

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

October 3, 2010 at 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

The Oldest Theological Question

The oldest book in the Jewish scriptures is Job, which asks the question “Why do bad things happen?” Did God create evil? Are there people who are born bad? Is the Universe just random, where stuff happens and you have to deal with it? Is there any benevolence? If you are a really good person should you expect only good to happen to you? What do the religions of the world have to say about this question?

Worship Leader: **Rev. Meg Barnhouse** Worship Associate: **Patricia Hennigan**
Music: **Adult Choir, Beth Ertz—piano, Marjorie Herman**

October 10, 2010 at 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

The God I Don't Believe In

UUs have so many different pictures in mind when they think about the concept of God. Most don't believe in the old white man in the sky. Some don't believe in a creator-being, some don't believe in a person-ish being who has feelings, jealousies, desires and plans. What do you picture when you hear the name “God”? I'll tell you about the one I don't believe in, and what I do believe in.

Worship Leader: **Revs. Meg Barnhouse** Worship Associate: **Chris Sturm**
Music: **Elizabeth Thompson—cello, Beth Ertz—piano, Marjorie Herman**

October 17, 2010 at 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Witnessing for Peace

On September 21, I joined with clergy from many different faiths, to share prayers for peace and to join millions around the world in a moment of silence, witnessing for peace. What can we do as individuals and as UU's to bring our goal of a world community of peace closer to a reality. People of various faith traditions will help us to step into this sacred space of being present for peace.

Worship Leader: **Rev. Chris Reed** Worship Associate: **Grace Hayes-Larsen**
Music: **Adult Choir, Beth Ertz—piano, Marjorie Herman**

October 24, 2010 at 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

The Devil and Martha Stewart

The holidays are coming! Aunt Mattie and Uncle Sherm are coming over and they're going to be themselves, only more so, because it's a special occasion. You're going to be yourself, only more so because you have a sense of what the holidays should look, feel, smell and taste like. In Martha's world, things turn out to be “perfect.” What does that dream of perfection do to us this time of year? What does the devil have to do with any of this?

Worship Leader: **Rev. Meg Barnhouse** Worship Associate: **Kirsten Shearer**
Music: **Bell Choir, Beth Ertz—piano, Marjorie Herman**

October 31, 2010 at 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Day of the Dead—An All Ages Service

November 1, is the Day of the Dead around the world. We join many peoples and traditions, as we honor those who have gone before us and continue our tradition of writing notes to the dead. This service is for all ages. Come in costume if you like!

Worship Leaders: **Revs. Chris Reed & Meg Barnhouse** Worship Associate: **Bridgette Heller**
Music: **Kids' Chorale, Adult Choir, Beth Ertz—piano, Marjorie Herman**

Reflection Reverend Meg Barnhouse

I remember “Boo at the UU.” Cool Carolina night, velvet dark. Pushing our way through spider webs to get through the front door of the church, we were greeted by comfortingly scary witches and pirates, wizards, cats, and monsters of all shapes and sizes. The big room was filled with fishing games, a cake walk, and a gigantic spinner where kids took their chances on candy, fruit or gelt, and the basement became the “Tunnel of Terror.” I had no idea what was down there because just the name gave me the heebie-jeebies. The psychic surgery room, the fortuneteller, and spells and potions were down the hall. Most years I was the fortuneteller, because my aunt, the Episcopal priest-psychiatrist, taught me to read palms and tarot cards when I was a teenager. One year, though, I was put in charge of the Spells and Potions Room. I gathered my materials: Amazon rain water, rainbow juice, and liquid sunlight (herbal teas in various colors); wizard spit (honey water); dragon’s blood (V8 juice); bat droppings (tiny chocolate chips); lizard tongues (broken flat pieces of pink gum); eyes of newt (sprinkles); vampire blood (chocolate syrup); alchemist’s gold (caramel syrup); and various shades of powdered Jell-O, Mentos and Pop Rocks to make a potion bubble and fizz. I was dressed up as a Disney Princess/Witch/Minister, all my materials were laid out, I had helpers dressed as wizards, and we were ready. The doors opened and parents and kids came in asking for potions. “What do you want it for?” I asked. Usually it took them a long time to think of an answer. I wondered why someone would

come in to ask for a potion when they didn’t know what they wanted it for. Did they simply crave a passing experience, a sweet drink? This was magic we were talking about. It should be taken seriously. They rose to the occasion. “I want to run fast,” one said. “Done! You need some confidence, some persistence for practice.” I was adding visible and invisible ingredients to a liquid sunlight tea as I spoke. After giving it a final stir with a tiny wand (coffee stirrer), I handed it to one of the wizards who muttered over it for a moment, then delivered it with a flourish to the child. “I want to be a fairy princess!” Eye of newt, bat drops, alchemist’s gold, and fizzy Pop Rocks in wizard spit. “Eeeeeuw!” she said, but drank it up. A dad said, “I want courage.” Well, what would you have done? Dragon’s blood with Jell-O and Pop Rocks. It was awful looking. He drank it down. I think he already had courage. People complained about how awful some of the potions tasted. “What do you want?” I asked, with what I hoped was charm. “Cheap grace? Pretty magic? Magic is rough! Change is hard. If you want something badly enough you may have to do something scary, drink something yucky. Sometimes you get liquid sunlight with sprinkles, but other times it’s V8 with blue Jell-O and Pop Rocks.” What happened was that I was never asked to be potions mistress again. The next year all the potions tasted good and people didn’t even have to pony up with what they wanted to have happen in their lives. This makes me think of the people who describe Mother Nature as sweet and nurturing, taking care of all the little creatures with a warm and cinnamon-scented hand, or those who say they just knew there

had to be a God when they saw the dolphins swimming at sunset. I don’t know how ignoring the tough side of nature will help a person through the things church is supposed to help with, or how a dolphins-swimming-at-sunset faith will sustain a person through the rough changes that get slung into his or her life like ninja throwing-stars. Maybe I went too far with the V8 and Pop Rocks. Usually I’m a very nice minister, but I wouldn’t be doing my job if I pretended that our faith wasn’t demanding, that the right relationship was easy, or that facing change is a pleasant walk on the beach. This congregation is in transition. Your long-time minister, Rev. Chris Reed has just announced that she will retire at the end of this year. At the Harvest Dinner on October 8th, you will be asked to write out good wishes and blessings for her. What kinds of things will you bless her with? Who knows what the future holds? Growing asks a lot of us. It takes courage, determination, spiritual practice, strong partnership, and the knowledge that life can be difficult even when you’re doing exactly the right thing. Various potions help along the way: love mixed with patience, effort, longing, and peace. Liquid sunlight, green Jell-O, lizard tongue, and wizard spit. Bottoms up.



Reflection
Reverend Chris Reed

On September 21, the UN International Day of Peace, I participated in an interfaith prayer service in Tiger Park on Palmer Square. Prayers were offered by clergy of many different faiths, and were inspiring and rich in diversity and sentiment, including Bahai, Muslim, Jewish, Quaker, Sufi, UU, and Princeton University's interfaith chaplaincy. The prayers were followed by a minute of silence at noon, that was supposedly shared by millions around the world. While the service was short it was very meaningful, and it inspired me to bring this type of interfaith resonance around the notion of peace and what we might do to be able to be more fully present to peace, into our worship on October 17. The following prayer that I shared is taken from one by UU minister Wayne Arnason.

“Spirit of Life
We are here as a community dedicated to all that is good and just and beautiful.
We ask that we might be strengthened in our dedication to a better world. In time of war, when national pride and anger overwhelms the call for world community,
We would remember all those around the world who suffer from acts of violence,
Whether committed by terrorists or by nations.
We go to war as to a funeral,
And so we hold in our hearts all those who are oppressed by forces of privilege and power,
Whose lives are torn by war,
Who are prisoners of conscience.
May we find it within ourselves to capture a vision of a future that can be,
To recognize a brother or a sister in a distant nation,
That we may serve without fear the cause of justice for all.
In the name of all we find holy, we pray.”



Building Solidarity Not Charity: UUCP YOUTH VOLUNTEER IN NEW ORLEANS

One year ago, September, our Youth group began planning a service trip to New Orleans, calculating costs and planning numerous fundraisers to make this trip a reality. None of us knew then how profoundly we would be affected by this journey. Though not all of us could make the physical journey, all our Youth and Advisors and a number of parents participated in the gift wrapping at Border's, pie selling at Thanksgiving, donation collections at Hanging of the Greens, or Youth for Hire work at the Spring Sale and for requesting congregants. Our fundraising events helped us financially, as well as gave us a greater sense of community.

This year long project culminated in our June 24th air departure to New Orleans, accompanied by 13 UUCP Youth, 3 Summit UU Youth, one Delaware Youth, 3 UUCP staff, 3 Youth Advisors and 5 parent volunteers. We stayed at Greater New Orleans Unitarian Universalist's (GNOUU) Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal, which is a UU run Volunteer Center, housed in the storm-damaged First UU Church of New Orleans. We stayed in bunk beds, in former classrooms, 26 to a room. As one Youth said, "The close quarters we lived in made for

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.

quite a bonding experience.”

Each night the AmeriCorp Volunteers would tell us what our next day's work assignments would be. We broke into 4 different groups and traveled in our rented minivans across the city, some to the extremely devastated 9th Ward, others to houses and community centers closer to our home base. Our projects were many and varied.

At one site, our Youth group had a major impact on an outdoor museum and Native Cultural Center called The Village. This facility had been completely washed away in the flooding following the levees breaking. Our Youth cleared debris, created artistic paintings of African and Native traditions, and moved art installations while

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"Motherbread" Dinner and Sock Hop Dance Friday, October 8 at 5:30 p.m.

The annual UUCP Harvest Dinner is here! This year it's a pot luck dinner in Channing Hall where everyone is invited to bring food from a country of their ancestors, or food from a country that has become important to you. Curry? Fettuccine? Latkes? Crawfish or cornbread, steamed dumplings or frijoles negros? Be sure to bring a label that tells about your dish! Is that music I hear? Read on below.



BORN TO BE WILD?

Nice Day for a White Wedding? **Panic at the Disco?**
Taylor Swift? Metallica?

What is your favorite dance music? After supper, we're going to kick off our shoes and dance. Email your song selection (artist, title) to Kiya Heartwood at KiyaHeartwood@gmail.com and she will D.J. as kids, youth, adults and others (?) dance off our dinners!



Religious Education for Children and Youth

RE Parent Coffee Schedule
 Parent Coffees offer an opportunity for parents and teachers to connect with each other and for the parents to address their visions for their child's religious growth. **Please make every effort to attend your class Parent Coffee!** ~Shelle Summers

October 3 9:15 & 11:15
 Kindergarten/1st Grade (in classroom)

October 10 Pre-K (both classes meet together, between services, 10:20-11:10 in classroom 10)

October 10 9:15 & 11:15
 6th/7th Grade (in classroom)

October 24 9:15 & 11:15
 4th/5th Grade (in classroom)

New RE Parent Orientation
October 3, 10:30-11:10, John Murray Room
 Parents who are new to our RE program are asked to participate in this orientation, where they will become acquainted with the goals and methods of our learning program. If your family is new to UUCP and you have not yet attended an RE Parent Orientation, please try to come! Childcare available in Room 9.
 ~Shelle Summers

Children's Worship & Religious Education Schedule

Sunday, October 3
First Sunday of the Month: All RE Classes Start in Channing Hall
 9:15 & 11:15 Channing Hall

New RE Parent Orientation
 Between services, 10:30 to 11:10 in the John Murray Room. Childcare available in Room 9

Sunday, October 10
Hildegard, Great Teacher
 9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, October 17
Famous UU Ralph Waldo Emerson
 9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, October 24
U.N. Peace Day
 9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, October 31
Day of the Dead
No RE Classes
 9:15 & 11:15 Channing Hall

If you have any questions, call **Shelle Summers** 609-924-1604, ext. 14
sumners@uuprinceton.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youthies new and old just had an awesome Welcome Retreat! WE especially appreciate our beloved Youth Advisors, the Fantastic Youthies who stepped up to model leadership, lots of love, and spiritual practices that nurture our soul!

OCTOBER 2010 YOUTH

Just about Every Sunday Morning	Morning Youth Group in Room 15	11:00—12:30p
10/1-2	Metro YAC Meeting @ Shelter Rock UU	www.metroyac.org for Registration
10/3	Youth Group	11:00—12:30p
10/10	Youth Group	11:00-12:30p
10/17	Youth Group	11:00-12:30p
10/24	Youth Group	11:00-12:30p
10/29-31	Youth Social Con @ Shelter Rock UU	www.metroyac.org for Registration

Contact **Pia O'Loughlin** with Youth Group questions!
 UUCP Youth Programs Coordinator
 YPC @ uuprinceton.org
 732.421.7008



Adult Programs

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

NEWCOMERS' CIRCLES

New circle started on Sunday, September 19. It will meet on Sundays after the second service from 12:30—1:45 on September 19, October 3 & 17, November 7 & 21, and December 5 in the John Murray Room.

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday "Exploring UU" Class for Newcomers

Place: UUCP—John Murray Room

Date: **October 30, 2010**

Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

A chance to learn about the UU faith, about the UUCP congregation, get a tour of the building, meet other newcomers and share in a light lunch. Class will be led by Rev. Meg Barnhouse.

You can RSVP, no later than October 27, for this event either by phone to **Marty Akers** at (609) 737-3948 or e-mail to welcome@uuprinceton.org. We hope you can make it!

Signing the Membership Book Ceremony

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

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY—

"Get Plugged In" Join a Covenant Circle



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

- There is time for discussion, questions, and socializing for the last 20 to 30 minutes of each Circle. (The previous format did not give enough opportunity for this.)
- Each Circle is encouraged to get together socially a few times and/or work together on a social justice or service project.
- We grow new groups as needed, so that we hopefully turn no one away.
- Circles meet from year to year.

Please sign up at the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge or contact **Shelle Sumners** at sumners@uuprinceton.org, 609-924-1604, ext. 14 or **Chris Reed** at reed@uuprinceton.org, 609-924-1604, ext. 12 if you are interested in joining a Covenant Circle.

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DO YOU HAVE A PROGRAM IDEA?

Is there a program or group that you would like to see at UUCP? Let us know and we'll try to make it happen.

Do you have an idea for a program or group you would like to facilitate? We invite anyone with an idea for an Adult Program to submit a proposal to the Adult Program Committee.

The proposal should contain

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

All proposals will be reviewed by the Adult Program Committee and the ministers. Final scheduling and publicizing of the course will be the responsibility of the Adult Program Committee and the facilitators). Please submit any proposals to **Rev. Chris Reed**, reed@uuprinceton.org.

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NEW PROGRAMS

Buddhist Meditation Group

Sunday, October 3 at 12:40 in Room 1

Have you been excited by Meg's sermons on Buddhism?

Would you like to explore how to actually use this way of thinking in our day-to-day living? *How about meditation?* Those of us who have had even a taste of this practice know that the simple act of sitting quietly together can create a greater sense of peace. And yet, even knowing its benefits, many of us struggle to make this practice a part of our lives.

Does the idea of meeting together to experiment with these ideas appeal to you?

We would like to start a group that meets weekly at UUCP. We could combine a period of meditation with a time to explore how to incorporate a more Buddhist approach into our lives drawing on readings and/or Meg's sermons to inspire our quest. If you want to listen to Meg's sermons on Buddhism to help you decide, the tapes are available in the bookshelf in the lounge-- September 6 2009 (Right Livelihood), January 3, 2010 (Right Understanding), March 28, 2010 (Right Speech) and July 25, 2010 (Right Action).

We will meet at on Sunday, October 3 at 12:40 downstairs in Room 1 to share ideas and settle on a regular meeting time. Let us know if you are interested: **Michele Ochsner** mochsner@work.rutgers.edu 609-924-1166; **Dana Powsner** danapowsner@comcast.net 609-924-5891; **Henry Powsner** powsner@comcast.net 609-924-5891.

Yoga for health, well-being and peace of mind

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

Cost: Donation to UUCP Yoga Fund accepted

All are welcome to a new gentle yoga class with Sharon Savage. Sharon's teaching style is based on ashtanga yoga, an 8-limb yoga system, with an emphasis on alignment with breath control, combining effort and surrender in a balanced union.

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

straps, pillows). Yoga – the Union of the Body, Mind, and Breath.

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

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

Women's Spirituality Circle

1st & 3rd Sundays, October 3 & 17 at 6:30-8:00p.m. in John Murray Room

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

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

Writers' Circle

Every Wednesday at 6:30—8:30 p.m. in Room 7

The Writers' Circle will be revving up over the next two months with weekly sessions. The Circle is a non-intimidating, supportive group for adults who love to write. E-mail events@uuprinceton.org or sign up on Sundays in Robinson Lounge at the Adult Programs table. If you are even considering joining the Circle – even if you can't come every time – call or email **Teresa Stevens** at 609-538-0250 or stevensteresa50@verizon.net.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Telling Our Stories

The program series of videotaped interviews with some of our amazing senior members who have lived fascinating, engaged and committed lives will continue this year. In our youth-worshiping culture, we often forget to respect the elders in our midst and miss opportunities to learn from their wisdom. It is sad to experience the wonders of our Elders only from their eulogies.

On Thursday, October 21, **Lorraine Anderson**, "teacher and 30+ year member" will tell her life story at the Women's Alliance meeting.

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Watch future *Skylights* for Telling Our Stories by **Henry Powsner, Sue and Butch Arnould, Tony Tucker and Marie Sturken.**

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

Y Young Adult Circle

Ages 20-35(ish)

On a Sunday , October 3, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 7

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

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

To find out more about us, look for the flyer at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays. You can sign up in the lounge or by contacting **Valentine Vollmer** datura1207@aol.com

A Aging and Saging

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 10:30a-Noon
October 13 and 27 in the John Murray Room**

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

We offer this affinity circle for those who would like to meet during the day to create a community of loving, supporting, learning individuals who find it exciting to explore the terrain of getting older with one another. "Sage" is apparently only a noun and an adjective, but for you purists out there, please consider that it resonates with both —age and, as someone over 60 just said, also with sag, both respected verbs.

Sign up by sending e-mail to events@uuprinceton.org or on Sundays in Robinson Lounge at the Adult Program table.

C CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) Evergreen Chapter

**Friday near the Full Moon, 7:00-9:30 pm,
Memorial Garden in fine weather, Classroom 1 otherwise.**

All are welcome. The **Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans**, or **CUUPS** (pronounced *cups*), is an organization chartered by the UUA in 1987 to practice and share Earth-centered traditions within the larger

denomination. We seek to build bridges between 21st-century pagans and those who embrace other religious traditions, while celebrating the "interdependent web of all existence" as recognized in the Seventh Principle of Unitarian Universalism.

All are welcome; we keep our content child-friendly.
Contact **Elissa Hoeger** (609) 683-4409, hoeger@princeton.edu.

G Great Books Reading Circle

Sunday, October 10 at 1 pm, in Room 7



Come and discuss *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by *Muriel Barbery*. A French literary sensation, this novel has been described as "clever, informative and moving ... essentially a crash course in philosophy interwoven with a platonic love story. Though it wanders in places, this is an admirable novel which deserves as wide a readership here as it had in France. " Join us for shared, perhaps elegant, reflections and cookies. (For more info: contact **Karen Siracusa** at kn.siracusa@att.net or 609-918-1016)

G Gentle Yoga Class

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

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

Yoga comes from the Sanskrit word —yuj— meaning —to meditate deeply— or —to concentrate oneself. Yoga is meditation through motion, practice in calming the mind through a series of poses. It is physically energizing and mentally restorative. Contact **Autumn Fiester** to R.S.V.P. for childcare fiester@mail.med.upenn.edu 215-573-2607.

A A Course in Miracles

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

The group studying A Course in Miracles is continuing with the Workbook for Students with excerpts from Eckhart Tolle's *The New Earth* and Emmanuel's *Book*.

October 3 The lesson is "I Give the Miracles I have received" " To give a thing requires first you have it in your possession. Here the laws of Heaven and the world agree. The world believes that to possess a thing it must be kept. Salvation teaches otherwise. To give is how to recognize you have received."

Tolle *The New Earth*: "You cannot receive what you don't give. Outflow determines inflow."

Emmanuel's *Book*: "One does not receive an ounce more than one gives."

Community Building

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

The Women's Alliance welcomes ALL to its monthly 3rd Thursday lunches and programs in the Founders Room. Gather at 11:45, 12-1 lunch and 1-2 program. For the fall meetings, bring a salad to share, drinks and dessert will be provided. Alliance meetings promise Fellowship, Fun and Fabulous Food!

October 21, **Lorraine Anderson**, teacher and 30+ year member of UUCP will tell her life story at the Alliance meeting, the next in the videotaped interview series with some of our amazing senior members who have lived fascinating, engaged and committed lives. Lorraine has lived a dedicated and varied life both in and out of this congregation. She and Hil were members of the Plainfield Church before coming to Princeton. She will share many of her life experiences and some of the wisdom she has gained.

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~Carol Haag

MEN'S CLUB

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

UU CONNECTIONS

Chalice Lighter District Fundraising

The recipients of Metro New York District fundraising under the theme "Growing Our Spaces and Our Spirit" this season will be UU Fellowship Northwest, Mt Kisco, NY; UU Congregation of Monmouth County, NJ, and UU Congregation of New Brunswick, East Brunswick, NJ. We will do a collection in November for UUCP's share in this cooperative district project dedicated this year to growth. The UU Legislative Ministry of NJ was the recipient of last year's Chalice Lighter district fundraising.

~Carol Allen, UU Connections Committee

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010

Unitarian Universalist General Assembly 2010 was held June 23-27 in Minneapolis. UUCP delegates were Jonathon Sachs, Susan Sachs, Jane Fetter, Ted Fetter, Allison Woolbert, and Craig Rubano. They will share their reactions and reflections in this issue below and in the next issue of Skylights. Electronic connections brought General Assembly live to non-attendees. It was possible to stream many of the sessions live. Video and written accounts are still available at www.uua.org. The delegates completed a UU Statement of Conscience on "Creative Peacemaking" which opposes aggressive and preventative wars. It states that UU's support military servicepersons *and* conscientious objectors. ~UU Connections Committee

GA Notes: Ted Fetter

Although I've already been to General Assembly about six times before, I still enjoy going and taking part in the activities. This year in Minneapolis was no exception; in fact, it was about the best ever in my experience. The large-scale activities were inspiring, the workshops were very helpful, and the fellowship with other UUs was outstanding.

A few specific ideas follow. I attended a workshop on building multicultural congregations that gave me new ideas about making our Princeton congregation more diverse. We need to make it central to our mission and be very intentional in looking at every aspect of our congregational life, starting with the worship service. People need to see themselves represented and served on Sunday morning. We should consult the book Salsa Soul and Spirit for ideas about African-American, Latino, and Native American leadership experiences. Another workshop was on Policy Governance practice. Policy

Governance gives us the freedom to try things -- to experiment and then evaluate the results. We need to be clear about the process, though, and we need to explain it both to those who are already here and active and to those who are currently outside the group. A workshop on stewardship practices was very informative and gave me some ideas about fund-raising, but the leaders emphasized a book by Peter Steinke called Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times. A congregation announced that if a pledger lost his or her job they would release that family from their pledge and upon request refund what had already been paid that year on the pledge; no one asked for that favor but knowing it was there reduced the anxiety. There were lots of other ideas.

GA Notes: Jane Fetter

My strongest memories from the General Assembly in Minneapolis a few months ago involve the debate about where to hold the GA two years from now in 2012. A few years ago the planners agreed to go to Phoenix, Arizona, and contracts have been signed with the Convention Center there and several big hotels, reserving space for a specific amount of money. Then, earlier this year, Arizona passed the notorious SB 1070, increasing the stress on immigrants and all brown-skinned people in the state and reducing the civil rights of many people, both undocumented immigrants and people who might be undocumented. Pressure grew in the UUA to boycott Arizona, to move the General Assembly to another place. But that choice had problems, including the loss of a lot of money guaranteed to hold the reservations in Phoenix. Lots of UUs around the country were debating the question as we gathered this year to decide.

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Social Justice

Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of NJ (UULMNJ)

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Social Justice Ministry Opportunities

Are you interested in creating the beloved community on

earth? Then we have opportunities for you.

The Habitat for Humanity Partner Family Relations Committee meets once a month to review applications of potential Habitat homeowners and is looking to grow the committee membership. We would love 2 or 3 more volunteers from UUCP to help expand the committee's functions. Habitat is also looking 'coaches' or mentors to help families that have been approved as partner families. Contact **Nancy Gardner** at 609 240-1978 or wellnansee@yahoo.com She would love to talk to you and share her experience as both committee member and former mentor.

If you are interested in swinging a hammer or in any form of construction, join UU members once a month in the East Trenton community as they work on varied construction tasks. Email **Ray Nichols** for more information acernichols@verizon.net

The Learning Lab is up and running in the East Trenton Community Center under the capable leadership of Kiya Green, Learning Lab Coordinator. If you are available between 3:30 and 5:30 M-Th afternoons there are opportunities to tutor children or to assist in the Learning Lab. The need is great and the rewards are many. For more information contact **Pat Radtke** 609 426-1913 or patradtke@comcast.net

WHAT THE HECK IS PRINCETON COMMUNITY HOUSING?

Sunday Forum, October 17

Over forty years ago, UUCP joined with other churches and institutions in the Princeton area to found Princeton Community Housing, a non-profit dedicated to the provision, management and advocacy of affordable housing in the Princeton community. Since then, PCH has developed and

manages four affordable housing sites in Princeton: Princeton Community Village, Griggs Farm, Elm Court and Harriet Bryan House, totaling 463 units of affordable rental housing for families and seniors. The PCH board is comprised of representatives from the sponsoring organizations and several at large members. UUCP is represented by

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Social Action

Peace Conference - Save the Date

"Global Abolition of Nuclear Weapons: An Idea Whose Time Has Come" will be the theme of the annual Peace Conference to be held on Sunday, November 14 starting with an interfaith service in the Princeton University Chapel. Rev. Bob Moore, Director of the Coalition for Peace Action, will be the preacher. Speakers at the afternoon session will be Darryl Kimball, Arms Control Association, Kevin Martin, Director of national Peace Action, and Selig Harrison, Asia Program, Center for International Policy. To register, go to www.peacecoalition.org. The conference is being planned by the coalition's Peace Education Committee of which UUCP's **Pat Radtke** is chair. *~Carol Allen*

BOOKS FOR KIDS is a new project of the Social Action Committee. The children who come to the Learning Center in Trenton would value a new book or two to take home. We at UUCP can gather books for children by: 1) Buying a new book for a child in Trenton whenever we pass by a book store such as when we buy a book for a child or grandchild, (or order on line); 2) Bringing in any gently-used books from home or from friends of library sales or garage sales.

For starters, please bring nice books for pre-school through youth, although the largest group at the center are elementary school children. Multi-cultural, multi-racial titles would be good; so would classics, non-classics, fiction, non-fiction (nature, comparative religions, art, etc). If you prefer to make a cash donation, the committee can order some

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Valerie Haynes. On Sunday, Oct 17, 2010 at 10:20 between the two services, the Social Justice Committee will sponsor a Forum on PCH in the John Murray Room.

Valerie and PCH Executive Director Sandra Persichetti will answer your questions and bring you up to date on this important organization. Please join us for the discussion.

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inmates came to mow the lawn that wove the grounds of the outdoor museum. They learned the history of various groups of slaves, immigrants and native peoples and shared some of their own thoughts and feelings with the center's director, Ms. Kathy. "Not only did we help to rebuild, but we also got to know the people we were working with. We did not do charity. We joined in solidarity! We became a part of the community and felt the love and care", one youth exclaimed.

At another site, our Youth and advisors climbed high ladders to paint up to the second floor water marks of a flood-damaged home that was being renovated into a woman's center. Not only was this group tasked with scraping and painting this 9th Ward soon-to-be center, but they were asked to be ambassador's to the neighbors and create good will, as well. They soon began scraping the long ago rusted railings of the neighbor's porches, and learned about the back door economy of folks selling "frozen cups" and nacho plates to the neighborhood youth. Through their relationship-building, they were treated to free samples of frozen cups, generous smiles and hugs when they returned their last day to say thank you and good-bye to the neighbors and new friends they had made.

A 3rd site was at the home of a First UU Church member whose entire first floor had been destroyed by the flooding. Work had already been completed in the new kitchen and painted sheetrock walls hung in the living room, but the floor that we had come to lay was not ordered, nor able to be acclimatized to the humid home. Nevertheless, our Youth found plenty of projects that still needed work. They

installed molding in an under-the-stair bathroom, repaired a rain-damaged floor, added weather-stripping and re-did a front door. We sanded and painted windows and doors, and learned how to scrub and caulk bathroom floors and tubs, and use a cut saw. As one youth remarked, "It's hard to believe all this is still undone, five years later."

A 4th group went to the Craig Cultural Center, painting and caulking a bathroom, and then went weed pulling at a city park that relies 100% on volunteers for its landscaping care. This group was caught in several torrential downpours, fire ant attacks, mosquito swarms and the like. In spite of all this, they felt pride in their work. They had built a relationship with the director and choose to return at 6:30AM to complete their job as they knew if they didn't do it, there wasn't another group coming in that would complete it. The staff marveled at what a beautiful job they had done, fighting to pull invasive plants from a scenic pond's edge. One advisor had observed, "I saw our Youth grow and mature right before my eyes. Very satisfying."

In the anti-racism sessions led by representatives from The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, we learned of the differences in recovery for rich and poor, and for black and white in NOLA. We saw and heard how unfairly and unevenly the help was distributed, and how the Center for Justice and Ethical Living specifically works with grass-roots community groups that would otherwise not get help from other sources, which mitigates some of these inequalities. Some of us began to have an understanding of what "white privilege" meant in the recovery process, as we realized that the poorer black neighborhoods still did not have supermarkets or schools functioning in them, 5 years after the flooding. We were all

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struck by a quote that the Center staff teaches its volunteers to live by; "If you have come to help, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together. Together we can build solidarity, not charity."

When the day's work was done, our Youth leaders stepped up and ran Touch Groups, small check-in groups that allowed us to process the emotions and experiences of the day. It gave us time to reflect on where we were and all that we had done together. One youth commented, "We had a tremendous impact on the community center and it helped us grow as a youth group community."

We realized that our home-away-from-home was also badly damaged in the flooding and was still in need of many hours of service to restore this beautiful church to its rightful stature. In our "down-time" our ever-willing Youth, parents and advisors set out finding ways that we could improve our host's facilities; cleaning air conditioning ducts, bathrooms, showers, organizing closets, purchasing wheeled trash cans to help organize their volume of recyclables, purchasing new, clean coolers that we donated to the Center and deciding to purchase a new washer for the Center, when we learned that the current one broke down at a far too costly and frequent rate. "When we went to use the dryer and saw the jerry-rigged stick used to hold its door closed, we realized that a washer/dryer set was really what was needed." Our Youth generously collected money for their last night's dinner on the town, and decided instead to donate it to the Center to help further their work. We were all left with an overall feeling voiced by one of the Youth, "This trip has been life changing. I am really grateful to be a part of this group." Upon our return, we received a beautiful note from the Center's Director, Quo Vadis, who wrote to Pia, "Thank you and the Princeton team for a truly inspirational

week. What a lovely group of people you are. We are moved by your gifts, material, yes, but also of the spirit. Every once in a while a group comes along that helps renew our energy and devotion to the work of recovery. Yours is such a group.'

We would like to thank all of you who supported our trip, through your spirit and through your generous financial donations. Families, individuals and UUCP committees helped make this trip possible, including seed money from the Social Justice Committee, the Denominational Outreach Committee, the Women's Alliance, and the Spring Fair Committee. We thank you all as we could not have done this trip without your support. We are particularly grateful to **Carol Haag** who personally encouraged us to go to New Orleans and invited UU Summit friends to share their experience and pictures.

Please check "Happenings" and your Constant Contact email for notices of when and where we will meet to tell you our stories, show you our pictures and answer your questions about the trip and our Youth

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October 10 The lesson is: "I am at home. Fear is the stranger here."

October 17 "Give me your blessing, holy Son of God."

October 24 "I am as God created me."

October 31 "There is no death. The Son of God is free."

Come join us in the John Murray room each Sunday from 11:15 till 12:30. We would like your input and ideas. We are all simultaneously

Interested in Adult Programs or working at the UUCP Bookstore?

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

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



Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees (BOT) discussed several reports and received important news at our monthly meeting Tuesday September 14.

Like a growing number of UU congregations, UUCP follows a dynamic form of governance based on Policy Governance. The BOT, with input from the congregation, has crafted End Statements (or goals), and monitors progress towards meeting those goals. The End Statements describe what change will occur for what group, and provide direction for the Executive Team (ET). The ET, presently composed of the two ministers, implements the End Statements over a four- to five-year timeline, providing periodic progress reports to the BOT. One of the current three end statements relates to welcoming newcomers and involving newcomers and members in congregational life, another addresses support in our spiritual journeys, while the third charges us to work toward greater environmental sustainability. The ET presented their second annual Ends Policies Monitoring Report covering the last church year (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010), compiled with the able assistance of the Committee on Ministry.

For End Statement I – “All who enter feel welcomed, known and loved” – the report includes standards (mostly from the denomination) and a wealth of information on new visitor and member numbers, conversion rate of visitors to members, gross and net loss of membership, visitor participation rate in newcomer events such as the Ministers’ Wine and Cheese Receptions and Saturday Orientation Classes, visitor to membership ratio, Religious Education (RE) visitor family retention rate and conversion rate to membership, loss of RE families, RE parent participation rate with RE and elsewhere in the congregation, children and youth participation, and involvement of congregants without children in RE.

The report includes measures for End Statement II – “All who enter feel

supported in their spiritual journeys” – such as average attendance at Sunday services as a percent of the adult membership, attendance at adult programs, and results from a survey of covenant circle leaders were among the measures. Plans for the current church year include setting additional standards and collecting more data. The data in this year’s report will form the baseline on which to compare this and future years and measure progress on the end statements.

Other agenda items included presentation of the Financial Report for July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010. We ended the year with a budget surplus of over \$14,000, partly due to greater than anticipated income from building rentals, the Second Time Around shop and solar energy credits. Despite the poor economic situation, pledge income remained stable, thanks to your continued generous financial support. A copy of the full Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 is available in the Congregational Office.

The Board of Trustees would like to gratefully acknowledge the almost 30 years of dedication and service that Reverend Christine Reed has provided to UUCP. Rev. Reed had previously announced that she would retire at the end of June, 2012, but decided to move up her retirement to June 30, 2011. Throughout her years at UUCP, Chris has served as a parent and classroom teacher, trained to become a Director of Religious Education, and 12 years ago after she attained her M.Div. was called as our Minister of Religious Education. Along with the congregants at UUCP, she developed the Children’s Worship Committee and the nine-member Religious Education Council we have today. More recently, she helped implement our Covenant Circles, Worship Associates and Pastoral Associates programs. We appreciate the gifts she has brought to our community and wish her the best in her retirement.

- Lisa Roche and Nancy Gardner, Board of Trustees

SUNDAY BRUNCH ON OCTOBER 10TH TO BENEFIT PARENTS COUNT (Sponsored by Monday Evening Covenant Circle)

Parents Count is the name of support groups designed to help parents develop more nurturing relationships with their children. The groups are an effort to reduce the effects of abuse and neglect on children by including the active involvement of parents, who are the source of child abuse and neglect. In 1995, Parents Count affiliated with the New York State Resource Office and received 501(C)(3) status. Parents Count has also received permission from Alcoholic Anonymous World Services to adapt its twelve step model. Thus, parents are able to apply the twelve steps between group meetings. Parents Count is a fellowship of caring individuals; and a place for parents to find support and get the help they need, when they need it!

Environmental and situational problems regularly test the coping skills of parents. Parents need financial, emotional, physical, and social support as well as access to low cost, consumer friendly, culturally sensitive and community based help resources. Research has shown that social support, reciprocity, advocacy, empowerment and responsibility are all demonstrated mechanisms that effectively make significant changes in the lives of parents. All of these are present in the Parents Count model to promote self help, but with social support being the primary component of the changes that occur in group members.

Parents Count also recognizes a need to promote change in public and professional attitudes toward the perceptions of child

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Grace Notes

Music Ministry Ensembles Are Still Cranking Up

Adult Choir. There's always room for your voice. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm til 9:00pm. Singers of all stripes are welcome. Come try it some Wednesday evening – no obligation!

Bell Choir. Our new third octave means that more ringers are needed. Rehearsals are generally every other Thursday and continue on Sept. 30. Previous ringing experience and rudimentary knowledge of music reading are pluses, but not essential.

Kids Chorale. We'd love to welcome your child(ren) to the ranks of the Kids' Chorale this season. The Kids' rehearse on Sundays between services beginning Sept. 26 in Room 2, and we have some terrific music to learn for services this year.

For all information on joining our ensembles, contact Marjorie at marjmuse@optonline.net, or call Marjorie at 609-924-1604, ext. 16.

Hymn-Writing Contest – Call for Metrical Poetry

The Music Ministry is sponsoring a hymn writing contest, a collaboration between UUCP's own talented poets and Westminster Choir College. The first step will

OCTOBER HYMN OF THE MONTH

Our "Hymn of the Month," is No. 54, "Now Light is Less." Acknowledging the shorter nights, we turn to this classic hymn. Text author Theodore Roethke (May 25, 1908 – August 1, 1963) was an American poet, who published several volumes of poetry characterized by its rhythm and natural imagery. He was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1954 for his book, *The Waking*. The tune, *Sursum Corda*, was written by Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971), an Episcopal priest and military chaplain.

be gathering the poetry, i.e. words to the hymn(s). Submissions are due by November 5, and poets are encouraged to peruse our hymnals for style and meter of the texts used in UU hymnody. The goal is the selection of the text(s) by Thanksgiving and have those text(s) delivered to WCC in time for their holiday break. Contact Marjorie for more information.

Sunday Serenades 2010-11 Please see below for complete schedule.

Kiya Heartwood: "Composer-in-Residence"

Kiya Heartwood has already begun with the mounting of "Lying to the Sea Gypsy," which has been cast and begins rehearsing in October. She will be writing two

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Sunday Serenades 2010-11. It's going to be a terrific series of concerts this year. Except for October 24, which is free, all concerts are \$15/10 for children and seniors. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- Sunday, October 24, 4:00 p.m. *A Gospel Celebration* at **Shiloh Baptist Church**. Our Adult Choir has been invited to participate in this Celebration with our friends from the community Fellowship Choir of Trenton. This concert is free & open to the public.
- Sunday, December 5, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. *Lying to the Sea Gypsy*, a children's opera by **Kiya Heartwood**
- **Friday***, February 25, 7:30 p.m. **Craig Rubano** in Concert (with **Beth Ertz**)
- Sunday, March 27, 3:00 p.m. *Heart to a Different Drummer*, with singer/songwriter/drummer Sharon Silverstein and friends
- Sunday, May 1, 3:00 p.m. *Voices of the Feminine—An Emerging Story*. Music Ministry Spring Concert featuring an original work by Kiya Heartwood.

*Please note: this concert will be on **Friday**, Feb. 25, 2011

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other large works for us, a performance art worship service called “Afri-kin” for Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, and a choral work for our spring concert (the last of our Sunday Serenades) with the theme *Voices of the Feminine – An Emerging Story*. In addition, she will mount a repeat of her “Gaia Psalms” for Earth Day, 2011, and composing music for our Adult Choir and Bell Choir as well. Kiya is currently studying Composition in the Master of Music program at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ.

Looking Ahead – Music Lovers, Awake!

Perhaps you are a music lover, a supporter of what we’re trying to accomplish, but you are not an active participant. Chances are there’s something valuable you can contribute to our ministry. You can join our Music Ministry Committee, which meets for one hour one Wednesday evening per month, to share your ideas about enhancing the vibrancy of our Ministry; *our next meeting is Wed., Oct. 20 at 7:00pm*. Or, you could volunteer in a number of other ways: helping with publicity for Sunday Serenades, or helping for a “Serenade” in exchange for free admission, to name only two. Read our Mission Statement below and if you’re inspired to help in any capacity, contact **Jordan Corn** (jcorn@meredithpoint.com) or Marjorie Herman (marjmuse@optonline.net).



Music Ministry Mission Statement

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



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abuse and neglect to focus on parents as the avenue for improvement, as opposed to the current climate in which professionals are the primary change agents.

This is also to announce an Open House/Raffle on October 28 at our new group which will meet at the East Trenton Community Center/Habitat for Humanity at 7:00PM starting October 7. It is located at 601 N. Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08638.

Anyone who donates will have their name entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of our raffle items. Donors need not be present to win, however we would love to see as many people as possible at the open house. Refreshments will be served!

RAFFLE ITEMS: Gift Basket with \$100 Gift Certificate from Whole Foods Market; One of two Light Therapy Machines (FDA approved diode light machines, proven to reduce pain and inflammation in joints and muscles)– Approximate Value \$200 each; \$100 Gift Card from McCaffreys Supermarket; Gift Basket courtesy of Kalorama Road Artistry kaloramroad@att.net

All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. For further information, contact Joy Mohamoud, President at (609) 297-0203 or email: parents.count@yahoo.com.





The End of the Beginning . . .

It's hard to believe the first phase of our search process is coming to an end. We can look back with pride at what we have all accomplished: the selection of the Search Committee, the committee's fall retreat and subsequent bonding that has enabled us to share and complete our work, the congregation's response to the survey, the participation of congregants in our focus groups, and our Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop.

We are now finalizing the Congregational Record and Packet in preparation for making them available to prospective ministers by October 31. We want to thank those who have helped along the way. Amanda Gillum, Carl Haag, Lori Ingwerson, Ray Nichols, and Henry Powsner have shared photos with us. Sara Oderwald, as always, has been invaluable in finding needed information. George Easter provided the financial information for our documents. Ted Fetter, Eva Foster, and Tom Prusa contributed to articles for the Packet. Chris Sturm and Greg Nagy, along with Pete Gerster, helped draft the ministerial letter of agreement. A special thanks to Rob Henry, who created and formatted our Packet.

As soon as the Congregational Record and Packet are approved by Ministerial Settlement Representative Craig Hirshberg and the UUA Transitions Office and are online, we will let you know how to access them.

Here's hoping the next phase of our search process goes as well.
 ~Kathy, Carl, Diana, Linda, Pete, Sharon, and Susan

The Singing Meditation workshop that was scheduled at UUCP for October 3 has been cancelled because the leader, Ruth Rosauer, is dealing with serious health issues. The workshop has not been rescheduled at this time. ~Carol Haag

COFFEE, TEA AND YOU



We have begun our autumn, winter, and spring coffee, decaf, and tea after both services. This program is cooperative and its continuity throughout the year depends on people volunteering to do set-up and clearing up of the cups, milk, sweeteners, etc. You can sign up in Robinson Lounge on October 3 and 10 for a turn. Jorge Garcia Salas, our sexton, makes the urns of coffee, so the rest is easy. Instructions are provided.

~Carol Allen Ad-Hoc Coffee Committee

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The resolution was beautiful, and it was endorsed almost unanimously by the 2500+ delegates at this year's Assembly. With the agreement of the leaders of diversity and multiculturalism within the UUA's structure, we will go to Phoenix in 2012, but we will be there with an agenda, showing that UUs support justice for all. To be called a GA for Justice, the gathering in 2012 will be cut back to its essential governmental functions with far fewer celebrations and ceremonies. Instead, the delegates will work in social justice agencies around Phoenix, learning about issues and giving their volunteer labor to aid poor people, immigrants, and minorities. It will be a few days of involvement and activity, working alongside other UUs and the people we say we want to help. I look forward to going to Phoenix that year and giving a few days of volunteer effort to where my ideals are, helping to show that UUs can walk their talk.

GA Notes: Jonathan Sachs

GA was an exciting experience for my wife, Susan, and me. There were interesting workshops on stewardship, policy governance, and use of social media that were of particular interest this year. Susan and I attended a terrific seminar luncheon designed for congregations in ministerial

search, led by Rev. Keith Kron and the now retired, Rev. John Weston. Keith is replacing John as the UUA's director of ministerial settlement. I was particularly happy to connect with a college friend, Rev. Peter Friedrichs, who is the parish minister of the UU Church of Delaware County in Media, PA. He was receiving final fellowship this year at GA.

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titles from the Unitarian Universalist book order catalogue. On October 3 and October 10, when people will be signing up for church activities in Robinson Lounge, there will be a box for the first contributions of books on the Social Action Table. The book donation program will go on all year; your contributions will bring happiness and learning to children in Trenton. ~Social Action Committee.



Joys and Sorrows

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

Joan Mysiak's daughter, Anne Marie Mysiak, 41, died at home on May 24 after a long illness. She graduated from Lawrence High School in 1987 and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Tisch School of Fine Arts at New York University. She lived in Allenstown, New Hampshire, and was a free lance photographer, using the professional name, Anne Darling. She moved back to New Jersey in 2005, sharing a home with her mother in Pennington. A memorial service was held at the UUCP June 27.

Charlie Parker had a mini-stroke on August 21. The stroke did not affect him too severely, although he now uses a walker. His speech is unaffected and he can still write, but when he reads, he has trouble with some words. He has both a physical therapist and a speech therapist helping him. He would enjoy receiving phone calls (609 / 918-9668) and visitors, but call before visiting.

Cathy Bauer-Koggan would like to thank those who sent kind words as she cared for her father in home hospice this summer. Cathy's father, Walter Bauer, died on July 4, one month after diagnosis. The month preceding Walter's death was a time for Cathy, her mother, and her siblings to be together and care for him.

Judi and Jim Marks are delighted to announce that their first grandchild, Corinne Lillian Marks, was born in Ann Arbor, MI on August 13 to Dr. Adam Marks and his wife Alexis McLaren Braun Marks.

Our condolences go to **Teresa Stevens**. Her father, Donald F. Stevens died September 11 after a long battle with cancer. He is predeceased by two infant sons, eldest son Donald Allen, and Teresa's stepmother Betty Satterlee. He is survived by seven children and 16 grandchildren.

Lou Salomone, a UUCP member since 1994, died on Sept 18 of a heart attack. Lou had recently been living at the Princeton Healthcare facility. His ex-wife Christine tells us that no service is planned at this time.

Vincent Cancilla died on September 6, after celebrating his 80th birthday with some 60 family members and friends. A graveside memorial service was held on Sept 8 and many attested to the love and care that Vince so generously gave to so many. We extend our condolences to his wife Earlene Baumunk and family.

For those who do not yet know, Clara Capoferri was born on August 5 to proud parents Gabrielle and Leo Capoferri. **Rev. Chris Reed** is Clara's proud and joyful grandmother.



The UUCP Relational Covenant

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

Our Promises:

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

Howard Thurman (American Theologian, Minister and Activist. 1900-1981)



“Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”

“Community cannot for long feed on itself; it can only flourish with the coming of others from beyond, their unknown and undiscovered brothers [and sisters.]”

There is a widespread feeling of despair and feeling of futility not only about the present times but also about the future. There are many reasons for this attitude; indeed, the reasons are not far to seek. The cumulative anxiety resulting from wars with the vast eruption of hate and misery has left its mark in the soul of the nations of the earth. It is terrible enough when wars are fought by hired mercenaries, but when they become the immediate and personal involvement of young men and women, old men and women, boys and girls, then there is left no one who does not bear the deep bruises and shock of its consequence.

Source: *The Inward Journey*



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<p>OCT 10—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 9:15a Parent Coffee; Grades 6/7 in Classroom 10:20a-11:10a Sunday Morning Forum: New Parent Orientation—Murray 10:20a-11:00a Parent Coffee; Pre-K (both classes)—Classroom 10:35a-11:05a Kids' Chorale—Room 2 11:15a Parent Coffee; Grades 6/7 in Classroom 11:15a A Course in Miracles—Murray 12:40p-1:30p Meditation & Discussion—Room 1 12:30p-1:30p Youth Group Parent Orientation—Fabs. Room 15 1:00p-2:30p Great Books Reading Circle—Room</p>	<p>OCT 11 7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders</p>	<p>OCT 12 7:00p-10:00p Board of Trustees meeting—Founders</p>	<p>OCT 13 10:30a Aging & Saging—Murray 1:00p-2:30p OFFICE STAFF MEETING—Office closed from 1:00-2:30pm 6:30p-8:00p Writers' Circle—Room 7 7:00p-9:30p Adult Program Committee (2nd Wed)—Founders 7:15p-9:00p e2 Covenant Circle (2nd Wed) - Murray 7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Rehearsal—Channing Hall</p>	<p>OCT 14 9:15-10:30a Gentle Yoga—Channing 7:30-9:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Channing Hall</p>	<p>OCT 15</p>	<p>OCT 16 8:30a-9:30a Program Council—Murray 10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Founders</p>
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<p>OCT 24—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 9:15a-10:15a Parent Coffee; Grades 4/5 in Classroom 10:35a-11:05a Kids' Chorale—Room 2 11:15a-12:15p Parent Coffee; Grades 4/5 in Classroom 11:15a -12:20p A Course in Miracles—Murray 12:40p-1:30p Meditation & Discussion—Room 1 4:00p-6:00p "A Gospel Celebration" at Shiloh Baptist Church.</p>	<p>OCT 25 7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders</p>	<p>OCT 26 7:00p-9:00p Leadership Council (4th Tues) - Minister's Office</p>	<p>OCT 27 10:30a Aging & Saging—Murray 6:30p-8:00p Writers' Circle—Room 7 7:15p-9:00p e2 Covenant Circle (4th Wed) - Murray 7:30p-9:00p Adult Choir Rehearsal—Channing Hall</p>	<p>OCT 28 9:15-10:30a Gentle Yoga—Channing 7:30-9:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Channing Hall</p>	<p>OCT 29</p>	<p>OCT 30 9:00a Exploring UU Class for Newcomers—Murray 10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>
<p>OCT 31—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 No RE today 10:35a-11:05a Kids' Chorale—Room 2 11:15a -12:20p A Course in Miracles—Murray 12:40p-1:30p Meditation & Discussion—Room 1</p>	<p>OCT 31—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 No RE today 10:35a-11:05a Kids' Chorale—Room 2 11:15a -12:20p A Course in Miracles—Murray 12:40p-1:30p Meditation & Discussion—Room 1</p>					

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