

## *Upcoming Sunday Worship Services*

**February 6, 2011 at 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.**

***UUism Unembodied***

As I am getting closer to retirement and starting more deliberate reflection on the transition, I have started to wonder what is left of this faith? After I take away my role as minister and take away the many relationships to all within this congregation, what will be left of UUism? How is this faith itself, unembodied, saving or transforming in my life? Is it?

Worship Leader: **Rev. Chris Reed**    Worship Associate: **Bridgette Heller**  
Music: **Adult Choir, Beth Ertz—Piano, Marjorie Herman**

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**February 13, 2011 at 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.**

***Slog, Bog, Scootch: Erratic progress on the side of love***

We have excellent ideals describing where we would like to be as good people. Do we always live up to them? Of course not. How do we take small steps when we can't take big ones?

Worship Leader: **Rev. Meg Barnhouse**    Worship Associate: **Patricia Hennigan**  
Music: **Elizabeth Thompson—cello, Beth Ertz—piano**

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**February 20, 2011 at 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.**

***"I Cannot Tell a Lie"***

On this holiday weekend, what is it we are celebrating? Okay, let's take a step back: what is the holiday we think we are (not really) celebrating? Our ministerial intern is on the case: is there a difference between something that is "true" and something that is "verifiable?" And, when was the last time you thought it would be a great idea to take an ax and chop down fruit trees?

Guest Worship Leader: **Craig Anthony Rubano**    Worship Associate: **Buzz Herman**  
Music: **Bell Choir, Beth Ertz—piano, Marjorie Herman**

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**February 27, 2011 at 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.**

***'House of Love' and other songs and stories***

Meg travels to UU congregations across the country speaking and singing to Unitarian Universalists, sometimes kicking off canvass season for our "cousins" in other places. People say they leave lifted up, more joyful, re-committed to this faith. Today she'll do here what she does there, and Kiya Heartwood will be playing too!

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

## Reflection Reverend Meg Barnhouse

I didn't even make a New Year's resolution this winter. I'm not sure why. For the last ten years or so my resolutions have been very short, and they have come to mind, one by one, in late December. The first one was "Tell the truth." I never thought I didn't tell the truth, but as I tried to keep the resolution on a moment-to-moment basis, I realized how much a sweet small lie lubricates social interactions. I found a way around those and counted down the months till I could indulge in them once again.

About some things, you just have to lie. Clogging, for example. I had someone ask me once how I liked clogging. (We are in the Appalachian region here, and there is a right good bit of it going on at fairs and festivals.) I answered that clog dancing held a special place in my heart. It does: the place where I imagine hell, if there were one, and what it would be like. For me it would be filling out paperwork while a flatbed truck full of white people clogged in the background to a speeded-up track of "Give Me That Old-Time Rock and Roll." But I digress.

Telling the truth was what I paid attention to that whole year, discovering that my untruths mainly consisted of lies I told to myself.

"Be quiet" was the next year's resolution. It floated into my head during prayer and meditation. I did an inner double take. "What? I make my living speaking. How can I be quiet?" The Universe responded with—well, with quiet. I had to figure it out. It turned out that I needed to pay attention to being quiet inside, to not having to have an answer for every question I was asked, to being content to let others dominate a group

discussion, to not voicing every opinion that was in my head.

Over the years there have been some easy resolutions and some hard ones. Who could have known that the year I resolved to "enjoy life" would turn into one big challenge? There you go. The Universe/God/Spirit/Wisdom is like that sometimes.

This year no resolution came to mind. I've been working on a question, though: "What would it be like if you felt really loved?"

Maybe the resolution is to wonder about this question. When I feel loved, my mind breathes better. My body relaxes. My behavior steadies. Something in my spirit opens like a rose. I want to feel it if I can, from the people around me or from the Spirit of Love that flows like an ancient river through the universe.

On my first CD I printed a quotation from a letter Martha Graham sent to Agnes de Mille. According to Agnes de Mille: "I was bewildered and worried that my entire scale of values was untrustworthy. . . . I confessed that I had a burning desire to be excellent, but no faith that I could be. Martha said to me, very quietly, 'There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all of time, this expression is unique. And if you block it, it will never exist through any other medium and it will be lost. The world will not have it. It is not your business to determine how good it is nor how valuable nor how it compares with other expressions. It is your business to keep it yours clearly and directly, to keep the channel open.' "

When I feel loved, it's easy to keep the channel open, and that's really what I want.

Maybe I could get really good at loving the world just every other day. Maybe on that day I could love myself as well. Just every other day, let go of self-improvement and

challenging other people's mistakes. I invite you to think about doing this, too. Every other day, maybe we could let go of wondering if we are good enough, of wondering if we are doing it right. Every other day rest, if we can, in the warm animal pleasures of wind, water, food, earth, friends, love, and beauty. Every other day put in abeyance the drive to feel that we are smart enough, thin enough, cool enough, doing enough.

The reason I wonder about doing it every other day is that, having read Kant, I have to ask what the world would be like if all of us did this every day. I'm not sure how well it would work. Maybe we would melt into self-satisfied goo. One the other hand, the world would be sour and clammy if we didn't do it at all. So, on alternate days we can all agree that this is New Age pap, and we can sharpen our intellectual claws in ourselves and one another with edgy glee.

It's February. Surrounded by talk of love, I'm growing aware that I do have a resolution for the year: I get to wonder about love. Maybe being grounded in love makes change easier, rather than lulling us into staying the same. Maybe if we felt safer we would grow more freely. What if we felt really loved? This year, I mean to find out.

Maybe if the people in this congregation could feel themselves surrounded by love, this congregation could experiment with loving extravagantly. Bring your best food to the brunch or the meeting, ask someone if you can get them a coffee during social hour after worship. Stay to help the enlightened ones who wash the coffee cups after everyone else has scooted on home. Maybe one way to begin to feel surrounded by love is to pour some of it out in front of you as you walk through the world. Let's be less careful with it. Let the extravagant Spirit of Love flow through you. Just maybe every other day.

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

This seems to be a particularly snowy and icy winter. One of my indicators is my daughter's cat which I have somehow inherited. Last winter she continued to go outside every evening. But this year with so much ice, she has taken to standing at the open door (while I let out precious warm air) for ten seconds and then dismisses the notion entirely.

Some of the human responses to the snow and ice among congregants and some friends have included planned and unplanned trips to warmer climates and taking up skiing for the first time.

However, another possibility is to connect with others in a caring way. This is a great time to connect with a group here if you have not done so.

Consider joining a covenant circle or coming to one of the ongoing affinity groups, including the Buddhist meditation circle and the Aging and Saging circle. There are several new groups that start meeting this month, including Gender Bias Book Study Group, A House for Hope book study group, a GLBT and Allies affinity group, and a Singles affinity circle. Please see the adult program page for descriptions of all UUCP programs.

Another way to counter the cold of the season is to come to the Fellowship Auction on February 19. The evening includes socializing, raising funds for the many ministries of UUCP, dinner and bidding on meaningful items and services. Some of the most popular items are theme dinners

hosted by congregants. Those who sign up "win" not only the dinner but often get to make new lasting friends with others at the same dinner. The Auction is traditionally one of our best attended and most appreciated social events. And there is a rich program for children put together by several members of the RE Council. There are many ways to stay warm this winter.



**FELLOWSHIP AUCTION**  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 5:30 – 8:00 PM

Fun for Adults: Eat, drink, bid, eat, drink, bid – Win!  
Fun for Children: Movies, Crafts, Face painting!

**Sign up on Sundays in Robinson Lounge or email [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org)**

*Please be sure to include the number of adults and ages of children attending*

Suggested admission donation - \$5 adults, \$3 children

The Fellowship Auction is a fun, intergenerational, community-building event, where we share our services, talents, art and other goodies with each other through bidding. It's a fun way to get to know each other better, both at the auction and when you cash in on your winnings. During the evening we will have great food, wine and beer, music and, of course, FELLOWSHIP!

All the money raised goes to support the important activities of UUCP but we can only raise the money we need IF YOU COME TO THE AUCTION! We've scheduled it early and planned a great children's program, so bring them!

If you can't come, donate your admission and ask us to do some proxy bidding for you! Send a check to UUCP with "Fellowship Auction" in the memo.

For more info check out 'Events' at [www.uuprinceton.org](http://www.uuprinceton.org) or Laurie Powsner [lrpjak@gmail.com](mailto:lrpjak@gmail.com)

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~Laurie Powsner

# Religious Education for Children and Youth

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## Children's Worship & Religious Education Schedule

**Sunday, February 6**  
*First Sunday of the Month: All RE Classes*  
*Start in Channing Hall*  
 9:15 & 11:15 Channing Hall

**Sunday, February 13**  
*To Be Announced*  
 9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

**Sunday, February 20**  
*To Be Announced*  
 9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

**Sunday, February 27**  
*To Be Announced*  
 9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

If you have any questions, call  
**Rev. Chris Reed**  
 609-924-1604, ext. 12  
[reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org)



## YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Program is busy planning its Service-Learning Retreat to Murray Grove for the spring. We hope there are interested adult congregants who would be open to supporting our UU service project for a day!

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**March 4-6, 2011, Social Con: Unitarian Congregation of Summit, NJ.**

## FEBRUARY 2011 YOUTH

|                                 |                                      |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Just about Every Sunday Morning | Morning Youth Group in Room 15       | 11:00—12:30p       |
| 2/6                             | Youth Group                          | 11:00—12:30p       |
| 2/13                            | Youth Group                          | 11:00—12:30p       |
| 2/13                            | YG Read & Give with Habitat Families | 1:00—3:00 p        |
| 2/19                            | Youth Group                          | 11:00—12:30p       |
| 2/19                            | UUCP Fellowship Auction Support      | 5:00—approx 8:30 p |
| 2/20                            | Youth Group                          | 11:00—12:30p       |
| 2/27                            | Youth Group                          | 11:00—12:30 p      |

Contact **Pia O'Loughlin** with Youth Group questions!  
 UUCP Youth Programs Coordinator  
 YPC @ [uuprinceton.org](mailto: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

**Sunday, February 6, 12:30-1:45 in the John Murray Room.**

Drop-in Newcomers' Circles meet on the first Sunday of each month after the second service. Newcomers and relative newcomers are all invited. The group is part getting acquainted, part questions you may have, and part discussion on a theme. We cover various topics, including theology, worship and prayer and UU history. We also cover UUCP, our own congregation, how it works and how you can get better connected into the various ministries and the religious community in general.

Please help yourself to brunch and/or coffee after the service and join us in the Murray Room (beyond the brunch room). Childcare is available in room 3 or 9. Please sign up at the Welcome Circle in Robinson Hall on Sundays or contact **Rev. Chris Reed** at [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org). You can also just join us that day.

**The Rev. Chris Reed and the UUCP Welcoming Team cordially invite you to an Open House with Wine\* and Cheese for Newcomers\*\***

**Sunday, February 13**

from 4 to 6 p.m. at Chris' home.

Please R.S.V.P. by February 11, 2011 to **Marty Akers** at 609-737-3948 or email to [welcome@uuprinceton.org](mailto:welcome@uuprinceton.org)

\*Non-alcoholic beverages will be served as well.

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

### Signing the Membership Book Ceremony

This ceremony of becoming a member is for those who have previously taken the "Exploring UU" 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](mailto:sumners@uuprinceton.org), 609-924-1604, ext. 14 or **Chris Reed** at [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org), 609-924-1604, ext. 12 if you are interested in joining a Covenant Circle.

### NEW PROGRAMS

#### **A** House for Hope

**Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:00 PM, Founders Room, (2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/7, and 4/14)**

Beginning February 17: A 6-Session Thursday Evening Book Discussion Group and Workshop led by **Craig Anthony Rubano**, our ministerial intern from Princeton Seminary.

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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](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org).

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*A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-first Century* by John A. Buehrens (former UUA President) and Rebecca Ann Parker (current President, Starr King School for the Ministry)

The shared hopes of religious progressives from many traditions can create a movement far stronger than fundamentalism: a liberal religious renaissance. Yet for it to flourish, progressive people must rediscover the spiritual sustenance available in the theological house our liberal forebears built, and embrace what our tradition truly holds sacred, as well as understanding what it rejects.

Using the metaphors of garden, walls, roof, foundation, rooms, and threshold, the authors construct a theological framework that faith communities can apply to stimulate reflection and reform, which will develop communal hope, discipline, and activism.

The book is available from our UUCP bookstore. Let Craig know you'll be joining him in *A House for Hope*: [Craig@CraigRubano.com](mailto:Craig@CraigRubano.com)

## **G**ender Bias Book Study Group

**Tuesday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Founders Room**

We'll be focusing on the book *Whipping Girl* by Julia Serano. This book study will meet once a month to discuss what is gender bias, how we as a congregation can educate and learn to avoid gender bias. This group will focus on all genders and the interactions we have with each other here at UUCP and abroad. The next meeting will be reviewing up and through Chapter 4 of the book. There are a few copies that have been ordered for the UUCP Book Store. Please consider coming to learn about a topic that is rarely spoken about! Want to know what Gender Bias is and how damaging it is to daily relationships? Contact **Allison Woolbert** to learn more and sign up!

[Allison.woolbert@gmail.com](mailto:Allison.woolbert@gmail.com)

**T**wo new affinity circles: "GLBT/Allies" and "Singles." Please look for sign ups on Sunday morning for start-up meetings for both of these groups. If you are interested or want more information or want to sign up through e-mail, please contact Rev. Chris Reed, [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org)

## **ONGOING PROGRAMS**

### **B**uddhist Meditation Group

**1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays, February 6 and 20 at 1:00 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).

Questions? Contact: **Michele Ochsner** [mochsner@work.rutgers.edu](mailto:mochsner@work.rutgers.edu) 609-924-1166; **Dana Powsner** [danapowsner@comcast.net](mailto:danapowsner@comcast.net) 609-924-5891; **Henry Powsner** [powsner@comcast.net](mailto:powsner@comcast.net) 609-924-5891.

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

**Thursdays 9:15—10:30 a.m. in Founders Room**

**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](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org)

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## Women's Spirituality Circle

**Sunday evening, February 20 at 6:30-8:00p.m. in the John Murray Room**

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

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

## Telling Our Stories

**Charlie Parker will Tell His Story on Sunday, February 27, at 10:15 in the John Murray Room.**

Don't miss this next event in the program series of videotaped interviews with some of our amazing senior members who have lived fascinating, engaged and committed lives.

Born 87 and ½ years ago in Newark, Charlie has lived his whole life in New Jersey. A prize-winning author at the Green Book Festival, he is working on his third book and loves writing – "everyone should write a book" he says. Don't miss this next event in the program series of videotaped interviews with some of our amazing senior members who have lived fascinating, engaged and committed lives.

**Lieske Wright** will tell her life story at the Women's Alliance meeting on February 17. (See notice for Women's Alliance)

So far this year we have heard from **Joan Waite, Tony Tucker, Sue and Butch Arnould, Henry Powsner, Lorraine Anderson and Marie Sturken**. Still to come – we hope: Dana Powsner, Hil Anderson, Nan Cooper, Martha Hartmann and others. Please let Carol Haag know of the stories you'd most like to hear.

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

## Young Adult Circle

**Ages 20-35(ish)**

**Sunday, February 6 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](mailto:datura1207@aol.com)

## Aging and Saging

**Meets on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, February 9 & 23, 10:30a-Noon, 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](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org) or on Sundays in Robinson Lounge at the Adult Program table.

## 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.**

For more information about us and our activities, contact Eva ([likelystories@yahoo.com](mailto:likelystories@yahoo.com)) or Elissa ([atsilvgvhe@gmail.com](mailto:atsilvgvhe@gmail.com)).

## Great Books Reading Circle

**Sunday, February 20 at 1 pm**

**Delta wedding** by Eudora Welty.

*Critically acclaimed for her short stories Welty presents a novel of a September wedding in Mississippi in the 1920's.*

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

## A Course in Miracles

**Sundays 11:15 am—12:30 pm in Room 8**

A Course in Miracles continues with the review of the lessons in the Workbook for Students.

**February 6** – "I give the miracles I have received." What are these miracles?

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"I am at home. Fear is the stranger here."  
Are you in a fearless state of  
consciousness?

**February 13** – "Give me your blessing,  
holy Son of God." Who are the holy  
Son's of God?

"I am as God created me." God is but  
love, and so am I.

**February 20** – "There is no death. The  
son of God is free." How can I be free of  
the fear of death?

"Now are we one with Him who is our  
source." We are spiritually all one.

**February 27** – "Let not my mind deny  
the thought of God." Let me not be  
trapped in my separate Ego self.

"I am entrusted with the gifts of God."  
Join us for a lively discussion and  
sharing of ideas. All are welcome.

~Hil Anderson

## Community Building

**WOMEN'S ALLIANCE**  
**Thursday, February 17**  
**Luncheon Meeting – Everyone**  
**Welcome!**

**Lieske Wright** will "Tell Her  
Story." Born in the Netherlands,  
Lieske lived on three continents  
and came to this country as a legal  
immigrant in 1947. Come hear the  
rest of her fascinating story.

In the cold winter months, the  
Alliance gathers at 11:45 in the  
Robinson Lounge, then moves to  
the Founders Room for hot soup;  
coffee and dessert are  
provided. Attendees are asked to  
bring sandwiches to share.

~Carol Haag

**MEN'S CLUB**  
Our next meeting will be **February**  
**8** at noon in the Founders Room. If  
you have enjoyed this group in the  
past, we look forward to seeing you  
again. If you haven't attended  
before, now may be the time to  
give it a try. A usual, a delicious  
meal can be expected from the  
culinary skills of Roger Hoff. In  
order to know in advance how  
many will be attending, please  
inform **Bob Flora** at 908-874-  
0789 or robertf481@aol.com

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Virginia, Washington, and  
Missouri. About half of them have  
paid coordinators. Budgets range  
from no budget to the \$160,000  
annual budget of the California UU  
Legislative Ministry. For more  
information on UU  
legislative networks, go to  
[www.uustatewideadvocacynetworks.org](http://www.uustatewideadvocacynetworks.org).

## General Assembly 2011 Will Mark UUA 50th Birthday

The annual Unitarian Universalist  
Association (UUA) General  
Assembly (GA) will be held from  
June 22-26, 2011 in Charlotte,  
North Carolina. It will mark the  
50th Anniversary of the merger of  
the Unitarian and Universalist  
denominations. The opening  
ceremony will be a worship service  
followed by a birthday cake for  
3,500 people. A new hymn entitled  
"Holding Together" has been  
commissioned for the occasion. GA  
2011 will include lectures on UU  
history, a panel on UU Social  
Justice, and a "Big Sing" on  
Saturday evening. UUCP has nine  
delegate slots. Round-trip air fares  
between Philadelphia and Charlotte  
are currently \$238. For more  
information, go to [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)  
and link to Events, General  
Assembly.

~Carol Allen, UU Connections Committee

**COFFEE HONOR ROLL**  
There are 27 names on the  
2009-2010 Coffee Honor Roll.  
Let's have some new (and old)  
names on it in 2011.  
Sign up for your turn. On Winter  
Sundays, people are really  
grateful for hot beverages.  
The coffee sign-up sheet will be  
in the lounge Sundays.

~Carol Allen, AdHoc Coffee Committee

## Interested in Adult Programs?

For more information about  
any of the classes described on  
pages 5-8, visit the Adult  
Program table in Robinson  
Lounge.

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

### 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.

## Social Justice and Social Action

### Volunteers needed for Habitat for Humanity workday in Trenton

The Habitat work crew continues to find interesting things to do, regardless of the weather. In January, we spent the morning cleaning out a house so that it could be renovated and in the afternoon, we helped make improvements to the ReStore by cleaning up donated furniture and setting up attractive displays, as well as tossing out some donated furniture that was in poor condition.

We will likely be doing similar tasks on Saturday, Feb. 12. If you are interested in doing some constructive activities to implement UUCP's Social Justice Action program, and getting to know some other members of our congregation better, please call **Ray Nichols**, at (609) 737-7442 for additional information or to volunteer.

### Spring Sale

**Saturday, May 14, 9-2**

Don't miss the Fellowship Auction Saturday, February 19, and enjoy bidding on all the goodies fellow congregants offer in support of the good work of our congregation.

But then save up your donations – your gently used “stuff” will be someone else's treasure – for the Spring Sale to benefit local charities.

~Carol Haag

### 7th Annual Crisis Ministry VALENTINES FOR FOOD: Feb 5 through Feb 14!



**Be a part of the annual community-wide effort to help the Crisis**

**Ministry feed Mercer County hungry families.** Join with the Rotary Club of Princeton, McCaffrey's Supermarkets of Princeton and West Windsor, plus many schools and congregations, in raising thousands of dollars for the hunger prevention budget, directly donating several tons of food for CM shelves, and raising awareness of hunger in the greater Mercer County Area.

From Saturday February 5 through Monday February 14, **McCaffrey's** Princeton and West Windsor stores will match every purchase of a **\$3.99 Valentine for Food**, up to \$5,000. **Be sure to stop by either store for your Valentines!**

And if you have free time, **volunteers are needed** at McCaffrey's stores to hand out fliers about the Crisis Ministry and to promote the purchase of *Valentines for Food* by shoppers. Volunteers work for just an hour at a time in teams of two. This is a great community service activity for youth.

**To volunteer for a slot in McCaffrey's Princeton**, please contact coordinator Margie Seitter at

[margieseitter@yahoo.com](mailto:margieseitter@yahoo.com)

**To volunteer for a slot in McCaffrey's West Windsor**, please contact Sharyn Kerschner at

[skersch@comcast.net](mailto:skersch@comcast.net).

~Karen Siracusa

## Board of Trustees

### Continuing to Connect with the Board of Trustees

On the second Sunday of each month in Robinson Lounge, the Board of Trustees holds a “Chat,” welcoming congregants to speak informally with Board members to ask questions and share thoughts. Items of note that recently have been identified or discussed during these Chats include:

#### **Opportunity to Support UUCP: Tax-Free IRA Donations Can Be Made Through 12/31/11**

Identified by Charlie Ascher from a variety of sources, this opportunity to make tax-free donations can be taken advantage of by Congregants who are 70 ½ years old and have a qualifying account. As Charlie notes, eligible UUCP Congregants can enjoy this tax-free giving twice to benefit UUCP – once prior to June 30 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year and again between July 1 and December 31 for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Charlie would be happy to forward information he has about this opportunity; he can be reached at 609-336-7031 or [charles33@comcast.net](mailto:charles33@comcast.net). (As always, you should consult with a financial advisor/tax specialist to be sure of tax ramifications of your donations.)

#### **Opportunity to Attend Building Healthy Congregations Series**

The Unitarian Universalist District of Metro New York is holding six workshops entitled the *Building Healthy Congregations Series*. Workshops, which will be held on Saturdays at different locations in the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut area, center around the stewardship of the congregation: how leaders care for, respond to, and oversee the congregation's life together. The first will be held on February 12 at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship. The cost of attending the six workshops is \$180 per person, with some funding possibly available from

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**Off-Stage**

**Marjorie Herman Interviews  
Craig Rubano and Beth Ertz**

*As part of the run-up to Craig and Beth's concert being given at UUCP on Friday evening, Feb. 25,*

*I thought it might be interesting for congregants to get an inside look about how this kind of program comes about.*

**MH:** *Tell us about the genesis of the title for this concert: We Can Be Kind.*

**CR:** I have teasingly — if truthfully — said that, in this life, we are limited in the control that we have over our own fates. We can, however, do three things: We can wash our hands; We can moisturize; and We can be kind.

**MH:** *David Friedman is a name that's not well known by the general public. When did you first come upon his songs?*

**CR:** During my time living in New York City, I was privileged to get to know David: he'd done a lot of work on the Disney animation movies and he'd written a lot of personal material for many singers that I liked very much — I liked the material and I liked the singers who gravitated toward it. When I was putting together my first CD, *Finishing the Act: Act One Finales from Broadway*, it was David who conducted the orchestra on the recording. One of his songs is titled, "We Can Be Kind," and I have found myself humming it silently to myself for years, but I've never performed it. Now is the time!

**MH:** *Beth, you are an accomplished music director, composer and arranger for both stage and screen. Describe your role as an accompanist/collaborator in a cabaret setting.*

**BE:** The cabaret performer is a storyteller, sometimes many stories or themes, and sometimes one theme ("We Can Be Kind" for example) or one songwriter's music is featured, or.....well, endless possibilities. My role is to support and enhance the stories the performer tells. It's a very intimate relationship in which I have to earn their complete trust and enable them to become the character in the story and go with the moment to moment flow that is the magic of live performance. For years I wrote music for film and television, and I love it, but there's nothing like live performance, the give and take with the audience, the unpredictability.....the magic.

**MH:** *Craig, You've said that the songs you'll be singing for this concert have "sustained you." How does this relationship to your material affect your performance of them?*

**CR:** The main reason I stopped doing Broadway shows was that I wasn't able to sing songs of my choosing. Rather than portray a character, I wanted to communicate personally with an audience. Since then, I have only sung songs that are a part of my story that I tell through my concerts. It's the words that matter most to me. Every line I sing, I believe; and so, some songs have come to hold meaning for me — they are repositories of my meaning. In that sense, they literally sustain "me." Singing them reminds me of who I am.

**MH:** *What's it like to collaborate with Beth Ertz?*

**CR:** I love working with Beth. She has introduced me to a lot of new songs I would have otherwise not known, two of which we will sing in this concert. She is always ready for the next adventure. Her musicality has been the soundtrack of my ministerial training ground here at the UUCP, and I am ever grateful for her friendship and musical integrity. There's always a section of our shows that I like to call a "Beth Ertz-a-ganza," where she lets loose on her own with the audience: they love her and so do I.

**MH:** *Beth, how is it working with Craig?*

**BE:** With Craig it's very much a collaboration. He hears what he wants and knows how to convey that to me so that I can help bring it all to life.

**MH:** You've worked with Bernadette Peters, Tommy Tune, Kenny Rogers, and Placido Domingo just to name a few. What's it like working with a musician like Craig on such a consistent basis?

**BE:** The "care and feeding" of singers is always an adventure. Some are sensitive, fragile and needy, some have big egos to tame or at least to understand. Some need a lot of dramatic coaching to bring the story to life, while some (like Craig) pay loving attention to every word and just need a little help learning the music. Craig is a fine musician (and I certainly don't say that about all singers) and is a joy to collaborate with. He discovers and gives to his

audiences the meaning and spirit of each musical story. They always leave happy, and knowing a lot that they didn't know before they came.

**MH:** *Have the songs you'll be performing with Craig been arranged by you?*

**BE:** Some of the songs we'll do were arranged by other collaborators Craig's worked with although I bring my own touch to the accompaniments. And other songs are my own accompaniments from the start or are songs I've brought to Craig. One ("Ordinary Miracles") was an arrangement I'd worked on years ago for Barbra Streisand and thought was perfect for Craig (unfortunately, minus the orchestra).

**MH:** *Craig, has your study at Princeton Theological Seminary and your work as the ministerial intern at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Princeton changed the way you perform, and/or your choice of material as a cabaret singer? Has the goal of "performance" changed?*

**CR:** The goal of my performance is the same, but I am different. I have shed the inevitable "persona" that becomes the buffer zone between me and the "me" I had to be "selling" in order to secure singing engagements. It's a livelihood thing that happens with performers: either you create a persona to take the blows of show business, which is the business of rejection, or you become the persona, to the detriment of personal emotional depth. Becoming a full-time student — a seminarian, no less — has allowed me to distance myself from the business: in the process, I have had the luxury to just be me.

**MH:** *Your performances of the songs of Cole Porter are acclaimed and always highly anticipated. Are Joni Mitchell and Paul Simon new to your list of composers?*

**CR:** I have started to broaden my list of songwriters to include more pop-song writers — but, songwriters who have something to say. So, while my show will still have Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, I'm mixing in Joni Mitchell, Paul Simon, Peter Mayer, and David Friedman.

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**MH:** You describe yourself in part as a literary scholar. Which works have affected you the most, and what are you reading now?

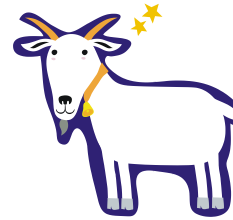
**CR:** I say literary scholar because reading is the underlying passion for everything else I have ever done. I have two degrees in Literature from Yale and Columbia and I bring literature and poetry to bear upon my current education at Princeton Theological as well. I have to be reading most everything I'm reading now, so it's difficult to tell you what's on my bedside table, but I have recently done some writing on the poetry of the Chinese-American, Li-Young Lee, whom I had not read before this past year, but whose use of language I find very powerful. I have also delighted in sprinkling my sermons with writings from the worlds of neuroscience and quantum physics to inform my evolving ideas of who we are and why we are, and how we're "we."

**MH:** Tell us about your upcoming show in St. Louis.

**CR:** St. Louis is my hometown and, though this will be my fifth professional singing engagement there, I haven't performed there since 2006! It will be great to see family and friends during this upcoming 4-day run of shows. The show I do there will be selected from among the songs I do here in Princeton. Beth has never been to St. Louis, so she'll have a lot to learn and see.

**MH:** In your concert description you mentioned...your...pet goats!

**CR:** Ah, yes, the goats — believe it or not, my pet goats will be the subject that brings everything together in this concert! More about that on the night. Some congregants may have met the kids on Bless the Animals Sunday last summer. They will not be making a personal appearance as part of the show, though they'd love to be let loose on the crowd — so much to chew!



**FELLOWSHIP AUCTION  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 5:30 – 8:00 PM**

Fun for Adults: Eat, drink, bid, eat, drink, bid – Win!  
Fun for Children: Movies, Crafts, Face painting!

We need your donations! Check the ideas list on our website.

Please fill this in and email it to [lrpjak@gmail.com](mailto:lrpjak@gmail.com)

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## Grace Notes

**Sunday Serenades 2011** Mark your calendars for the following dates:

**Friday, Feb. 25, 8:00pm** *We Can Be Kind* with Craig Rubano and Betz Ertz

Drawing from his life experiences as Broadway actor, literary scholar, cabaret concertizer, seminarian, and goat-owner(!), Craig Rubano performs a collection of songs handpicked for this engagement: whether written by Richard Rodgers or Cole Porter, Joni Mitchell or Paul Simon, these are songs that have inspired and sustained him along the way. The show's title is taken from a David Friedman song of the same name which sums up Craig's growing life philosophy: whatever comes, We Can Be Kind. Accompanying Craig at the piano is Grammy-nominated composer/arranger Beth Ertz.

**Sunday, Mar. 27, 3:00pm** *May the Long Time Sun* with Sharon Silverstein

Inspirational singer/songwriter Sharon Silverstein and her band, The Peace Project, will be presenting songs from Ireland, India, China, Africa, and the United States. Sharon will also include her original songs that convey messages of oneness and peace.

**Sunday, May 1, 3:00pm** *Voices of the Feminine*  
UUCP Music Ministry Spring Concert

Our combined UUCP ensembles and special guests will present music by female composers of all ages and styles. Included will be music by such composers as Hildegard von Bingen and Fanny Mendelssohn, and contemporary composers Alice Parker, Cecilia MacDowall, and Joan Szymko. Our Composer-in-Residence Kiya Heartwood will present a new work commissioned for this event entitled "A Balance of Earth and Sky."

**NEW!!** Tickets for these performances can now be ordered online at [www.ticketriver.com](http://www.ticketriver.com). They will also be available at the door. \$15 General Admission; \$12 for students.

### **Music Ministry Ensembles Encourage Your Participation**

**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. Please contact Marjorie to determine when in the calendar

would be best for your child to get on board.

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

### **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.



### **FEBRUARY HYMN OF THE MONTH**

Our "Hymn of the Month," is No. 1029: *Love Knocks*. This heart-centered message includes but is not limited to the spirit of Valentine's Day. It's a call to learn how love can be reached, anytime. Daniel Charles Damon is an internationally published writer of hymn texts and tunes. He is pastor of First United Methodist Church, Richmond, California. Dan serves as adjunct faculty in church music at the Graduate Theological Union, Center for the Arts, Religion, and Education in Berkeley, California; he also plays piano in clubs in the San Francisco area.

### **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*

**Legislative Ministry**

**Update on Unitarian Universalist  
Legislative Ministry of NJ  
(UULMNJ)**

**During January:**

UULM and the Princeton UU congregation have been working with other advocacy groups to generate support for **affordable housing** in NJ. A year ago, legislation was introduced which would have been terrible for low cost housing in NJ. We are happy to report the final legislation which passed both the Senate and Assembly during January is much improved. It requires municipalities to support affordable housing and provides some oversight of municipal plans. We are awaiting Governor Christie's action on the bill.

On the national level, we have worked in cooperation with UUA to support passage of the **DREAM Act** by contacting our legislators. Despite being one of the most productive lame-duck sessions in history, **immigration advocates** were disappointed that the DREAM Act failed to pass in the lame duck Congress. *The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act* would have created a path to legal status for young immigrants brought into the United States while minors but who currently do not have legal immigration status. To qualify for permanent legal residency, the undocumented young adults would have a high school diploma (or GED) and additionally serve two years in the military or complete two years of college. This latest version of the Dream Act is at least the fifth incarnation of the bill -- which has been debated in Congress since early in the first Bush presidency.

**Julia Hamilton, the UULMNJ**

**Executive Director**, presented the **Sunday Services on January 16**. Reverend Hamilton spoke about putting UU values into action through political action and gave specific examples of how our actions have made a difference. There was active discussion after each service to discuss the future agenda for UULM and current activities.

A federal initiative, the **Secure Communities program** would give Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) access to any finger prints collected by local law enforcement. ICE agents can interview the person to determine whether he/she is deportable. The program is implemented through an agreement with each State. Working with UULM, the Princeton congregation collected signatures on letters to Governor Christie recommending that New Jersey should not be part of ICE implementation

**Upcoming Events:**

We will be sponsoring a **Forum after the second service in March 20, 2011 by Herb Levine, Director of Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness** who will speak on Mercer County programs.

**Ted Fetter, co-chair of the UULM immigration task force**, will lead the Sunday services on **March 6** and will focus on the UU perspective on immigration reform.

Please stop by the **Legislative Ministry Action Table** which is available on several Sundays each month after the services to get more information on immigration policy issues and the affordable housing issue. You also have the opportunity to sign up for the UULMNJ e-mail communications. More information is available at [www.uulmnj.org](http://www.uulmnj.org).

*~Karen Siracusa and Frances Prestianni, co-liaisons for UULM*

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UUCP. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rev. Meg Barnhouse at UUCP or Ted Fetter at 609-882-4508 or [fetter4@verizon.net](mailto:fetter4@verizon.net).

**Opportunity to Share Thoughts about "Equality and Justice" Ends Statements Being Developed**

On February 6, a sub-committee of the Board will lead a Board Forum both between services (at app. 10:30 a.m.) and after the second service (at app. 12:30 p.m.) to hear Congregants' thoughts about what UUCP should do to address various equality and justice issues such as race, economics, gender, sexual orientation and immigration. This input will be helpful along with insights being gathered from the work of the Social Justice Committee, UU Legislative Ministry, UUA and other congregations. Anyone who is not able to attend will have opportunities to share their thoughts by: writing them on a bulletin board that will be in Robinson Lounge; calling any member of the Committee; and/or emailing [board@uuprinceton.org](mailto:board@uuprinceton.org). Input is requested by February 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information and/or to share your thoughts, contact a committee member: Michele Ochsner, Nancy Gardner, Jane Fetter or Debby D'Arcangelo.

The Board hopes many Congregants will be able to enjoy one or more of the opportunities identified and looks forward to having more Congregants stop by our "Chats" in Robinson Lounge, both between services and after the 11:15 a.m. service, on the second Sunday of the month.



## Joys and Sorrows

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

After a successful operation on her left arm (broken in multiple places due to a fall), **Joanie Piccard** is convalescing at Merwick Care and Rehabilitation Center at its new location: 100 Plainsboro Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey, 08536. It's directly across from the new building site of the University Medical Center of Princeton at Plainsboro, just east of Route 1. She'd appreciate cards, calls and visits. She has a private room and telephone line: 759-6152.

**Pat Lange** is still receiving chemotherapy. She and Greg are very grateful for all of the support that they are receiving. The meals have worked out well, and the love being expended goes a long way in helping with her recovery.

**Shelle Summers**, our RE Coordinator, had a minor stroke over the holidays. She is doing well and is expected to have a complete recovery. She will be out for several weeks and several people from the congregation bring meals and are helping out in other ways. If you would like to help out please contact Rev. Chris Reed, [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org). If you want to send Shelle a note, her address is in the directory and you can get her personal email from the office, [office@uuprinceton.org](mailto:office@uuprinceton.org). Shelle and her family are in our thoughts and prayers.

## Stewardship

### Building a New Way

Hard to believe that in the midst of all of this snow and ice spring is just around the corner. A lot has happened on the stewardship front since last year. Let me begin with a couple of items of business. First, **Bill Gilmore** joined the stewardship team. We are delighted to have Bill's spirit and experience on the team. The Stewardship crew also bid goodbye to Nancy **Fiedler**. We are grateful for the countless hours Nancy gave to stewardship over the past three years. Nancy – we already miss you!

This year, as in prior years, will again be an exciting year for the Stewardship team. We had a "Stewardship Summit" in the Fall. The summit was led by Jim Sanders, who is the chair of the UUA's Annual Program Fund Council, the leading fund-raising element within our Association. It was an awesome day for all who attended. We will just mention two of Jim's many messages. First, Stewardship is best if we think of it as something that becomes a regular part of our congregation's program. The annual canvass is just one part that highlights the importance of congregational giving that supports our UU community values. In essence, it needs to be a year-round program involving lots of different giving opportunities with the annual pledge being the foundation for the others. Commitment to our causes and missions is something we are constantly reaffirming. Healthy stewardship is a reflection of what we value with our shared community. One of Jim's main tenets from the summit is that we have got to get over our fear of talking about the need to support UUCP. Second, we need to ponder our personal relationship around the concept and ownership of money. Moving from a consumer or

transactional basis to an understanding of how we value money and our personal priorities about it, will be a theme we will be revisiting regularly over the next several years.

As far as this year's canvas, our theme is "Building a New Way". We think it is a fitting summary of not only our evolving concept of congregational giving but also in anticipation of our new minister who will start this coming August. Stewardship Sunday will be February 27<sup>th</sup>. We want your energy, vision and commitment in support of how we can continue to sustain our religious home. Please come and join us as we begin this year's effort to dream the future of UUCP.

*The Stewardship Team, Meg Barnhouse,  
Tom Prusa, and Bill Gilmore*



## Ministerial Search Committee

### Gone Searching!

We are in the midst of pre-candidating weekends. These weekends begin on Friday afternoon and occupy us through late afternoon on Sunday. It is an intense time of getting to know the pre-candidates as we continue the process of discerning who will be the right person to become our next minister. We cannot share any other information at this point, but we look forward to the time when we can reveal our decision.

*~Kathy, Carl, Linda, Pete,  
Sharon, and Susan*

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| <p><b>FEB 6—TWO Services—9:15 &amp; 11:15</b><br/>                     10:20a-11:10a New Parent Orientation—Murray<br/>                     10:20a-11:10a Board of Trustees Forum—Channing<br/>                     10:35a-11:10a Kids' Chorale—Room 2<br/>                     11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Murray<br/>                     12:20p-1:10p Board of Trustees Forum—Channing<br/>                     12:30p Newcomers' Circle—Murray<br/>                     12:30p Young Adults Circle—Room 7<br/>                     1:00p Meditation &amp; Discussion Group—Room 1</p> | <p><b>FEB 7</b><br/>                     7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders</p>  | <p><b>FEB 8</b><br/>                     11:30a Men's Club Lunch—Founders<br/>                     1:00p-2:30p OFFICE STAFF MEETING—Office closed from 1:00-2:30pm<br/>                     7:00p-10:00p Board of Trustees meeting—Founders</p> | <p><b>FEB 9</b><br/>                     10:30a Aging &amp; Saging—Murray<br/>                     7:00p-9:30p Adult Program Committee (2nd Wed) — Founders<br/>                     7:00p-9:00p e2 Covenant Circle (2nd Wed) - Murray<br/>                     7:30p-9:00p Adult Choir Rehearsal—Channing Hall</p> | <p><b>FEB 10</b><br/>                     9:15-10:30a Gentle Yoga—Founders</p>   | <p><b>FEB 11</b></p>   | <p><b>FEB 12</b><br/>                     8:30a Pastoral Associates Meeting &amp; Training (2nd Sat) —Murray Room<br/>                     8:30a Trenton Habitat Work Day (2nd Sat)</p> |
| <p><b>FEB 13—TWO Services—9:15 &amp; 11:15</b><br/>                     10:35a-11:10a Kids' Chorale—Room 2<br/>                     11:15a A Course in Miracles—Murray</p>   | <p><b>FEB 14</b><br/>                     7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders<br/>                     5:00p <i>Skylights</i> OCT 2010 ISSUE DEADLINE<br/> <a href="mailto:skylights@uuprinceton.org">skylights@uuprinceton.org</a></p> | <p><b>FEB 15</b><br/>                     7:00p-9:00p Committee on Ministry (3rd Tue) - Murray Room<br/>                     7:30p-9:00p Gender Bias Book Study Group—Founders</p>  | <p><b>FEB 16</b><br/>                     7:15p-9:00p Membership Committee (3rd Wed)—Murray<br/>                     7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Rehearsal—Channing Hall</p>   | <p><b>FEB 17</b><br/>                     9:15-10:30a Gentle Yoga—Founders<br/>                     11:45a Women's Alliance Luncheon Meeting—Founders<br/>                     7:00-8:30p Circle Leaders' Meeting—Murray<br/>                     7:30-9:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Channing Hall<br/>                     7:30p <i>A House for Hope</i> book study group—Founders</p> | <p><b>FEB 18</b><br/>                     7:00p—CUTUPS Full Moon Circle—Room 11 &amp; Outside</p>  | <p><b>FEB 19</b><br/>                     5:30p-8:00p ALL-CONGREGATION FELLOWSHIP AUCTION!!!</p>  |
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