



Skylights newsletter

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CONGREGATION OF PRINCETON



Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

October 7, 2007 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

Not My Father's Religion

Guest Worship Leader: **Rev. Linda DiSantis** Worship Associate: **Ted Fetter**

Music: **Marjorie Herman, Beth Ertz, Joe Lewis, clarinet**

This title is taken from an article by Doug Muder in the recent issue of the UU World magazine. In it he states that our religious tradition has a class problem. This is an important discussion to have; however, can classism among us be narrowed down simply to an issue of working class vs. professional class sensitivities?

October 14, 2007 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

Social Justice Sunday

Worship Leader: **Stephen Carl Brame, Executive Director of Trenton Area Habitat for Humanity**

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

October 21, 2007 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

Nature's Inspiration

Guest Worship Leader: **Rev. Dr. Nicole C. Kirk** Worship Associate: **Ted Fetter**

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

Two famous essays "Walking" by Henry David Thoreau and "Nature" by Ralph Waldo Emerson led the way in creating the genre of "nature writing." Their work did more than help along a genre; it expressed a religious sensibility rooted in communion with nature. Come explore a part of transcendentalism, a part of our Unitarian Universalist tradition this Sunday.

Nicole Kirk served East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Kirtland, Ohio for eight years. In the fall of 2006, she entered the Ph.D. Program at Princeton Theological Seminary in American Religious History. Nicole is married to Jeff Brauer, an attorney, and has one son who is seven.

October 28, 2007 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

Day of the Dead—An All Ages Service

Worship Leaders: **Revs. Forrest Gilmore & Chris Reed, and CUUPS** Worship Associate: **Eva Foster**

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

As the season of Halloween approaches, some say the veil between the living and the dead thins. Today, we honor those who have gone before us and continue our tradition of writing notes to the dead. This service is for all ages and will be co-facilitated by our Covenant of UU Pagans.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

It will be a great pleasure for Princeton Unitarian Universalists to welcome **Rev. William Sinkford**, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, to our community on Sunday, **November 11th**, to preach at 11:00 AM the University Chapel as part of the Annual Conference and Interfaith Service for Peace.

Other exciting speakers for the afternoon part of the conference will be: Prof. Freeman Dyson, Institute for Advanced Study; Ambassador Max Kampelman, negotiator of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty; Prof. Frank von Hippel, Princeton University Program on Science and Global Security; Dr. Phyllis Bennis, Institute for Policy Studies; Prof. of International Affairs Janne Nolan, University of Pittsburgh. All are involved either in current foreign policy and in long-run nuclear policy, some in both. For more information, go to www.peacecoalition.org.

The Coalition for Peace Action and the UUCP UU Connections Committee are planning to schedule special opportunities for Unitarian Universalists to meet with Rev. Sinkford during his visit to Princeton. Details will appear in the November Skylights. ~Carol Allen

***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.*

Reflection

By Reverend Forrest Gilmore

I'm doing something a bit unusual this month. I am heading off to India. It's not very common for a minister to journey to another country just as the congregational year gets going, but given Chris' sabbatical, it seems like a good plan. As you may know, Chris will be on sabbatical from November 5th to May 5th, which means I won't be taking much if any of my vacation or study leave during that time. And it just so happens that there is a program in India in October that I very much wanted to go to.

I will be spending three weeks at a place named the Oneness University, in a town called Golden City, not far from the major city of Chennai. I am taking a "course" with them, which they call the 21 Day Process. The program is designed to help people transcend personal blocks, heal old wounds and awaken to a more natural state of awareness. By doing so, they say, people become more able to experience a sense of oneness on a daily basis. The founders of the university believe very strongly that the only way we can save the world from all the crises humanity has caused is by awakening each individual being to a state of oneness or a sense of our interconnections. If you'd like, you can find out more about it by looking at their website, www.onenessmovement.org or reading the book *Awakening Into Oneness* by Arjuna Ardagh.

It was actually the book that finally inspired me to make the trip. I had heard about the Oneness University for at least a year. And while I was somewhat intrigued by it, I never seriously considered going. But then I read Ardagh's book. Arjuna Ardagh is a committed spiritual teacher, not affiliated with the university, so he wrote the book with a bit of a skeptical, journalistic bent. After countless interviews of people who attended, in addition to attending the school himself and having open access to the founders and the guides, he came away very impressed by how effective their programs seemed to be. His book addressed both the praise and criticism of the university, and did so in a way that left me very intrigued. And so, with much excitement, I am off. And I very much look forward to sharing more with you when I get back.

On another note, make sure to sign up for the Halloween Party & Talent Show on October 27th. More details are inside.

Happy October. And don't forget to enjoy the fall colors.

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A Contemplative Retreat Take the time to deepen your spiritual life. Slow down. Be still. Let the moment nourish you, body and soul. Join us on **Saturday, December 8th from 9:00-4:00** for a day-long contemplative retreat led by Rev. Forrest Gilmore. Together, we'll have the opportunity to meditate, prepare a meal and eat in silence together, engage in a work practice, and learn more about the spiritual journey. All are welcome, regardless of experience. Wear comfortable clothing that you would feel good about working in. Come to this incredible opportunity to restore and deepen your life. Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 5th at events@uuprinceton.org.

All Congregation Forum – September 30, 2007, 10:30-11:10am, John Murray Room Jena, Justice, and Action—Tom Prusa

The following story is true. It's a story that reads like one from the Jim Crow era, when judges, lawyers and all-white juries used the justice system to keep blacks in "their place"--but it's happening today.

Last fall in Jena, Louisiana, the day after two Black high school students sat beneath the "white tree" on their campus, nooses were hung from the tree. The message from the White students was clear. The noose-hanging incident was the first of a series of racial incidents between black and white students in Jena. In mid-September thousands of Americans traveled to Jena to demand racial equality for all.

Please join us on September 30th to hear from UUCP members who attended the Jena rally and to discuss what can we do to fight racial injustice in our own community, in our state, in our county, and in our world. We CAN make a difference.

Reflection

By Reverend Chris Reed

In the last 6 months, 80 new people have attended our congregation, some have already become members, some have jumped into the work of our various ministries, some are in classes or newcomers circles. Some have found a spiritual home here, a good fit, some are still trying out this faith and this community, and some have moved on in their search for a good fit for themselves or their families.

When I first came here as a congregant, I felt (for some 8 years) that this was someone else's church, and I was a visitor or consumer. I was using the various ministries that belonged to these other people who were the congregation. And this was even after I became a member. That was sad.

Our faith, our congregation, is actually this wonderful, creative vital mix of, or tension between a tradition that we inherit and the people who are here.

My message to all newcomers, is really a reminder to all of us. The people who are here are the embodiment of our faith today. It is our religious questing and backgrounds, concerns and passions that shape who we are as a congregation and what we do. Our mission is written but it is alive. As we slowly change, I am sure the mission will be revisited.

I was reminded of this vitality in the open space summit that we held on September 14. From individuals' religious concerns, passions, understandings and needs, there emerged vision and commitment, several adhoc committees, several vital ideas to plug into existing committees, a sense of direc-

tion and how to be more effective.

I am also reminded of this vitality in the circle of 60 teachers and liaisons who came for our start-up meeting in September, and the ideas that were exchanged about creating circles of learning, caring and mutual respect within the RE program.

I am reminded of this vitality in the youth group start-up retreat, with over 20 young people starting to shape the space of growth, authenticity and caring that they will create together this year, as they also start planning to reach out to the greater community with an October coffee house, and a fall social justice project.

I am reminded of this vitality in the newcomers' circles with 24 wonderful new people sharing visions of spiritual community, theology, journeys, and exploring the big ideas within UUism.

We look for friendship, community, affirmation, love and care, meaning and purpose, agency in this world. And our very looking is a gift that helps shape our religious community. We are not shaped by perfection or perfect beings, but by the edges and missing pieces, the passions and the needs that we bring with us.

May we serve each other in a spirit of compassion and in good faith.

Board of Trustees

In the September issue of Skylights, the Board of Trustees reported that we had defined a set of goals for this year at our retreat in mid-August. We thought that it might be useful for us to list these goals again in this issue (with the expected time of completion where applicable), and to let you know what we're doing to meet them. The board's goals for the coming months are to:

Continue to engage the UUCP congregation in two-way communication.

Ensure completion of an independent financial audit this year.

Complete and publish the ends statements this fall.

Develop guidance on the frequency and methodology of policy monitoring reports this fall.

Continue to clarify roles and, where appropriate, develop partnerships between the board and the executive committee, the committee on ministry, the leadership council and individual congregants.

Engaging the congregation in communication is, of course, an ongoing process. As reported in the last Skylights, we are all now scheduled to work as greeters once a month, so before practically any service one of us will be standing in front of the stone wall ready to shake your hand and welcome you. (You'll know who we are by the "Board of Trustees" indication on our nametags.) By the time this is published, you also should have seen us "working" the Harvest Dinner – as bartenders, greeters or waiters offering you an hors d'oeuvre or two.

We are also reinstating a practice we started last year of setting aside time at the beginning of selected board meetings (every other month or so) for congregants to come to us with ideas or concerns. We'll make sure that you know the dates of those meetings in advance.

We are in the process of gathering names of potential auditors. Anil Warriar is taking on the responsibility of collecting these names and selecting an independent auditor. If anyone knows one to suggest – someone who is familiar with non-profits and hopefully within our budget – please contact Anil.

Both the ends-statements committee and the monitoring-reports committee are meeting at the end of this month. We're hoping to be able to approve the reports of both committees at the October meeting and have something to present to you in the November issue of Skylights.

Meanwhile, most of us were able to attend the Shared Ministry Summit on September 15. Opportunities such as this are helpful to us in our ongoing attempt to clarify roles and develop partnerships with other bodies in the congregation.

Please feel free to contact us at any time at president@uuprinceton.org. In addition, our individual names, pictures and contact information are available both on the bulletin board in Robinson Lounge and on the UUCP website.

~Elizabeth Silverman

Religious Education for Children and Youth

RED Room Forum

**(All Congregation) – October 28
10:30-11:10am, John Murray Room**
Religious Education Discussion—One of the seven principles of UUism is a respect for the interdependent web of all existence. Living simply, living sustainably, and living lightly are all consistent with this principle. Sustainable living is not about our material comfort (though these choices are an important part of the overall life style); it is about choosing to live in a way that nurtures life, builds relationships, and rejects material consumption as the sole determinant of happiness. The term “Green Sanctuary” refers to a congregation that lives out its commitment to the Earth by creating a sustainable life style for its members as individuals and as a faith community.

Please come to the October RED Room where we discuss the Green Sanctuary movement within UUCP and how we can live in a more environmentally sensitive fashion in our whole lives.

For more information, please contact **Tom Prusa** at tomprusa@yahoo.com

Parent Coffee Schedule

Parent Coffee offers an opportunity during Sunday morning class time 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!**

October 7 9:15 Kindergarten
9:15 1st Grade
9:15 2nd-3rd Grade
11:15 K-1st-2nd Grade
11:15 3rd-4th Grade

October 21 9:15 4th Grade
9:15 5th Grade
9:15 6th Grade
11:15 5th-6th grade
11:15 7th Grade

Welcome Religious Education Families from your RE Council

Whether you are new to UUCP or are a returning family, the Religious

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Children’s RE Calendar



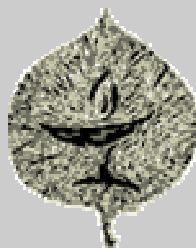
Sunday, October 7
UU Spiritual Practice
9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, October 14
UU Time Portal
9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, October 21
To Be Announced
9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, October 28
*Interdependent Web Intergenerational Service:
Day of the Dead*
9:15 and 11:15 Channing Hall; no RE Classes

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



Youth News

A Big Hug & Welcome goes out to all the 9th graders who joined the Senior Youth Group this September! We had lots of fun & very little sleep at the Kick-Off Retreat!

This church year is starting out with wonderful hopes & plans for the Senior Youth Group... So watch out for flyers announcing our “Teen Coffee House” to raise money for a needy charity, a Parent Coffee, and upcoming Youth involvement in the District CONS!

- Hey Youth! Are you a natural leader? If so, we’re looking for you to get involved with UU’s NYMetro District Youth Adult Committee (YAC)... [Please contact Pia if interested @ YPC@uuprinceton.org or 609.924.1604 x18]
- Don’t forget to **Save the Date** for UU’s President, Rev. William Sinkford with Coalition for Peace Action on Sunday, November 11, 2007, Princeton University Chapel @ 11am!

Youth Schedule

Every Sunday Morning	Morning Youth Group	11:00a
1st & 3rd Sunday Evenings	Evening Youth Group	7:00-9:00p
10/21	Evening Youth Group & Parent Coffee	7:00-9:00p
10/28	Intergenerational Service: Day of the Dead	9:15a & 11:15a

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.

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

- The first Circle started on Thursday evening, June 28, meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.
- A second Circle started on Friday, August 24, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, at 7:15pm, with room for 2-3 more people.
- A third Circle will be starting on Thursday evening, October 25, meeting again on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:15.

If you would like to join a Newcomers' Circle, please contact Rick Baker, rick.baker1@att.net, or Shelle Summers in the church office at summers@uuprinceton.org or 924-1604, ext14.

As we go forward to create new circles, please let us know what days or times work for you, by filling out one of the grids at the Welcome Circle or by contacting Rick or Shelle. Our hope is 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

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 at 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

SAVE THE DATE!!!

JOAN WAITE'S FIFTH ANNUAL CONCERT
SOUNDS OF INSPIRATION
SCHUBERT TO SOUL
with
Accompanist Clipper Anderson
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 2007, 3:00 P.M.
at the
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton
Proceeds will benefit the
Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK)

Tickets \$20 Available at the door beginning at
2:30 PM



SIGN UP FOR THE UUCP LISTSERV:

The easiest way is to click on this link:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UUPrinceton/join>

It is buried on the church Web site www.uuprinceton.org. Go to "site map" (top right hand corner of home page) and look under "listserv", bottom of first column, under "L".

Be sure to include your full, real name! Your e-mail address doesn't always tell us who you are. To join you must be affiliated with the congregation in some way . . . member, friend, guest or visitor.

~Henry Powsner, listserv admin

Small Group Ministry—“Get Plugged In”



Covenant Circles - Revisited!

We have made some revisions to our Small Group Ministry program based on expressed needs and feedback of so many congregants who have been in covenant circles and many who have not, but would like to try.

The basic Covenant Circles that we have created over the last 4 years, have been very successful in terms of creating community, encouraging spiritual growth and inviting authentic connection with each other.

And yet, there is always room for improvement!

These are the changes that we are making to the basic **Covenant Circle**:

- There will be time for discussion and questions and socializing for the last 20-30 minutes of each Circle. (The previous format did not give enough opportunity for this.)
- Each CC will be encouraged to get together socially a few times, and/or work together on a social justice or service project.
- Several Covenant Circles will meet twice a month to enhance community.
- We will start with a fewer number of groups and grow new groups as needed during the year.
- Circles will now meet from year to year although people can leave or join at the end of each year in June.

Rev. Chris Reed

Adult Programs

UU Buddhist Group

1st & 3rd Sundays of each month, 12:30a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Fahs Theatre. Contact **Fay Moore** (fay@elliottmoore.com), 609-933-1625 or **Nancy Keene** (nancy@nancykeene.com), 609-844-1260. Upcoming Dates: **October 7 and October 21**

CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans): Full Moon Circle

Friday near the Full Moon, 7:00-9:30 pm, Memorial Garden in fine weather, Classroom 11 otherwise. All are welcome. Contact **Elissa Hoeger** (609) 683-4409, hoeger@princeton.edu. Upcoming Date: **October 26**

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. **Weekly on Wednesdays, 6-7 pm** Contact Rev. Forrest Gilmore for information.

Great Books Reading Circle

Sunday, October 14th at 1 PM in Room 8

Come and discuss The Portrait of a Lady by Henry James. Often called Henry James's first indisputably great novel, the Portrait tells the story of Isabel Archer who travels to Europe and becomes a victim of her own innocence. It offers a shrewd appraisal of the American character and embodies the national myth of freedom and equality hedged with historical blindness and pride. ~Karen Siracusa



Creative Journaling

Calling all Creative Journalers, and anyone interested in exploring the inspired process of Creative Journaling:

We meet the **first Monday** of each month at 7 p.m. in the Founders Room. If the first Monday falls on a holiday we will meet the second Monday of that month. We bring our blank books, and we share papers, wonderful collage materials, juicy markers, writing prompts and our inner explorations in this group. All materials will be provided except your blank journal, so come along and see what we are up to. If you have no idea what this would be like, but are curious, feel free to drop in and find out, or to know more, e-mail **Emily Townsend** at em@etstudio.net or call 609-933-9391. Do let us know if can join us, so we expect you!

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 7:00p-9:00p in Room 15.

If you have any questions, please call or email **Linda Benson** at 609 497-1866, lbenson5@verizon.net or **Rev. Chris Reed** at reed@uuprinceton.org.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The Young Adults Group is a diverse, fun group of people ages 18-35 who get together regularly for conversation and spiritual exploration.

Please join us for our Sunday circle, which typically takes place the fourth Sunday of each month in Room 15 which is located downstairs. In addition to our Sunday circles, we take turns hosting potluck dinners at which the host or hostess chooses the activities for the night. We also enjoy group outings and gather for special events, such as Thanksgiving dinner. Some of the things we've done have included rock climbing and volunteering as a group to help out at the congregation's Spring Fair. We welcome new faces, ideas, and perspectives! If you'd like to be added to our e-mail list, send a note to youngadults@uuprinceton.org. 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.

UUCP ADULT SINGLES

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

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

We are a very informal social group of FRIENDS, with no intent of seeking a "date" or romantic interest. We have a simple email list and send out requests or suggestions to get together.

If you are interested in being added to the email list, or if you have any questions, drop me a note at SilverDove@comcast.net or catch me at a second service on Sundays. ~Mirah Riben

A COURSE IN MIRACLES—The Greater Joining

A year ago, Amy, a friend of the UU Congregation and participant in the Miracles Study Group died after a period of illness. A few years prior, she had stopped actively participating in the Congregation, and many of us in the Miracles Study Group were puzzled by

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Adult Programs, continued

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her absence, as Amy had been such a vivacious, fun-loving and outgoing person. We came to learn, however, that during the last few years of her life, Amy was living in a constant state of fear and suffering. Despite efforts of our group and others to reach out to her, she kept former friends at a distance and presented members of her family many challenges in her care. Yet, in the last few weeks of Amy's life, her daughter reported that an amazing miracle had occurred. All the fear and suffering lifted away, and that familiar sunny warm glow had returned to Amy as she approached her final days. Her daughter and several other family members were able to re-establish the love and connection with Amy once again. The Course speaks about the end of dreaming as being the end of fear. We don't need to wait until the end of our lives for the veil of fear to lift from our eyes.

Our study group meets in Classroom 8 downstairs at 11:15 am – 12:30 pm each Sunday morning. Topics for September/October include the following:
October 7 – Chapter 28: The Undoing of Fear – The Present Memory
October 14 – Reversing Effect and Cause
October 21 – The Agreement to Join
October 28 - The Greater Joining

ADULT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The newly organized Adult Program Committee is excited to announce the following new fall programs:

Level-One Hatha Integral Yoga®, Sept. 10–Nov. 14. Classes meet for 90 minutes each session: 6:30–8:00 p.m., on Mondays, and 8:30–10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Finding and Developing Your Spiritual Practice: started September 27 and meeting twice a month on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Friday Film Series: Laughter Is the Best Medicine, starting October 12

UU History Through Books: Each book will be discussed over a period of 3 sessions starting October 24.

A Contemplative Retreat: Take the time to deepen your spiritual life. Slow down. Be still. Let the moment nourish you, body and soul. Saturday, December 8th, from 9:00–4:00 for a day-long contemplative retreat led by Rev. Forrest Gilmore.

For more information about any of these classes, visit the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge or contact **Alice Harper** (aharper67@comcast.net, 609-737-3046) or **Linda Benson** (lbenson5@verizon.net, 609-497-1866).

We invite anyone with an idea for an Adult Program to submit a proposal to the Adult Program Commit-

Worship Committee Seeks Guest Speakers

Do you have an idea for a Sunday Service or know someone who does? The Worship Committee is looking to establish a pool of people who could be called upon to be a worship leader or guest speaker on a Sunday morning when neither Forrest nor Chris is scheduled to be in the pulpit. A guest speaker/ service leader will be responsible for both Sunday morning worship services or one 10 a.m. service during the summer.

The application found below must be submitted by the person responsible for organizing and leading the service. A Worship Associate will be assigned to assist with the preparation of the service.

Person responsible for service leadership:
 Mailing address:
 Phone:
 e-mail:

Indicate one: Sept – May _____ June – Aug _____
 Two services (9:15 & 11:15) _____ One service (10:00) _____

Preferred month (e.g., Jan - Feb) of service: _____
 (it may not be possible to honor all date requests, given the calendar)

Primary Service Focus:

Unitarian Universalist values that will be given focus during the service:

Please describe how these values will be celebrated or made visible:

Please submit your request to the UUCP office,
ATTN: Kathy Lehmann, Worship Committee.

tee. 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 for the course, any costs for materials associated with the course (no fees may be charged for presenting an adult program).

All proposals are subject to review and approval by the Adult Program Committee and the ministers.

Once the program content and duration of the course have been agreed upon, the suggested dates and times will be reviewed for any conflict with the existing UUCP calendar. Final scheduling and publicizing of the course will be the responsibility of the Adult Program Committee.

Please submit any proposals to Adult Program Committee co-chairs Linda Benson and Alice Harper (email is preferred but snail mail or in-church hand-off is also welcomed).

Thank you! We look forward to receiving your course outlines.

Fall Film Series 2007
the best medicine
four classic comedies

Friday, October 12

City Lights

(1931)

not rated

City Lights represents director-writer-star Charlie Chaplin at the peak of his powers: Chaplin the actor, the sentimentalist, the knockabout clown, the ballet dancer, the athlete, the lover, the tragedian, the fool. It's all contained in Chaplin's simple story of a tramp who falls in love with a blind flower girl (Virginia Cherrill). After all the superb comic sequences, the film culminates with one of the most moving scenes in the history of cinema, a luminous and heartbreaking fade-out that lifts the picture onto another plane. This is why the term "Chaplinesque" became a part of the language. --Robert Horton

Friday, October 19

What's Up, Doc?

1972)

rated G

What ever happened to joyously screwball comedies? For the most part, fast-paced Marx Brothers-style farces are gone with the wind. One of the last pure examples may be What's Up, Doc?, Peter Bogdanovich's 1972 tribute to the great comedies of the '30s and '40s. This wacky send-up of every comedy cliché is a hoot from beginning to end, with Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal leading a big and crazy supporting cast through all sorts of wacky gyrations. --Don Willmott, Filmcritic.com

Friday, October 26

Paper Moon

(1973)

rated PG

A sweet and subtle gem of a movie. Newly orphaned Addie (Tatum O'Neal) falls into the care of small-time con artist Moses Pray (Ryan O'Neal, Tatum's real-life father) and turns out to be better at grifting than he is. Set in Depression-era Kansas, Paper Moon is a miracle of unity. The set design and cinematography combine to give both the flavor of documentary photos and the visual quality of movies from the period, and every performance meshes with the overall tone of sincerity, earnest optimism, and creeping desperation. Ryan O'Neal gives a truly great performance (perhaps the only one of his career) and Tatum won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress (she's the youngest winner in history). Madeline Kahn was also nominated for her wonderfully funny and sad turn as an exotic dancer named Trixie Delight. Paper Moon has a miraculous combination of outrageous sentimentality and pragmatic cynicism; the result is genuinely touching. One of director Peter Bogdanovich's best films, and kind of a comic companion piece to The Last Picture Show. --Bret Fetzer, Amazon.com

Friday, November 2

Annie Hall

(1977)

rated PG

Considered to be "Woody Allen's breakthrough movie" (Time), Annie Hall won four Oscars, including Best Picture, and established Allen as the premier auteur filmmaker. Alvy Singer (Allen) is one of Manhattan's most brilliant comedians, but when it comes to romance, his delivery needs a little work. Alvy falls in love with the ditzy but delightful nightclub singer, Annie Hall (Diane Keaton). When his own insecurities sabotage the affair, Annie is forced to leave Alvy for a new life in Los Angeles. Knowing he may have lost Annie forever, Alvy's willing to go to any lengths, even driving L.A.'s freeways, to recapture the only thing that ever mattered: true love. --Amazon.com

All showings begin at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Fahs Theatre.

Contact Shelle Sumners, RE Coordinator 609/924-1604, ext. 14, sumners@uuprinceton.org

Community Building

Women's Alliance

The Women's Alliance meets on the third Thursday of each month. Our October meeting will be on October 18 in the Founder's Room at 12 noon. We meet for lunch and fellowship. Our speaker will be Jim Waltman, Executive Director of the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed. He will tell us about their policies and programs. All men and women of the congregation are welcome. Please bring a salad to share. Beverages and dessert will be provided. ~Lorraine Anderson

Men's Club

The first meeting of the Men's Club for the Fall season will be on Tuesday, October 16th. We will meet in the Church kitchen at 11:30 am to enjoy wine, beer, snacks, and good conversation. At approximately 12:30 pm Roger Hoff will serve up on eof his gourmet luncheons. Following this each member can bring us up to date on his Summer activities. If time permits we can then discuss some topic of common concern. To reserve a place please call me at 609-430-4305. Do it NOW!! We look forward to seeing all of our members!! ~Bill Barnard

Dinner Discussion

The presentation at the Tuesday, October 23 Dinner Discussion will be THE PRESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, by **Rev. David E. Mulford**, retired minister of the Presbyterian Church, Chatham Township, NJ, and the First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach, FL. Aside from his ministerial career he has had a lifelong interest in the U.S. presidents and their families and has spoken widely on this subject before adult education groups, Elderhostels, in lecture series, and many other venues. Rev. Mulford, who first retired to Ashville, NC, more recently moved with his wife Nancy to the Princeton area to be near their children. The purpose of his nonpartisan speaking engagements is his belief that most

Americans, young and old, should get to know their presidents better. For Dinner Discussion he will emphasize the presidents' backgrounds and the strong roles often played by their mothers and fathers. Sign up with Mal Durbin between services October 14 or 21. Arrive 7 PM for snacks, beverages and dinner (all for \$8; late-comers \$10, if food is available). Talk is at 8:10 PM. You can skip dinner and the fee by arriving just for the talk.

~George Schindler, Jr.

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COME TO THE HALLOWEEN PARTY & TALENT SHOW

Be a hoot! Have a Hoot! Wear your costume
Saturday October 27th
5:30 p.m.

This is an extravaganza for all ages and all kinds of talent: music, humor, poetry, dance and of course costume expression. Performing arts program spaces limited on a first come basis—contact Rev. Forrest Gilmore

Pizza & Beer (root beer) \$5.00 at the door

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday October 24 to events@uuprinceton.org or sign up in Robinson Lounge on Sundays.

UUCP FELLOWSHIP AUCTION—Saturday, November 17

What could YOU share with fellow UUCP members and friends—and help with Outreach programs at the same time?

Our Fellowship Auction returns to the Fall this year, **Saturday, November 17, 5:30 PM** in Channing Hall. This is a fun, **community-building** event and 100% of proceeds go to social and denominational **OUTREACH**. Now is the time to offer your talents, services, vacation homes, handicrafts and art works, dinners, pastries, etc. Sooo, get your creative juices flowing to volunteer an item or service to share. Contact Laurie Powsner (lrpjak@verizon.net, 609-921-3032) (she is compiling the booklet of offerings) or fill out an **Auction Offering Card**, which is available at church. Examples of past offerings:

- Women's UUCP sleepover party—dinner, chick flicks, and lots of laughs
- Tubing on the Delaware River
- Murder Mystery Dinner
- Piano tuning
- Thanksgiving help—pies, a smoked turkey, or an entire dinner
- Hand-woven placemats
- Computer help
- A week in an eclectic Chappaquiddick Island cottage
- Holistic health counseling
- Home brewed beer
- Help with gardening or yard work
- Yoga and stretches/strengtheners for back care
- Personalized photo quilt

Some prior **kid-friendly** offerings:

- Shadow puppetry birthday party for 12-15 children
- A babysitter available for New Year's Eve!
- Play dates—Storytelling—Tutoring
- Lessons in the ancient art of paper folding

Many creative, diverse donations are the key to a quality Fellowship Auction, so please help us to make this event both fun and successful. ~ Cindy Jenison & Fellowship Auction Committee

Social Justice

JOIN IN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – TRENTON AREA'S CELEBRATION

On OCTOBER 6, 2007 Habitat for Humanity-Trenton Area will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. Please plan to attend and join in the festivities which will feature entertainment groups including the Trenton Children's Chorus, and speakers. The family event will be held at George Paige Park which is located on North Clinton Street, just three blocks from North Olden Avenue (and Habitat's Trenton headquarters).

In addition to UUCP's monetary support of a Habitat home, many of you have contributed hours of labor to this effort. Let's show our continued support and help Habitat celebrate twenty years of building community in the East Trenton area. For more information and/or directions, you can contact Liz Leonard at Habitat for Humanity at (609) 393-8009, or visit their website at www.habitatnj.org.

~Edie Grauer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HABITAT-TRENTON HALLOWEEN PARTY

UUCP will be sponsoring a Halloween party for children and their families at the East Trenton Community Center (Habitat-Trenton Area's headquarters). Volunteers are needed to help plan and carry out the activities for this event. This is a perfect opportunity to volunteer as a family and partake in the fun and festivities as well. The party will be held the weekend before Halloween. To volunteer contact **Edie Grauer** at grauer@uuprinceton.org, or (609) 924-1604, ext. 13.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-TRENTON AREA TOUR

Always wanted to see the Habitat work sites and East Trenton Community Center, but could never find the time to get there? Always wanted to know more about Habitat-Trenton Area but were afraid to ask? Had thoughts about volunteering at Habitat, but somehow never have? Here's your opportunity!

On SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14th -- in concert with our Social Justice Sunday where Stephen Brame, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity-Trenton Area will be the guest worship leader -- there will be a tour of the Habitat sites. After the second worship service, there will be a caravan from UUCP to East Trenton where we will tour the Habitat houses under construction, completed Habitat houses, and the East Trenton Community Center. See first-hand the social justice work that members of our congregation have been doing over the past year, and hear about what more needs to be done. Get a look at the Learning Center and learn about the programming that UUCP will provide for the Habitat families and others in the East Trenton community. Join our caravan or plan to carpool with others. This will be an exciting day for all members of our congregation, so come and bring your families, friends and neighbors.

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Education Council would like to welcome you to our congregation and our fall start up. This year's RE Council Retreat energized our new council and our theme this year is "Active Social Action". We will be looking for ways to bring you family-focused opportunities to participate in social justice and social action events.

We are excited to bring you our Sunday Fahs Children's Worship time portal, focusing on famous UU social activists. Our social events activities will also have a social action component as well as our RED Room Discussions and Programs. If you have any ideas for an activity or discussion, we'd love to hear from you. We have a new list of very dedicated volunteers to Chair our committees, but still need volunteers on some of the committees as well as a Chairperson for Curriculum Committee. If you think you might be interested in joining the council or working on any of the committees' activities please call **Nancy Gardner**, 466-2780 or the committee Chairperson directly.

One of our goals this year is to see how we can better assist our very busy, very scheduled RE parents. Your feedback over the years is what has helped shape us into such a solid and ambitious program. Some of the returning programs you'll see this year are the Parents-as-People Night Out and outside of church parents and kids social time.

New this year will be an Intercession Community Time, where 9:15 and 11:15 parents and children can meet on a monthly basis at 10:30 for joint activities. Also, new this year is a 9:15 Drop In Room, where "7th through 12th graders and interested others can meet for conversation, social action and U." This group met for the first time in September and began working on building doors for Habitat for Humanities 20th Anniversary Celebration, to be held Oct. 6th in Trenton. We are also looking to start Sunday evening worship for our 7th and 8th grade communities, sometimes joining our Youth and sometimes creating their own services.

And our greatest joy is that we are starting this year with a new Youth Programs Coordinator, Pia O'Loughlin, who joined us in August. She is a very talented, Social Justice visionary and manager who will be working with our Youth and Youth volunteers throughout the coming year.

If you are interested in participating in any of the RE committees or want to give us other feedback or information, here's who we are, what we do and how to contact us:

Nancy Gardner- RE Council Chair- oversees council committees, helps hold vision for council 609-466-2780 H, 466-5757 W wellnanssee@yahoo.com **Karen Kent** – RE Coordinator- liaison to the Program Council, helps hold vision for Council -609-443-8039 kjk.twofour@verizon.net **Paul Barkofsky**- Early Start Coordinator-coordinates Nursery, Butterflies and Pre-K worship 609-924-2475 barkofsky@alumni.princeton.edu **Cathy Bauer-Koggan**- Social Events Committee Chair- plans and coordinates RE family social events throughout the year 609-799-4336 cbkoggan@comcast.net **Bridgette Heller**- Summer Programs Coordinator- with REA, coordinates Summer Chalice and Summer camp and additional summer activities 609-924-3942 bheller@cpcus.inj.com **Kate Henry**– RE Youth Representative 609-716-9557 kmhcool1@comcast.net **Tracey Post**- Children's Worship Committee Chair- Sets theme for Fahs Worship, coordinates weekly Fahs programming 609-430-1809 Tracey@tellurian.com **Tom Prusa**- RE Program Committee Chair –plans and coordinates RED Room discussions and other RE programs through out the year 908-904-0564 prusa@economics.rutgers.edu **Louise Senior**– Social Action Chair- coordinates social action projects

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Social Justice continued

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT EAST TRENTON COMMUNITY CENTER & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Participate in our Social Justice Ministry by working in Trenton with Habitat for Humanity and the East Trenton Community Center.

Help build new housing for working poor families.

Help create a "Learning Center" for neighborhood youths and families.

Join the list of people who have already worked one or more Saturdays on this project: **Maggie Beaumont, Rusty Bryant, Nancy Fiedler, Bob Flora, Nancy Gardner, Pete Gerster, Gloria Gietz, Bill and Amanda Gillum, Ray Hallows, David Harper, Candus Hedberg,**

Jim Hyatt, Emily Kern, William Kogan, Ray and Beth Nichols, Ben and Laurie Powsner; Doug Radtke, Pat Ramirez, Polly Ramstad, Catherine Schurdak, Thaine Shetter, Harry Tomlinson, Francis Treves, Bob Tucker, and Bob Van Schaick,

Plan to work on one or more of the following Saturdays with a crew from UUCP: October 13 and 27, November 10 and 24, and December 8 and 22.

Learn on the job: No special construction skills are needed.

For more details or to volunteer, please contact **Ray Nichols** at (609) 737-7442 or by e-mail to acer-nichols@verizon.net, or **Pete Gerster** (609) 466-1361 or by e-mail at petegerster@comcast.net.

~ Ray Nichols

Habitat Celebrates 20 Years in Trenton Area

Saturday, October 6th is the date and George Paige Park on N. Clinton Avenue in Trenton is the place for the 20th Anniversary celebration of Habitat for Humanity's ministry in the Trenton area.

The festivities start at 11:30 and run until 5:00PM. They include a hot buffet lunch, performances by Trenton Children's Choir, Dem Boy'z Step, and Trenton Education Dance Troupe. There will also be a bouncy slide and face painting for children in addition to meet the neighbors and friends in the Trenton community. Habitat homeowners, volunteers and their families, **future volunteers, friends of future volunteers and their families** are all welcome to help us celebrate.

If you've never been to the East Trenton Community Center and the Habitat Houses, this is a great time to come on down. From Princeton, Take Route 1 South to "Olden Ave. via New York Ave Exit." At end of ramp, turn left onto New York Avenue. Proceed one block to Olden Ave. Turn left onto Olden. Cross over Rt. 1 and the first stop light is North Clinton Ave. The East Trenton Community Center is on the left on the corner of N. Clinton and Olden. The George Paige Park is a block and a half up N. Clinton (left) from the Center, just past our Habitat Houses. The Park is on the right side of the street and the cross street for the park is Lawrence Ave. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Nancy Gardner** at 609-466-5757 or the Habitat office at 609-393-8009 ext.260. See you there!

Eva Foster would love to thank every one individually – but it turns out that there are far too many of you. This is just to let you all know that she does realize how lucky she is.

Thank-You Note

In the cruelest of worlds you would call and call and no one would come

but not long ago – anyway, not long enough – on the awful day of my greatest need,

everybody came:

strangers on the sidewalk two of them paramedics,

friends who dropped everything,

my husband summoned from New Hampshire,

my brother who hadn't heard from me since Christmas but took my daughter to stay at his house, staying himself in my hospital room –

everybody I asked, and some I didn't, held my hand brushed back my hair fed me pudding never left my side

[Is that your sister? asked the nurse seeing my friend at six a.m.; Yes, I said]

so that I have not yet found the words

to thank the world for that which cannot be promised but is sometimes given anyway.

Eva Liane Foster



Not In Our Town is working hard on a Youth Forum to be held on Nov. 18, the focus of which will be breaking down barriers that are separating young people and bringing about a better environment for all. It involves Princeton area students in middle school and high school, and grows out of community discussions held last fall and spring about racial incidents. See the next Skylights for details or call Marietta Taylor, Society of Friends representative to NIOT, 683-0571.

UUCP will host the next meeting of NIOT on Monday, Oct. 8 at 7:30. If you are interested in becoming a representative, and you are encouraged to consider this, you are welcome to attend the meeting. **Ted Fetter** is a current representative and he will chair the meeting. Questions? call **Pat Ramirez**, congregational liaison, at 609-497-2912.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

We are pleased to announce that with some additional follow-up efforts and the increased pledges of many individuals, the 2007-08 pledge total has reached \$619,600. Prior to the follow-up work the total was just under \$600,000. This total included the additional commitments made to allow for the recruitment of a 25-hour per week (eligible for benefits) paid youth programs coordinator.

This time of year is one of transitions on the Stewardship Team. So, we'd like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to outgoing Standing Stewardship Chair, Betty Ashwood, for her years of hard work and unwavering commitment to the Stewardship effort of UUCP. She served two years as co-chair of the Stewardship Drive and one as the Standing Stewardship Chair. Her contribution was absolutely critical to the team effort during those years and we thank her again.

We are delighted to welcome Nancy Fiedler as the new co-chair of the Stewardship Team. Nancy has served the congregation most recently as President and member of the Board of Trustees. Nancy brings energy, wisdom, and leadership experience to the Stewardship effort and we welcome her warmly.

Finally, now that the 2007-2008 pledges are in, we want to let you know that there are many ways to fulfill your obligation:

- **By check, made out to UUCP and sent to the office** at 50 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton, NJ 08540
- **By check – dropped in the offering basket at Sunday services** (please note “pledge 2007-2008” on the memo line) ...along WITH your generous cash contribution of course.
- **By credit card** – Please contact Sara Oderwald in the congregational office (609-924-1604) with instructions and credit card information.
- **By transfer of securities.** *You can instruct your investment broker to transfer an appreciated security or fund to UUCP. The number of shares you transfer are liquidated by UUCP's brokerage house and the proceeds are applied to your pledge. In the event there is some money 'left-over', it can be applied to a future year pledge...or you could decide to increase your current year pledge. By doing this, you do not pay any capital gains tax on the donated security. Sara Oderwald can assist you with this if you are interested.*

Thank you for your pledge, and thanks in advance for sending in your payment...however you might choose to do it! Your pledge commitment allows us to plan the budget, and your payment helps us fulfill our mission of creating the beloved community.

With warm regards,
 Rona Henry – Stewardship Co-Chair
 Jon and Susan Sachs – Stewardship Standing Co-Chairs

COME JOIN OUR UU TEAM SERVING LUNCH AT THE TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (T.A.S.K.)

UUCP has a commitment to provide a crew of five people on the fourth Monday of each month (except July and August). The hours are 10:15 to 1:00 p.m. You will be joined by members of other churches and civic organizations serving perhaps 400 or more hungry men, women and children... our neighbors.

Contact Charlie Parker at 609-918-9668 or cparkerp86@gmail.com for details and directions.

*Let's get a large pool of volunteers to share the load.
 Thank you!*

PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARRIVING SOON!

After months of composing, reviewing, and correcting, the UUCP Pictorial Directory has been approved for production. Lifetouch projects shipping on October 15. We will distribute complimentary copies (to those who submitted portraits) on Sunday mornings in late October and November, and in the UUCP office. We also purchased extra copies, which will be for sale. My thanks to the Photo Directory Committee and the many other volunteers who contributed to this extensive project! ~ Amanda Gillum, Photo Directory Coordinator

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for RE classes and General RE Social Action projects 609-688-8847 Louise.Senior@verizon.net Curriculum Committee Chair-Identifies curriculum for the coming year, identifies and reviews adjuncts to curriculum -Teacher Representative - represents RE teachers on council UUCP Staff - Council Members (non-voting) **Chris Reed**, MRE, Minister of Religious Education, Oversees all Adult and Children's RE programming 609-924-1604 reed@uuprinceton.org **Shelle Sumners**- RE Administrative Coordinator- Oversees day to day management of all facets of Children's religious education sumners@princeton.org 609-924-1604 **Pia O'Loughlin** Youth Coordinator- Oversees youth advisors for 8th-12th grade, coordinates religious education experience for youth 609-924-1604 ypc@uuprinceton.org

The goal of the Crisis Ministry's food program is to prevent hunger by providing nutritious food for low income people in Mercer County. Food customers include people of all races with many Spanish-speaking people, elderly and disabled people with incomes from \$500-800 per month, working families with children with one or two parents with incomes ranging from \$140 to \$2500 a month, and individuals or families receiving welfare (GA or TANF) with incomes of \$400 to \$800 per month.



Harvesting Hope is a new program in which General Assistance welfare recipients receive on-the-job training while working in our food store in preparation for employment in the retail sector.

By collaborating with the Rutgers Extension Service the Crisis Ministry offers a weekly class for food customers. The class is a six-week series for up to 15 people. Class members receive additional food products to test out classroom lessons and recipes at home.

CM currently assists an average of 1,000 Trenton households and 80 Princeton area households each month. Each month about 120 people who are disabled or elderly and homebound receive a delivery of food from a Crisis Ministry volunteer.

Please help by dropping off food donations in the box in the UUCP office. Visit their website: www.thecrisisministry.org

CARING COMMUNITY

The goal of the Pastoral Associates Program is to work towards becoming a more caring community in which members express their interconnectedness by reaching out to support one another in times of need and to rejoice in times of joy. We seek to promote an atmosphere of hope and to ensure that no member of our community needs to feel alone in a time of crisis. We are working together to discover ways of understanding each others needs and learning how to meet them. Please fill out this questionnaire and return to the office.

Name: _____ Home phone: _____
 Address: _____ Work phone: _____
 _____ Cell phone: _____
 Email: _____ May we call you at work? Yes No

TO HELP A FELLOW CONGREGANT, I WOULD:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Offer a ride | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 6 times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 times a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Run an errand | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 6 times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 times a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring a meal | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 6 times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 times a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with childcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 6 times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 times a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Write sympathy notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 6 times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 times a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help around house | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 6 times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 times a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk a dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 6 times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 times a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide companionship | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 6 times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 times a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a group cooking party 1 – 2 times per year to make meals to freeze | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | | |

SERVICE AREA: Please check those areas to which you would be willing to travel:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Princeton | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawrenceville | <input type="checkbox"/> Kendall Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kingston | <input type="checkbox"/> West Windsor | <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Hill | <input type="checkbox"/> East Windsor | <input type="checkbox"/> North Brunswick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skillman | <input type="checkbox"/> Hightstown | <input type="checkbox"/> Dayton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Montgomery | <input type="checkbox"/> Trenton | <input type="checkbox"/> Monmouth Junction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belle Mead | <input type="checkbox"/> Hamilton Square | <input type="checkbox"/> Princeton Junction |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pennington | <input type="checkbox"/> Allentown | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamesburg |

I would be willing to travel to other areas for one-time needs Yes No

Please list any skills, talents, past experience, training, previous employment, volunteer activities, special or relevant knowledge, etc. _____

Do you speak any languages in addition to English? If yes, I speak: _____

Please list your special interests and hobbies (gardening, literature, music, pets, card games, etc.): _____

So that we can try to make good matches, please tell us of any situations, circumstances, etc. with which you might not be comfortable: _____

~ PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE ~

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UU Connections

Minister and Two UUCP Activists Travel South on Civil Rights Mission

People in our congregation are very concerned about the failure of justice in Jena, Louisiana, where harsh sentences, strongly biased against African-American youth, are being imposed in response to a fight stemming from a racial taunting incident. **Rev. Forrest Gilmore, Mary Ellen Marino, and Kathy Lehmann** of our congregation will be traveling to Jena on a bus for a demonstration September 20 against the prosecutor and court imposing these sentences. Even though some of the original sentences have been overturned, all six boys still face various charges.

UUA President William Sinkford has written to the Governor of Louisiana deploring the racial incident and also protesting the harshness of the proposed sentencing of the Jena 6. Carol Haag has been organizing a literature table in Robinson Lounge to raise awareness of Jena.

Unitarian Universalists have a history of engagement in civil rights and racial justice. The Jena issue is another opportunity for our members and the public to be reminded that our religious forebears opposed slavery in the 19th century. UU's in the 1960's were directly involved in the civil rights struggle and grappled with the more subtle challenge of right relations in the empowerment of African-Americans. Our 1966 Consensus on Racial Justice covered all bases of concern at the time. UU's have labored for six decades to change society and overcome many forms of discrimination, while critiquing racism within our own lives. UU's led the way to opposing Apartheid by promoting divestiture of investments in South Africa and again led by fostering U.S. participation in the 2001 United Nations

World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance in Durban, South Africa. The work has continued toward right relations within our congregations.

But we always need to speak out publicly where and when racism occurs. Who can forget the 1,000 rain-soaked UU's at the Cleveland baseball stadium in 2001 calling for an end to sports mascots which defame our land's earliest residents?

The UU Congregation of Princeton, thanks to leaders who have shown the way, may just now be fulfilling the Responsive Resolution on racism of 2006 General Assembly and also the Action of Immediate Witness on reconciliation in the 2007 General Assembly.

~Carol Allen, UU Connections 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 (Revs. Chris Reed and Forrest Gilmore, Laurie Powsner and Carol Haag).

Dolores Phillips' father Frank C. Phillips, 88, long-time resident of Columbus, NJ died of heart failure on September. 11. He was born in Boswell, PA in June 1919 to Frank and Mary (Kovach) Phillips, who emigrated from Austria Hungary. Frank served in the Civilian Conservation Corps in PA and NM during his youth learning lifelong skills. He was a 26-year career military veteran and was extremely proud to have served his country through the Armed Forces. He was an accomplished craftsman, enjoyed military history, traveling, hunting, fishing, and was an avid Phillies fan. His guidance, resilience and thoughtfulness will be missed by all whose lives he touched. Frank is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Gillette (Courquin) formerly of Chatou, France; daughter, Dolores; son Daniel; his grandson, Tyler; and 5 of his ten siblings. A funeral service was held on Monday, Sept. 17, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Church on 250 High Street, Mt. Holly, NJ. Interment followed at the BG Doyle Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 1430, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 or through the DAV website.







Nancy Boyd has moved to Nashville, TN, following her daughter and son-in-law's move there. She sounds good and is faithfully doing physical therapy in an attempt to leave her walker behind her. She is not slowed down, however, is attending the Nashville Unitarian Universalist Church and next week is taking a trip to an art museum. Friends can contact her: Cumberland Home of Green Hills, 15 Burton Hills Blvd., Apt. 220, Nashville, TN, 37215, tel. 615-665-7089.

Betty Sinha has moved to her new home at: 710 Sunset Road, Glenside, PA 19038-2031. Phone: 215-572-0550. She will be attending UU Church of Restoration in Germantown, PA, but hopes her friends from UUCP will keep in touch.

If an event of significance in a congregant's life is not included here, please contact Laurie Powsner (lrpjak@verizon.net, 609-577-1948 or Carol Haag (RevCarolH@verizon.net, 609-924-5857). We must all be the eyes and ears of love and care in our community.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR DECEMBER 2

Our All Music Sunday is going to be truly inspiring. All of our ensembles will sing, including a generous amount of congregational participation. We'll be joined by a string quartet, bass, drums, trumpet, and more! All we need is you. The Adult Choir could use a few more singers to make a great sound superb. So if you've been thinking about the Adult Choir, now's the chance to consider a short term commitment, and then take it from there. We rehearse Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm to 9:00pm, but won't use all that time for the Dec. 2 music. Call **Marjorie Herman** at 924-1604, ext. 16, or e-mail: herman@uuprinceton.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT 
	OCT 1 6:30p-8:00p Yoga Class—Channing 7:30p-9:00p Green Sanctuary—Room 15 7:00p-9:00p Creative Journaling—Founders	OCT 2	OCT 3 8:00a-10:00a Yoga Class—Channing 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Loss & Grieving Group (1st Wed) —Room 15 7:30p-9:00p Choir Practice—Channing	OCT 4 10:00a-Noon Women's Alliance Board Meeting—Founders 7:00p-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Channing	OCT 5	OCT 6 JORGE'S BIRTHDAY  8:00a-4:00p UULMNJ Congregations' Team Conference—ALL UP-STAIRS 4:00p-8:30p Pre-K Family Picnic—Rooms 9 & 10, Founders, Playground
OCT 7—TWO Services 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. 9:00a-2:00p Brunch—Founders 10:35a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Channing 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8 12:30p-2:00p UU Buddha Group (1st Sunday)—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Youth Group 1st Sunday—Fahs Theatre	OCT 8 Columbus Day Holiday—OFFICE IS CLOSED 6:00p-8:00p Yoga Class—Channing 7:30p-9:30p Not In Our Town meeting—Founders 	OCT 9 5:30p-7:00p Legislative Ministry Steering Committee (2nd Tuesday) Minister's Office 6:30p-9:00p Covenant Circle (2nd Tuesday)—Murray	OCT 10 8:00a-10:00a Yoga Class—Channing 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle(2nd Wednesday)—Murray 7:30p-9:00p Choir Practice—Channing	OCT 11 New Moon ● 5:00p-11:00p UUCP Night—Channing 6:30p-9:30p Spiritual Practice Workshop—Room 15 7:00p-10:00p Stewardship Committee meeting—Room 8 7:30p-9:00p Newcomers Circle 1 — (2nd Thursday) Murray Room	OCT 12 10:30a—Film Series: <i>City Lights</i> —Fahs Theatre 7:15p-9:00p Newcomers Circle 2 —(2nd Friday) Murray Room 7:30p—Film Series: <i>City Lights</i> —Fahs Theatre	OCT 13 8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates—Murray 10:30a-3:00p Pastoral Associates Training - Murray Habitat for Humanity Trenton Work Day
OCT 14—TWO Services 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. 9:00a BRUNCH Campus Ministry—Founders 10:35a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Channing 11:00a Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8 12:30p-2:00p Young Adults—Room 1 1:00p-3:00p Great Books—Room 8	OCT 15 5:00p <i>Skylights</i> NOV 2007 issue DEADLINE Send to: skylights@uuprinceton.org 6:00p-8:00p Yoga Class—Channing	OCT 16 11:30a-2:00p Men's Club—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Committee on Ministry—Murray 7:30p-9:00p Green Sanctuary—Room 15	OCT 17 8:00a-10:00a Yoga Class—Channing 1:00p-2:30p Office Staff Meeting—Murray 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Loss & Grieving Group (3rd Wed) —Room 15 7:30p-9:00p Choir Practice—Channing	OCT 18 Noon-3:00p Women's Alliance General Meeting—Founders 5:00p-11:00p UUCP Night—Channing 7:00p-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Channing	OCT 19 10:30a—Film Series: <i>What's Up Doc</i> —Fahs Theatre Murray Room 7:30p—Film Series: <i>What's Up Doc</i> —Fahs Theatre	OCT 20
OCT 21—TWO Services 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. 9:00a BRUNCH 11:15 7th Grade—Founders 10:35a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Channing 11:00a Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8 12:30p-2:00p UU Buddha Group (3rd Sunday)—Fahs 7:00p-9:00p Youth Group (3rd Sunday)—Fahs Theatre 3:00p Joan Waite Concert to benefit T.A.S.K.	OCT 22 6:00p-8:00p Yoga Class—Channing	OCT 23 MARGIE'S BIRTHDAY 7:00p Dinner Discussion—Robinson Lounge 	OCT 24 8:00a-10:00a Yoga Class—Channing 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:30p-9:00p Choir Practice—Fahs 7:30p-9:30p Membership Committee meeting [4th Wed] - Murray	OCT 25 5:00p-11:00p UUCP Night—Channing 6:30p-9:30p Spiritual Practice Workshop—Room 15 7:30p-9:00p Newcomers Circle 1 — (4th Thursday) Murray Room	OCT 26 Full Moon ○ 10:30a—Film Series: <i>Paper Moon</i> —Fahs 7:00p Teen Coffeehouse—Channing, Robinson 7:00p-9:30p CUUPS Full Moon Circle—Room 11 & Memorial Wall 7:15p-9:00p Newcomers Circle 2 —(4th Friday) Murray Room 7:30p—Film Series: <i>Paper Moon</i> —Fahs Theatre	OCT 27 5:30p Halloween Party & Talent Show—ALL CONGREGATION—ALL UPSTAIRS  Habitat for Humanity Trenton Work Day
OCT 28—TWO Services 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. 9:00a BRUNCH 9:15 2nd-3rd Grade —Founders 10:30a-11:10a RED Room—Murray 10:35a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Channing 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Rm 8	Oct 29 6:00p-8:00p Yoga Class—Channing	Oct 30	Oct 31 8:00a-10:00a Yoga Class—Channing 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:30p-9:00p Choir Practice—Fahs 	Nov 1 10:00a-Noon Women's Alliance Board Meeting—Founders 5:00p-11:00p UUCP Night—Channing 7:00p-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Fahs	Nov 2 10:30a—Film Series: <i>Annie Hall</i> —Fahs Theatre 7:30p—Film Series: <i>Annie Hall</i> —Fahs Theatre	Nov 3 4:00p-8:30p Parents-as-People , Pre-K Pajama Party —Rooms 9 & 10, Founders

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Tues through Thurs
Day off: Monday
Study day: Friday

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