



Skylights *newsletter*

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION OF PRINCETON

JUNE 2
Annual Meeting

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

June 3, 2007 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

The Spirit in Everyday Life: West African Religious Traditions

Worship Leader: **Rev. Chris Reed** Worship Associate: **Kathy Lehmann**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz**

Last year when I preached on Buddha and Jesus, and the Tao of Unitarian Universalism, and the Jewish Spirit, and then on Islam, a few people from the congregation asked if I would preach on the traditions of Africa, and how they inform our spiritual lives. This was a meaningful challenge, because I actually use a spiritual practice from Ghana that I learned from a friend, in my daily life.

Joan Waite, a member of our congregation, will share two songs from these religious traditions.

June 10, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (One Service)

The Blossoms of Hope—A Service for All Ages

Worship Leaders: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore & Rev. Chris Reed** Worship Associate: **Michael Piscetelli**

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

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. *Please note that this is the first service of our summer schedule when we hold just one worship experience per Sunday at 10 am.*

June 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (One Service)

The Mature Masculine

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

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz**

On this Father's Day, we celebrate the mature man – the man who transcends the capacity for violence yet is also so much more than the "sensitive, new age guy."

June 24, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (One Service)

Nice Work If You Can Get It

Worship Leader: **Eva Liane Foster**

Music: **Alice Deanin**

"What kind of work do you do?" What *is* work? Is it simply, as Mark Twain suggested, "whatever a body is obliged to do"? Today we'll explore, in story and song, the meaning of work in our lives: the work of our hands, of our hearts, of our spirits.

Reflection

By Reverend Chris Reed

We are doing some exciting congregational work over the summer. I want to share just two of the projects that I am involved with this summer.

Our small group ministry program is being expanded to include newcomer circles and family circles. Rick Baker, who is on the Adult Program Committee, is leading an effort to get the newcomer circles started this summer. We are really excited about these focused groups. We have a wonderful initial program for newcomers with the welcome circle and UUism 101, but then there seems to be a wasteland, and too often newcomers find themselves alone in coffee hour, and sometimes don't make the critical connections that let one know that they are part of a spiritual community.

I am sharing this with you for the obvious reason that it is important for all of us to communicate the work and goals of our

various ministries. But also, because we want you to be a part of this work. These groups that will meet for 4 months, will have a leader, two congregants, and 7 newcomers. And we will put them together as people register at the Welcome Circle. We are expecting the first one to start in June or early July. And while Rick and his committee and I will be reaching out to you to participate as a congregant or a leader, please feel free to contact me and let me know if you would like to be involved in this ministry.

Another area that I hope to be working on in various ways is our youth program. Perhaps most importantly, the Youth Programs Coordinator search committee, which includes myself, Karen Kent and Nancy Gardner, will hopefully be able to advertise a more substantive position and hopefully find a candidate who is the right fit for us. Also I have been meeting with our new social justice coordinator, Edie Grauer and we are planning to meet with the youth in June to solidify a social justice project for the summer.

One of our youth advisors, Jeffrey Bock, is being deployed to Iraq this summer for 6 months. Jeffrey has given his dedication, his time and his skills to working with our youth in a most committed way. We will miss him a great deal and keep him in our hearts while he is away.

We will be able to thank all of you who are involved in our many ministries, at our Flower Communion service on June 10. Remember that it is a single service at 10:00 and remember to bring a flower.

***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

One of Unitarian Universalism's key traits is our dedication not to a particular creed or theology, but to the spiritual search itself. We affirm that knowledge is always growing and that we are called to continue to learn more and more. One way I like to describe our purpose – we, UUs, are here to help people seek the sacred and serve the world. As Unitarian Universalists, we are seeker servants.

In keeping with that, we have two very precious values – one is freedom of the pulpit and the other is freedom of the pew. As a minister, I do my best to speak truth to all of us. What I say might be easy to hear or difficult to hear, make a great deal of sense or seem quite crazy. But your covenant with me affirms my right to speak to you as my conscience dictates. This same value also translates to you. In some religious traditions, what the minister says from the pulpit is considered to be gospel and followed by all. However, in our faith, you come to worship to learn and grow and be inspired by what you experience here, but you don't have to believe everything that I say or for that matter, what anyone says here, if your own discernment tells you otherwise. My job is to offer you inspiration and perspective as you engage in your spiritual search. That is the great challenge of our faith and its great gift. We will support you in your spiritual search, but we will not carry you on our backs.

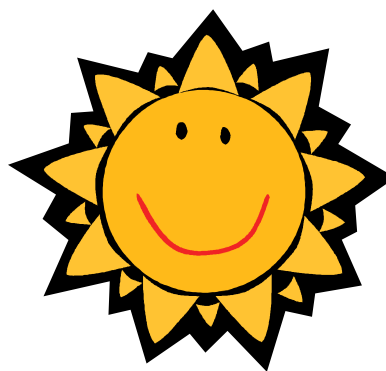
As such, in the midst of the grand mysteries that we encounter each and every day, our Unitarian Universalist challenge remains the same – to seek the sacred and serve the world. To call forth our powers of discernment to find meaning and value for our lives... and to give back. This is our shared path, our common journey. We walk together, both blind and sighted, striving to find our ways towards truth. May we continue to do so with love and vigor.

JUNE 2
Saturday
The UUCP Annual Meeting
 Community Dinner and Celebration
 Saturday June 2, 2007 5:30 p.m.

Come celebrate our accomplishments, congratulate outgoing board and committee members, vote on the budget, new board members, the nominating committee and the committee on ministry. A program for children of all ages will be provided. Signups will be in the Robinson Lounge or send your RSVP to events@uuprinceton.org
 Please indicate your food contribution: Dessert, Main Entrée, Salad.
 Please, no appetizers.

If you need childcare please let us know the age of each child.

~Cindy Jenison



Religious Education for Children and Youth

Please Register for 2007-2008 RE by June 10

By now you should have received in the mail the RE registration form and brochure for the 2007-2008 year. Please try to return your completed form to Shelle Sumners by June 10, as space in each class is limited to about 16 students.

Summer Chalice Program Begins June 17!

Our summer RE program will run Sundays from June 17 to September 2, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., and we have some wonderful fun planned for Pre-K kids and older kids ages 6 to 12! **If you think your child may attend even one session during the summer, we encourage you to go ahead and send in your registration.** We know that families have lots of plans and travel scheduled, so we've designed "standalone" lessons for the Summer Chalice Program. We hope your child will come lots of Sundays, but just coming for a few of them, as your family schedule allows, will be perfectly okay!

Earth Spirit Week is around the Corner—Send in Your Registration!

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 will explore the materials that make up the earth, things that grow and are contained in the earth, and how in

Children's RE Calendar



Sunday, June 3 Celebration

9:15 and 11:15, Fahs Theatre
Last day of RE classes

Sunday, June 10 Intergenerational Flower Communion Service

10:00 Channing Hall

Sunday, June 17 Summer Chalice Program begins

10:00 The Courtyard

Sunday, June 24 Summer Chalice Program

10:00 The Courtyard

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



dirt, rocks, and fossils we find the fascinating history of living things on our planet. We will participate in games, activities, music, and crafts that encourage a sense of responsibility and genuine connection with the earth. Camp tuition is \$50. Contact Shelle Sumners at 609/924-1604, ext. 14, or sumners@uuprinceton.org for more information. Or go to the church website: http://www.uuprinceton.org/re/summer_programs.html

Summer Chalice Program Themes:

- 6/17 Summer Solstice Celebration
- 6/24 Planting Seeds & Plants
- 7/1 UU Songwriting
- 7/8 Zen Sand Gardens
- 7/15 Nature Walk
- 7/22 Nature in Poetry
- 7/29 African Dance
- 8/5 August Earth Festival
- 8/12 Making Prayer Beads
- 8/19 Rock Painting
- 8/26 Storytelling
- 9/2 Sand Mandala/End-of-Summer Celebration

If you have questions about the Summer Chalice Program or would like a registration form, please contact Shelle Sumners, 609/924-1604, ext. 14, or sumners@uuprinceton.org. Or go to the church website: http://www.uuprinceton.org/re/summer_programs.html

Newcomers

Meet the Ministers & Brunch

First Sunday of the month (6/3) after the first service, at 10:30 A.M. in the John Murray Room for an informal conversation with a minister. Gather at the Welcome after the service.

UUism 101 “The Local Congregation”

John Murray Room, 12:30-2:00

Sunday, 6/3, after the second service please join us for the 3rd session of this program that explores our faith. After focusing on theologies and our history in previous sessions, this session will focus on our local congregation, its programs, spiritual practices, structure, leadership and opportunities. All are welcome to attend.

Introduction to Membership Class

Third Sunday of the month (6/17) from 11:30– 1:00 P.M. in the John Murray Room. After attending the church for a time, learn about membership, 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 (6/14)**. 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.

~Ted Fetter
Membership Committee

Small Group Ministry—“Get Plugged In”



We are now offering another type of circle, in addition to the popular covenant circles. Please read about both of these opportunities.

Newcomers Circle – Starting in June you will be able to sign up for a 4 month newcomer’s circle, that will meet twice a month. Specific dates and times for the first one that is forming will be available at the visitor’s circle, along with registration forms, and from **Shelle Summers**. Our hope is for the first of these circles to start meeting by the end of June and then to create new ones, as more register. Each circle will have 3 congregants and 7 newcomers. And the program will be geared towards the newcomer, who is exploring this faith and congregation.

Covenant Circles – Most of our circles have the final session in June. Last month we addressed racism in our lives. It was a very powerful and meaningful session. Thanks to all who attended and who have been in circles this year. And much thanks to our covenant circle leaders. A few of the circles will go on through the two summer months. Registration forms for a new circle will be given to current participants in their circle, also we will have a mailing during the summer, and also have forms available in the lounge on Sundays and from the office, by contacting **Shelle Summers**. The new circles will have their first meeting in September.

Inspiration Team – If you would like to be on a team to think up possible topics for our covenant circles, or have a topic you would like us to address, please send it to **Rick Baker** at rick.baker1@att.net.

Adult Programs

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. Upcoming Dates: **June 3 and June 17**

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 Dates: **June 1 and June 29**

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

CleanUp with the Book Club



Great Books meets Sunday, **June 17th** at 1 pm at UUCP to discuss *Housekeeping* by Marilynne Robinson. Join us for this modern classic, the acclaimed coming of age story set in the Idaho mountain lake country. (Questions? Contact **Karen Siracusa** kn.siracusa@att.net or **Linda Benson** lbenson5@verizon.net)

Creative Journaling

COMING JUNE 4: Does the idea of CREATIVE JOURNALING make you wonder:

"Just what is CJ-ing?" "Can I do it?" "Can someone learn to be creative?" "I haven't journaled for thirty years, can I still do that?"

If you have new found curiosity, or are a seasoned journal keeper, we meet the first Monday of the month in the Founders' Room at 7:00 p.m.. We bring great journaling materials and we explore our creativity together. Then we share. It's fun. E-mail me if you want to come or know more about this process. **Emily Townsend** em@etstudio.net

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, parent, child, sibling, 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 are grounded in like experience.

While this group is primarily 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.

The group is open to all who come at any time and for however many sessions. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 7:00-9:00 in Room 15.

If you 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 in Room 15 which is located downstairs. In addition to our Sunday circles, we take turns hosting potluck dinners at which the host or hostess chooses the activities for the night. We also enjoy group outings and gather for special events, such as 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 wel-

come new faces, ideas, and perspectives! If you'd like to be added to our e-mail list, send a note to youngadults@uuprinceton.org.
Rev. Chris Reed

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?

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.

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 SilverDove@comcast.net or catch me at a second service on Sundays.
~Mirah Riben

Adult Programs, continued

UUCP "WALKING THE JOURNEY" ADULT PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE

The UUCP Adult Program Committee is working to develop new programs which

- * enhance community
- * encourage spiritual development
- * strengthen shared ministry
- * extend faith in action

Please help us by checking A to D for the kinds of programs that interest you, and underline examples which focus on programs you might decide to attend.

___ A. **Community** through programs focused on introduction to membership, meetings for newcomers, neighborhood groups, family circles, those older & wiser, or (your suggestion) _____

___ B. **Spiritual Development** through programs focused on exploring our faith, finding & developing a spiritual practice, owning your religious past, writing your spiritual journey, dreamwork, or (your suggestion) _____

___ C. **Shared Ministry** through programs which focus on leadership development, right relations, conflict resolution, or (your suggestion) _____

___ D. **Faith in Action** through programs focused on economic justice, awareness of racism, the environment, or (your suggestion) _____

Do you prefer programs offered weekly? _____ alternate weeks? _____ monthly? _____

Best day(s) and time(s) for you _____

Are you willing to lead an adult program? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, in what area? _____

Other suggestions or comments? (use back if necessary)

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please return this form to UUCP office, Attn: Adult Programs, 50 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton NJ 08540-7626 Thanks!

~Fran Benson

A COURSE IN MIRACLES

June 3 - We start a new chapter in the text entitled THE TRANSITION, with the first section entitled: The "sacrifice" of oneness. The world we perceive is based on the concept of sacrifice. Sacrifice is the means of preserving our perception of a separate self.

June 10- II -Many forms; One Correction. When no one loses all problems are gone. But the separate self persists in believing that your gain is my loss. But there is no loss.

June 17- III The Borderland What is everything leaves room for nothing else. God knows one creation, one reality, one truth (love) one son (all of us).

June 24- IV Where Sin (separation) Has Left Forgiveness is the equivalent of Heaven's justice. Through the acts of forgiveness you perceive oneness. You have only yourself to forgive.

Please join us in room 8 of the Sunday school unless it is too hot and we can find an air conditioned room. If we move on a given Sunday there will be a notice on the door to room eight

~Hil Anderson

UU CAMPUS COMMUNITY

UU undergraduates and graduate students met on the Princeton campus every Thursday evening for dinner and fellowship during this past semester. Many thanks to all who were involved, and particular thanks to **Ruth Ramsey** who is the lay leader on the Campus Ministry team, to **Catherine Schurdak** who stepped in as interim Campus Ministry Coordinator this spring, and to Thomas Lipp, student leader on the team. The Campus Community had some wonderful discussions together, developing friendship and support. Thank you all. ~Rev. Chris Reed

Community Building

Women's Alliance

Donations for 2007

Crawford House \$ 300

A halfway house in Skillman, NJ for women recovering from addictions.

Child Haven \$ 500

This organization operates 5 orphanages in India and Nepal providing education and medical treatment.

Clara Barton Diabetic

Camp \$ 900

Founded by the UU Women's Federations, this camp provides recreation and education for girls with diabetes.

Finca \$ 400

This organization grants micro loans to empower women in impoverished nations.

Heifer Project \$ 400

An international organization providing education and livestock for families to raise their own food.

Mercer Street Friends

Food Co-op \$ 200

This organization distributes food for more than 80 food pantries, soup kitchens, and day care centers in Mercer County.

Salvation Army Grand

Camp \$ 300

This camp gives summer recreation to Grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren and to the grandchildren.

Women's Alliance of our Partner Church \$ 200

Provides funds for the activities of the women of the church in Romania.

Total \$3,500

For further information regarding any of these organizations please contact

Lorraine Anderson, Women's Alliance president.

Men's Club

There is no scheduled luncheon for June.

~Bill Barnard

Dinner Discussion

There is no scheduled luncheon for June.

~George Schindler, Jr.

UU Connections

UUs Gather in Oregon

Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly will be from June 20 to 24 in Portland, Oregon. We have a relatively small delegation going this year from UUCP. One of the features of GA this

year will be an experiment in democratic process known as Open Space Meetings. In an attempt to envision the future of UU congregations, groups will answer the question "What difference should we make in the world?" In early meetings, an agenda will be created and then parallel working groups will pursue different topics and report back on Saturday. There will also be the usual guest lecturers, workshops, worship, exhibits, and networking of GA. Our delegation will report significant information back to the congregation later in the summer.

~Carol Allen

UU Connections Committee

DENOMINATIONAL CONNECTIONS

Denominational Outreach

The Denominational Outreach Committee allocates funds for UU related organizations. The committee is given a portion, typically 20 – 25%, of the revenue from the Fellowship Auction and the Spring Fair. This year we had \$5,000 to award and the requests we received totaled more than twice that amount. After careful thought we allocated the funds as follows:

Murray Grove: \$1,000

\$500 given to support Homcoming 2007

\$500 given as an institutional membership

Unitarian Universalist United

Nations Office: \$100 – annual member congregation dues

Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community: \$250

– basic congregational support

Meadville Lombard School for the Ministry: \$500

Scholarship support for ministry students

Starr King School for the Ministry: \$500

Given to support their new Transylvania Internship Program

Campus Ministry: \$650

Given to support program activities for Princeton UU students

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee: \$500

Given to support a youth activist who will participate in a fact-finding delegation to Ecuador and produce a short video of the trip.

~ Kathy Lehmann,
Diane Torrance,
David Harper

Denominational Outreach Committee

Earth Day Wrap Up

Collective Response from Walk through the Universe

Unimaginable expanse
swirling stardust
gases collide and explode
Stars are born
billions of stars

One star
Our earth
Millions of years
Water, sustainer of life
Primordial ooze
Changes; links to the past
Potential for the future
Interconnected, interdependent

Magnificent variety
Flows from the same source
Wonderment

Humankind has forgotten
Careless, selfish
Jeopardizing it all

Time to remember our interconnection.
We come from stardust.
Swirling stardust
A tiny speck in the unimaginable expanse

Pause in awe at the mystery.
It's not too late. There is hope.

What we do matters. What you do matters.
What will you do? What will we do?

~Kathy Lehmann

Board of Trustees

Where Does the Time Go?!

By Jordan Corn, President

It's hard to believe that the 2006-07 church year is nearly over. With the Annual Meeting passed as you read this, the current Board has but one remaining regular meeting, which we will share with our incoming members. With most of the year behind us, I thought I'd use this space to look back on what we've accomplished this year. In my next – and last – column as your Board's president, I'll ruminate on the work I believe lies ahead for next year and perhaps beyond. Last summer, the Board laid out a plan of work that included five items. I mentioned four of them in my midyear report in February – and in my March "Skylights" column. Here is a rundown on the Board's accomplishments with respect to all five of the items that were in our original plan:

Communications:

As of February, the Board had held several Congregational meetings and forums, informal gatherings in the lounge, a World Café Vision Quest, Sunday outreach, open time in Board meetings, and monthly "Skylights" articles. We've continued to communicate as much as possible. Since the midyear report, we have had more forums and open meeting time (particularly with respect to the budget), begun planning Ends-related discussions with key groups within the Congregation, created a Board overview brochure, and continued to be as accessible as possible.

Ends Statements:

Since February, we have done a lot of work with Ends statements. We used the input we gathered at the World Café to expand the statements we had. We spent a significant amount of time learning about Ends statements and the processes various boards have used to generate them by reading parts of "The Policy Governance Fieldbook". We have worked at adding clear, actionable statements to the Ends statements that came out of the World Café work. As mentioned above, are working to schedule focus-group time with key congregational committees. Lastly, we will hold a Board Ends retreat/workshop in late June. If all goes well, the Board may be able to formally adopt a set of Ends statements at that workshop, or at its July meeting.

Policy Interpretation:

Midyear, I reported that we were working with the Executive Team to interpret our Governing Policies. That work has continued over the second half of the year, with a good degree of progress. We have focused on interpreting Executive Limitations – those policies that

lay out the Executive Team's responsibilities – and are through most of them. We may not complete interpretation of all of these policies before the end of the Church year, but the vast majority of them will be done.

Monitoring:

Since February, we have focused on regular financial reporting. We have established a quarterly schedule for Board financial discussions, and a monthly schedule for financial updates. We are working to incorporate reporting of standing funds into this reporting, and plan to learn about these funds in some detail over the summer. As part of Policy Interpretation, we have worked with the Executive Team to outline a number of areas for monitoring, but are still working on a formal monitoring schedule.

Moving Toward Being and Ends-Driven Congregation:

We set a stretch goal this year to work to build congregational energy around our new Ends statements. While we have not achieved this goal, the progress we have made in detailing our Ends statements, gathering feedback from individuals and groups about them, and our effort to adopt a complete set of Ends statements in the next month are all important steps along the path toward this goal.

Our work didn't stay exactly on our plan for the year, but it was remarkably close. We didn't finish everything we hoped we would, but we made great strides in many areas which will help improve our governance going forward. In addition to our accomplishments, we functioned extremely well as a team. We opened most of our meetings with insightful readings, and followed them with profound check-in questions. We engaged in deep dialog about many topics, and more than once were wowed by profound questions long after check-in. We worked hard to make visitors to our meetings feel welcome, and allowed humor and play to enter into our work. We strove to stay on track, but allowed diversions when necessary – sometimes even actively agreeing to modify our agenda to fit them!

Overall, we've done well... but there is much, much more to do. I look forward to sharing my views of what is ahead next month, and welcome any thoughts you might have about either the Church year that is wrapping up, or the one just around the corner.

Social Justice

I am honored to join UUP as Social Justice Coordinator and to have the opportunity to pursue my penchant for community and policy level work. The effort that everyone here has put into the social justice ministry is most impressive and I look forward to working with you to continue to achieve the goals that have been set.

When asked where I am from, my response is “Newark, NJ” where I was born, raised, and proudly educated in the public school system. Although I haven’t lived there since graduating college, I continue to feel connected to the family and community that formed my sense of social awareness, altruism, and values that influenced my interest in social work. I earned a baccalaureate degree in social work from Rutgers’ Livingston College. As I began my professional training it was clear to me that my niche would be addressing social issues and their causes – as opposed to the symptoms. I gained a few years of experience in my field, and returned to school. I attended Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work earning a master’s degree in social work with a concentration in social policy and planning, and a minor in research.

I spent thirty years in social work in a variety of roles, dedicating my efforts to those who are disenfranchised by society. To that end I have worked primarily on behalf of juvenile and adult offenders; people affected by alcohol and other drugs of addiction; persons infected with or affected by HIV and AIDS; at-risk youth and families; and persons who are economically and/or educationally disadvantaged. My experience includes county-wide planning, coordination and funding for alcohol and drug prevention and treatment, directing volunteer-based mentoring and family support services for a faith-based organization; program development and administration; and teaching on the undergraduate and graduate levels.

For the past ten years my partner and I have resided in Franklin Township where we are raising our seven year old daughter, Zaya, 4 year old son, Joshua, and dog, Angel. When I have a moment or two, I enjoy gardening, cooking, reading, making jewelry, and listening to music. Opportunities for solitary moments do not arise often, however, my children love to partake in these activities with me.

~Edie Grauer
Social Justice Coordinator

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.

Lontime member **Henry Gallagher** died May 9, following a long illness. Rev. Chris Reed conducted a memorial service for family and friends at Stonebridge. On May 24 Henry’s wife, **Helen Gallagher** died. Our sympathies go to Henry and Helen’s three daughters and their families. We will be holding a combined memorial service to celebrate the lives of Helen and Henry on June 16 at 11:00 a.m. in Channing Hall.

Belatedly we send our sympathies to **Tim Trumbo**, whose wife, **Gloria**, died this past December, just short of their 30th wedding anniversary.


We are happy that **Grace Gambino** is back into her active life, recovering nicely from open heart surgery several weeks ago.

Cynthia Ward has returned and is now living at Meadow Lakes in Hightstown. She has managed to attend worship services on a few occasions and welcomes calls – 609-426-6681 – and visits.

Spring Sale & Auction—Thank You!

The Spring Sale and Auction was a great success! Everyone appeared to have a great time, both the customers and the workers. The coordinators (**Ruth Tomlinson, Pat Lange, and Judy Malsbury**) have requested feedback for next year’s coordinators (hint - need volunteers). Thanks to all for a wonderful day!

~Judy Malsbury

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
			Full Moon ☉		JUN 1 Full Moon ☉ 5:00p-9:00p CUUPS Full Moon Circle—Memorial Garden/Room 11 6:00p-10:00p 6th-7th grade 11:15 class—Fahs Theatre	JUN 2 8:30a-10:30a Building & Grounds Meeting—Murray 5:30p-8:30p ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—Channing
JUN 3—Two Services 9:15 & 11:15a.m. 9:00a-2:00p Brunch—Robinson 10:30a Meet the Ministers—Murray 11:00a-12:30p Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-12:3p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8 12:30p-2:00 UUism 101—Murray 12:45p-2:45p UU Buddhist Group—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Youth Group (1st Sunday)—Fahs	JUN 4 7:00p-9:00p Creative Journaling—Founders Room 7:15p-9:15p Covenant Circle (1st Monday)—Murray	JUN 5 12:00p-1:00p Office Staff Meeting—Murray 7:00-9:00p Covenant Circle (1st Tuesday) - Murray 7:00p-9:00p RE Council Meeting—Founders	JUN 6 10:00a-12:00p Covenant Circle (1st Wednesday) - Murray 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle (1st Wednesday) - Murray 7:30—9:00p Choir Practice—Channing Hall 7:00p-8:30p Loss & Grieving Group—Room 15 7:00p—9:00p Adult RE—Location TBD	JUN 7 10:00a-12:00p Covenant Circle (1st Thursday)—Murray 7:00p-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Heald Library 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle (1st Thursday)—Murray	JUN 8 7:15p-9:00p Covenant Circle (2nd Friday)—Murray	JUN 9 8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates—Murray
JUN 10—One Service 10:00 a.m. BEGINNING OF SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE & RE PROGRAM 9:00a-2:00p Brunch—Founders 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8 11:00a-12:30p Youth Group—Room 15 ANNUAL PICNIC & BBQ	JUN 11 7:30p-9:00p Covenant Circle (2nd Monday)—Murray	JUN 12 6:30p-9:00p Covenant Circle (2nd Tuesday)—Murray 7:00-9:00 Committee on Ministry—Murray 7:00p-9:00p—Board of Trustees Meeting – Founders TIME?? - Green Sanctuary Committee—Room 15	JUN 13 1:00p-2:30p Office Staff Meeting—Murray 6:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle(2nd Wednesday)—Murray 7:30p-9:30p Adult RE Program Committee—Founders	JUN 14 12:00p-3:00p Women's Alliance Luncheon—Founders 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group (3rd Thursday)—Room 15 5:30p-7:00p Social Justice Ministry Meeting (2nd Thurs)—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle (2nd Thursday)—Murray	JUN 15 New Moon ●	JUN 16 11:00a—Gallagher Memorial Service—Channing
JUN 17—One Service 10:00 a.m. 9:00a-2:00p Brunch—Founders 11:00a-12:30p Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8 11:30p-1:30p UU Buddhist Group—Fahs 11:30p-1:00p Introduction to Membership Class—Murray 1:00p-3:00p Great Books—Room 8 7:00p-9:00p Youth Group (3rd Sunday)—Fahs	JUN 18 4:00p <i>Skylights</i> JULY/AUGUST 2007 issue DEADLINE Send to: skylights@uuprinceton.org	JUN 19 7:00p-9:00p The Congregational Council meets—Murray	JUN 20 GA—Portland, OR 6:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:00p-8:30p Loss & Grieving Group—Room 15 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle (3rd Wednesday)—Murray	JUN 21 GA—Portland, OR 5:00p-10:00p Summer Solstice—Channing 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group (3rd Thursday)—Room 15	JUN 22 GA—Portland, OR	JUN 23 GA—Portland, OR
JUN 24—One Service 10:00 a.m. 9:00a-2:00p—Brunch—Founders 11:00a-12:30p Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-12:3p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8 GA—Portland, OR	JUN 25	JUN 26 SHELLE SUMNER'S BIRTHDAY 	JUN 27 6:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs Theatre 8:00p-10:00p Membership Committee—Murray	JUN 28 5:30p-7:00p Social Justice Ministry Meeting (4th Thurs)—Founders	JUN 28 5:00p-9:00p CUUPS Full Moon Circle—Memorial Garden/Room 11	JUN 30 Full Moon ☉

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

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Tues through Thurs
Day off: Monday
Study day: Friday

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Tues through Thurs
Day off: Monday
Study day: Friday

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

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