

*Upcoming Sunday Worship Services*

**Welcome  
Rev. Bill  
Neely!!**

**July 3, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

***The Power of My Power***

When a therapist says “Mmmm-hmmm,” don’t you wonder what s/he’s thinking? This sermon is a compilation of all those things I learned working as a counselor for 15 years.

Worship Leaders: **Revs. Meg Barnhouse**   Worship Associate: **Marjorie Herman**  
Music: **Buzz Herman—trumpet, Beth Ertz—piano, Marjorie Herman**

**July 10, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

***Goodbye and All That Jazz***

Winton Marsalis, in his book “Letters to a Young Jazz Musician: letters from the road,” gives advice that is, on its surface, about music. Underneath, it teaches us about how to move through life light on our feet, working well with others, being authentic, and knowing how to improvise.

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

**July 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

***At the Beginning, Near the Best Part***

A sermon on the unlikely journey one young man has undertaken become a UU minister. Through his journey we might all see how our own life stories, continually start and stop, and come to understand why we are always at the beginning of our tale, and near the best part.

Daniel Gregoire has completed two years of his study for the UU ministry at Union Theological Seminary. He is on the staff at Community Church in New York City.

Worship Leader: **Daniel Gregoire**   Worship Associate: **Stephanie Hanzel Cohen**  
Music: **Tyler Barton—tenor, Beth Ertz—piano, Marjorie Herman**

**July 24, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

***21st Century Universalism***

The 17th and 18th centuries saw the spread of Biblical and Enlightenment Universalism and the first half of the 20th century saw the New Universalism. In the 21st century, what was new is now old. But take heart, there are 21st century Universalisms around us and there may even be one even within Unitarian Universalism.

The Rev. Dr. Anthony P. (Tony) Johnson is interim minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden, CT, consulting minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palisades (Englewood, NJ), and Affiliated (community) minister at the Community Church of New York.

Worship Leader: **Rev. Dr. Anthony P. Johnson**   Worship Associate: **Bridgette Heller**  
Music: **Jeffrey Fadden—guitar—cello, Beth Ertz—piano**

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## *Upcoming Sunday Worship Services continued*

**July 31, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

### *Love Beyond Belief*

In one of our popular hymns, we sing, "love will guide us." In agreement, the Unitarian Universalist theologian Thaneka writes of a "love beyond belief" that lives at the center of our faith. What does this love look like? How does it guide and shape us?

Worship Leader: **Rev. Bill Neely** Worship Associate: **Patricia Hennigan**

Music: **Rebecca Nice-Parrone—soprano, Beth Ertz—piano**

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**August 7, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

### *The Spirit at the Start*

Life is full of beginnings, and the spirit with which we embrace a new start influences much about our journey together. Here at the start of our ministry, we'll explore what sort of spirit will serve us well as we engage our holy work.

Worship Leader: **Rev. Bill Neely** Worship Associate: **Kristen Shearer**

Music: **Pam Hughes and Joelle Piercy—pianists**

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**August 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

### *Putting the "Us" in Sustenance*

As one, we often tire in our efforts, facing burnout and despair. But as many, we build each other up and find new expressions of energy and hope. This is often how our ministry sustains us, but it is also easily taken for granted. With intention, let's honor the "many" this morning.

Worship Leader: **Rev. Bill Neely** Worship Associate: **Ron Campbell**

Music: **Herb Foster—horn, Beth Ertz—piano**

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**August 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

### *We'll Build a World*

The news media is often negative; our leaders, cynical, and life is sometimes difficult for everyone. And yet church helps us envision a more hopeful world of greater possibility. We then enact the calling of our faith, which is to go build that world, again and again, in hope and with love. This morning, we'll look at some "building" plans.

Worship Leader: **Rev. Bill Neely** Worship Associate: **Patricia Hennigan**

Music: **Sophia and Dylan Torrance—violins, Beth Ertz—piano, Marjorie Herman**

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**August 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

### *UU Ministry in Uganda*

Rev. Kiyimba is a Unitarian minister in Uganda. His church affirms homosexuality in a context of rampant homophobia in Uganda. His church runs a school for 400 children and an orphanage for children afflicted with HIV-AIDS. He is a refugee in the US due to charges brought against him for his support of gays and lesbians, and he is speaking with selected UU congregations about his ministry. Come here the story of Rev. Kiyimba's ministry in Uganda.

Worship Leader: **Rev. Mark Kiyimba** Worship Associate: **Buzz Herman**

Music: **Hymn Sing, Beth Ertz—piano, Marjorie Herman**

**Reflection**  
**Reverend Bill Neely**

**The Good News**

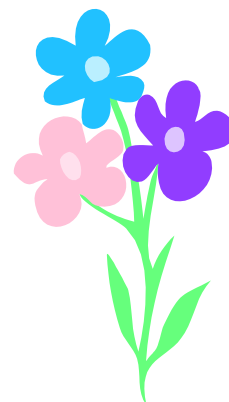
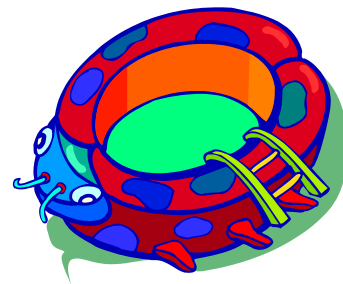
Thank you so much for a fun, active, and fulfilling Candidate Week in May. I'm grateful to the Search Committee for coordinating everything, to the worship leaders for helping me find my way through those services, to Meg and Chris for being such wonderful and supportive colleagues, to the Staff for feedback and history, to the Board for their faithful and optimistic leadership, to the many leaders who organized our meetings and discussions, and to everyone who stopped by a gathering or potluck so that we could get to know each other better. It was a busy week for everyone involved, and at the end I was exhausted (as many UUCP'ers were). But even in that state, I was still full of your faith and goodwill. It was a bit like Thanksgiving. After dinner, I'm often exhausted, but stuffed and happy. Thank you for a great, week-long, Thanksgiving meal.

We head from transitions into transitions. As I write this column, the exact nature of our Lifespan Religious Education staffing next year is still to be determined. It'll be new, however we create it. Our settled ministry together is just starting after both of us spending time in transition ministries. Some new congregational leaders are stepping into positions and some are rotating out of their roles. And Shannon and I are looking forward to learning about Princeton, the surrounding communities, and the larger circle of exciting opportunities that exist in our new neck of the woods.

This atmosphere is one of possibility, creativity and excitement. And yet one question that was asked during Candidate Week keeps coming back to me. Very early in the week I was asked what my professional plans were beyond UUCP. The question surprised me because I have no plans beyond UUCP. I had not even considered developing any. That was how I answered then, and the same is very true

now. Shannon and I want to be in Princeton for a long time, and I want to be your minister for a long time. I look forward to our ministry growing together to become a force of tremendous love and service in the community. With all the transitions that we will experience during our first year together, that longer vision of stability is one that I hope to emphasize. Doing so will strengthen my ministry to you, and our ministry together.

Speaking of transitions, Meg and I will share a few weeks of ministry in early July which will help me learn a great deal about how UUCP functions. I'll even get to see her preach! Meg and I will then share a week at the Southeastern Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute (SUUSI) with 1,000 or so of our closest friends, as we both go to SUUSI every year. And my first Sunday back in the pulpit will be July 31, when you'll probably also meet my parents who are planning on driving up for that weekend. This is an exciting time: the beginning of a strong and vibrant ministry together. Shannon and I couldn't be happier about being with you.



## *Reflection* *Reverend Meg Barnhouse*

I have enjoyed being your Interim Minister for the past two years. Knowing I had a limited time with you kept me an outsider in some ways, which helped me see things with fresh eyes. It made all interactions sweeter in other ways. Working with Chris Reed and the congregational staff was a pleasure, and I enjoyed learning from them. Jon Sachs did a wonderful job as President, leading the Board with good humor and a clear mind. Many of the congregation's other leaders have been inspiring in their dedication and their love for this community. I hope you will be able to come to my goodbye party on July 10, so we will get a chance to speak before I leave. Kiya and I are so grateful for our time here, and for the relationships that we have built with you all.

Over the past two years I have heard several people say that they don't know how things work, or that it took them years to figure out how things work, so as I get ready to leave for Austin, I wanted to write out a simple explanation of how things get done around here.

**The Board** sets the goals for the congregation. These are called "Ends." Board members try to watch, listen and converse with the congregation to make sure they are setting goals that the congregation would want. The Board also sets policies to guide the minister in the process of bringing the goals to life as ministries of the congregation. Board members' names and contact information are listed in a booklet called "**The Shared Ministries Guide**," which is available at UUPrin-  
ceton.org and in the office, which is downstairs by the side parking lot. The Board monitors the progress of the work of the minister and the congregation through meeting with com-

mittees and congregation members, and through monthly reports made by the minister.

**The Minister** makes sure the goals guide the day-to-day workings of the congregation. It is up to the minister to implement these goals. Delegating work to staff and committees is part of how the minister makes this happen. Once a month the minister reports to the Board about the finances, the Ends, or those policies that guide the minister ("Executive Limitations"), and the Board monitors the progress of the whole in that way.

**The Committees** are the "engine" of the congregation, moving it forward towards its goals. Along with the minister and the staff, committee members do the actual work, the planning and the decision-making that makes the work of the congregation all pull in one direction: the direction set by the goals.

The chairs of the committees meet every couple of months for coordination, communication and cooperation as the **Program Council**.

**How do you get things done at UUCP?** You find the head of the committee that oversees the area in which you want to get something done. "**The Shared Ministries Guide**" is in the church office (609-924-1604). It lists the committee chairs, along with the heads of other congregational ministries like Green Sanctuary, Women's Alliance, Pastoral Associates, etc. The guide is on the lower shelf of the table in the office that is beside the minister's office door, along with the Membership Directory and the Annual Reports. The committee chair should be able to talk to you about how to do what you want to do if it fits with the mission of the congregation.

If you can't find the committee chair, you are welcome to talk to the minister, or go ask one of the people standing in the kitchen. They know everything.

All Board and committee meetings are open to anyone, and their meetings are written on the congregational calendar, a link to which is on the front page of UUPrin-  
ceton.org, the congregation's web site.



*Welcome New  
Members!*

*Janis Griffith  
James Bogart  
Lisa Trayner  
Kevin Trayner*

## Religious Education for Children and Youth

### 2011 Summer Chalice Program

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

June 12 - September 4

(Please note that there is no session on Sunday, July 3)

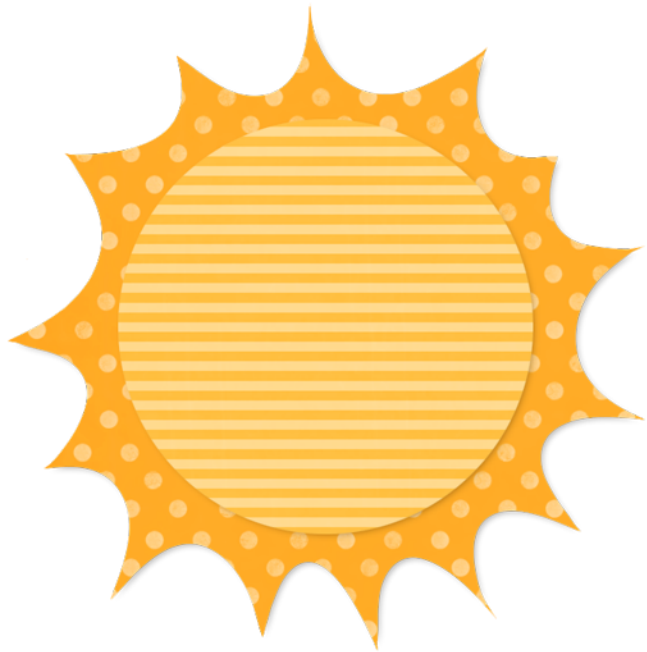
The RE Council has chosen the theme, '**Our Natural World**' for the **2011 Summer Chalice Program**. This UUCP Summer Religious Education Program offers two classes, one for pre-K/K (ages 3-5 years) and one for ages 6-12 years.

For younger children, 0-3 years old, the nursery will be open each Sunday. Youth ages 13-18 are invited to attend the adult service.

The Summer Chalice Program differs from the year-round program in that there is not a set class roster and the teachers may change from week to week. However, there is leadership continuity from a core group of leaders. Every family's summer plans are unique so you are welcome to attend on any Sunday that fits into your schedule.

Registration forms for the summer program are available in the RE office. Place completed forms in the box marked Summer Chalice Program in the office. Again, attendance is flexible and you can always sign your children up for any Sunday that you are here.

The RE Council welcomes your ideas and suggestions for fun activities that would fit into this nature based curriculum. Do you have an interesting skill or hobby that you would like to share with the children? **If you are interested in leading/teaching one of the Sunday sessions or being an assistant (helping parent), please reply to [DLRE@uuprinceton.org](mailto:DLRE@uuprinceton.org)** . *~Liz Warrior*



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, JULY 4 , 11:15-12:30 in the John Murray Room.**

Drop-in Newcomers' Circles usually meet on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:00 service. In June we will meet on Sunday, June 12. 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. Bill Neely** at [Bill@uuprinceton.org](mailto:Bill@uuprinceton.org). You can also just join us that day.



### 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. Bill Neely** 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 **Rev. Bill Neely** at [bill@uuprinceton.org](mailto:bill@uuprinceton.org), 609-924-1604, ext. 11 if you are interested in joining a Covenant Circle.

## NEW PROGRAMS

### SoulCollage®

**Sunday, September 18 from 2:00p-6:00p in the Founders Room**

If you missed the first SoulCollage® workshop in June, you'll have another chance in September. SoulCollage® is a great way to learn about yourself and to honor the people who are important to you in a supportive, creative environment. You'll create collage cards that reflect your unique personality or Soul and learn how these cards can

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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. Bill Neely**, [bill@uuprinceton.org](mailto:bill@uuprinceton.org).

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help you unlock your own deep wisdom. For more information and to see sample cards, speak to **Nancy Norbeck** ([norbeck@gmail.com](mailto:norbeck@gmail.com)) after services, or visit [SoulCollage.com](http://SoulCollage.com).

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### **B**uddhist Meditation Group

**1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays: July 3, 17, 31,  
August 7 & 21 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?*

Our UUCP Buddhist meditation group has been meeting since October. Our meetings combine a period of meditation with a time to explore how to incorporate a more Buddhist approach into our lives drawing on readings 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

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

**Cost: Donation to UUCP Yoga Fund accepted**

Come join Sharon for Yoga and take time out of your hectic life to re-center, rejuvenate, and nourish your body, mind and soul.

**Tuesday mornings** class will be a gentle class with lots of modifications and the use of blankets and pillows, ending with a 20 minute restorative pose.

**Thursday mornings** class will be slightly more fluid, using the breath to take us through Sun Salutations as well as static poses to deepen our practice. Please join us for either one or both classes to supplement your home practice.

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)

### **Y**oung Adult Circle

**Ages 20-35(ish)**

**TBD July and August dates**

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)

### **S**ages

**Only 2 Summer Wednesdays: July 13 and August 10 at 10:30a-Noon, in the John Murray Room.**

### **NEEDS OF OLDER, RETIRED PERSONS AT UUCP**

The SAGES group is planning to survey the needs of older, retired persons at UUCP and resources to meet them. SAGES is the new name of the Aging and Saging group. Created by Rev. Chris Reed, SAGES continues as a self-led group meeting twice a month. Anyone who has a comment to add to this informal needs and resources survey is welcome to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, April 27 at 10:30 AM in the Murray Room. Comments can also be emailed to [carolkallen@msn.com](mailto:carolkallen@msn.com).

### **C**UUPS (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)).

### **A** Course in Miracles

**Sundays 11:15 am—12:30 pm in Room 15**  
ACIM for the summer, July and August



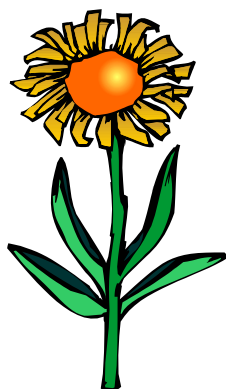
## MURRAY GROVE

Recently the Murray Grove Association board of trustees changed the name to better reflect its operation. They are now Murray Grove Retreat and **Renewal** Center. People and groups come to Murray Grove for many reasons: to renew themselves; to recharge their batteries; to connect with colleagues/loved ones; to work towards a common goal.

Other Murray Grove **renewal efforts** include:

- The rescheduling of Homecoming to once every five years. The next Homecoming in 2015 will celebrate the 245th anniversary of John Murray's delivery of the first Universalist sermon in America.
- The scheduling of intensive workshops that focus on Universalism and related areas during the time between Homecoming events. This year's feature workshop, on July 31-August 5, is **Heritage Week**. This will be led by renowned Unitarian Universalist educator and historian Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Strong. Liz has a way of bringing life to history; her extensive research is fascinating, and her passion for our faith and its roots are contagious. This is a rare opportunity to learn about our rich history right here at Murray Grove where John Murray's first sermon in America was preached. Heritage Week is for anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of Universalist, Unitarian, and Unitarian Universalist religious education and history.
- Targeted to be unveiled on or about July 1 is the redesigned and updated website. Murray Grove thanks the Fund for Unitarian Universalism whose grant made this possible.
- The upgrading of the pool to a more efficient and environmentally friendly saltwater system.

## 4th Annual Murray Grove Drum and Dance Fest July 15-17, 2011



**SUMMER HOURS—**  
**The UUCP BOOKSTORE**  
**will be open the 1st & 3rd Sundays after the service.**

Contact Alice  
**Harper:** aharper67 @ comcast.net  
609 737-3046



## Interested in Adult Programs?

For more information about any of the classes described on pages 5-7, visit the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge.

## 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

### Why I volunteer to work at Habitat for Humanity in Trenton by Ray Nichols

Habitat for Humanity depends largely on volunteers to provide clean, safe, and affordable housing for poor working families who are willing but unable to afford to purchase any other type of home. In Trenton, Habitat has focused its efforts in what is known as the East Trenton Redevelopment Area.

When I think about what I enjoy about giving a day out of my busy life to help Habitat, I realize that I am living out a part of **The Mission Covenant of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton**: Specifically, the parts that say: *"Transformed through our shared explorations, we are compelled to build a better World in harmony with all existence...and We pledge our ... hands... to this sacred bond."*

In addition, I enjoy the fellowship and friendships I have developed with other members of UUCP while literally building a small part of a better world.

Over the past four years about 40 different UUCP'ers have devoted anywhere from one to many Saturdays to volunteer work with Habitat. On any given Saturday, there are usually several different tasks that need doing, with a variety of skills needed. There is something for everyone, from unskilled labor to skilled trades people. Often I have learned some new skill or technique that I have subsequently used at home.

Here's a brief description of what UUCPers have done recently: For much of last year, we were involved in completing the construction of a new duplex on the same block as Habitat's offices. We framed and constructed interior walls with 2 by 4s and then installed sheetrock and flooring. Earlier this year, we were cleaning out and renovating some older houses in Trenton so they could be occupied by new families. We have also helped to set up and stock the new Habitat ReStore, where donated construction materials and home furnishings are sold

at a substantial discount. Most recently, on June 11th, three of us worked with five people from St. Charles Church in Skillman to clear a vacant lot of debris and weeds. On April 29<sup>th</sup>, Habitat broke ground for a new single family house that Bloomberg is sponsoring. As soon as Habitat can pour concrete for its basement and foundation, we will be working on it.

If using your hands to help Habitat build a better world interests you, here's what a typical Saturday is like: At 8:30 AM we meet at Habitat's HQ in the East Trenton Center at 601 N. Clinton Ave. to get organized into teams for the day's activities. It's conveniently located on the corner of Olden Ave., just a few blocks east of the Olden Ave. exit from the Route 1 Freeway. There is a parking lot across the street. We wear comfortable work clothes, and several layers of them, some of which will get removed as the day and work get us warmed up. Habitat will provide safety equipment, including gloves, goggles and hard hats, but not safety shoes. So please don't wear sandals or open-toed shoes. They also provide all the tools that will be needed. We stop for lunch and a time for fellowship around noon (you can either bring a lunch or buy one inexpensively at the corner store), and finish up about 3:00 PM, after putting away the tools we used and cleaning up the worksite.

Before any volunteer can start working, Habitat requires that you attend an orientation program that starts at 9:00 AM and takes about an hour. The orientation is held in the "Learning Center" room at Habitat's HQ at 601 N. Clinton Ave. (Incidentally, this room was designed, renovated, and refurbished by members and friends of UUCP a few years ago. Several members come here regularly on weekdays to tutor local residents.) Upon completion of the orientation program, you can join the UUCP crew wherever we are working, or work on a special task along with some of the other volunteers who attend the orientation

program with you.

You can learn more by viewing Habitat's website at [www.habitatta.org](http://www.habitatta.org). Feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

Ray Nichols: tel. 609-737-7442 or [acer-nichols@verizon.net](mailto:acer-nichols@verizon.net)

A particular day's work schedule can also change, depending on how many volunteers show up on a day, their particular skills (if any), the weather, and what has been accomplished during the previous week.

As the self-appointed coordinator of the UUCP Habitat work crews, I've pledged to Habitat's volunteer coordinator to encourage a handful of our members and friends to be there on the second Saturday of the month, to help out as needed.



## UUCP Supports Adoptee Rights

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton (UUCP) passed a resolution “to support the rights of adopted persons to unrestricted, unconditional access to their own original birth certificate.” The resolution passed on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> by overwhelming majority at the congregational annual meeting.

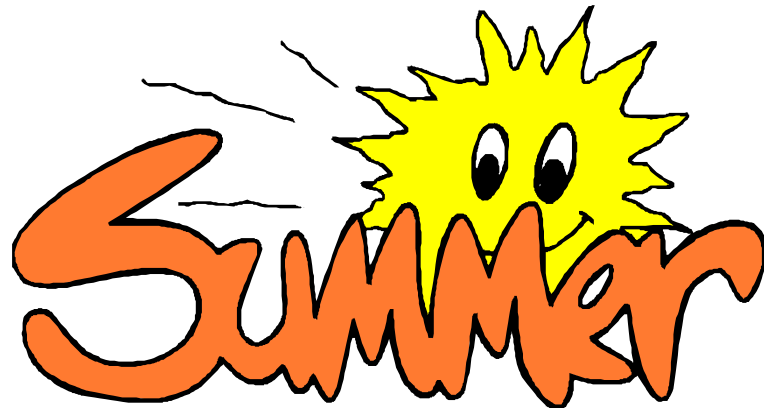
The membership vote was taken after consideration of the issues and how and why the records of adopted persons were sealed in New Jersey, first in 1938 to the public and then in 1940 to all parties, including those named on the birth certificate and to whom it would otherwise belong.

Mirah Riben, UUCP member, author and long time adoption reform activist initiated the proposal because said it seemed like such a natural fit with Unitarian Universalist focus on social justice and concerns of equality, civil and human rights.

The right of adopted people to be treated equal to their non-adopted peers in regard to access to their own birth certificates is grounded in the values of Unitarian Universalism and its principles of the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equality and compassion in human relations; and, a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

The passage of this resolution comes at a time when a bill restoring the rights of New Jersey adoptees is awaiting the signature of Governor Christie, having passed the both the state Assembly and Senate after three decades.

Despite efforts of grassroots activists to secure unrestricted access, the NJ bill offers a compromise that provides a one-year period during which mothers and fathers who relinquished their parental rights or had them terminated can file a certified letter requesting their names are redacted from the birth certificate before being released. ~Mirah Riben 6/5/11



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## Grace Notes

### Adult Choir, Bell Choir, and Kids' Chorale

Our ensembles are on hiatus for the summer, but membership in all ensembles is strongly encouraged for next season. Mark your calendars now for the **Adult Choir Open House Potluck on Sunday evening August 28 from 5:30 – 8:30pm**. This evening is a no obligation opportunity for you to meet our jolly band of singers, and to sing through the musical highlights of the coming season. The Bell Choir and Kids' Chorale will open their memberships in September. Write to Marjorie for more details: [marjmuse@optonline.net](mailto:marjmuse@optonline.net).

### A Poignant Opportunity

A group of Music Directors who serve in churches and congregations in Princeton has organized for the purpose of sharing ideas and getting to know each other's ministries. Marjorie is a member of this group, which met recently at Nassau Presbyterian Church. At this meeting, we were asked to participate in a special service on the evening of Sunday, September 11 at the Princeton University Chapel for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. All of us agreed to participate! Several singers from each of the choirs will join together to form a choir to sing at this service. Each of the Music Directors will suggest repertoire than would be appealing to all faiths. We are seeing this as the first of many joint efforts at expressing common sentiments. Just another way to apply our UU principles in the larger community!!

### Another Good-bye

We are very sad to announce that after more than six years as our dearly loved accompanist for Sunday services, Beth Ertz will be leaving us at the end of the summer. Since her move to NYC last spring, traveling to Princeton on Sunday mornings has made it increasingly difficult for her to be here in the consistent manner necessitated for the smooth flow of services. This will be a tremendous loss to both our ministry and our congregation, as she has certainly become a part of our UU family, beloved by so many. We've had the good fortune to have such a complete musician in our midst, and though several other accompanists have come forward to be interviewed, they could never mean what Beth has meant to our services. The good news is that Beth will be back to play special services and concerts with us. There will be some opportunity to say good-bye to her in some formal way, to be announced soon. Stay tuned!

### Gone Fishin'

Marjorie will be taking vacation from July 15 until August 15. The best way to reach her during that time will be by e-mail: [marjmuse@optonline.net](mailto:marjmuse@optonline.net), but give her a few days to get back to you!! She may be napping...

### HYMN OF THE MONTH

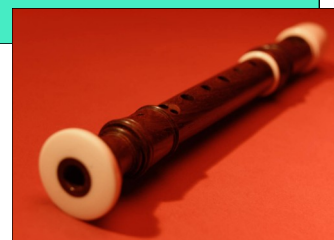
Congregational singing has been wonderful this year, partly due to our Hymn of the Month program. Though we will of course be singing hymns all summer, we will suspend the "Hymn of the Month" for the summer, and revive it again in September.

### 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.



**Wanted:** Recorder players to form a small ensemble to play for one service every 6 months. If interested, contact **Buzz Herman** at: [maestro2@optonline.net](mailto:maestro2@optonline.net), or 609-273-6869.



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

*We come together in a free and open search for meaning within the mysteries of life.*

*We draw inspiration from the wisdom of the ages, guided by reason, intuition, and experience.*

*Transformed through our shared explorations, we are compelled to build a better World in harmony with all existence.*

*We commit to love, respect, and nurture each other in our lifelong spiritual journeys.*

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

## 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 publishing (Jon Krejci, Elizabeth Silverman, and Rev. Chris Reed)

**Ruth and Harry Tomlinson** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June. They have been UUCP members for over forty of those years!

**Ruth Mazzarella** is in a rehab unit at Princeton Hospital recovering from a fall. She reports that her children are taking very good care of her, but she is eager to return to her friends at Stonebridge. Next year Ruth will celebrate fifty years of UUCP membership.

**Bart Hoebel**, who, with his late wife **Cindy**, joined UUCP in 1969, died on June 11. Bart was active in UUCP in myriad ways: leading the local peace movement during the Vietnam War, pushing for the humane treatment of prisoners at the Mercer County jail, chairing the social concerns committee, helping raise money for

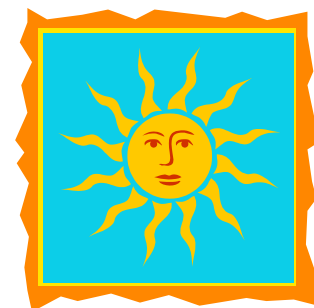
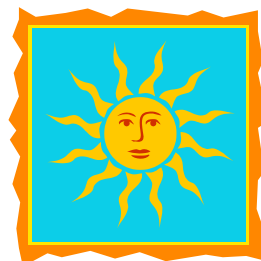
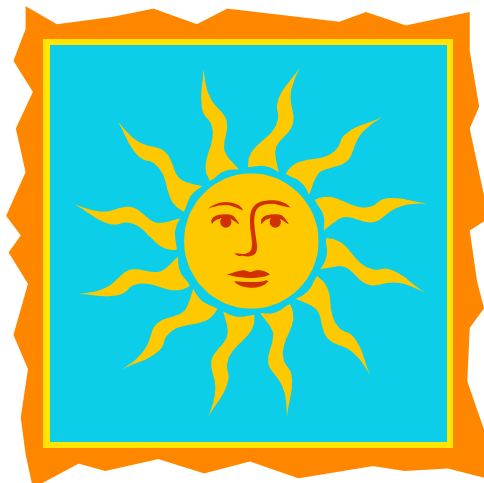
social justice outreach by giving hot air balloon rides, starting and playing in the oom-pah band, providing entertainment with his steam calliope, and giving us a Christmas tree from his tree farm every year. **SPLASH** – his steamboat that serves as an environmental teaching facility on the Delaware River – was started with seed money from UUCP. Most importantly, according to his daughter Valerie, he and Cindy – a UUCP choir member and pianist – developed friendships here spanning decades, enjoying a wonderful sense of community and feasting with fellow DUNS members monthly up until this past year. In his day job, Bart was a professor of psychology at Princeton, internationally recognized for his pioneering work with food addictions.

Relative newcomer (with just 33 years as a UUCP member) **Tony Tucker** is homebound and would enjoy phone calls. His number is 989-9108. He's busy with a home health aide on Monday and Friday mornings, but free to talk at other times.

**Bill Hopkins**, husband of **Alice Deanin** and father of **Peter, David and Mark Hopkins** died on June 4. A PhD in electrical engineering, Bill served on the faculty at Princeton and at Drexel before changing fields to work as

an actuary. His favorite leisure activity was caring for the land and the trees at the family's farm in Bethel, Pennsylvania. Donations in his memory may be made to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, PO Box 807, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

Our ministerial intern, **Craig Rubano**, received a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary on May 21. He was awarded the 2011 Arthur Paul Rech Memorial Award for both "academic excellence in the disciplines of practical theology and a personal commitment to the practice of ministry in the life of the church." His first published essay - "Behind our I's: Grief and Loss in the Poetry of Li-Young Lee" - appears in the current issue of *Pastoral Psychology*, the most established academic journal in the field of psychology and religion/spirituality. Our heartiest congratulations go out to Craig, as well as our best wishes as he pursues UU ordination by doing an extended chaplaincy at JFK Medical Center in Edison this coming year.



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<p><b>JUL.31—ONE Service—10:00</b>                      10:00a Summer Chalice Program                      11:15a -12:20p A Course in Miracles—Room 15                      12:00p SoulCollage Workshop® - Founders                      1:00p Meditation &amp; Discussion Group—Room 1</p>						

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