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Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

January 6, 2008 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

The Divine Masculine (Part 1 of 3)

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** Worship Associate: **Michael Piscetelli**

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

The first service in a three-part series of different understandings of the divine, today, we explore the ancient and sometimes challenging view of the sacred as male. Through imagery and words, we'll examine the traditional old man in the clouds, but also uncover less common images that may surprise us. For a group-created altar, please bring images, pictures, statues, etc. that are masculine and sacred to you.

January 13, 2008 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

The Divine Feminine (Part 2 of 3)

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** Worship Associate: **Eva Liane Foster**

Music: **Herb Foster, French Horn, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

The second service in a series of different understandings of the divine, today, we explore the divine as feminine. For hundreds if not thousands of years such images have been repressed, yet modern times has given us the opportunity to reclaim what was lost. Also, in imagery and words, we'll examine many wonderful images of God as female. For a group-created altar, please bring images, pictures, statues, etc. that are feminine and sacred to you.

January 20, 2008 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

Sweet Justice

Guest Worship Leader: **Ted Fetter** Worship Associate: **Kathy Lehmann**

Music: **Sharon Silverstein, African drums, Adult Choir, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

In the summer of 1925, Dr. Ossian Sweet, a hard-working and determined young African-American physician, bought a house in an all-white neighborhood of Detroit. What happened when he and his family moved in is an epic story, important but now largely forgotten in the long struggle for civil rights in this country. We'll explore that story but also consider what lessons there may be for us as justice-seeking people today.

January 27, 2008 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

The Divine Mystery (Part 3 of 3)

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** Worship Associate: **Raj Nigam**

Music: **Rebecca Nice-Parrone, Craig Rubano, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

The final service in a series of different understandings of the divine, today, we explore the divine mystery. What is it like to embrace our glorious universe in state of unknowingness? How can such an expansive view impact our beliefs and values? Please bring images, pictures, statues, etc. that represent the sacred to you in any way, so we can create a common altar.

Reflection

By Reverend Forrest Gilmore

*The Mission Covenant
of the Unitarian
Universalist Congregation
of Princeton*

*We come together in a free
and open search for mean-
ing 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.*

I recently read an article by Michael Schuler, senior minister of 1st Unitarian Society of Madison, Wisconsin. He has served his congregation for almost 20 years, and has accomplished a great deal. The congregation, similar in size to ours when he started, is now over 1400 members strong with 500 children and youth in the religious education program. He says that the congregation's success has come from a strong dedication to excellence. But what struck me so wonderfully about his work – while he focused on success, he put relationships first. Rather than be impatient and driven with the changes he wished to see, he took his time, embracing the long view. And in doing so, he actually accomplished quite a bit.

When speaking about the purpose of his congregation, he quoted 18th century Scottish theologian Francis Hutcheson: “The primary purpose of the church is to create a community of compassion... calling members to lead lives of dedication and commitment – lives not just of success, but also of service and, when called upon, sacrifice.”

I am intrigued by the comment, “not just of success, but also of service...”

We live in a driven culture, and our lives are often measured by what we do. As such, many of us are very successful people with very busy lives. This drive for success is so ingrained in many of us that it is hard for us to be in a space of something other than efficiency.

Yet, the spiritual teachers throughout the ages have told us that there is another way. One of my favorites aphorisms comes from a book by Gerald May called *Care of Mind, Care of Spirit*. In this book, he reminds us that we must always remember to place “love before efficiency.” People often ask how to live a vibrant spiritual life. The answer is simply this – place love before efficiency, being before doing. Success is important, but compassion comes first. It's time for us to all slow down a bit. We work too hard, and when we're not working, we fill up too many of the empty spaces. Let us allow ourselves to be still for a time without judgment. Rather than fill our days with work or distraction, may we find time to simply be present, in loving openness to all that's there. It's surprising how something so simple can also be so challenging. It's counter-cultural, and ultimately, it's why we're here.

My one great prayer for all of us in the coming year – may we give ourselves such a gift.

CIGARETTE SMOKING OUTSIDE THE BUILDING

We recently designated the area just outside of the Channing Hall front doors as the only smoking area on the property. If you are a smoker please use the smoking post provided and do not enter or exit the building via the Channing Hall front doors in keeping with our effort to keep the smoke from getting inside.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. ~Sara Oderwald

Reflection

By Reverend Chris Reed

Chris is on sabbatical. Her column will return in the June 2008 issue of *Skylights*.



Chocolate Sunday – - Ice Cream Sundaes as a Metaphor for Stewardship Sunday, February 3, 2008

What in the world will the Stewardship committee try next? Certain of our committee members regard chocolate as a basic food group and with the growing controversy about diet, who knows? As I contemplated writing this piece, I began to think about ice cream sundaes and the analogy to our stewardship process. Stay with me and I hope you will come to appreciate the similarities. A sundae can't be a sundae without the all important ice cream base. In our stewardship campaign we must keep an eye on sustaining our base of operations. Thus, the greatest percentage of our pledges is required to support our basic programs of ministry including our staff and professional salaries and our physical plant. This sweet foundation is essential. However, without the mystery and dream of chocolate, it can't really be a sundae. And so, we want you to think about supporting our dreams by offering more than a sustaining pledge but a pledge that buys us chocolate.

We invite you to “Chocolate Sunday”, on February 3 from 12:30 pm to 2 pm, to participate in the following:

- Board of Trustees presentation of our Ends statements - a vision for our future.
- Executive Team discussion of programs - a concrete interpretation of our Ends.
- Small group discussion of program possibilities – vote with chocolate!
- Stewardship committee in partnership with congregants - creation of our sundae delights.

Please mark your calendar for “Chocolate Sunday” – where ice cream sundaes from Jann’s Sweet Shop will be served at this very special town hall style meeting - to be sponsored by the UUCP Board of Trustees and the Stewardship Committee. Child care will be provided.

~Nancy Fiedler



Religious Education for Children and Youth

RED Room (Religious Education Discussion)

January 13, 10:35-11:10

John Murray Room

Special Guest Rev. Judy Tomlinson, MRE at UU Montclair

The Religious Education Committee at UU Montclair had a vision of incorporating more social justice into the RE program. Two years ago that vision became a reality when we decided during the REC retreat that we would suspend regular RE classes for one month, February Social Justice Month, and create special programming that would take us more deeply into the mutually agreed on topic for the year. Come learn about this model and what we are doing.

Teachers, mark your calendars! Our intergenerational Youth Sunday service is February 24. In mid-January we will give you the theme of this year's service, so that your class can plan how they will participate.



**Hold the Date:
Saturday, January 26th
RE FAMILY PARTY**

More information will be coming

Children's RE Calendar

Sunday, January 6

UU Time Portal—

Sojourner Truth

9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, January 13

Perception and Conflict

(Worship led by guest

Rev. Judy Tomlinson)

9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, January 20

Martin Luther King

9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, January 27

Spiritual Practice: Silence

9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

During December, our youth gathered together to write and rehearse the Hanging of the Greens Play @ their overnight Lock-In. We had an awesome FUN night and ate Chinese food until we were ready to burst!

January 2008 looks to be an adventure with our first collective participation of the year in an YRUU Social Youth Conference or "CON". The "Never, Never Land" CON is being held in Lincroft, New Jersey – so we plan to take advantage of the close proximity and represent UUCP with pride!! All interested must sign up on-line, in advance! If interested, please link onto the www.metroyac.org website to connect to the registration page.

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SAVE the Date, on January 13 for the first Junior Youth Group Social Night for 7th & 8th graders!

We plan to have a pizza party, movies, and games! So make sure you mark your calendars!

Please contact **Pia** for questions & interest @

YPC@uuprinceton.org or

609.924.1604 x18

JANUARY YOUTH CALENDAR

Every Sunday	Morning Youth Group	11:00a
1st & 3rd Sunday	Evening Youth Group	7:00—9:00 p
1/13	1st Junior Youth Meeting!	7:00—9:00 p
1/18 - 1/20	Metro YRUU CON: "Never, Never Land" (Lincroft, NJ)	Must Register in Advance!
1/20	Youth Group AM/PM Cancelled	Youth@CO N!!

Adult Programs

NEWCOMER CIRCLES

We are excited with the success of the Newcomer Circles that have been added to our small group ministry program. A Newcomer Circle is part Covenant Circle and part discussion group for Newcomers. The themes focus on the topics that are most compelling for those who are new to our faith and for those who are seeking religious community.

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

Our third circle started on Thursday evening, November 15 and will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7:15. If you would like to join a future Newcomer Circle, please sign up at the Adult Program table in Robinson Hall on Sundays or contact **Rick Baker**, rick.baker1@att.net, or **Shelle Sumners** in the church office at sumners@uuprinceton.org or 924-1604, ext 14.

As we go forward to create new circles, please let us know which days or times work for you by filling out one of the grids at the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge 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.

Signing the Membership Book Ceremony

This ceremony is for those who have previously taken the Introduction to Membership Class or have been in a Newcomer Circle and want to become members. Please sign-up at the Welcome Circle or contact Rev. Forrest Gilmore at 609-924-1604 to arrange a time.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY—"Get Plugged In"

Covenant Circles - Revisited!



We have made some revisions to our Covenant Circle program based on the expressed needs and feedback of so many congregants who have been in Covenant Circles, as well as those who have not, but would like to try. The basic Covenant Circles that we have created over the past four years have been successful in creating community, encouraging spiritual growth, and inviting authentic connection with one another.

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, 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 will be encouraged to get together socially a few times and/or work together on a social jus-

tice or service project.

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

NEW PROGRAMS

UU History Through Books

Each book will be discussed for 3 sessions. Sign-up for each book individually.

Next program: *A Chosen Faith* by John Buehrens. Three sessions on alternate Wednesdays beginning January 16 (January 30 and February 12). Sign up for either an afternoon or evening class. *A Chosen Faith* is a clear, helpful introduction to Unitarian Universalism. Two long-time ministers and denominational leaders, John A. Buehrens and Forrest Church, describe the sources and history of Unitarian Universalism. Sign up at the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays or at events@uuprinceton.org. Books will be available for purchase in Robinson Lounge.

Looking ahead: *Peabody Sisters* by Megan Marshall. Three sessions beginning March 19. *The Peabody Sisters*—Elizabeth Palmer Peabody (1804–1894), Mary Tyler Peabody Mann (1807–1887), and Sophia Amelia Peabody Hawthorne (1809–1871)—were champions of reform movements, pioneers in modern educational theory, founders of the kindergarten movement in America, and supporters of the arts. No less important was their function as central conduits in the small, complicated web of relationship that comprised the Transcendentalist movement, and the vital links they represented between institutional Unitarianism and its often estranged Transcendentalist offspring. This is a fascinating book that will in-

DO YOU HAVE A PROGRAM IDEA?

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 Adult Program Committee co-chairs **Linda Benson** (lbenson5@verizon.net and **Alice Harper** (aharper67@comcast.net).

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crease your understanding of our Transcendentalist heritage.

Credo

Are you looking to explore your beliefs? Credo offers the opportunity to gather with other UUs to discuss the major religious questions of our lives. What is the nature of the holy? Are human beings innately good? What happens after I die? What does my life mean? Our reflections are done in an environment of attentive listening and open sharing. **Six Thursdays, 7-9 pm, January 24-February 28th.** The class will be led by **Rev. Forrest Gilmore**.

Contact Forrest for information and events@uuprinceton.org to register.

A Oneness Retreat

With oppression, terrorism, war, nuclear proliferation, and environmental harm so rampant in our world, it seems clear that humanity must find another way of living. In order to save so much that is being destroyed, our species needs to rise to another level of consciousness, to awaken to our interconnection, our oneness with all things. Yet, the emotional challenge emerging from our daily awareness of the world's problems also can shut us down. We can feel overwhelmed, isolated, even numb. Yet, in community we can find the strength together to live with an open heart. Join us on **Saturday, February 2 from 9:00-4:00** for a day-long retreat led by **Rev. Forrest Gilmore**. Together, we'll engage in meditation, group exercises, teachings, and dialogue to deepen our sense of connection. All are welcome, regardless of experience. Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 30 at events@uuprinceton.org.

Gentle Yoga Class

Bring in the New Year with a Wednesday morning yoga class this January! Yoga comes from the Sanskrit word "yuj" meaning "to meditate deeply" or "to concentrate oneself." Yoga is meditation through motion, practice in calming the mind and being completely present through a series of poses. It is physically energizing and mentally restorative.

DATES: Wednesdays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

TIME: 9:15-10:30 AM

WHO: Everyone. All levels welcome!

WHERE: Channing Hall

HOW: Contact **Autumn Fiester**,

fiester@mail.med.upenn.edu, or just show up in January!!!

IN THE PLANNING STAGES

Green Film Series

The Green Sanctuary Committee is planning a film series on Earth matters. Among the films to be shown are *The 11th Hour*, *Affluenza*, *The End of Suburbia*, *The Bone*

Yard, and, of course, *An Inconvenient Truth*, 2nd edition. Suggestions for additional films are welcome. Contact: **Ellie Whitney**, 426-6166 or ewhitney@comcast.net

UUCP Film Series

The next UUCP film series will focus on films made by African filmmakers or documentaries about Africa.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

UU Buddhist Group

The UU Buddhist Group, which meets the first and third Sundays of the month from 12:30-2:00, is in need of new leadership. If you are interested, please contact Shelle Summers, RE Coordinator (summers@uuprinceton.org).

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.

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 in Fahs Theater.

Contact Rev. Forrest Gilmore for information.

Great Books Reading Circle

Discuss *Slaughterhouse-Five* at the Great Books Reading Circle on Sunday, Jan 13 at 1 PM in Room 8



Did you read this in high school, college, somewhere in between or after? Revisit or experience for the first time this 1960's classic. Vonnegut's own World War II experience in Dresden was the basis of "Slaughterhouse-Five, or The Children's Crusade," which was published in 1969 against the backdrop of the Vietnam War, racial unrest, and cultural and social upheaval. The novel, wrote one critic, "so perfectly caught America's transformative mood that its story and structure became best-selling metaphors for the new age."

Please join Great Books Circle on January 13. Included are Coffee & Cookies. We meet monthly -- join anytime. Full schedule at

http://www.uuprinceton.org/programs/prog/great_books.html.

Contact Karen Siracusa (kn.siracusa@att.net, ph:

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896-1016 for more info)

Creative Journaling MOVES TO A NEW NIGHT!

Anyone wanting to start the New Year with a new inspirational way to explore the inner self with other UU's - why not try Creative Journaling? We meet in the Founder's Room the third Tuesday of each month, so please join us January 15th, 7 - 9.

All you need to bring are a blank book and an open mind, and we will help you fill both with our amazingly fun and relaxed process of collaging and writing together, then sharing our insights. We have all the other supplies you will need. All are welcome, but please do let me know (em@etstudio.net) so we can expect you.

Loss & Grieving Group

Those of us 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 one another. It is often meaningful and honoring to 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.

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 e-mail list, or if you have any questions, drop me a note at silverdove@comcast.net or catch me at a second

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GREEN CORNER: Replacing Coal, Gas, and Nuclear Power in Our Homes

We can do this. We, the people of the world, can conquer this climate problem if we make the right moves promptly. And we, the people of the United States, because we are the greatest contributors to global warming, can take major steps right now, in our homes and on our roads. We all buy electricity to run our homes and business buildings, and buildings are responsible for a substantial portion of the greenhouse-gases that our nation spews forth into the atmosphere.

We all can take a major step right away: we can enroll in New Jersey's Clean Power Choice program. Don't let these misconceptions get in your way:

- To get clean power, do I have to put solar panels on my roof? NO.
- It must be time-consuming to do this. NO. It takes five minutes once only.
- It's expensive, right? WRONG. Is \$10 or less a month expensive to make the biggest contribution you can, to abate global warming?
- Do I have to sign up with a different utility company? NO.
- Will I have to pay two utility bills every month? NO. You'll still pay one bill.
- It must be a scam. They can't send me clean electricity because my electricity is mixed up with everyone else's. NO, it's not a scam. Read on.

What the Clean Power Choice program does is this. Your utility (PSE&G) buys its power almost exclusively from providers who generate electricity at coal, gas, and nuclear power plants. When you sign up to get your kilowatts from clean power, your utility buys that many more kilowatts from clean, renewable sources (such as wind, small hydro, and solar energy providers) instead. Thus, your request helps to shift the demand for electricity. It's not far-fetched, then, to say that your own personal share of the electricity on the grid is completely clean!

We know this program is working. So many New Jersey residents have signed up for clean power that the utility has had to add wind capacity to meet the demand. And since Rev. Forrest told us on December 16 that he and his family had enrolled in the Clean Power Choice program, several dozen U-U congregants have also agreed to join—nearly everyone our committee members talked with that day.

Won't you add to our numbers? We are inviting the whole congregation to get off of fossil fuels and use exclusively clean energy. Then when we put the solar panels (which are already paid for) on the church roof, we'll be using almost exclusively clean power!

--Your Green Sanctuary Committee. Contact: **Ellie Whitney**, ewhitney@comcast.net

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 (Rev. Forrest Gilmore, Laurie Powsner and Carol Haag).

Herb & Eva Foster were married at UUCP 30 years ago this past November 12. The wedding was in Channing Hall which at that time was still called the large auditorium. The Rev. Dr. Edward Frost officiated and the bride forgot her lines and muttered, "Oh s**t."

Meg Cox Leone is proud to announce that her newest book has been published! She will be doing a local book signing of *The Quilter's Catalog: A Comprehensive Resource Guide* on Sunday, February 10 from 2 – 4 pm at the Pennington Quilt Works. Directions: www.penningtonquilts.com. For more about the book: www.megcox.com

Charlie Parker is proud to announce that he has a new book out. *The Crow's Nest* is a high-stakes adventure as seen through the eyes of two children. The year is 2049 and the story depicts their dealing with an environmental disaster that some scientists predict may actually come to pass.

Clo Treves is recovering nicely at home from her cancer surgery. It is a long haul as she was under anesthesia for 16 hours and faces extensive radiation in January. She enjoys short visits from friends; telephone calls are difficult because of hearing loss. Her spirits are high.

Elizabeth "Libbie" Harrover Johnson died Nov. 18 at Stonebridge at Montgomery. She was 89. She was the author of eight children's books, the most popular of which were "The Mysterious Trunk," "Horse Show Fever," "The Pony That Didn't Grow" and "The Several Secrets of Will Monroe, A Boy's Tale of the Civil War." The latter had been adapted for a play by the Gray Ghost Theatre Co. and will premiere in 2009 at the Community Performing Arts Center at George Mason University, Fairfax, Va. She was also author of several history books, "History in a Horseshoe Curve;" "The Story of Sudley Methodist Church and its Community," about the Sudley Methodist Church in Manassas, Va.; and "100 Years and Still Counting, and Still Counting," histories of the New Jersey Audubon Society. Active in community affairs, she founded the Meals on Wheels program in the Princeton area and volunteered to deliver meals for 32 years. She was on the board of the New Jersey Audubon Society and served as its secretary for many years. She attended Virginia schools and graduated with honors from the University of Maryland where she met

her husband, the late David Johnson. She and her late husband traveled the world, she constantly adding to her life list of birds — over 700 — and he taking photographs. She and David were married for 62 years. She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, David H. Johnson and Kathryn Halbower of New York City; daughters and sons-in-law Katherine W. Johnson and Richard Schmeltzer of Minneapolis and Elizabeth R. Johnson and Turner Price of Lambertville; grandchildren William W. Johnson, Jaya H. Saxena and Thomas H. Johnson; step-grandchildren Richard C.G. Schmeltzer and Olivia and Jack Price; step-great-grandson Andrew Schmeltzer; and many Harrover nieces and nephews in the Manassas, Va., area. Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels, American Red Cross of Central New Jersey, 707 Alexander Road, Suite 101, Princeton, NJ 08540; New Jersey Audubon Society, 9 Hardscrabble Road, Box 126, Bernardsville, NJ 07924; or the Libbie Harrover Johnson Legacy Fund c/o Gray Ghost Theatre, Attn: Ken Elston, 10900 University Blvd., MSN 5D2, Manassas, VA 20110 (fund for the play).

UUCP's Bookstore "Uncommon Denomination Bookstore"

Back On January 13 and every 2nd & 3rd Sunday

Looking for a book to "spark the spiritual light", to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, or the philosophies and values we discuss? UUCP's bookstore offers books from the two Unitarian Universalist Association publishing houses, *Skinner House*, and the UUA trade publisher, *Beacon Press*.

UUCP offers these books as a service to our members, friends, and visitors. We have over 60 titles and they are presented to you at our cost to stimulate your reading, thinking, and discussion. Our bookstore is mobile, and located in the UUCP lounge, every second and fourth Sunday, beginning again on January 13th, 2008. Skinner House books are 40% off list, and 10% or more off of Beacon. Some other publishers are also carried through Beacon Press that are discounted. Most of these books are not titles you normally would find in large popular bookstores, some are, some are scholarly, some from UU ministers, some are from theological presses, and some from UU authors and that are also popular, such as award winner Mary Oliver. Adult and children's books are carried, and books can be special ordered for UUCP classes. Come and browse and be pleasantly surprised what you will find for yourself or for gifts. For questions, feedback, or to volunteer - call **Dolores Phillips** 609-516-3526.

New Books: *Misquoting Jesus (Erdman)* A must read to learn what biblical scholars and theological students

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Community Building

Women's Alliance

The next meeting of the Women's Alliance will be Thursday, January 17. Our speaker will be Bill Roberts, from Johnson and Johnson Orthopedics. He will talk about "The Mechanics of Hip Replacement emphasizing the newest techniques and materials. Our Luncheon will begin at 12:00 and the Speaker at 1:00. All are welcome. We meet in the Founder's Room. Please bring a sandwich to share. Soup, beverages and dessert will be provided. ~Lorraine Anderson, president

Men's Club

The first Men's Club meeting in 2008 will take place on Tuesday, January 8. We will meet in the Church Kitchen at 11:30A M for wine, beer, and snacks and then sit down about 12:30 PM for a delicious luncheon prepared by our gourmet chef, **Roger Hoff**. Following the luncheon we will discuss a topic of general interest. ALL men of the Church are welcome to attend. To reserve a place, please call **Bill Barnard** at 609-430-4305 as soon as possible. We will share the cost of the luncheon. I look forward to seeing you all on January 8. ~Bill Barnard

Dinner Discussion

The next Dinner Discussion will be Tuesday January 22, 2008. The speaker will be **William A. Stoltzfus, Jr.**, long-time State Department diplomat. His topic? The timely one of "**Britain in Iraq in the 20th century compared to the U.S. in Iraq Today.**" Mr. Stoltzfus was born in Beirut, Lebanon, of missionary parents, graduated from Princeton, served in the Naval Air Corps, and spent 26 years in the Foreign Service, mainly in the Middle East, Saudi Arabia, and Africa. In 1971 he was appointed Ambassador to Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. Later he turned to international banking and is a member of the Board of the Ampex Corp. He also serves in several capacities with the Nassau Presbyterian Church. He is on the church's World Committee and is active with the Princeton Middle East Society, and within the past year has visited several Middle Eastern countries. In his spare time he hikes the Appalachian Trail. Sign up with **Mal Durbin** between services January 13 and 20. 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.

UU Connections

PROGRAMS IN OUR COMMUNITY ON SPIRITUALITY IN PEACEMAKING AND INTERCULTURAL SHARING

IRANIAN-PERSIAN CULTURE: An Afternoon of Iranian-Persian Culture - poetry, film, music, and food - will take place at our church on Sunday, January 27 from 2:30 to 5:00 PM, to be presented by the local Iranian community and the Coalition for Peace Action.

SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGES OF PEACEMAKING: A retreat will take place on Saturday, February 2 from 10 AM to 4 PM at Princeton Theological Seminary, Erdman Conference Center, on Stockton Street in Princeton. Sponsored by Fellowship in Prayer and Coalition for Peace Action, it will explore incorporating spirituality into a personal peacemaking pilgrimage.

Further details for both events at www.peacecoalition.org.

UUCP TO JOIN OTHER UU CONGREGATIONS IN IMPLEMENTING PEACEMAKING ISSUE

The 2006-2010 UUA Study/Action Issue is "PEACEMAKING." It asks such questions as "Should the UUA and member congregations adopt a specific just war policy?" and "How can the United Nations maintain human rights, economic justice, religious tolerance, and sustainable environmental practices?" and "Should UUs reject violence in any form?"

Many UU congregations have adopted programs to implement this resolution. UUCP is also a logical place for a Peacemaking program. However, there is a question as to whether unique UUCP programming for peace is needed when we have the opportunity to participate in diverse programs on an average of once a week sponsored by the Coalition for Peace Action (CfPA) of which some 65 UUCPers are members.

The UU Connections Committee on January 3 will discuss the possibility of sponsoring a guest lecture or panel on peace in conjunction with our Adult Programs Council and Social Action Council. We had a great turnout for UUA President Bill Sinkford at the Princeton University Chapel on November 11 as part of the annual conference for peace sponsored by CfPA and co-sponsored by some 50 organizations including UUCP and several area UU congregations.

Please share your comments with members of the UU Connections Committee i.e. **Rev. Forrest Gilmore, Ethel Mae Thieriault, Doug Rhodes, Carl Haag, Ruth Tomlinson, and Carol Allen.**

CONGREGATIONAL POLL TO SELECT NEW STUDY/ACTION ISSUE

On Sunday, January 13, in both coffee hours, you will have the opportunity to vote for the UUA 2008-2011 Study Action Issue nominations to appear on the final ballot at General Assembly (GA). Delegates at GA will choose one issue from those nominated. As there are only two issues proposed, their inclusion on the ballot is almost assured as up to five issues can be on the final ballot and ten issues could have been nominated. So why bother to vote? The UUA needs 25% of congregations to participate in the nomination process, according to the revised procedures for Study/Action Issues.

Please note that the new process allows four years for each Study/Action Issue issue so congregational participation is enhanced.

The two proposed issues for 2008-2011 are: 1) Ethical Eating, addressing food choices, grossly unequal distribution of food supplies in the world, and sustainable and fair agricultural production and distribution; and 2) Nuclear Disarmament which would challenge the United States to provide an example for emerging nuclear countries and non-nuclear countries by upholding the Nuclear NonProliferation Treaty and reducing its stockpiles of nuclear weapons. It would also encourage initiatives such as the original Nunn-Lugar program to aid the former Soviet Republics in reducing and securing their nuclear stockpiles.

Please take 30 seconds in coffee hour on January 13 to fill in the simple form at the UU Connections Table in Robinson Lounge. ~Carol Allen

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY INTERFAITH SERVICE - JANUARY 21

The annual Martin Luther King Interfaith Service will be held this year at the Jewish Center, 435 Nassau Street, Princeton, at 7:00 PM on Monday, January 21. The speaker will be Rev. Alison Boden, Dean of the Princeton University Chapel. This annual service is sponsored by the Princeton Clergy Association and the Coalition for Peace Action. ~Carol Allen

UUA PRESIDENT BILL SINKFORD VISITS PRINCETON

UUA President Bill Sinkford was the guest speaker in the Princeton University Chapel for the annual autumn interfaith service for peace. His very powerful sermon was entitled "The Whole Armor of God." He used biblical text which emphasized the need to be strong in opposition to evils such as military aggression. The armor of God is a metaphor for protecting the spirits of peacemakers. Here are two direct quotes from our chosen denomi-

national leader: ".....the spiritual and moral weight of the U.S.'s nuclear attacks was unilateral and incontrovertibly negative" and regarding Iraq, "....we must act now to end this hopeless war."

In the afternoon, Bill Sinkford met with a group of about 75 UUs in Channing Hall. He spoke of UU growth as a goal, not primarily because UUCP needs it, but rather as an opportunity to bring our unique message of hope and moral values to people in our community and region. He revealed his very subtle understanding of traditional Unitarian Church culture when explaining why people from other races and cultures and educational backgrounds do not automatically feel comfortable in our UU congregations. He also comprehends "the revolving door" aspect of people coming to UU congregations and not staying for many reasons and assures us that it is a widespread phenomenon. While we should be as welcoming as possible, we should not worry too much about the ones who don't stay, as we do get some very enthusiastic new people each year.

Bill Sinkford's visit was a blessed event for UUCP and for Princeton. It was a milestone in our four-year Peacemaking Study/Action pursuit. ~Carol Allen

CAMP UNIRONDAK COMES TO JERSEY

JANUARY 26

On January 26 at 5:30 pm Camp Unirondack - a Unitarian Universalist Summer Camp in Lowville, New York -- will bring fun, information and dinner to the Unitarian Church in Summit, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit, NJ. Vegetarian and Vegan friendly food will be available. Donations toward cost of dinner accepted.

Unirondack is magic -- how else would it travel to New Jersey? If you are curious about Unirondack or a past camper or just want to have fun, come that night and experience it -- and bring friends!

For more information on this event, contact Marty Rothfelder [mrothfelder@rothfelderstern.com; (908) 301-9215]. If possible, please let him know you're coming by Jan 22. Information on the camp is available on the web at unirondack.org and by contacting the director, Aimee Spong, at director@unirondack.org. ~Shelle Summers

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service on Sundays. ~Mirah Riben

Interested in Adult Programs?

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).

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:

- Offer a ride
- Run an errand
- Bring a meal
- Help with childcare
- Participate in a group cooking party 1 – 2 times per year to make meals to freeze
- Other: _____
- Write sympathy notes
- Help around house
- Walk a dog
- Provide companionship

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

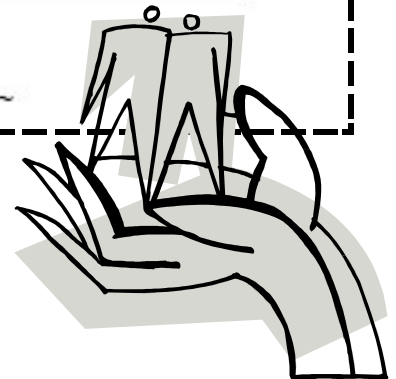
Do you speak any languages in addition to English? If yes, I speak: _____

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: _____

Today's Date: _____

~ PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE ~



Social Justice

East Trenton Community Learning Center Progresses

Progress continued in December on the renovation of the "Learning Center" at the East Trenton Community Center. Valences have been constructed along one wall to support indirect lights and wall cabinets. All the new sheetrock required for the lavatories and kitchen area has been installed, as well as new subflooring in both lavatories as well as the main room and we have started to lay vinyl tile in the main room. The next major task to complete is the laying of the vinyl tiles. There are about 600 more 12-inch squares to be glued down. As soon as that job is done, we will be ready to install the cabinets, doors and do some painting. **Pete Gerster, Peter Marcholt, Bob Van Schaick, and Francis Treves** have been leading the other volunteers and showing them how to do things each time a group from UUCP has a work day. However, we are still looking for help from someone who knows how to install ceramic tile on the floors of the lavatories, and someone skilled in applying the final coats of spackle on top of sheetrock. Everyone else who has volunteered to work on this social service project has learned from them and from each other. We have all enjoyed the camaraderie of working together and the sense of accomplishment that we feel at the end of the day.

We expect that this project will take at least another two or three months to complete. The work will go faster if more members of the congregation volunteer. There are tasks for both skilled and unskilled volunteers. Many people are learning on the job. The workdays are scheduled for the second and fourth Saturdays of every month. For January the dates are the 12th and the 26th.

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

Saturday, January 12 at UUCP

An All NJ UU Congregations Network, A Legislative Ministry Organizing Conference

This next milestone will be our first statewide conference to establish our legislative ministry network that will be held at UUCP on January 12. Representatives and teams from all New Jersey UU congregations have been invited to attend. Betty McGarvie Crowley, Board co-chair of the Maryland Legislative Ministry, and Maureen Harris, Executive Director of the Maryland initiative will be main speakers.

UULMNJ Website Launched!

The Legislative Ministry website was launched on December 10. It's a beginning and will evolve as our statewide network of UU congregations takes shape. For a look at our website, go to www.uulmnj.org

Doug Rhodes stated upon launch "Okay, we're not quite ready for prime time, but this network of New Jersey UU congregations is ready to receive visitors and ready to fire up our beacon of commitment and hope that will shine beyond our collective parking lots. Already, we see things that need changing and enhancing. If we do this right, our website will never be finished as new ideas, new tasks, and new resources are found and needed."

We view the website as a learning and resource site that, over time, will earn the vision as being the electronic communication backbone of our legislative ministry. Once a consensus is achieved about the social justice issues that the Ministry will pursue, this website will be the nexus of information, action, and spirited debate. It will also contain tools that local congregational teams can use for their own related activities of inquiry, worship, and discussion.

A very big "THANK YOU" goes to Doug Rhodes, who did the lions' share of researching, gathering information and spearheading this website project.

Elaine Nigam, Chair
for the UULMNJ Steering Committee
Forrest Gilmore, Edie Grauer, Judy Malsbury, Doug Rhodes, Bob Tucker



Lynn Nowak, President of Nancy Becker Associates will also speak about the "State of the State" with respect about current New Jersey policy and legislation issues. Breakout Sessions will complete the day of organization, producing new tasks, and enlarged steering committee. UUCP members are invited to attend.

Registration in advance is required (sign up and \$10, includes lunch); brochures and sign up are at the Program Sign Up Table Sundays, December 30 and January 6. Mail receipt deadline is January 8. For questions, contact **Elaine Nigam**, 609-737-7495/earn2000@aol.com. All are welcome!

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Reminder: Outreach Grant Application Deadline is January 14, 2008

UUCP donates funds raised at our annual Spring Fair and Fellowship Auction to Mercer County charitable organizations. **Reminder to Sponsors:** Please ensure that your sponsored charity group is completing their grant application on time. All applications must be received at the Church Office by **Monday, January 14, 2008**. The Outreach Grants Committee (**Lauren Foss, Corinne Reslier, Thaine Shetter, Diane Torrance and Amanda Gillum**, chair) will meet during January and February to review applications and recommend grants to the Executive Team for final approval. Outreach Grants are awarded in the late spring. Contact Amanda with questions (609-737-9163; amanda.gillum@alum.mit.edu).

Paul Robeson House Fundraiser Luncheon and CELEBRATION of BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sunday-January 27, 2008
 Time-Between each of the Sunday services around 10:15 to 1:00 Sunday brunch to help the Witherspoon Church purchase the Paul Robeson House for a community center.
 At 1:00 PM there will be a showing of the highly acclaimed film "AMAZING GRACE", the true story of the hard fought campaign to end slavery in 18th century England. Pick up your free ticket at the brunch.
 Anyone who would like to help or bring food. Example: soup-bread-salad-paper goods or work the food line, set up/clean up. Contact **Elizabeth Peck** 609 452-2670 e-mail: lizpeck198@comcast.net There will be an Art exhibit on display at the time of the luncheon. One of the paintings ANOTHER CONGO WOMAN by Elizabeth Peck, will be auctioned for the Paul Robeson House fund raiser.
 ~Lauren Oneil

HELP US SAVE PAPER AND POSTAGE—GO GREEN!

The latest issue of *Skylights* is always available on our uuprinceton.org website. In fact we post it there as soon as we send it off to the printer. We then send out a message letting e-mail subscribers know that it's been posted online.

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CRISIS MINISTRY

Don Dickason Memorial Valentine for Food Drive, February 7-14. In Don Dickason's memory, The Crisis Ministry will continue the tradition of its (4th) Valentine's For Food Drive. You may participate in 3 ways: bring food items to church, make a monetary donation to the Crisis Ministry or purchase a Valentine for Food at McCaffrey's for \$3.99. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Ferguson at 921-2135 or go to www.thecrisisministry.org.

Volunteers! The Crisis Ministry is in need of at least 2 new client assistant volunteers. If you have a desire to work one-on-one with low-income individuals and possess good computer skills, The Crisis Ministry would love to hear from you. Some of the activities include: listening to clients' stories and documenting their needs for assistance, checking them into the CM food store, and making notes on the client database. The time requirements are once a week for three hours, 9:00-noon in Trenton or 1:30-4:30 in Princeton. Please contact Sandra Austin at info@thecrisisministry.org.

~Lauren Oneil

IT'S JANUARY!

Markets once bully turn stubbornly beary,
 Christmas has passed, weather is hairy,
 skies are starker, ever darker -- zip up your parka!

It's January!

The car you loved, eternally trusty,
 now a broken-down steed who answers to Rusty,
 the crankshaft and camshaft will serve you no more,
 the brake pedal thinks it belongs on the floor.
 Poor clunker's no longer what you'd call fun,
 just up and declared it simply won't run,
 it's finished, history, its days are done.

It's January!

The wind is howling like a band of banshees,
 sharp as the tomahawks of warring Comanches,
 your toes and your nose both so froze it's not funny,
 and you think you can write a poem that's sunny?
 You must be daft!
 Forget it honey!

Crack open the door and take a look,
 then stick your nose back in your book!

It's January!

Rice Lyons,
 Revised Jan. 2006



Board of Trustees

Way back in August (seems like years ago, doesn't it?) your UUCP board came up with a set of goals for this year. In the November issue of Sky-lights, we proudly announced the accomplishment of one of them – the completion and publication of our ends statements.

We're now happy to report that we can check another item off of our list. At our December board meeting, we approved a set of reports that will be used to monitor the performance of the UUCP

Executive Team. These reports fall under the broad categories of finance, policy, ends, shared ministry, communication and support, and accountability. Some are to be presented and reviewed monthly at our board meetings, while others are called for only on a quarterly or even annual basis. Those of you who would like to see a complete listing of the reports (along with the timing for them and specific contents) can find one in the board minutes on either the UUCP web page or the bulletin board in Channing Hall.

Two more of the goals that we set in August are ongoing ones, so we'd like to report here on progress toward meeting them as well. We have resurrected (bet you didn't know that UUs take a belief in resurrection literally?) the communications plan adopted last year, and are continuing the steps it lays out to engage the UUCP congregation in two-way communication. We are also continuing to clarify roles and develop partnerships between the board and other bodies of the congregation. To that end we are working with the Stewardship Committee to host Chocolate Sunday at 1 PM on Sunday, February 3 (yes, we know that is Superbowl Sunday, but we'll be done long before the start of the game).

Hope that your holidays were everything you hoped for and more!

~Elizabeth Silverman

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know – that both the Hebrew and Christian Bibles were changed by scribes frequently – a must read!)

A Short History of Myth (Karen Alexander) – The award winning writer challenges your concept and knowledge of Myth, its history, and how it affects us today.

What Animals Can Teach Us About Spirituality- Inspiring lessons from Life's wild and tame creatures - Reminding us about non-humans and their role beyond "service"

Awake at Work - 35 Practical Buddhist Principles for Discovering Clarity and Balance in the Midst of Work's Chaos – Very Good!

Healing Conversations – What to say When you don't know what to say- Amazing and helpful – this is a useful book every caring person should own.

True Love – Thich Nhat Hanh Practice for Awakening the Heart - Love way beyond the romantic

Meditation – (Eknath Easwaran) – Classic meditation book – Easwaran's 8 Point Program

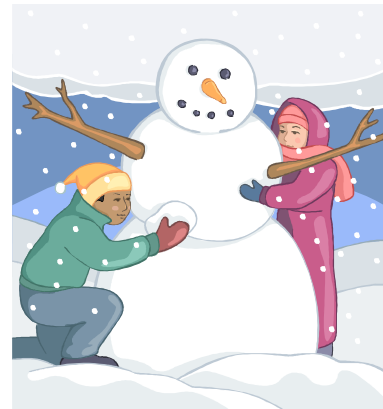
Getting on Message- Challenging the Christian right from the heart of the Gospel

Moral Courage (Kidder) – Taking action when your morals are put to test – How will you act?

In Praise of Animals – A treasury, a very special compilation of verse, prose, quotes, and honoring prayers – a book to honor all non-human animals

Simply Pray—A Modern Spiritual Practice to Deepen Your Life (Wikstrom—UU minister from Cape Cod) - A new look at "Why Pray," and "How" with a UU ritual suggested—popular!

~Dolores Phillips



Sun Soaker

How does Li'l Big chihuahua know cold winter is coming soon?

Must be - - -

All through September he sought the sunny spots, curled up or stretched out' luxuriating in the warmth. As if he's stirring up heat inside himself, to draw on when temperatures tumble.

Can he really be so nature-knowledgeable?

Maggie Pack

Dogs Too

When you lift your head and wail,
Li'l Big,

Your loneliness for other dogs rises to the breezes-- Almost makes me wish I could be a dog companion for you.

Maggie Pack

JANUARY 2008

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
		JAN 1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED 2:00p-7:00p Annual Art Show— Founders, Fahs	JAN 2 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 7:15p-9:15p Covenant Circle(1st Wednesday PM)—Murray 7:00p-9:00p Loss & Grieving Group (1st Wed) —Room 15 7:30p-9:00p Choir Practice— Channing Hall	JAN 3 10:00a-Noon Women's Alliance Board Meeting—Founders 7:15p-9:15p Covenant Circle (1st Thurs PM) - Murray Room	JAN 4 11:00a—Irma Frank Memorial Service— Channing Hall 7:15p-9:15p Covenant Circle —(1st Friday PM) Room 15	JAN 5
JAN 6—TWO Services 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. 9:00a-2:00p Brunch—Founders 10:35a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Channing 11:00a Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 12:30p-2:00p UU Buddha Group (1st Sunday) —Murray 7:00p-9:00p Youth Group (1st Sunday)—Fahs	JAN 7 7:30p-9:30p Green Sanctuary— Room 15	JAN 8 11:30a Men's Club Luncheon— Founders 5:30p-7:00p Legislative Ministry Steering Committee (2nd Tuesday) Minister's Office 7:00p-9:00p Board of Trustees— Founders	JAN 9 9 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Fahs 5:30p-7:00p Adult Program Com- mittee— Murray 7:30p-9:00p Choir Practice— Channing Hall	JAN 10 10:00a-12:15p Covenant Circle (2nd Thurs AM) - Murray Room 7:15p Newcomer Circle (2nd Thurs) Murray Room 7:00p-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal— Channing	JAN 11	JAN 12 8:00a-5:00p UULMNJ Conference ALL UP- STAIRS 8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates—Murray
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Ministers' Schedules



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

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On sabbatical from
Nov 6, 2007 to
May 6, 2008

Rev. Forrest Gilmore
Noon – 5:00 p.m.
Tues through Thurs
Day off: Monday
Study day: Friday

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

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