



# Skylights *newsletter*

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## Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

**July 1, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (One Service)**

***Will You Be Left Behind?***

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** Worship Associate: **Kathy Lehmann**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz**

With the massive sales of the Left Behind book series, the fundamentalist Christian story of the apocalypse has been on our minds. We're seeing a massive rise in the impact of the religious right. How will this growing influence of believers in the Rapture affect us?

**July 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (One Service)**

***What on Earth is the Holy Spirit?***

Worship Leader: **Rev. Chris Reed** Worship Associate: **Michael Piscetelli**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz, and a Guest Musician**

Literally? More than just an understanding of the term "spirit", the "holy spirit" is an entity in many religious traditions. For some it is the mover and shaker, for some it is, believe it or not, the grandmother. What are our own experiences of this entity?

**July 15, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (One Service)**

***Annual Poetry Service***

Guest Worship Leaders: **UUCP Poets** Worship Associate: **Caroline Kulesza/Kathy Lehmann**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz**

A group of our very own UUCP poets will lead our worship this morning. We don't know what form this service will take. Come and be surprised!

**July 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (One Service)**

***The Spiritual Practice of e-Mail***

Worship Leader: **Rev. Chris Reed** Worship Associate: **Ted Fetter**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz, Guest Musician: Bob Tucker, recorder**

They say that you preach on what you need to hear. I'm not sure where this sermon topic will take us. But let's not limit it to e-mail, unless of course it turns out to be a true mine of profound spiritual practice.

**July 29, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (One Service)**

***Peacemaking***

Guest Worship Leader: **Naomi Drew** Worship Associate: **Eva Liane Foster**

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

Naomi Drew is recognized around the world as an expert on conflict resolution, peacemaking, and parenting. Her book, *Learning the Skills of Peacemaking* was one of the first to introduce peacemaking to public education. Hailed as visionary, her work has enabled educators, parents, and people of all ages to live these skills on a daily basis.

## Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

***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 jour-  
neys.*

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

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**August 5, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (One Service)**

***The Cycle of Abundance—Celebrating Lammas***

Guest Worship Leaders: **Evergreen CUUPS: Priestess  
Maggie Beaumont and other CUUPS members**

Worship Associate: **Kathy Lehmann**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz**

Evergreen CUUPS will present our annual celebration of Lammas, also called Lughnasadh, the feast of the First Fruits of the Harvest. Maggie will speak briefly on the Cycle of Abundance. We share Cakes and Ale to honor our ancestors and the grain harvest, and to remember the cycles of the planet and of ourselves. Non-alcoholic, yeast free options will also be provided.

**August 12, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (One Service)**

***A Bird's Eye View***

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore**

Worship Associate: **Raj Nigam**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz**, Guest Musician:  
**Sharon Silverstein, guitar**

Before seminary, I worked as a wildlife biologist, specializing in the study of birds. I learned some surprising and powerful lessons from those creatures. Today, I'll share with you what they taught me about beauty, loss and love.

**August 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (One Service)**

***Emotional Health in a Toxic Community***

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore**

Worship Associate: **Michael Piscetelli**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz**

Many of us live and work in communities that are hurtful to us. How can we thrive in such circumstances?

**August 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (One Service)**

***Becoming a Unitarian Universalist***

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore**

Worship Associate: **Ted Fetter**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz**

What does it mean to be a Unitarian Universalist? Today, we'll explore the profound meaning of our great liberal religious tradition... and what it takes for us to be a member of this great heritage and vision.



## Reflection

By Reverends Forrest Gilmore  
and Chris Reed

As our congregational year comes to an end, we would like to reflect back on the past year and celebrate some of our major accomplishments:

- The growth of the children and youth program both in numbers and in richness. The committee and our (now full-time) RE coordinator have built on past strengths of various areas of this ministry, including the RED room, children's worship, teacher training and support.
- The dedication of our labor and the donation of \$20,000 to support the building of a home for a Habitat for Humanity family in Trenton.
- Outstanding work by the youth advisor teams, senior and junior, as we continue to search for a youth programs coordinator.
- The creation and funding of an expanded youth programs coordinator position.
- The hiring of Edie Grauer as our social justice coordinator.
- Great music under the leadership of Marjorie Herman, including wonderful growth and quality in both the Bell Choir and Kids' Chorale.
- The reconfiguring of the Adult Programs Committee, beginning the development of an ambitious four part program, primarily focused on the expansion of our small group ministry and courses that address spiritual development.
- Several major community outreach projects – the Women's Festival, Earth Fest, including the Missa Gaia concert by our choir, Communiversity and the Spring Fair.
- Growing excitement in our New Jersey congregations about a UU Legislative Ministry, advocating for our values in Trenton.
- The blossoming of the UU Campus Community under the leadership of the students, dedicated lay leadership and an interim Campus Ministry Coordinator.
- A very open and thorough process for developing the budget.
- A renewed exploration of how we welcome and integrate newcomers into our congregation with some new programs starting in September, including gatherings for newcomers at the ministers' homes.
- The development of a Green Sanctuary Committee

to help us become more environmentally sustainable.

- Pastoral Associates continues to effectively address the pastoral needs of the congregation.

We also want to bring certain events and issues on the horizon to our attention as they will require our thought and energy.

- Mark on your calendars August 25<sup>th</sup> – the day of our Shared Ministry Summit. Using an open space format, all who feel called to serve the mission of our congregation will respond to the question – “What is our mission together asking of us next?”

- It's time for an exploration of the use and needs of our building and grounds, followed by capital campaign to expand and improve our space. This is long overdue. Look for meetings in the Fall to explore the future of our building.

- With the shift to policy governance, we have been exploring ways to improve how we function. As such, we would like to restructure the congregational council and the coordinator positions. Seeing the need for more intentional planning and leadership development, the Congregational Council would be made up of 6 members, whose purpose would be to provide strategic planning, leadership development, new ministry development, and committee and ministry support. The coordinators positions would dissolve and be replaced by committee chairs. Committee chairs would continue to meet with the ministers and also with the council on a quarterly basis. We would appreciate your feedback on this plan.

### Shared Ministry Summit Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-4:00pm At UUCP

This summit is intended for all who feel called to serve the mission of our congregation: current leaders, future leaders, those who want to contribute and participate in taking us in the next direction, in essence, any member or friend who would like to attend. The question we all will respond to is “What is our mission together asking of us next?”

The open space format invites the participation of all present. Now that we have been through a recent renewal period of building vital ministries and developing a mission covenant, and the more recent establishment of our social justice program, and a new governance model, we are poised to look forward with our vision, skills and energy.

Coffee, lunch and childcare are available. Look for more details and a reminder of the event electronically and through pulpit announcements in August. Please sign up for the summit by sending e-mail to [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org) or on Sunday mornings at the program table.

## Religious Education for Children and Youth

### Summer Chalice Program

The UUCP Summer Religious Education (RE) Program offers RE classes at 10:00, the same time as the adult worship service. We offer two classes: one for 3-5 year olds, and one for 6-12 year olds.

The Summer Chalice Program differs from the year-round RE 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.
- While there is leadership continuity from a core group of 5 leaders, one of whom will be present each Sunday, there is a different teacher each Sunday.
- The themes and activities are designed for the broad range of ages that exist, with a focus on outdoor activities.

### Other Age Groups

The nursery is open each Sunday for 0-2 year olds.

Youth ages 13-18, those who are usually in 8th grade and up, are encouraged to attend the adult service.

### Children's RE Calendar



Sunday, July 1

*UU Songwriting*

10:00 The Courtyard

Sunday, July 8

*Zen Sand Gardens*

10:00 The Courtyard

Sunday, July 15

*Nature Walk*

10:00 The Courtyard

Sunday, July 22

*Nature in Poetry*

10:00 The Courtyard

Sunday, July 29

*African Dance*

10:00 The Courtyard

Sunday, August 5

*August Earth Festival*

10:00 The Courtyard

Sunday, August 12

*Making Prayer Beads*

10:00 The Courtyard

Sunday, August 19

*Rock Painting*

10:00 The Courtyard

Sunday, August 26

*Storytelling*

10:00 The Courtyard

Sunday, August 26

*Sand Mandala*

*End-of-Summer*

*Celebration*

10:00 The Courtyard

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

The Summer Chalice Program registration form can be found at [http://www.uuprinceton.org/re/summer\\_programs.html](http://www.uuprinceton.org/re/summer_programs.html)

If you have any questions, please contact Shelle Summers, RE Coordinator:

[sumners@uuprinceton.org](mailto:sumners@uuprinceton.org),  
609/924-1604, ext. 14.

### Summer Chalice Program Themes for 2007

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

### Send in Your 2007-2008 RE Registrations!

RE classes are filling up, and space is limited in most classes to 16 participants. Please send your registrations for the 2007-2008 year in ASAP! Find the registration form online here:

[http://www.uuprinceton.org/re/re\\_programs.html#registration](http://www.uuprinceton.org/re/re_programs.html#registration)

Questions? Call or email Shelle Summers (609/924-1604 ext. 14, [Summer Chalice sumners@uuprinceton.org](mailto:sumners@uuprinceton.org))



## *Religious Education for Children and Youth, continued*

### RE Council

The Religious Education Council completes another active year of working for the betterment of our Children's Religious Education Program. This year saw the birth of our magical UU Time Portal in Fahs Children's Worship. The succession of interesting and wonderful worship services was brought to you by our Children's Worship Committee, Co-Chaired by **Jennifer Niemeyer** and **Tara Grunde-McLaughlin**. Their committee consisted of **Betsy Marshall**, **Rebecca Nice-Parrone**, **Shelle Sumners**, and **Rev. Chris Reed**. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to making this a terrific UU program for our children.

This year also found the RE Council taking on a Social Action ministry of our own. With the undying support of our Youth group leaders, **Jeff Bock** and **Beth Surmont**, the Council began a series of congregational meetings to help explain the needs of our Youth ministry in UUCP. Our Programs Chairperson, **Tom Prusa**, ran several RED (Religious Education Discussion) Room Discussion sessions on this issue and helped raise awareness in the congregation of the need for a full time year round Youth Coordinator. Through the help of so many of you who generously added to your 2007-08 pledge, this dream is becoming a reality. Thank you Jeff, Tom and Beth for helping us all to see how to help our growing congregation stay strong and supportive to our Youth Ministry. Tom also ran several other programs including, a Not in Our Town information session with RE families and a program on connecting with UUs and UUism throughout your summer adventures. Thanks Tom for all your terrific work.

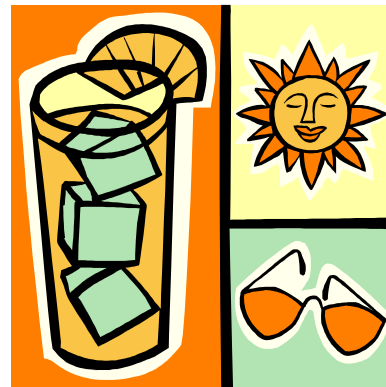
**Sarah Spalding-Kleiman** chaired the RE Social Action Committee this year, running a very successful Communiversality Day, coordinating many UUCP volunteers to help visitors create a sand mandala, learn about UUs and UUCP. The Youth group offered a face painting booth and had an interesting time sharing UUism with booth visitors. Sarah also helped coordinate Martin Luther King Day activities, the Social Action Valentine fundraiser and children volunteers for Loaves and Fishes dinner. Sarah steps down from the Council this year and we would like to thank her for her tireless giving, especially to Campus Ministry Brunches.

This year was **Cathy Bauer-Koggan's** first year on RE Council and she chaired the RE Social Events

Committee. She planned our Harvest Dinner activities, Holiday Party, helped coordinate the RE Dine and Discuss Pasta Dinner and UUCP Passover Seder. Cathy stepped into this position and very quickly created Excel sheets to coordinate our tasks and work flow. Thank you Cathy for all your hard work. What a terrific asset to have on our Council.

**Kate Henry** and **Cassidy Hendrickson** were our Youth Reps on RE who offered ongoing input, leadership and direction to our Council. **Tracey Post**, Teacher Representative, **Leslie Ashman**, Early Start Coordinator, **Karen Kent**, Congregational Council Representative, **Nancy Gardner**, RE Council Chairperson and **Shelle Sumners**, RE Coordinator rounded out our full Council membership and provided hands on support and leadership for many of the activities the Council was involved with this year. Thank you all for your time, talent and dedication to the community of UUCP.

*~Nancy Gardner, RE Council Chair*



## Newcomers

### Newcomers Circles

We are excited to be adding Newcomer Circles to our small group ministry program. A Newcomer 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.

Newcomer Circles meet for four months, twice a month for a total of 8 meetings.

The first Circle starts Thursday evening, **June 28, 7:15 PM to 9 PM**. After that we will meet for 7 more times every two weeks, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. The next one that we are starting will be on Friday evenings, starting **July 27**, and meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month.

If you would like to join one of these circles, please let us know by contacting Chris, [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org), or the office, [office@uuprinceton.org](mailto:office@uuprinceton.org), or calling the office at 609-924-1604. Even if you can't make all eight meetings, we would still encourage you to try out the Newcomer Circle.

And just as important, we want you to let us know, if these two times do not work for you, but you are interested in being part of a Newcomer Circle, what days and times do work for you. Again, just let us know by e-mail or phone. Our hope is to be able to include all newcomers in circles and to have no one wait more than a few weeks. ~Rev. Chris Reed & Rick Baker, Chair Small Group Ministry Team

### Introduction to Membership Class

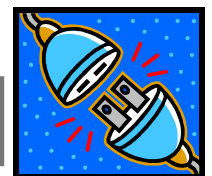
Third Sunday of the month (**7/15 and 8/19**) from 11:30– 1:00 P.M. in the John Murray Room. After attending the church for a time, learn about membership, the benefits, opportunities and expectations of members. Sign up at the Welcome Circle or call the office at 924-1604, ext. 10 **by the Thursday before** (7/12 and 8/16). 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 Circles** – Circle 1 meets the 2nd & 4th Thursdays and Circle 2 meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays. See detailed description above.

**Covenant Circles** – Most of our circles had their final session in June. Thanks to all who led and have been in circles this year. A few of the circles will go on through the two summer months. Registration forms for a new circle will be mailed during the summer, and will also be available in the lounge on Sundays and from the office, by contacting **Shelle Sumners**, [sumners@uuprinceton.org](mailto:sumners@uuprinceton.org). The new circles will have their first meeting in September.

**Inspiration Team** – If you would like to be on our inspiration team to think up possible topics for our covenant circles, or have a topic you would like us to address, please contact **Rick Baker** at [rick.baker1@att.net](mailto:rick.baker1@att.net).

# Adult Programs

## UU Buddhist Group

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month, 11:30a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Fahs Theatre during summer Sundays. Contact **Fay Moore** ([fay@elliottmoore.com](mailto:fay@elliottmoore.com)), 609-933-1625 or **Nancy Keene** ([nancy@nancykeene.com](mailto:nancy@nancykeene.com)), 609-844-1260. Upcoming Dates: **July 1 and July 15, August 5 and August 19**

## 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](mailto:hoeger@princeton.edu). Upcoming Dates: **July 27 and August 24**

## 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

*No meetings scheduled during July and August.*

## Creative Journaling

Join us on **July 2**. 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](mailto: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](mailto:lbenson5@verizon.net) or **Rev. Chris Reed** at [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 **Rev. Chris Reed** 609-924-1604 ext. 12, or [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org).

## 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](mailto:SilverDove@comcast.net) or catch me at a second service on Sundays.  
*~Mirah Riben*

## Adult Programs, continued

### A COURSE IN MIRACLES

“A Course In Miracles” Study Group continues through the summer months meeting downstairs in Classroom 8 at 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Our study group has been reading the section of the text called “The Transition”, and will continue throughout the summer reading “The Healing of the Dream.” The Course meeting is open to anyone, at any time and is essentially a “self-study” spiritual development program largely enhanced through weekly group discussion. The teachings work particularly well alongside teachings from the Unitarian Universalist tradition, as the Course is designed to open our perceptions towards the miraculous experience of Life. Thus the title, “A Course in Miracles” could be expanded to “A Course in Seeing and Living from a Miraculous View.”

#### July 1 – V. The Little Hindrance

You chose to go toward Heaven or away to nowhere. He who lives in memories alone is unaware of where he is.

#### July 8 – VI. The Appointed Friend

The Course observes that we live in a state of illusion, dwelling among the shadows of reality. Friendships we experience in this world are but a faint comparison to the true Friend within each of us.

#### July 15 – VII. The Laws of Healing

One purpose of the Course is to help us understand the laws of healing. We tend to view the world through the limitations of our five sense perceptions. This leads to our perception of being independent of one another and separate from a greater Source of love and compassion.

#### July 22 – VIII. The Immediacy of Salvation

The Course offers another perspective on the meaning of the term “salvation.” Salvation is the idea that no one can lose for anyone to gain. And everyone must gain, if anyone would be a gainer.

#### July 29 - IX. For They Have Come

“Your footprints lighten up the world, for where you walk forgiveness gladly goes with you. “

#### Aug 5 – The End of Injustice

#### Aug 12 – Chapter 27: The Healing of the Dream

#### Aug 19 – The Fear of Healing

#### Aug 26 – Beyond All Symbols

~Brian Tucker

### UU Music Notes

On June 22, we presented a check for \$2,144 to Jim Waldman, Executive Director of the Stonybrook-Millstone Watershed Association, which represented the proceeds from our Earth Day concert held on May 21. We're so proud that this inspiring night of music will live on through our contribution to the Watershed.

The Fall Music Schedule is taking shape, and all are invited to participate.

Take *note* of the following dates:

**Aug. 26** Kids' Chorale begins at 11:00am (after the Sunday service)

**Aug. 29** Adult Choir resumes its Wednesday evening rehearsals, 7:30pm to 9:00pm in Channing Hall

**Sept. 13** Bell Choir resumes its bi-weekly rehearsals from 7:00pm to 8:30pm; location TBA

**Dec. 2** ALL MUSIC SUNDAY: "Listen to the Music"

Do consider participating in these special Sunday services; all choirs, soloists, and instrumentalists will join in celebrating the power of music to transform and uplift us.

~Margie Herman



# Community Building

## Women's Alliance

There are no scheduled luncheons for July and August.

## Men's Club

There are no scheduled luncheons for July and August.

## Dinner Discussion

There are no scheduled luncheons for July and August.

## UU Connections

### UUCP DELEGATION HEADS TO PORTLAND, OREGON, FOR UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

"Choices That Matter" is the theme of General Assembly 2007 June 20-25 at Portland, Oregon. Attending from this congregation are nine seasoned delegates: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore; Dana and Henry Powsner; Laurie Powsner; Ben Krejci; Ted and Jane Fetter; Lauren Foss; and Carol Kiger Allen.** Forrest is attending Ministers' Meetings. Ben and other youth will be part of the dynamic Youth Caucus. Each of our UUCP representatives will embark on an intense journey through several workshops a day, plenary sessions, discussions about the future of our UU faith, worship services, entertainments, demonstrations, informal networking with UUs from many places, collecting information galore for UUCP leaders and committees, and maybe even a little sightseeing, with Mt. Hood in the background.

You can catch the flavor at the website [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org); link to the General Assembly section and read the program schedules. You can also stream some of the highlighted programs. Later many of the speeches will be available in text form on the website. The UUCP delegates will try to communicate useful information when they return. If you have never been to a GA, start thinking about attending GA 2008. It takes some planning and a personal commitment of time and money, but it is well worth it for individual growth as well as contributions to the congregation.

~Carol Kiger Allen  
UU Connections Committee

## Joys and Sorrows

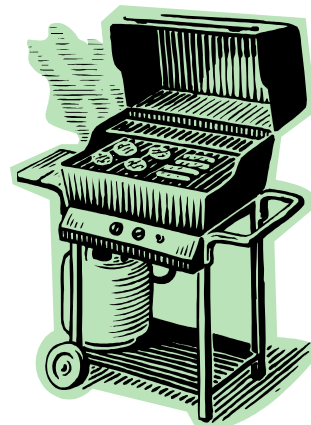
This column is a place to inform the larger community of major events in people's lives. Sometimes people want to have their news shared; sometimes privacy and confidentiality prevail. Items for this column should be sent to [skylights@uuprinceton.org](mailto:skylights@uuprinceton.org). All items will be reviewed by the Pastoral Associate leadership team before being published.

**Jim and Judi Marks** are happy to let their friends know that their son Adam has graduated from medical school at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and will be starting a four year medical/pediatric residency in Ann Arbor, MI at the end of June. Also, their daughter Amy is finishing her anesthesiology residency in Baltimore at the end of June and will be a staff member at the University of Maryland Hospital in August. Happy times!

Long-time member (1958) **Elaine Toscano's** husband, John, died after a long battle with brain cancer on May 26th, 2007. Anyone who would like to can reach out to her at her new address: 620 Greenwich Court, East Windsor, NJ 08520, (609) 490-9520.

**Marilyn Durbin** proudly reports that her grandson, Nikhil Jain, has just graduated from high school in Arcadia, California. He will be going to the University of Berkley in the fall. Nikhil will be studying engineering, "walking" in the footsteps of his grandfather, Enoch Durbin. This summer he will spend some of his vacation time volunteering for Habitat building a home for the needy.

**Eva Liane Foster** broke both wrists when she fell on June 20th. No phone calls please (she cannot hold a phone), but cards and visits would cheer her up. To offer support by way of preparing meals, running errands, and generally helping out, please contact the Pastoral Associates, Carol Haag or Laurie Powsner.



# Board of Trustees

## Reflections: Looking Back, and Looking Forward

By Jordan Corn, President

Eleven regular Board meetings... One Board retreat... One World Café... One Board workshop... Eight budget forums... Two congregational meetings... many weekends in the lounge... hundreds (thousands?) of e-mails... in sum, a standard Board year. Wow! All of that, along with the many other things I've done and observed as your Board's President, has left me with many personal thoughts and reflections. Some are about where we've been; some are about where we are going. Here are a handful of them, in no particular order other than from looking back to looking forward.

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One of the children in my fourth-grade RE class asked the other weekend, "Is it fun to run the Board?" What a great question! I had to stop and think about it. Running the Board is in many ways like other rewarding activities: It's hard, it's challenging, and yes, it's fun. It's just that you don't always realize it.

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In our June Board meeting, we shared the accomplishments we found most satisfying this year. While the answers varied, we generally agreed that the Board's communication program this year had been a major accomplishment. Among the elements that inspired pride were the connections we made with fortune cookies in the fall, our outreach to children and youth, and the ample opportunities we created for input during the budget process.

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The camaraderie on this year's Board has been nothing short of phenomenal. We began each meeting with a check-in question. All of them have been sensational. With eleven of us (counting Chris and Forrest) on the Board, we have had ample opportunity to connect. The Board has really felt like a team, which is part of why serving on it this year has been such a pleasure.

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One of my favorite things about this year's Board was the "manipulatives". It started before the first meeting of the year, when I wrote up some puzzles on flip charts and posted them around the room. The idea was to give our minds somewhere to go when they wandered, as everyone's does at one point or another during any meeting. The next month, I dug into my children's toy collections, and it became a habit. Every month, I brought something to keep hands or minds busy. One month, it was Lego blocks. One month, it was bubble wands and bubble water. One month, it was small wooden puzzles. This month, it was my son Evan's collection of Godzilla miniatures, complete with a list for those who wanted to see how many creatures they could name. Yep, we played at our meetings. Shhh, though, it's a secret. Oh, by the way, Mike Piscetelli breezed through the Godzilla challenge. What does that tell you?

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Where does the Board go next? If you've followed my columns, the answers that follow should sound familiar. The Board has to keep communicating. It has to keep working toward a set of clear, actionable, prioritized Ends. It has to work toward rallying the Congregation to these Ends. It has to monitor progress toward these Ends, and compliance with its policies. There are some things, though, that the Board needs to do that are perhaps less obvious. It needs to continue to learn how our new form of governance operates, and to work hard to stay within that model. The Board must stay Ends-focused, and avoid the temptation to become operational. However, it must balance that with the need to find ways to engage in congregational work and activities that don't violate the governance model. The Board needs to determine its role with respect to the emerging master plan, and whatever activities that may generate. That's a daunting list... one that will, no doubt, keep the Board busy for several years to come.

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What do you do after you've been President? I'm sure others have found this question as challenging as I currently do. There is a strong temptation to "take some time off", but that seems like a disservice to the organization. The number of offers (read "requests") I've received is both amazing and flattering. I still don't know the answer to the question, but I am sure that (a) it will become clear to me fairly soon, and (b) other than a brief respite in Maine this summer, it won't involve too much time off.

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So this is it, the last paragraph of my last "Skylights" column as President. It has been rewarding to watch the work of the Board transform over the past four years, and I'm honored to have been part of it. I owe a debt of gratitude first to Sharon Copeland, without whom, the Board would not be what it is today. I owe an equally great debt of gratitude to Nancy Fiedler, who worked hard to convince me that I could indeed do this job. Nancy was instrumental in setting the tone of the Board as it is comprised today, and was also a fantastic source of advice over the year. To Jeanne Carsten, thank you for helping figure out what the Vice-President should do – something I never quite sorted out last year! – and to Karen Siracusa, thank you for all of your patient note-taking, process work, and the occasional profound question. Mike Piscetelli, Chris Sturm, and Elizabeth Silverman – you will make an excellent "senior" Board class. Anil Warriar, Diane Torrance, and, of course Jeanne, thank you for all that you've learned and done in such a short time, and all that you will do in the coming years. To Greg Nagy, Jon Sachs, and Lauren Foss, thank you for answering the call to service. And lastly, to the entire Congregation, thank you for the honor and privilege of allowing me to serve as your Board's president. I leave with the comfort of knowing that we are all in good hands. *Ave atque vale...* but only until the next *salve!*

## Social Justice

### UUCP Volunteers Helping Build Community

As part of our Social Justice Ministry, UUCP is committed to helping Habitat for Humanity build new homes in Trenton for working-poor families. UUCP has embraced Habitat's principle of not just erecting homes, but "building community". To that end, UUCP, like several other churches in Mercer County, has committed to providing both money and volunteers' muscle toward the construction of these homes. The future homeowners must each provide at least 500 hours of "sweat equity" before they can move in. In addition, UUCP has also taken on providing volunteers to plan and implement a Learning Center at the East Trenton Community Center.

Habitat currently has seven homes under construction in the neighborhood of the East Trenton Community Center, and is in the process of demolishing several old houses to make room for additional new ones.

#### A Typical Volunteer Day

On April 21, **Rusty Bryant, Nancy Fiedler, Peter Gerster, Gloria Gietz, Ray Hallows, David Harper, Ben Krejci, Ray Nichols, Laurie Powsner, Doug Radtke, Polly Ramstad, and Harry Tomlinson** volunteered to help improve this neighborhood, which is along the 600 block of N. Clinton Ave., near the corner of Olden Ave. We arrived by 8:30 a.m. and were given an orientation to the worksite. We worked alongside several crews from other churches and individual volunteers tackling a variety of tasks, although most of us were involved in clearing the site of a fire-ravaged townhouse, including demolishing its upper stories. We stacked clapboards and beams so the wood could be recycled, and loaded used bricks into a dumpster. Ben and Laurie caulked the outside edges of some of the new windows at 645 N. Clinton Ave.

A related project that has taken on a life of its own is the conversion of a 1,000 sq. ft. room in the East Trenton Community Center into a "Learning Center". To date, members of our congregation, including **Pete Gerster, Ray Hallows, Michelle Hunt, Jim Hyatt, Pat and Doug Radtke, Kathy Lehman, Umesh, Debra and Kedar Kurpad, Jeffrey Bock, Christie Surmont, Lauren Sanders, Kate McGinnity, Beth and Ray Nichols, Polly Ramstad, Thaine Shetter, Pat Ramirez, and Frances Treves** have assisted in working on this room. Volunteers have painted, moved furniture, ripped out carpeting, padding, tiles, and bathroom fixtures, and even drawn up blueprints. Every task – no matter how menial or daunting – brings us one step closer to our goal. Much work remains to be done in order to have the Learning Center ready for use by September.

#### An Atypical Saturday

All of those UUCP volunteers could have – and maybe should have – been doing countless other things on those Saturdays: resting, doing household chores, shopping, taking in a movie or a show, visiting friends or family. But they chose instead to dedicate a few hours out of their

### UULMNJ Presentation You're Invited

There will be a PowerPoint presentation and discussion on the NJ Legislative Ministry led by the steering committee on **July 15** in the John Murray Room after the worship service at **11:15 AM**. This will be the presentation that we will give to other congregations as we inform and gather support for this network from the 20 other congregations in NJ. Please come and give your comments and help us polish this presentation.

The UULMNJ Steering Committee: **Peg Caruso and Elaine Nigam, Co-chairs, Doug Rhodes, Judy Malsbury, Rona Henry, Rev. Forrest Gilmore**

week to helping others. By the end of the workday these volunteers were physically tired, but invigorated with feelings of satisfaction in what they had accomplished.

~ Ray Nichols and Edie Grauer

### Social Justice Volunteers Needed

UUCP is proud of the work our congregation has done in helping to build the East Trenton community. Additional volunteers are needed, now and throughout the year, to complete building these homes and the Learning Center.

Habitat operates largely with volunteer labor and has asked that UUCP provide two work crews, who will each work one Saturday a month between now and December. Volunteers are needed to work on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Upcoming work dates are July 14, July 28, August 11 and August 25. You need not have any particular construction skills – your time and efforts are what's most important. Habitat has a Construction Manager on staff who oversees all construction work. His goal is to match the volunteers' skills and interests with a task that s/he is comfortable doing, although volunteers can expect to develop new skills on the job. Tasks are assigned based upon when you arrive and what needs doing.

Come once, twice, or join either of the regular crews and plan to work several times.

The benefits to being a regular crew member include practicing or learning new skills each month and developing a sense of camaraderie with the other crew members. Both regulars and floaters benefit from the feelings that come from knowing you are helping a family get a new home. There are also volunteer opportunities for UUCP youth at Habitat.

For more details on volunteering to help construct homes, please contact **Ray Nichols** at (609) 737-7442 or by e-mail at [acer\\_nichols@verizon.net](mailto:acer_nichols@verizon.net).

Volunteers are also needed to help with the planning and implementation of the Learning Center. To sign up for either of these volunteer opportunities, see Edie Grauer, UUCP Social Justice Coordinator, before and after Sunday services at the Social Justice table, or you can contact Edie at (609) 924-1604, ext. 13, or by e-mail at [grauer@uuprinceton.org](mailto:grauer@uuprinceton.org). ~ Ray Nichols and Edie Grauer

## Stewardship 2007-2008: An Update

By Susan Bakewell Sachs

This article provides an update on the 2007-2008 Stewardship campaign process and monies committed as of the annual meeting June 2. It does not include increased pledges related to the post-campaign special appeal presented by the ministers at the annual meeting.

The campaign officially kicked off Sunday March 4 with a pledging opportunity as part of the service. Many took advantage of the pledge opportunity on the first Sunday and on Sundays throughout March to place their pledge cards in the lovely box made by **Todd Royer**. Feedback so far suggests that this structure should continue.

On behalf of the Stewardship committee, let me begin by thanking Todd, the stewardship captains listed below, and the clean-up volunteers for their time and commitment to this part of our ministry. The stewardship captains are essential volunteers to the campaign, offering a personal interaction to discuss stewardship. I encourage all of us to consider the importance of this role and thank these volunteers. Additional "clean-up" volunteers included – **Bill Gilmore, Cindy Jenison, and Doug Rhodes**. These volunteers spend additional time after the captains have attempted to contact members, reaching out to offer everyone an opportunity to pledge.

Stewardship captains contacted individuals after the first two weeks to personally talk about pledging and encourage commitment as soon as possible. After several attempts by captains, the clean-up volunteers went to work following-up in an effort to achieve pledges from all members and pledging friends. The process is labor-intensive but thanks to those who submitted pledge cards at UUCP on Sundays, the process was easier this year.

The stewardship campaign was not as successful as we had hoped it would be. Currently we have received 273 commitments (out of an expected 296) for a total of \$596,631. Pledges have ranged from \$50 to \$45,000. Nine pledges were for \$10,000 or more, four pledges were less than \$100. Fifteen percent of those pledging indicated that their pledges were a percent of income which is an increase over last year and 13 pledges were double or more over last year. At this point, 50% of the total income is coming from 13.6% of the pledges. The average new pledge is \$1,145 and the median new pledge is \$576. Overall, 131 pledges increased and 45 decreased.

If you have pledged thank you! If you have not, please do so as soon as possible through the office.

Thank You 2007/2008 Stewardship captains!

**Randy Barbiero and Lisa Roche, Vicky Campbell, Sharon Copeland, Nancy Fiedler, Lauren Foss, Cindy and Gareth Funka-Lea, Bill Gillum, Carl and Carol Haag, Candus Hedberg, Carolyn Hoeschele.**

### Post-Campaign Special Appeal Update

Our pledge total for next year has increased to \$614,881. Thank you to all who pledged during the stewardship campaign and to those who increased their pledges during the extended campaign, that was targeted to fund a 25 hour youth programs coordinator. This position was the next item on the budget that was endorsed by the ET and Board. With an increase of \$18,250 we have now been able to increase and fund the position to full year at 25 hours a week. And we are already receiving replies to the job announcement. Again, on behalf of the congregation, we thank the Stewardship Committee: **Betty Ashwood, Rona Henry and Susan and Jon Sachs**, and we thank all who worked in and participated in the stewardship campaign this year. ~Revs. *Chris Reed and Forrest Gilmore*

### NIGHTFALL IN DELPHI

*(Notes on a Grecian journey)*

The gods portray the Mysteries  
in dark hieroglyphic clouds  
misleading poor humans  
with rosy backdrops --  
shades of warmed-brandy peach  
pour over darkening peaks

Parnassos limned in sleepy heaps  
with silvered sea beneath  
when tiny lights begin  
to edge the mountain

darkness deepens, ancient slopes  
reach for moon's illumination  
playful gods poke holes  
in heaven's scrim  
to star the sky

smile down bemused  
that tiny lives barnacled for anchor  
to the sloping mountain's hull  
still hold fast to dreams,  
starring the mountain's hem  
with hopeful diamonds.

Rice Lyons  
Greece  
September, 1993

## **GREEN CORNER: Would you spend 18 seconds to save the world?**

The website [www.18Seconds.org](http://www.18Seconds.org) urges us to spend 18 seconds to unscrew one incandescent light bulb and put a compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) in its place. In New Jersey, which gets about half its energy by burning coal, one CFL, by saving energy over its lifetime, prevents the emission of 450 pounds of global-warming carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). A thousand CFLs, then, prevent the emission of nearly half a million pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>.

The beneficial climate impact of CFLs, if they are used by millions of people, is so major that Australia plans to ban incandescent bulbs within a couple of years. California may soon do the same thing. Some utilities are giving CFLs away, to avoid having to build new power plants.

CFLs are also good for the pocketbook. They last ten or more times longer than incandescent bulbs and produce less heat, so less air conditioning is needed to counteract them. Moreover, they use only a fourth as much electricity as incandescent bulbs for the same amount of light. These virtues mean that even though CFLs are higher in price, they are lower in lifetime cost. The average family's electricity bill amounts to nearly \$2,000 a year. Cutting the lighting part down by three-fourths produces a saving of \$300 a year.

CFLs now come with a pleasing light spectrum, in many shapes and sizes, for indoor and outdoor uses. Some are dimmable. You can buy them on the web or from nearly any lighting store. Look for the Energy Star label, which certifies they're energy efficient.

--From your Green Sanctuary Committee: **Jaime Ewalt, Dell and Peter Gerster, Ray Hallows, Ray Nichols, Dana and Henry Powsner, Pat Ramirez, Doug Rhodes, and Ellie Whitney**



photo credit: National Renewable Energy Laboratory

CFLs now come in many shapes and sizes.

## **CRISIS MINISTRY**

### ***Footprints 2007: Walk the Path out of Poverty.***

The Crisis Ministry thanks all who walked in and supported our third annual walkathon Saturday, April 21. Your participation raised over \$20,000 for food and financial assistance to those in need.

### ***Volunteers are always welcome!***

Would you like to work one-on-one with our low-income neighbors? Do you possess good computer skills? Let us hear from you! The Crisis Ministry needs at least four new client assistant volunteers. Activities include listening to our clients' stories and documenting their needs for assistance, checking clients into our food store, and making notes on the client database. The time requirements are once a week for three hours, from 9:00 am to noon in Trenton or 1:30 to 4:30 pm in Princeton.

### **CULTIVATING A VISION**

Crisis Ministry's Food Services Director Mark Smith looked recently at the small rectangle of land behind our Trenton building and saw right past its small, overgrown patch of weeds to what it can become: A lush,

cozy garden of flowers, herbs, and vegetables. As we focus on this summer's Farm Bill reauthorization and on ensuring better health for our clients by offering more fresh and frozen produce, a little garden in the middle of Trenton will allow Crisis Ministry to put advocacy into action. We welcome your help and ideas! If your green thumb is just itching to dig into a new project, or you have gardening materials to donate, or you simply would like to learn more about our plans, please contact Mark Smith at 396-9355, ext. 26. or [marks@thecrisisministry.org](mailto:marks@thecrisisministry.org).

### **HUNGER DOES NOT TAKE A VACATION**




Get your family involved and leave a bag of groceries downstairs in the Church office. Donations are always lower during the summer months and your help is greatly needed.

### **FARM BILL**

The Farm Bill is being reauthorized this summer. If you care about the long-term effects of policies on the poor, please contact your congress to ask for a strong nutrition title in this bill. We have specific talking points . . . for more information, please contact Marcia at [marciam@thecrisisministry.org](mailto:marciam@thecrisisministry.org). ~Lauren O'Neil

# JULY 2007

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<b>JUL 1—One Service 10:00 a.m.</b> 11:30a Meet the Ministers—Murray 11:00a-12:30p Youth Group—Room 15 11:30a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8 12:30p-2:00 UUism 101—Murray 11:30p-1:00p UU Buddha Group—Fahs	<b>JUL 2</b> 7:00p-9:00p Creative Journaling— Founders Room	<b>JUL 3</b> 12:00p-1:00p Office Staff Meet- ing—Murray	<b>JUL 4</b> HOLIDAY—Office Closed 	<b>JUL 5</b>	<b>JUL 6</b>	<b>JUL 7</b> <b>SARA'S BIRTHDAY</b> 
<b>JUL 8—One Service 10:00 a.m.</b> 11:30a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8	<b>JUL 9</b> <b>EARTH SPIRIT WEEK CAMP</b>	<b>JUL 10</b> <b>EARTH SPIRIT WEEK CAMP</b> 5:30p-7:00p Legislative Ministry Steering Committee (2nd Tuesday) - Minister's Office 6:30p-9:00p Covenant Circle (2nd Tuesday)—Murray 7:00p-9:00p Board of Trustees Meeting—Founders	<b>JUL 11</b> <b>EARTH SPIRIT WEEK CAMP</b> 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:30p—9:30p Adult RE Program Committee —Founders	<b>JUL 12</b> <b>EARTH SPIRIT WEEK CAMP</b> 7:15p-9:00p Newcomers Circle 1— Murray (2nd Thursday)	<b>JUL 13</b> <b>EARTH SPIRIT WEEK CAMP</b>	<b>JUL 14</b> 8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates—Murray Habitat Volunteers Work Day—Trenton
<b>JUL 15—One Service 10:00 a.m.</b> 11:15a UULMNJ (Legislative Ministry) PowerPoint presentation and discussion— Murray 11:30p-1:00p UU Buddha Group—Fahs 11:30a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8 11:30a-1:00p Introduction to Membership— Murray Room 7:00p-9:00p Youth Group (3rd Sunday)— Fahs <b>CARA'S BIRTHDAY</b> 	<b>JUL 16</b>	<b>JUL 17</b>	<b>JUL 18</b> 1:00p-2:30p Office Staff Meeting— Murray 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Loss & Grieving Group—Room 15	<b>JUL 19</b>	<b>JUL 20</b>	<b>JUL 21</b>
<b>JUL 22—One Service 10:00 a.m.</b> 11:30a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8 11:30p-1:00p Introduction to Membership Class—Murray	<b>JUL 23</b>	<b>JUL 24</b>	<b>JUL 25</b> 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs	<b>JUL 26</b> 6:30p-8:00p Youth Group (3rd Thurs- day)—Room 15 7:15p-9:00p Newcomers Circle 1— Murray (4th Thursday)	<b>JUL 27</b> 7:00p-9:30p CUUPS Full Moon Circle—Memorial Garden/Room 11 7:15p-9:00p Newcomers Circle 2—(4th Friday) Murray Room	<b>JUL 28</b> Habitat Volunteers Work Day—Trenton
<b>JUL 29—One Service 10:00 a.m.</b> 11:30a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8	<b>JUL 30</b> Full Moon ☾	<b>JUL 31</b>				

# AUGUST 2007

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
			<b>AUG 1</b> 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs  7:00p-9:00p Loss & Grieving Group—Room 15	<b>AUG 2</b>	<b>AUG 3</b>	<b>AUG 4</b>
<b>AUG 5—One Service 10:00 a.m.</b>  11:30a Meet the Ministers—Murray  11:30a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8 12:30p-2:00 UUism 101—Murray 11:30a-1:00p UU Buddha Group—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Youth Group (1st Sunday)—Fahs	<b>AUG 6</b>	<b>AUG 7</b>  12:00p-1:00p Office Staff Meeting—Murray	<b>AUG 8</b>  6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs	<b>AUG 9</b>  7:15p-9:00p Newcomers Circle 1 — (2nd Thursday) Murray Room	<b>AUG 10</b>  7:15p-9:00p Newcomers Circle 2 —(2nd Friday) Murray Room	<b>AUG 11</b>  8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates—Murray  Habitat Volunteers Work Day—Trenton
<b>AUG 12—One Service 10:00 a.m.</b> New Moon ●  11:30a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8	<b>AUG 13</b>	<b>AUG 14</b>  6:30p-9:00p Covenant Circle (2nd Tuesday)—Murray  5:30p-7:00p Legislative Ministry Steering Committee (2nd Tuesday) Minister's Office	<b>AUG 15</b> 1:00p-2:30p Office Staff Meeting—Murray 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle(2nd Wednesday)—Murray  7:00p-9:00p Loss & Grieving Group—Room 15	<b>AUG 16</b>	<b>AUG 17</b>	<b>AUG 18</b>
<b>AUG 19—One Service 10:00 a.m.</b>  11:30a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8 11:30p-1:00p UU Buddha Group—Fahs 11:30a-1:00p Introduction to Membership—Murray Room 7:00p-9:00p Youth Group (3rd Sunday)—Fahs	<b>AUG 20</b> 5:00p <i>Skylights</i> SEPT 2007 issue <b>DEADLINE</b> Send to: skylights@uuprinceton.org	<b>AUG 21</b>	<b>AUG 22</b>  6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs	<b>AUG 23</b>  7:15p-9:00p Newcomers Circle 1 — (4th Thursday) Murray Room	<b>AUG 24</b> 7:00p-9:30p CUUPS Full Moon Circle—Room 11 & Memorial Wall  6:00p Today—4:00p Tomorrow—Youth Retreat—Fahs Theatre  7:15p-9:00p Newcomers Circle 2 —(4th Friday) Murray Room	<b>AUG 25</b>  <b>9:00a-5:00p Shared Ministry Summit</b> —All Upstairs  6:00p Yesterday—4:00p Today—Youth Retreat—Fahs Theatre  Habitat Volunteers Work Day—Trenton
<b>AUG 26—One Service 10:00 a.m.</b>  11:30a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8	<b>AUG 27</b>	<b>AUG 28</b> Full Moon ○	<b>AUG 29</b>  6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs  7:30p-9:00p Choir Practice—Channing	<b>AUG 30</b>	<b>AUG 31</b>  6:00p Today—9:00a Sunday—Family Camp Out	<b>SEP 1</b>  All Day Today—Family Camp Out

### Ministers' Schedules



Rev. Reed and Rev. Gilmore observe the following office hours:

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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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