNE 2010 YOUTH

Just about Every Sunday Morning	<b>Morning Youth Group in Room 15</b>	11:00a—12:30p
1 Evening a Month	<b>Evening Youth Group in Fahs, Kitchen, Founders</b>	5:00-8:00p
6/4—6/5	<b>New Orleans Service Trip Meeting!</b>	7p Fri—9a Sat
6/6	<b>Youth Group—Summer Planning!</b>	10:00—11:15a
6/13	<b>Youth Group</b>	10:00—11:15a
6/20	<b>Youth Group</b>	TBD
6/26—7/3	<b>Service Trip to New Orleans!</b>	New Orleans
6/27	<b>No Youth Group</b>	No Youth Group

Contact **Pia O'Loughlin** with questions!  
UUCP Youth Programs Coordinator  
YPC @ [uuprinceton.org](http://uuprinceton.org) org  
732.421.7008

## 2010 Summer Chalice Themes:

June 13	Meditation and the Community Harmony Circle
June 20	Animal Yoga
June 27	Conflict Resolution: Talking and Listening
July 4	NO SUMMER CHALICE TODAY—Happy Holiday!
July 11	Conflict Resolution: Anger and Empathy
July 18	Conflict Resolution: Resolving Sticky Situations
July 25	Peacemaking: Peaceable Being
August 1	Peacemaking: When I'm Angry
August 8	Peacemaking: Appreciating our Differences
August 15	Nature Symphony
August 22	Air: Bubbles and Origami
August 29	Onondaga Creation Story: The Earth on Turtle's Back
September 5	Interdependent Web of Life: Owls

If you think your child may attend even one session during the summer, we encourage you to go ahead and register online at <http://www.uuprinceton.org/summerchalice/>

**If you have questions about the Summer Chalice Program, please call or email Shelle Sumners (609/924-1604, ext. 14, [sumners@uuprinceton.org](mailto:sumners@uuprinceton.org))**



### So, What IS the RE Council? *And what does it do?*

The Religious Education (RE) Council is (ideally) made up of 9 adult congregants, and oversees the rich RE Program offered by our congregation. The Council meets and works together with our paid RE staff members (Rev. Chris Reed, Shelle Sumners and Pia O'Loughlin). Most years, every RE Council member takes on a "portfolio" – that is, they supervise specific tasks for the RE program and Council itself. These portfolios change from year to year, depending on the interests and needs of the RE Program. We're very fortunate to have three paid staff members (Chris, Shelle and Pia) devote much of their time to the nuts and bolts of RE Programming. This leaves the Council to consider policies and larger issues.

This year, like many committees throughout our congregation, we chose to concentrate on the ENDS policies set out by our Executive Team and Board. As a Council, we have felt that the most pertinent ENDS statements to RE families concern **welcoming newcomers, retaining and nurturing all families, and helping RE families connect with**

**the larger congregation.** We focused our time in meetings on brain-storming and problem solving for each of these topics. Here are a few things that we came up with:

#### ***Bridging/Connecting to the larger Congregation***

- Have RE children come into Channing for part of the service (1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month – this is started!)
- Post or publish the Children's Worship topics so that parents, and other congregants, will know what has been covered. This may also promote better discussions between parents and children of RE activities. Non-RE congregants can always choose to attend Children's worship – some members already do on a regular basis!
- Promote congregation-wide Social Justice activities/projects so that children and congregation adults can get to know each other while working side-by-side
- Promote more congregation-wide Social Events – build a

social justice component into each festivity

- Secret Friends – Pair willing RE children with congregant "pen pals", then have a party when they meet face to face
- Create RE connections to all congregation committees

#### ***Welcoming***

- Have RE parents, or RE-familiar people, work with the Welcoming Committee so that visitors will get info directly from those with experience in RE
- Offer a map to newcomers to show them where they will find their young children after the service
- Place follow-up phone calls to families after they have visited to see how things went for their children in RE

#### ***Retaining***

- Encourage parents of RE children to socialize together, esp. while children are in RE activities if possible
- Encourage RE children to socialize together – have sleepovers, lock-ins at church, pot lucks, etc.
- Reintroduce a DUNS-like program for RE families – possibly based on scheduled walks in the woods together after church, possibly hold potluck picnics or meals together outdoors
- Call families who have stopped attending – perhaps they've been out of town, but we should know about the situations.

#### ***Who is on the RE Council, and what are the portfolios?***

Co-Chairperson (Meeting Convener/Facilitator, also represents REC on Program

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## Adult Programs

The programs planned and presented by the Adult Program Committee seek to further the mission of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton by building community; nurturing spiritual growth; and being an active force for building a more compassionate, sustainable, and just world.

### NEWCOMERS' CIRCLES

This six session program is an opportunity for newcomers to explore the central traditions and understandings of our faith. It is also a great opportunity to get to know 11 other people in a small group setting.

A Newcomers' Circle is part Covenant Circle and part discussion group for newcomers. The themes focus on the topics that are most compelling for those who are new to our faith and for those who are seeking religious community.

Newcomers' Circles meet for three months, every other week for a total of six meetings.

If you would like to join the next Newcomers' Circle please sign up at the Welcome Circle in Robinson Hall on Sundays or contact **Rev. Chris Reed** at [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org) or 924-1604, ext 12 or [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org)

As we go forward to create new circles, please let us know which days or times work for you by filling out one of the grids at the Welcome Circle in Robinson Lounge or by contacting Rev. Reed. Our hope is to include all newcomers in circles.

### The Rev. Chris Reed and the UUCP Welcoming Team cordially invite you to a Reception with Wine\* and Cheese for Newcomers\*\*

Sunday, June 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Chris' home.

Please R.S.V.P. by June 9 to **Marty Akers** at 609-737-3948 or email to [welcome@uuprinceton.org](mailto:welcome@uuprinceton.org)

\*Non-alcoholic beverages will be served as well

\*\*Children are welcome, although there are no planned children's activities

### Signing the Membership Book Ceremony

This ceremony of becoming a member is for those who have previously taken the Introduction to Membership Class or have been in a Newcomer Circle and want to become members. Please sign-up at the Welcome Circle or contact **Rev. Chris Reed** or **Rev. Meg Barnhouse** at 609-924-1604 to arrange a time. We will also have opportunities to sign the book in our worship services.

### SMALL GROUP MINISTRY—

#### “Get Plugged In” Join a Covenant Circle

Covenant Circles create community, encourage spiritual growth, and invite authentic connection with one another. After a check in and short meditation, participants reflect on and share responses to questions that evoke our individual sacred stories.



- There is time for discussion, questions, and socializing for the last 20 to 30 minutes of each Circle. (The previous format did not give enough opportunity for this.)
- Each Circle is encouraged to get together socially a few times and/or work together on a social justice or service project.

- We grow new groups as needed, so that we hopefully turn no one away.
- Circles meet from year to year.

Please sign up at the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge or contact **Shelle Summers** at [summers@uuprinceton.org](mailto:summers@uuprinceton.org), 609-924-1604, ext. 14 or **Chris Reed** at [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org), 609-924-1604, ext. 12 if you are interested in joining a Covenant Circle.

### NEW PROGRAMS

**Y**oga for health, well-being and peace of mind



**Thursdays 9:15—10:30 a.m. in Channing Hall**

All are welcome to a new gentle yoga class with Sharon Savage. Sharon's teaching style is based on ashtanga yoga, an 8-limb yoga system, with an emphasis on

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#### DO YOU HAVE A PROGRAM IDEA?

Is there a program or group that you would like to see at UUCP? Let us know and we'll try to make it happen. Do you have an idea for a program or group you would like to facilitate? We invite anyone with an idea for an Adult Program to submit a proposal to the Adult Program Committee. The proposal should contain

- an outline of the content
- the target audience and maximum number of participants
- time line (how many weeks/hours the course will require)
- suggested dates and times
- any costs for materials associated with the course (no fees may be charged for presenting an adult program)

All proposals will be reviewed by the Adult Program Committee and the ministers. Final scheduling and publicizing of the course will be the responsibility of the Adult Program Committee and the facilitators). Please submit any proposals to Adult Program Committee chair **Alice Harper** ([aharper67@comcast.net](mailto:aharper67@comcast.net))

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alignment with breath control, combining effort and surrender in a balanced union.

This yoga class is geared for those new to yoga, those with some experience, and for those who practice regularly. The classes will include pranayama, (breathing exercise), asanas (poses) for balance, strength, and flexibility, and will end with savasana (resting), for deep relaxation and rejuvenation of the mind. Yoga is practiced in bare feet, with clothing that allows free movement. Some mats are available at the church, or bring your own, along with any yoga props you use. (blocks, straps, pillows). Yoga – the Union of the Body, Mind, and Breath.

Sharon is certified through the Devalila Yoga Teacher Training program, (a 200 hour level registered yoga school with the Yoga Alliance)

For more information, see the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays or send an email to [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org)

## Women's Spirituality Circle

**Sunday June 6 & 30 at 6:30-8:00p.m. in John Murray Room**

Join us, as we connect with each other through our lives, our interests, challenges and joys as women. Part check-in, part ritual or spiritual practice, and part themes that reflect the concerns and spirituality of our lives as women.

If you are interested in joining the Women's or a Men's Spirituality Circle, please fill out a Small Group Ministry Registration Form at the Adult Programs table on Sunday morning, or e-mail [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org). For more information, e-mail **Rev. Chris Reed** at [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org)

## Writers' Circle

**Every Monday except First Monday  
June 14, 21, 28  
6:30—8:30 p.m. in Room 7**

The Writers' Circle will be revving up over the next two months with weekly sessions. The Circle is a non-intimidating, supportive group for adults who love to write. **The group will not meet on April 26 or Memorial Day.**

E-mail [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org) or sign up on Sundays in Robinson Lounge at the Adult Programs table. If you are even considering joining the Circle – even if you can't come every time – call or email **Teresa Stevens** at 609-538-0250 or [stevenssteresa50@verizon.net](mailto:stevenssteresa50@verizon.net).

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### Telling Our Stories

The series of videotaped interviews with some of our

amazing senior members who have lived fascinating, engaged and committed lives continues. In our youth-worshiping culture, we often forget to respect the elders in our midst and miss opportunities to learn from their wisdom. It is sad to experience the wonders of our Elders only from their eulogies.

We have heard from **David Todd, Adra Fairman, Eva Foster, Ted Fetter, George Briggs** and **Barbara Pitcher, Marjorie Herman, Sara Walsh** and **Jen Ping Wang** so far. Watch Happenings for timing of other "Stories."

Questions? please contact **Linda Benson** at [lindabenson5@gmail.com](mailto:lindabenson5@gmail.com), or **Carol Haag** at [revcarolh@verizon.net](mailto:revcarolh@verizon.net), or **Rev. Chris Reed** at [reed@uuprinceton.com](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.com).

## Young Adult Circle

**Ages 20-35(ish)**

**Sunday, June 6, 11:15-12:30 pm in Room 7**

Come and join us at our next meeting as we continue to form a new Young Adult circle for our congregation. This is a unique spiritual stage in our lives, and our spiritual growth and enjoyment during this time is enhanced by a loving, supportive and social community.

We meet on the first Sunday of each month for fellowship and spiritual discussion, and the third Saturday of each month for a social activity. Please come and help shape this vital ministry to all who walk through our doors looking for such a community of peers.

To find out more about us, look for the flyer at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays. You can sign up in the lounge or by contacting **Valentine Ortiz-Meyer** at [datural207@aol.com](mailto:datural207@aol.com)

## Aging and Saging

**This circle will start up again in September**

An ongoing program for all over 60 years old. Or anyone who feels over 60. We share our experiences, stories, feelings and information with each other.

We offer this affinity circle for those who would like to meet during the day to create a community of loving, supporting, learning individuals who find it exciting to explore the terrain of getting older with one another.

"Sage" is apparently only a noun and an adjective, but for you purists out there, please consider that it resonates with both —age and, as someone over 60 just said, also with sag, both respected verbs.

Sign up by sending e-mail to [events](mailto:events)

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@uuprinceton.org or on Sundays in Robinson Lounge at the Adult Program table.

## CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans)

Friday near the Full Moon, 7:00-9:30 pm, Memorial Garden in fine weather, Classroom 15 otherwise.

All are welcome. The **Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans**, or **CUUPS** (pronounced *cups*), is an organization chartered by the UUA in 1987 to practice and share Earth-centered traditions within the larger denomination. We seek to build bridges between 21<sup>st</sup>-century pagans and those who embrace other religious traditions, while celebrating the “interdependent web of all existence” as recognized in the Seventh Principle of Unitarian Universalism.

*All are welcome; we keep our content child-friendly.*

Contact **Elissa Hoeger** (609) 683-4409, [hoeger@princeton.edu](mailto:hoeger@princeton.edu).

## Great Books Reading Circle

Sunday, June 13 at 1 pm, in Room 7

Come and discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by **Zora Neale Hurston**. Harlem Renaissance’s Hurston’s best known novel, published in 1937, is considered a masterpiece. A tale of a Black woman living in Florida, her trials, struggles, and spiritual journey. Join us for shared reflections and cookies.

(For more info: contact Karen Siracusa at [kn.siracusa@att.net](mailto:kn.siracusa@att.net) or 609-918-1016 after 6 pm)

## Gentle Yoga Class

Saturdays 10:00 am—11:15 a.m. in the Founders Room or Channing Hall  
All levels welcome!

**Childcare available in Room 9 (Please R.S.V.P.)**

Yoga comes from the Sanskrit word —yuj— meaning —to meditate deeply— or —to concentrate oneself. Yoga is meditation through motion, practice in calming the mind through a series of poses. It is physically energizing and mentally restorative. Contact **Autumn Fiester** to R.S.V.P. for childcare

[fiester@mail.med.upenn.edu](mailto:fiester@mail.med.upenn.edu) 215-573-2607.

## UUCP Adult Singles

The UUCP ADULT SINGLES is an INTERACTIVE, PARTICIPATORY social network. We have no upper or lower age limits. Our members are single, divorced and widowed.

Sign up to learn about and suggest activities and events of interest; request and find companionship to attend a film, lecture, hike, or...

To JOIN, just send email to:

[uucpsingles@googlegroups.com](mailto:uucpsingles@googlegroups.com)

Visit the group at

<http://groups.google.com/group/uucpsingles>

## A Course in Miracles

Sundays 11:15 am—12:30 pm in the John Murray Room

A Course in Miracles will continue to study the Workbook for Students in June and for the rest of the summer. We will continue to meet in the John Murray room after the service each Sunday. In addition to the Workbook for Students we will make comparisons with Emanuel’s Book and the New Earth. Emanuel’s Book is also channeled, was written within 10 years of the Course and focuses on the realization of who we truly are. Some of the comparisons are striking. Come join us after the service in the Murray room. ~Hil Anderson

## Interested in Adult Programs or working at the UUCP Bookstore?

For more information about any of the classes described on pages 6-9, visit the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge or contact **Alice Harper** ([aharper67@comcast.net](mailto:aharper67@comcast.net), 609-737-3046)



The UUCP BOOKSTORE is open every Sunday between services. Contact **Alice Harper**: [aharper67@comcast.net](mailto:aharper67@comcast.net) 609 737-3046

## Community Building

### WOMEN’S ALLIANCE

The Women’s Alliance will meet next fall. ~Carol Haag

### MEN’S CLUB

Our next meeting will be in **October**, if you have any questions please contact **Bob Flora** at 908-874-0789 or [robertf481@aol.com](mailto:robertf481@aol.com)

### UU CONNECTIONS

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GA 2010 will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from June 23 -27. ~Carol Allen, UU Connections Committee

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Council): **Louise Senior**  
Co-Council Chairperson (Time keeper and Note-taker): **Andrew Galbraith-Ryer**  
Outgoing/Previous Chair Person (Comments on how things have been done in previous years): **Tom Prusa**  
Bridges Coordinator (promotes interaction between RE families and larger congregation): **Susan Griffin**  
Welcoming New Families Chair: **Andrew Galbraith-Ryer**  
Social Justice Chair (encourages RE classes to pursue Social Justice projects): **Louise Senior**  
Children's' Worship Committee Liaison: **Sarina Prior**  
Committee on Youth Liaison: **UN-filled**  
Social Events Chair: **UN-filled**  
*Note that this year we have had to double-up on some tasks because we have been undersubscribed....*

**YOU, too, could be a member of this dynamic, creative bunch of folks!**

For parents of RE children, this is a great way to fulfill your cooperative service with the RE program instead of serving as a teacher or class liaison! (When on RE Council you don't have to miss Sunday services, and you get to work with adults instead of children!) This year we have been under-staffed, so have been limited in the activities that we could host -- **We'd love to have your help next year** – let Louise Senior (Louise.senior@verizon.net, 609 240 6543), Shelle Sumners or Rev. Chris Reed know of your interest. **Please let us know as soon as possible (in June) if you can serve next year.** The Council meets on the 1st Tuesday evening of the month (Sept-June) – and this year we have been (successfully!) dedicated to keeping our meetings to 90 minutes, 7-8:30 pm. We also include an additional late-August meeting, to get the ball rolling for the year.

**One more note....**

We know that not everyone has time to commit to our Council, but you can ensure the health and well-

being of our RE Program by **FINANCIALLY PLEDGING** to the congregation so that our terrific paid staff members will be supported (and retained!). Please get your pledges in if you have not already. Retention of our experienced staff will make our ministerial transition smoother.

*~Louise Senior, 2010 Co-Chair RE Council*

**Thank you to all RE Teachers, Liaisons, Children and Families for your Support of UU Social Justice Projects in 2009-2010!**

A part of our UUCP religious education curriculum is the inclusion of at least one social justice project, per class, per school year. This is often done with a hands-on project, as well as sponsoring a class brunch and then donating the proceeds to one or more organizations. Classes vote on the selection – which gets our kids involved in the democratic process early on. Our classes have been busy this year using their “helping hands and loving hearts” to put the UU principles into action helping others in the world, our local communities, and even our church community. RE Brunches raised over \$4600 this year! We want everyone to know the wonderful work that our children have been up to! Some classes chose to participate in on-going church projects, and others organized their own through their teachers and liaisons – here are the projects and causes they supported this year:

**9:15 Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Social Justice Project: Made Get Well Cards for Ministry to distribute to Congregants

Brunch: Raised \$368.25 for Alex's Lemonade Stand  
 Teachers: Wendy Wagner, Kevin Trayner, Brian Cupp. Liaison: Michele Sengstack

**11:15 Pre K, K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Brunch: Held brunch together with the 11:15 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, and split the proceeds between American Red Cross Haitian Relief and the UUCP Youth trip to New Orleans. The classes together gave each group \$192.81!

Teachers: Janine Chupa, Jill Richards, Jon Krejci, Kathy Taylor. Liaison: Stephanie Hanzel Cohen

**9:15 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades**

Social Justice Project: Led Halloween Costume Drive for East Trenton Community Center in October, and Cleared Invasive Species in forest near UUCP with “Into the Woods” in April

Brunch: Raised \$260.95, designated to East Trenton Community Center to go along with Halloween Costume donations

Teachers: Jeannine Benson, Lara Heimann, Beth Behrend. Liaison: Andrew Galbraith-Ryer.

**11:15 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades**

Social Justice Project: Have made Chalice Refrigerator Magnets for sale to congregation. Proceeds from the sale will go to help the Youth fund their trip to New Orleans.

Brunch: Raised \$385.62; \$192.81 was sent to the American Red Cross for Haitian Relief, and \$192.81 was given to our Youth Group to help fund their trip to New Orleans. Brunch was held together with the 11:15 K-1 class on Feb 14.

Teachers: Alan Bookman, Patricia Hennigan, & Peg Caruso. Liaison: Michael Strauss

**9:15 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Social Justice Project: Raised \$132 for the UUCP RE fund through their Gingerbread House Auction at the Holiday Party

Brunch: Raised \$333.61, and is donated to our UUCP Youth Group for their trip to New Orleans to do Katrina Relief

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### CRISIS MINISTRY

Life places many demands on our time and our resources. Part of our daily activity is eating. Imagine not having food for yourself, for your family. Thank goodness for a program like the Crisis Ministry Food Pantry that is there to address such want in these difficult economic times. Please remember as you come to Sunday service to drop off contributions of food staples, personal care items, and disposal diapers in the collection bin by the front door. Thank you! ~Diana Gray

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Teachers: Paul Parrone, Erin Sweeney.  
Liaison: Cathy Bauer-Koggan

### 11:15 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

Social Justice Project: Sorted toy & sporting goods contributions and helped with general set up for the UUCP Spring Fair. The Fair netted over \$15,000 for our congregations Social Justice Work. Brunch: Raised \$477.43, \$100 of which was designated to our Youth Group for the New Orleans trip and the remainder for contribution to the UU Service Committee for Haitian Relief  
Teachers: Susan Griffin, Geri Luongo & Jeanne DeVoe. Liaison: Andrea Malcolm

### 9:15 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades

Social Justice Project: Served the Saturday hot meal in Trenton with Loaves and Fishes  
Brunch: Held two brunches! The first raised \$503.50 and bought a new bell for the UUCP Bell Choir. The second brunch raised \$508.80, which was matched by other congregation donors to contribute \$1500 to the UUCP Pledge Drive! *WOW!*  
Teachers: Cindy Garter, Jordan Corn, Tara Grunde-McLaughlin. Liaison: Nadine LeBeau.

### 11:15 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades

Social Justice Project: Planning a summer car wash to raise money for back to school supplies for HomeFront's children.  
Brunch: \$423.82 was raised and is yet to be designated. Teachers: Meg Cox-Leone, Liz Warrior & John Miller.

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### SPRING SALE WRAP UP

Our 51st Spring Sale took in over \$18,000, and when the books are closed, we should net at least \$15,000 for Social Justice Outreach\* – a very strong showing!

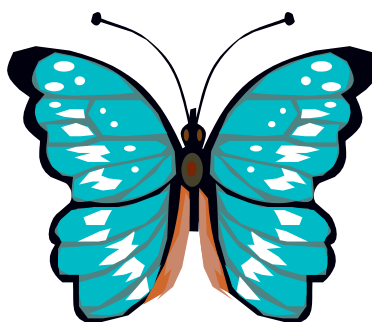
The spirit of our Spring Sale was **GENEROSITY**, carried out by dozens and dozens of people. **THANK YOU** to all of:

- the donors of beautiful and useful items,
- the workers – from set-up to clean up & everything in between,
- the purchasers,
- and to Sara, Tammie, Jorge & Pia, for enormous staff support.

Thanks for being part of the fun and for making something wonderful happen for our UUCP community, for our neighbors and for Mercer County charities!

~Amanda & Carol & Rick

**\*Recipients of 2010 Social Outreach Grants (from 2009 Sale):** Crisis Ministry of Princeton & Trenton, ISLES, PCV Group, Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, YWCA of Trenton, Enable, Meals on Wheels, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed, Your ReSource, Coalition for Peace Action, People & Stories, Hyacinth Foundation, Trenton Environmental Education Field Trips, National Association for the Mentally Ill (Mercer), Princeton Senior Resource Center, Committee on Religious Ministries (Hospital Chaplaincy), Mercer Street Friends, Womanspace, HiTOPS, Planned Parenthood Association of Mercer County.



### UUCP WELCOMES BIG HAIRY PLANT

*Beaucarnea recurvata*, syn. *Nolina recurvata*, came to us during preparation for the Spring Sale. AKA Ponytail Palm, Bottle Palm, and Elephant's Foot, it arrived here to be sold at the Sale, but once we saw it, we could not help but offer a home in Channing. The family originates in the deserts of Mexico, and this character has lived in Princeton for 25 years or so. It should be happy in our big sunny windows in Channing Hall.

There is water stored in the swollen base of the trunk and one authority advises watering once per the winter, so say "Hi" but please don't offer food or drink. *B. recurvata* is tough and is a survivor, like so many plants. It is impressive in the wild and you may have seen it on travels; the base can be huge and the trunks will be multiple. ~Ruth Tomlinson, plant nut

The Butterfly Transition Team is trying



to raise the needed funds for transgender surgery for one of the UUCP community's members, Allison Woolbert. We are

holding a fund-raising dinner and concert on June 19 at the UUCP from 7 - 10pm. In addition to delicious food, come enjoy the entertainment of international award-winning juggler and comedian Tony Duncan - [www.tonyduncan.com](http://www.tonyduncan.com); a NYC playwright, jazz singer and composer, Napua Davoy -[www.napuadavoy.com](http://www.napuadavoy.com); "uu4ia," a fabulous singing group we have heard at the UUCP in the past; and Bryan Woolbert (Allison's son) on piano.

Tickets are \$65.00 for adults and \$10 for children ages 12-7, 6 and under free. Tickets and can be purchased from **Autumn Fiester, Allison Woolbert**, or online at [www.planetdignity.com](http://www.planetdignity.com).

More information is available on the website. If you are unable to go please consider helping with a donation or purchasing a ticket in sponsorship to someone who cannot afford it. ~Autumn Fiester

## Social Justice

### A Beacon in the Community: UUCP Recognized by Habitat

As many of you know, UUCP has been actively engaged with Habitat for Humanity in East Trenton for over four years. Our first major effort was to transform a 20x40-foot storage room at Habitat headquarters into a neighborhood **Learning Center**, which was formally dedicated in May 2008. Several UUCP volunteers are tutoring students and local residents at the Learning Center. We contributed significant funding and hours of volunteer effort to help build a group of five row homes. Our **Partner Family**, Kijafa Robinson, Qiaun Clark & young Terrance moved into their new home last summer, and closed on it earlier this year. We also host several annual celebrations with neighborhood Partner Families. A few weeks ago, **Teresa Stevens** was elected to serve on the Habitat Board of Directors.

At the annual fund raiser event on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Paul Robeson Center for the Arts in Princeton, Habitat Board President, Rev. David McAlpin, presented a plaque to **Ray Nichols, Francis Treves, and Amanda Gillum**, on behalf of UUCP, in recognition of the strong support we have shown Habitat for Humanity -Trenton Area. The plaque will be placed on display in Robinson Lounge.

There are many ways we can continue to support Habitat and the East Trenton neighborhood – House building, tutoring, hosting events, serving on the Partner Family committee, helping at the ReSale Store. See **Ray Nichols, Pete Gerster, Pat Radtke, Teresa Stevens** or **Amanda Gillum** for more information. ~Amanda Gillum

### Habitat for Humanity needs your help

Volunteer to assist with the construction of a new home for a low income family in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Trenton. Teams from UUCP have been working in the East Trenton neighborhood along N. Clinton Ave. to construct decent affordable housing for over three years. Come, join us on the second Saturday in June, June 12. No experience necessary! Learn new skills while making new friends, and doing something useful with your hands!

For more information, or to sign up, please contact either **Ray Nichols** at (609) 737-7442 or [Acer-Nichols@verizon.net](mailto:Acer-Nichols@verizon.net) or Pete Gerster at 466-1361 or [petegerster@comcast.net](mailto:petegerster@comcast.net).

### Lobby Day: New Jersey Housing Issues

**Date:** Monday, June 21, 2010

**Time:** 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

**Location:** State House Annex

Join us to participate in the **Lobby Day** sponsored by the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey. Proposed New Jersey legislation would significantly modify requirements for low/moderate housing in each municipality, known as the “Mt. Laurel requirements.” Participants will learn about proposed changes in the “Mt. Laurel requirements” and meet with their legislative representatives to present our views. More information is available at the

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**Legislative Ministry (UULM)**

table on Sunday mornings

(including the **UULM issue brief**)

and from the Housing and Community Development Network of NJ at <http://www.hcdnnj.org/>.

Join UU members from other congregations and sign up for attending the **Lobby Day** at the UULM table or by contacting **Frances Prestianni** at [fprestianni@gmail.com](mailto:fprestianni@gmail.com).

### Loaves and Fishes 2010

**Thank you** to all the congregational volunteers, including RE Families and classes, who helped make the UU-sponsored Loaves and Fishes 2010 another resounding success! Special kudos to the 9:15 6-7<sup>th</sup> grade RE class members who volunteered as their Social Justice Project – you worked together as a terrific team.



Many congregants baked ahead of time, and the mountain of brownies you provided were exactly enough. Our extra hands made light work of the Friday night bag lunches with our fellow UUs at Washington Crossing (UUCWC), and we were grateful for all of your help serving the big meal (and cleaning up!) on Saturday. The organizers of Loaves and Fishes offer special thanks to our entire congregation – they really appreciate the ample portions and protein-centric (ham) meal that we provide, and their crew was very complimentary about how smoothly our serving and work with UUCWC went. Except for our donated brownies, the cost of the ham and food served is entirely paid for through our joint congregations’ Social Justice budgets. SO – if you have given anything to our social justice plate collection over the past year, you’ve also helped make Loaves and Fishes happen! Thank you very much. Great work everyone -- you’ve really used your “open minds, loving hearts and helping hands”!

**Our thanks go out to:**

**Our Bag Lunch Makers on Friday evening at Washington Crossing Church:** Dunbar Birnie, Amanda and Bill Gillum, Nancy McCormack & family, Louise Senior, Zoe Bookman, Nancy Gardner, Pia O’Loughlin, Sara Oderwald, Dana Haddorf, Kelsey Haddorf, Judy Malsbury, and Frances Prestianni (and possibly others that I have missed!)

**Our Brownie Bakers:** Carol Haag, Ann Ryan, Monica Jurkovich, Tracy Young, Regina Ryan, Louise Senior, Teresa Stevens, Chris Sturm, Dell Gerster, Mary Tulloss, Carolyn Hoeschle, Kim Hawkes,

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**Did you know that qualified, hardworking Americans are denied job opportunities, fired or otherwise discriminated against just because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT).** Hard as it is to believe, in 29 states, gay people can get fired, not hired, or not promoted just for not being straight. And the same applies for transgender people in 38 states. The poster from PFLAG really gets the message across.

Those who are transgender are hit especially hard in the workplace. Of a recent survey by the National Center for Transgender Equality and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, of 6456 individuals:

- 97% of those surveyed had been mistreated at work because of their gender identity.
- 26% had lost their jobs and after they lost their jobs, over 30% were either evicted or became homeless.

#### What Does ENDA Accomplish

- Extends **federal** employment discrimination protections (currently provided based on race, religion, sex, national origin, age and disability) to sexual orientation and gender identity
- Prohibits public and private employers, employment agencies and labor unions from using an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity as the basis for employment decisions, such as hiring, firing, promotion or compensation
- Applies to Congress and the federal government, as well as employees of state and local governments

Unitarian Universalists have always fought for the civil liberties of others and this year **Interweave Continental, Standing on the Side of Love, the UUA Office of Advocacy and the UU Congregation of Princeton** have teamed up to make Employment Civil Rights a reality.

Opponents are claiming that “all people of faith believe that LGBT individuals are mentally ill”. Organizations such as the Traditional Values Coalition, Family Research Council and others have wrongly claimed that ENDA:

- will allow “perverts” to prey upon children in bathrooms and schools
- will force religious organizations to hire “perverts” (religious organizations and the military are EXEMPT under the new ENDA law)
- ENDA will give "special protections" to pedophiles
- “children are going to be exposed to teachers who have a psycho-sexual mental disorders.”

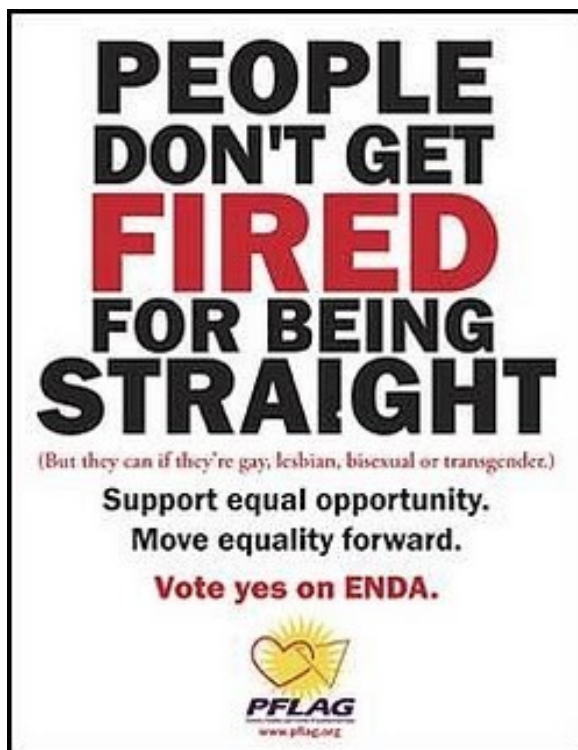
**These scare campaigns have been very effective over the past few years.** For example, the Prop 8 trial in California has exposed the “pervert campaign” as swaying many individuals to vote against marriage equality in many states. The opposition has learned that their voice counts and that their distortions go unchallenged.

**They are counting on our apathy and silence!!!**

## Silence

### The Voice that Empowers the Oppressor.

As people of faith, we can make a difference by calling our Senators and Representatives and telling them we are liberal people of faith and that we believe in equal rights for all. Get engaged in today's Civil Rights Movement. Support ENDA by helping make employment fair for everyone. You can find more information on how you can make a difference at: [www.getendapassed.com](http://www.getendapassed.com) or email Allison Woolbert [allison@getendapassed.com](mailto:allison@getendapassed.com)



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Liaison: Tracy Leahy

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – OWL class as well as the Coming of Age Class

Social Justice Project: The OWL class distributed and collected ‘Guest at Your Table’ boxes to our congregation. The funds contributed support programs of the Unitarian Universalist

Service Committee. The Coming-of Agers voted to make bag lunches with UU Washington Crossing for Loaves and Fishes. Brunch: Raised \$366 for the *Tara Dorgan Scholarship Fund*, which will support school fees for a child to complete High School at the Escuela Miguel Vasquez, in Guatemala. Tara is a member of

this RE Class, and started this fund after her school trip experience volunteering in Guatemala. She hopes to raise \$4000 so that one child can finish 4 years of High School. Class members voted to support her work. Teachers: OWL: Alice Deanin, Tom Prusa, Judith Hayes & Eliot Heller. Liaison: Jocelyn Dorgan. Coming of

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## Grace Notes

**Three Octaves of Bells** We're very excited about the June 13 service, when we will "roll out" our third octave. We'll have nine ringers for this special service, and we hope you'll be there for the "premier." Again, thanks to the largesse of individuals and groups alike who participated in this program. We hope you'll be at the **Sunday** service on **June 13** so that you can hear for yourself what a difference that new octave makes. We'll be on our summer schedule then, so there will be only one service, at 10:00am.

**Sunday Serenades 2009-10.** Our last *Sunday Serenade—Gospel Train* – was a huge success. We were treated to performances by musicians all across our area. All who attended were lifted by the experience of real community and healing. Our thanks to Joan Waite for her vision and beautiful script. *And...* we managed to add another \$600 to our Music Fund to help with expenses for next year. Stay tuned for next season's roster of concerts...

**Adult Choir Open House!** Once again, we'll hold a Choir Open House on August 29, 2010 and invite those of you who wish to experience what singing in this jolly band is all about. After the potluck dinner at 6:00pm, we'll retire to Channing Hall, where we will read through highlights from the coming year's choices of music. All are welcome. For more information, contact Marjorie at [marjmuse@optonline.net](mailto:marjmuse@optonline.net).

### **Looking Ahead – Music Lovers, Awake!**

Perhaps you are a music lover, a supporter of what we're trying to accomplish, but you are not an active participant. Chances are there's something valuable you can contribute to our ministry. You can join our Music Ministry Committee, which meets for one hour one Wednesday evening per month, to share your ideas about enhancing the vibrancy of our Ministry, including helping us decide on next year's roster of concerts for our Sunday Serenades Concert Series. Or, you could volunteer in a number of other ways: helping with publicity for Sunday Serenades, or helping for a "Serenade" in exchange for free admission, to name only two. Read our Mission Statement below and if you're inspired to help in any capacity, contact **Jordan Corn**

([jcorn@meredithpoint.com](mailto:jcorn@meredithpoint.com) or **Marjorie Herman**

([marjmuse@optonline.net](mailto:marjmuse@optonline.net)).

### **Music Ministry Mission Statement**

To provide, through the power of music, a dynamic ministry that will inspire transcendent personal experiences, draw the congregation into greater kinship, and bring inspiration to the wider community.



### **June Hymn of the Month**

This month our chosen hymn is # 335: Once When My Heart Was Passion Free. The lovely folk tune is an old one from the early American volume *Kentucky Harmony*, compiled in 1821. The words are by John B. Tabb, 1845-1909, an American poet, Roman Catholic priest, and professor of English. Born into one of Virginia's oldest and wealthiest families, he became a blockade runner for the Confederacy during the Civil War, and spent eight months in a Union prison camp; he converted to the Roman Catholic Church in 1872, and began to teach Greek and English at [Saint Charles College \(Ellicott City, Maryland\)](#) in 1878. His lovely text springs from the ecumenical side of his thinking. ~Marjorie Herman

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Norma Veile, Mary Ascher, and Jane Fetter (and possibly others that I missed!)

***Our Milk Deliver-er:*** Teresa Stevens.

***And, to Everyone who helped Serve and Clean up the Meal on Saturday in Trenton:*** Martin Veintraub, Diana Davies, Betsy Marshall, Karen Ramberg, Nadine LeBeau, Jeanine Benson, Matt Platoff, Ben Platoff, Michelle Hunt, Nancy McCormack and her family, Maddie LeBeau Maltese, Jim Maltese, Cindy Garter, Shawn Gumeny, Tara Grunde-McLaughlin, Madeleine McLaughlin, Michael Platoff, Lynn DiFerdinando, Pat and Doug Radtke, Mirah Riben, Dunbar Binrie, Nick Birnie, Louise Senior, Matej Bajla and Kirsten Shearer and Elizabeth Silverman! (apologies to anyone whose name got left out – I tried to keep accurate lists, but we had a volunteer *army*!)

***We look forward to your help again next year – Friday and Saturday March 25 & 26, 2011!!***

*Louise Senior and Nancy McCormack, Loaves and Fishes UUCP co-chairs*

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Age: Nancy Gardner, Pia O'Loughlin & Kirsten Shearer  
**Youth Group**

**Social Justice Project:** They plan to travel in June and July to work for GNOUU (Greater New Orleans Unitarian Universalists) on Hurricane Katrina relief and Rebuilding, through the GNOUU Center for Ethical Renewal. ALL proceeds from brunches (\$643.18 and \$333.61), the Hanging of the Greens skit, a car wash, their work at the Fellowship Auction and other fund raisers will go to support their travel to New Orleans, and to support the travel costs of the required adult chaperones.

Teachers: Pia O'Loughlin, Beth Surmont, Lauren Foss, Craig Rubano, Kiya Heartwood & Maggie Beaumont

*Submitted by Louise Senior, RE Council Social Justice Coordinator (and apologies to RE classes for any errors)*

## Joys and Sorrows

To help nurture a beloved community here in this congregation, please remember to share significant events in members' lives with the Pastoral Associates, who are charged with extending the pastoral ministry. This column is a place to inform the larger community of major events in people's lives. Sometimes people want to have their news shared; sometimes privacy and confidentiality prevail. Items for this column should be sent to [skylights@uuprinceton.org](mailto:skylights@uuprinceton.org). All items will be reviewed by the Pastoral Associate leadership team before printing (Jon Krejci, Rev. Chris Reed, and Carol Haag).

Please say 'goodbye' to **Tammie Fischer**, our wonderful UUCP office assistant who will be leaving us on June 30.

**Ray Hallows's** sister, Jean Hallows Driggers, died at age 87, on May 3 from a long illness due to Alzheimers. Memorial service was held on May 8 in Tallahassee, Florida.

Congratulations to **Charlie Parker** who wanted to share some great news. He entered The Crow's Nest in the Green Book Festival in CA and received Honorable Mention in the Young Adult category. He is thrilled beyond words!

**Diana Gray** just received news of the passing of her beloved older brother, Jack. Personal sharing with others at this church helped her to face this sad, but inevitable news. "I realized that I must accept and realize a future where there are less of us here. Somehow, I think I foolishly imagined we would all leave this life together. But from you I learned that even after death, the gifts of my brother will still be with me. I am so grateful that I have enjoyed having all my siblings walking the earth with me for all these years."

"I would like to extend my great appreciation for all the cards and calls from members of the congregation while I was recovering from surgery. Such a wonderful outpouring of love and caring

helped me recuperate. Special thanks to my pastoral associate, Raj Nigam, for errand running and visitation." In love, **Regina Ryan**

**Carl and Carol Haag** are happy to share the (belated) news of the birth of a new granddaughter, Grace Kenlyn, to their son Ken and his wife Nikki on March 23.

Thomas Forehand, oldest child born to **Emma and Garlie Forehand**, died on April 24 at his home surrounded by his family. His siblings, Mike, Joe and Karen, all got to have pleasant visits with him before he died. Tom liked to read, hike, walk, camp and play his guitar. We will never get over missing him. A memorial service at the church is being planned for sometime in July.

We would like to thank all of you who have sent cards, or called to support us in this time.

**Ted Fetter's** brother Jeff died suddenly and unexpectedly on April 24 from a heart attack. He was just 54 years old. The impact was particularly noteworthy for Ted and Jane since it occurred on the same day as the wedding of their youngest son Dan and his bride Heidi.

**Elizabeth Peck** has won a prize, Runner-up for Best Watercolor, for her painting, "The U.S. Senate", in the 28th Annual Open art exhibit at Ellarslie, the Trenton City Museum. The opening reception was on May 1.

**Amanda & Bill Gillum** were proud to attend Univ. of Pennsylvania's School of Design Awards Ceremony on May 16th. Their daughter, Allison, received The Gaia Award "for excellent work in environmental planning," and the Ann Louise Strong Leadership Award. She received her Master of City Planning Degree and Certificate in Land Preservation the following day.

"I find in Unitarianism the freedom and stimulus to seek a lofty sense of the meaning of life. The important thing is to build a faith in a divine power or principle larger and beyond oneself. For me, Unitarianism contributes most effectively toward this objective." James R. Killian, 10th President of Massachusetts Institute of Technology

*~Submitted by John Best*

### The UUCP Relational Covenant

Our covenant affirms a commitment to build loving, healthy and trusting relationships within our congregation. We make these promises in order to love better, relate more compassionately and feel the power of our human connections.

#### Our Promises:

- ◆ We warmly welcome all.
- ◆ We speak with honesty, respect and compassion.
- ◆ We listen attentively.
- ◆ We express gratitude for the service of others.
- ◆ We honor and support one another in our spiritual journeys and in times of joy, need and struggle.
- ◆ We embrace our diversity and the opportunity to share our different perspectives.
- ◆ We address our disagreements directly and openly and see conflict through to an authentic resolution.
- ◆ We serve our spiritual community with generosity and joy.
- ◆ We strive to keep these promises, but when we fall short, we forgive ourselves and others and begin again in love.

View the current calendar online at:  
<http://plus2.calendars.net/uuprinceton>



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<p><b>JUN 6—ONE Service—10:00</b>  <b>Flower Communion</b>  <b>11:30a Annual Meeting</b>  <b>12:30p Picnic</b>                      10:00a-11:15a Morning Youth Group-Room 15                      11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Murray                      11:15a-12:30p Young Adults Circle—Room 7                      6:30p-8:00p Women's Spirituality Circle—Murray</p>	<p><b>JUN 7</b>                      7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders</p>	<p><b>JUN 8</b>                      7:00p-10:00p Board of Trustees meeting—Founders                      7:00p-9:00p Building Your Own Theology—Murray Room</p>	<p><b>JUN 9</b>                      1:00p-2:30p OFFICE STAFF MEETING—Office closed from 1:00-2:30pm                      7:00p-9:30p Adult Programs Committee (2nd Wed) — Founders                      7:00p-9:00p e2 Covenant Circle (2nd Wed) - Murray                      7:30p-9:00p Adult Choir Rehearsal—Channing Hall</p>	<p><b>JUN 10</b>                      9:15-10:30a Gentle Yoga—Robinson Lounge                      7:30-9:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Channing Hall</p>	<p><b>JUN 11</b></p>	<p><b>JUN 12</b>                      8:30a-1:00p Pastoral Associates Meeting &amp; Training (2nd Sat) — Murray Room                      8:30a-3:00p Trenton Habitat Work Day (2nd Sat)                      10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>
<p><b>JUN 13—ONE Service—10:00</b>  <b>BEGINS RE CHALICE PROGRAM</b>                      10:00a-11:15a Morning Youth Group-Room 15                      11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Murray                      12:45p-3:45p Great Books Circle —Room 7</p>	<p><b>JUN 14</b>                      6:30-8:30p Writers' Circle—Rm 7                      7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders</p>	<p><b>JUN 15</b>                      7:00p-9:00p Committee on Ministry (3rd Tue) - Murray Room                      7:00p-9:00p Building Your Own Theology—Murray Room                      7:30p-9:30p Interfaith Coalition Against Torture film —Falls Theatre</p>	<p><b>JUN 16</b>                      7:00p-8:00p Music Committee—Robinson Lounge                      7:15p—9:00p Membership Committee (3rd Wed)—Murray                      7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Rehearsal—Channing Hall</p>	<p><b>JUN 17</b>                      9:15-10:30a Gentle Yoga—Robinson Lounge                      7:00-8:30p Circle Leaders Meeting—Murray</p>	<p><b>JUN 18</b>                      5:30p-10:00p Board of Trustees Retreat—Founders, Murray</p>	<p><b>JUN 19</b>                      8:30a-4:00p Board of Trustees Retreat—Founders, Murray                      10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Channing for today</p>
<p><b>JUN 20—ONE Service—10:00</b>                      Morning Youth Group-TBD                      11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Murray                      6:30p-8:00p Women's Spirituality Circle—Murray</p>	<p><b>JUN 21</b>                      6:30-8:30p Writers' Circle—Rm 7                      7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders                      7:00p CUUPS Summer Solstice—Channing, Founders, Robinson  <b>5:00p Skylights</b>  <b>JUL/AUG 2010 ISSUE</b>  <b>DEADLINE</b>  <a href="mailto:skylights@uuprinceton.org">skylights@uuprinceton.org</a></p>	<p><b>JUN 22</b>                      7:00p-9:00p Leadership Council (4th Tues) - Minister's Office                      7:00p-9:00p Building Your Own Theology—Murray Room</p>	<p><b>JUN 23</b>                      GA (UUA General Assembly) - Minneapolis, MN                      7:00p-9:00p e2 Covenant Circle (4th Wed) - Murray                      7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Rehearsal—Channing Hall</p>	<p><b>JUN 24</b>                      GA (UUA General Assembly) - Minneapolis, MN                      9:15-10:30a Gentle Yoga—Robinson Lounge</p>	<p><b>JUN 25</b>                      GA (UUA General Assembly) - Minneapolis, MN                      7:00p—CUUPS Full Moon Circle—Founders &amp; Outside</p>	<p><b>JUN 26</b>                      GA (UUA General Assembly) - Minneapolis, MN                      10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>
<p><b>JUN 27—ONE Service—10:00</b>                      GA (UUA General Assembly) - Minneapolis, MN                      11:00a-12:30p Morning Youth Group-Room 15                      11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Murray                      10:00a-11:15a No Youth Group today</p>	<p><b>JUN 28</b>                      6:30-8:30p Writers' Circle—Rm 7                      7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders</p>	<p><b>JUN 29</b></p>	<p><b>JUN 30</b>                      7:30p-9:00p Adult Choir Rehearsal—Channing Hall</p>	<p><b>JUL 1</b>                      9:15-10:30a Gentle Yoga—Robinson Lounge                      7:15p-9:00p Covenant Circle (Lance) - John Murray Room</p>	<p><b>JUL 2</b></p>	<p><b>JUL 3</b>                      10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>

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