

Skylights newsletter

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Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

March 2, 2008 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

From Good to Great

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

Music: **Adult Choir, Paul Christianson, percussion, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

Our mission, in short, is to help people seek the sacred and serve the world in a community of love. Many of you may have read the Jim Collins book, *Good to Great*. Its principles apply well to us. We are a good organization. But how can we be great in living out our purpose? Today's service is for all those who care about our community and its mission. We'll kick off our Stewardship campaign and, as part of the service, we will have a worshipful opportunity to offer a financial pledge in support of our unique and irreplaceable faith.



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

Being Alive, Having to Die (Daylight Savings Time begins)

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** Worship Associate: **Ted Fetter**

Music: **Vocal Quartet: Rebecca Nice-Parrone, Kevin Peters, Thomas Snell, Marjorie Herman**

Rev. Forrest Church, minister of the All Souls Unitarian Church in Manhattan, wrote, "Religion is the human response to the dual reality of being alive and having to die." As some of you know, Rev. Church has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Today, we'll speak about him and the wisdom he has offered to us as we wrestle with our own experience of being alive and having to die. *Don't forget Daylight Savings Time... Spring ahead.*

March 16, 2008 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

What Sons and Daughters Need from their Dads

Guest Worship Leader: **Neil Chethik** Worship Associates: **Sharon Copeland, Forrest Gilmore**

Music: **Sophia Grace Torrance, violin, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

What is the essence of good fathering? Based on his original research in which he interviewed hundreds of sons and daughters, UU author Neil Chethik will share three surprising traits of good fathers. He'll also show that no matter how old a father is, or how estranged he may be from a son or daughter, he can reconnect and reconcile.

Neil Chethik is a longtime UU, and author of two acclaimed books: *VoiceMale: What Husbands Really Think About Their Marriages* (Simon & Schuster 2006), and *FatherLoss: How Sons Deal With the Deaths of Their Dads* (Hyperion 2001). Neil is currently Writer-in-Residence at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning in Lexington, Ky., where he lives with his wife, the Rev. Kelly Flood, and their 14-year-old son, Evan.

March 23, 2008 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

Celebrating Easter – A Service for All Ages

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** Worship Associate: **Jordan Corn**

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

Join us as we celebrate, in our own unique Unitarian Universalist way, the holy day of Easter. As part of the service, we will be offering a children's blessing for any family who wishes it. The service will be for all ages and honor the connections between Easter, Passover and Spring!

March 30, 2008 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. (Two Services)

The Bible & Race (Part 1 of 3)

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

Music: **Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

In between the Christian holiday of Easter and the Jewish holiday of Passover, we'll explore the book that unites both faiths. The Bible arguably has had more influence over American culture than any other, and in a three sermon series, we'll examine that influence. Today, we explore the Bible's connection to race in America and how the Bible has been used both to promote racism and to set people free.

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.*

Investing in Worship Excellence

The word worship comes from the Old English weorthscipe and means the shape or condition of worth. When we offer worship at our congregation, it is in this spirit that we do so... to honor and celebrate that which is of worth in our lives. **Worship stands at the heart of all that we do as a spiritual community.** Church consultants consistently tell us that high quality worship is one of the most important things, if not the most important thing, to advance a congregation's mission. It is a great investment to consistently seek excellence when we gather for worship together.

As part of that **we are hoping to invest more in our music program should we do well in our pledge drive.** I've been serving as your minister for almost four years now and our financing of worship has remained the same. The Unitarian Universalist Musician's Network advises that congregations should invest between 7 & 10% of their income on music. We're currently at 6%. We've done an excellent job expanding our religious education programs for children and youth and our social justice work. Now, it's time to invest in worship. You'll see inside *Skylights* a listing of our major budgetary priorities, voted upon by many congregants at our Chocolate Sunday, our RED Room, and other events. Investing in music was supported as the #1 priority. I hope you'll consider that as you consider your pledge this year.

Also, as some of you know, we've been discussing the possibility of having two different worship styles for our two services – a more contemplative, traditional service at 9:15 and a more contemporary, celebratory service at 11:15. **On March 30th, after the services at 10:30 or 12:30, please join Margie Herman and me for a conversation about this idea.** We'd very much like your input.

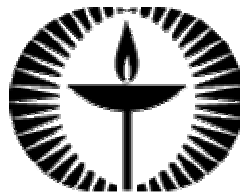
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~Sara Oderwald



Children's Dedication on Easter Sunday

Religious traditions throughout the world honor the birth of a new child with ritual and celebration. As Unitarian Universalists, we celebrate by offering our dedication to that child as she or he grows. We'll be having a children's dedication on Easter Sunday, March 23rd. Children of all ages are welcome to participate. If you would like your child to participate, please contact **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** by Wednesday, March 19th.

Reflection

By Reverend Chris Reed

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

Building a Relational Covenant at UUCP

Last spring, the Committee on Ministry made a recommendation to the Executive Team that our congregation undertake the process of developing a behavioral covenant.

This recommendation observes:

“The UUCP has made great strides in the past few years in defining ourselves as a religious body with a purpose (mission statement), a vision (to create the beloved community), a broadening of our concept of ministry (shared ministry), and a progressive form of governance (policy governance). Now that we have a stated purpose and goals and a leadership structure to help us get there, it is perhaps time to articulate the way we want to be with one another that reflects our deepest values.

While the Safe Congregation Policy describes behavior that we will not tolerate, we as a community have never covenanted with one another regarding the behavior that we expect of one another and promise one another. Such a “behavioral covenant” is a congregational vow that describes how we promise to be in relationship with one another as we pursue our mission and vision.”

Interested current and former members of the Committee on Ministry (**Cathy Stolle, Dana Powsner and Sharon McCrae**) and a representative of the Adult Programs Committee (**Michele Ochsner**) have formed a Relational Covenant Task Force to work with

Forrest Gilmore and Chris Reed on exploring a process for developing what we are calling a Relational Covenant. Other UUCP members (**Ted Fetter, Pete Gerster, and Kathy Taylor**) have agreed to be advisors/consultants on this process.

We believe there is currently a strong sense of community here at UUCP. We are becoming a more beloved community.

So, why undertake this process at this particular point in our congregational life?

Any large scale undertaking involves trade-offs—why throw our congregational energies into this process at this particular point in time? Will this process add to or detract from other important aspects of our mission such as social action where our focus is outside the congregation?

First of all, our relationships are, in fact, the foundation for much of what we do. We believe that this process can encourage fuller and more effective participation in pursuing our vision and mission, not only in our work within UUCP, but also in our outreach ministry in the broader community. Creating a forum for conversation on this topic will help build more authentic and trusting relationships between congregants. After all, we don’t relate to “a community”—our sense of community is based on our individual relationships. By involving UUCP congregants in thinking through and talking about how we relate to each other, we may be able to expand the number of people who truly believe that they have found a close and meaningful community here.

Secondly, it is much easier to create a covenant about how we relate at a time when our congrega-

tional life is NOT experiencing conflict. In developing a relational covenant during a period without conflict, we are laying the groundwork for dealing with difficult situations that may arise in the future. As the Committee on Ministry noted: “A covenant’s goal is to call us into being the people we seek to be even when we don’t understand each other and we don’t agree.”

We are all human – we will not be our best selves in every moment. And, since we are all human and may occasionally lapse in our good intentions, a behavioral covenant will serve as a reminder of the promises we make to one another, promises that reflect the respect and love we wish to give and receive in our beloved community.

Covenants are an exciting tool that can help ground us in the sacred work of building community within and beyond our congregation.

Share your ideas

Do you have ideas about what sort of relational covenant you would like to have with your fellow congregants? What are you prepared to promise or covenant with other congregants at the UUCP? If you have questions or thoughts about relational covenants, please feel free to contact **Michele Ochsner** (609-924-1166) or another member of our task force. If you would like to read more about this process and how it has been implemented in other congregations, a good source is pages 50 through 58 in the UUA’s “Vision, Mission and Covenant: Creating a Future Together” which can be found online at <http://www.uua.org/documents/congservices/visionmissioncovenant.pdf>

~Michele Ochsner

Religious Education for Children

RED Room (Religious Education Discussion)

March 9, 10:30-11:10, John Murray Room

Guest Speaker Donna Renfro, DRE
Learn about Social Action and Children's RE at UUCMC

The Religious Education Committee at Lincroft UU wanted to tie in Social Action that the congregation does with what the children do, and introduce more non-RE members to the children. Every month the first Sunday is devoted to Social Action, the middle two Sundays use our 'home-grown' curriculum, and the last Sunday is Children's Chapel and extended fellowship. Come learn how it's working!

New RE Parent Orientation

March 16, 10:30-11:10, John Murray Room

Parents who are new to our RE program are asked to participate in this orientation, where they will become acquainted with the goals and methods of our learning program. Childcare available in Room 9.

UUCP Organic Community Garden in the Works!



The UUCP RE Program is planning to sponsor the creation of a small organic garden on the side

playground that will be incorporated into lessons in our summer RE program. The garden is intended to help our children develop a sense of closeness with the earth and increase their desire to eat and grow vegetables for a more sustainable earth. Participation in planning, building, planting, and maintaining the garden is open to the entire congregation. We hope it will become a place of peace and service for any who want to be a part of this experience. If you would like to be involved, contact **Shelle Sumners** (sumners@uuprinceton.org, 609-924-1604, ext. 14).

Children's Worship & Religious Education Schedule

Sunday, March 2

No Children's Worship!

Please go directly to class; all RE classes will come upstairs to the Stewardship Service in Channing Hall at 10:00 and 12:00.

Sunday, March 9

What Each of Us Knows about God Is a Piece of the Truth

Guest Leader Donna Renfro, DRE at UU Congregation of Monmouth County

9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

RED Room

(Religious Education Discussion)
Learn about Social Action and Children's RE at UUCMC

Guest Speaker Donna Renfro, DRE
Between services 10:30-11:10 in the John Murray Room. Childcare available in Room 9.

Sunday, March 16

RE Community Garden

9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

New RE Parent Orientation

Between Services, 10:30 to 11:10, John Murray Room. Childcare available in Room 9

Sunday, March 23

Easter Sunday

Intergenerational Services

9:15 and 11:15 Channing Hall
No RE classes

Sunday, March 30

April Fools: What UU is NOT

9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

SAVE THE DATES

#1: March 28-30 for Metro YRUU *Bridging* Con in Manhasset, NY!

#2: April 11-13, for Metro YRUU *Jr. Youth* Con in Lincroft, NJ! All interested must sign up on-line, in advance! Link onto the www.metroyac.org website to connect to the registration page.

Contact Pia for more info:
YPC@uuprinceton.org or
609.924.1604 x18

MARCH YOUTH SCHEDULE

Every Sunday	Morning Youth Group	11:00a
3/2	Evening YG <i>Cancelled</i>	<i>No YG</i>
3/9	JR. Youth Group	5:00 - 7:00p
3/15	Youth Peace Fest	5:00 - 11:00p
3/16	Youth Group <i>Brunch</i>	8:30a— 2:00 p
3/16	Evening Youth Group	7:00 - 9:00p
3/23	Intergenerational Service	No RE (Easter)
3/28-3/30	YRUU Bridging CON	Manhasset, NY www.metroyac.org
3/29-3/30	Metro YAC Meeting	Manhasset, NY

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.

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 justice 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

U History Through Books

Next program: *Peabody Sisters* by Megan Marshall.

Three sessions March 19, April 2 and April 16 afternoon (2-4pm) and evening sessions (7-9pm) will be offered. *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 increase your understanding of our Transcendentalist heritage. Sign up at the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays or at events@uuprinceton.org. Or contact **Alice Harper** at aharper67@comcast.net, 609-737-3046. Books will be available for purchase in Robinson Lounge.

Gentle Yoga Class

Yoga comes from the Sanskrit word “yuj” meaning “to meditate deeply” or “to concentrate oneself.” Yoga is meditation through motion, practice in calming the mind through a series of

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

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poses. It is physically energizing and mentally restorative.

DATES: Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

TIME: 10:00-11:15 AM

WHO: Everyone. All levels welcome!

CHILDCARE: Room 9 (Please R.S.V.P.)

WHERE: Channing Hall or Founders Room

COST: FREE!!!

HOW: Contact **Autumn Fiester** to R.S.V.P. for childcare fiester@mail.med.upenn.edu 215-573-2607

UUCP Film Series

The next UUCP film series, beginning March 7, will focus on films made by African filmmakers or documentaries about Africa. See Page 8 for film titles.

Love For the Long Run: Making a Good Relationship Better

Give your sweetheart a special gift this Valentine's Day. Buy the two of you a ticket to this meaningful workshop on how to make your relationship even better. Join Neil Chethik (author of *FatherLoss* and *VoiceMale*) for a lively, experiential workshop designed to improve your relationship life. Neil is a longtime UU and has led this workshop successfully at two dozen UU churches. He is male-positive AND pro-feminist (yes, it's possible!). You'll leave with a fresh awareness of your relationship strengths, and how to make your relationship last for the long run.

Who: Couples (gay, straight, married or not)

Where: The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton

When: Sunday, March 16, 1-4 pm

How much: \$40/couple (no one will be turned away for lack of funds)

To register: 609 924-1604 x10 or events@uuprinceton.org. Child-care available (please reserve in advance).

Seasons of Sage-ing

Murray Grove is continuing its Seasons of Sage-ing® series of retreats. The Spring Equinox Retreat is scheduled for May 15-18 and the Autumn Equinox Retreat for November 6-9. The spring retreat is entitled "Balance of Light and Dark Places and will include sessions on a new paradigm of aging, life repair, philosophical sage work and a maypole dance. Brochures available at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays. Contact Murray Grove (609-693-5558, www.murraygrove.org) or **Carol Haag** for more information.

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

A Workshop on Communication

Hold the date: Saturday, May 24, 9:30-5:00
UUCP will be sponsoring an all-day workshop, "Effective Communication—Learning a Language of Power and Compassion," led by Eliane Geren. More information to come.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

Great Books reads: **Death Comes for the Archbishop** by Willa Cather.



Great Books meets Sunday, March 9th at 1 PM (room 8) to discuss Cather's classic novel of missionaries to the 19th century American Southwest. This tale of the missionary priest Father Jean Marie Latour and his work of faith in the New Mexican wilderness is told with a spare and sensuous directness. Over four decades, the priest works tirelessly to spread his faith and to build a soaring cathedral out of the local golden rock - always contending with the unforgiving terrain, rebellious priests, and his own loneliness. Will you agree with the critics that Cather is the most poetically exact chronicler of the American frontier?

Contact **Karen Siracusa** at kn.siracusa@att.net 896-1016 -- Or -- **Linda Benson** at lbenson5@verizon.net; 609-497-1866 and join us.

Creative Journaling HAS MOVED TO A NEW NIGHT!

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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 Founders Room the third Tuesday of each month, so please join us **March 18**, 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 **Emily Townsend** 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. The group is open to all at any time and for however many sessions. We meet on the **first and third Wednesdays** of each month at 7:00 P.M. in Room 15. If you have any questions, please call or email **Linda Benson** at 609 497-1866, lbenson5@verizon.net.

UUCP Adult Singles

The UUCP Single Adult Group meets every Sunday after second service, over brunch, in the Founders Room (except when no brunch is served.)

UUCP ADULT SINGLES exists to:

- Create a "chosen family" unit for adult singles within the larger UUCP Community.
- Avoid feeling alone in a crowd or out of place at UUCP services and events

- Seek and find companionship to attend films, dinners, museum trips, hikes, lectures, etc.

Join us at:

<http://groups.google.com/group/uucpsingles> (where you can also check messages, change your settings, or unsubscribe) or join by sending an e-mail to: silverdove@comcast.net, or just join us any Sunday! ~Mirah Riben

A Course in Miracles

Has your previous exposure to traditional Christianity turned you off from anything that seems to have a Christian connection? Do concepts of an anthropomorphic God conflict with your scientific view of reality? Although using traditional Christian terminology, ACIM has an ecumenical outlook incorporating concepts drawn from many world religions. If you are a seeker, perhaps the course has something to offer you.

March 2 - The Truth Behind

Illusions—Reality observes God's (creation's) rules, not yours

March 9 - The Only Purpose—Forgiveness, by attack is understanding lost

March 16—*The Justification for Forgiveness*—Anger is never justified

March 23—*The New Interpretation*—Fear is a judgment never justified

March 30—*Changeless Reality*—All appearances can change because they are appearances, reality is changeless ~Hil Anderson

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).

SAVE THE DATE
UUCP Spring Fair and Sale
Saturday May 3, 2008
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Plans are ongoing for this year's spring fair. Save those household goods and donate them to our UUCP Annual Spring Fair and Sale. The proceeds go to local charities and non-profit groups.

We are still looking for people to step up and chair some of the booths. Still open are:

- Sports equipment
- Electronics
- Arts and Photos

Corky Reslier has agreed to chair the flea market and would like a co-chair. **Gena Whitney** would like someone to co-chair Toys with her.

If you would like to have some fun working with some great people, call **Pat** or **Doug Radtke** at (609) 426-1913.

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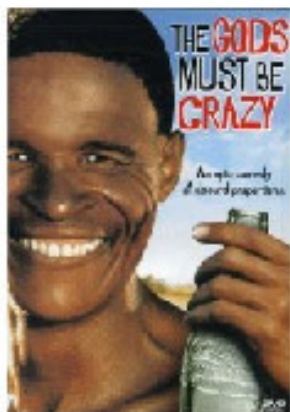
Spring Film Series 2008

Worlds in Africa

March 7 Mooladé (2004)

Not Rated

Senegalese writer-director Ousmane Sembene makes an impassioned plea against the practice of salinde, or female circumcision, in this moving portrait of a society in transition. In a West African village run by uncompromising Muslim males, fiery Colle (Fatoumata Coulibaly) provides safe harbor for young girls fleeing their "cleansing" rituals. But what one man terms "a minor domestic issue" soon puts the whole town on the verge of bloodshed.



March 14 The Gods Must Be Crazy (1980) rated PG

Three vignettes highlight the surreal in this 1980 classic comedy written and directed by Jamie Uys. Among the three, the one about a Coke bottle falling out of the heavens and becoming a one-of-a-kind object coveted by everyone in a small African village is a cult favorite. The bottle creates such dissension that its finder, Nixau, decides the gods must've been crazy to give such a gift, so he sets out to drop it off the edge of the world.

March 21 Tsotsi (2006) rated R

This Oscar-winning Best Foreign Language film shows that no soul is too far gone from being reformed. After shooting a woman and driving off in her car, Tsotsi (Presley Chweneyagae), a ruthless thug, is surprised to discover he isn't alone, kept company by a crying infant in the backseat. He grudgingly takes the child home, and through his efforts to care for the baby, Tsotsi slowly rediscovers his compassion, self-respect and capacity to love.



March 28 Sierra Leone's Refugee All-Stars (2005)

Not Rated

This stunning documentary captures the triumphant story of six musicians who escaped the horrific violence of Sierra Leone's civil war, landed in a West African refugee camp and formed a band that would go on to travel the world. An unbelievable testament to the human spirit, the refugees' journey exemplifies the power of music. Directed by Zach Niles and Banker White, this film was honored by the American Film Institute in 2005.



**All films shown at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Fahs Theatre.
Discussion will follow each screening.**

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

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Community Building

Women's Alliance

The Women's Alliance will hold its monthly meeting **March 20** in the Founders Room. We will share lunch at noon. Our program will begin at 1:00 p.m. Our speaker will be **Dorothy Guzzo**, Executive Director of the New Jersey Historic Trust. She will speak to us about **Women's History in New Jersey**. We will be serving homemade soup, dessert and beverages. If you can join us for lunch bring a sandwich to share.

~Lorraine Anderson, president

Men's Club

The Men's Club meeting is generally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Please check with Bill Barnard for up-to-date information. The men meet in the congregation kitchen at 11:30 a.m. for wine, beer, and snacks and then sit down at about 12:30 PM for a delicious luncheon prepared by gourmet chef, **Roger Hoff**. Following the luncheon they discuss a topic of general interest. ALL men of the congregation are welcome to attend. The cost of the luncheon is shared by those who attend. To reserve a place, please call **Bill Barnard** at 609-430-4305 as soon as possible.

Next date: **March 4**.

Dinner Discussion

At the next Dinner Discussion, Tuesday, **March 25**, our speaker will be **Marvin Bressler**, Princeton Professor of Sociology, Emeritus, and his topic will be "**Moral Education in College**." Prof. Bressler has been described as a legendary teacher who is "always serious but never solemn," and generations of students have regarded him as an ideal mentor. Author of many books and monographs with such titles as "Quality and Equality in Education," "Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Educational Systems," and "Student Activism: The Active Decades," he has also served as Chair of the academic Research and Education Advisory Panel of the General Accountability Office, the investigative arm of the U.S. Congress. Eminent sociologist Kai Erikson has written: "Marvin Bressler makes the things around him better. He raises the intellectual temperature of the spaces he occupies. He energizes everything in his surround." — Where? - Robinson Lounge. Sign up with **Mal Durbin** between services March 16 and 23. 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

UU CONGREGATIONAL STUDY ACTION ISSUE—PEACEMAKING

The 2006-2010 UU Study Action Issue asked the question "Should the Unitarian Universalist Association reject the use of any and all kinds of violence and war to resolve disputes

between peoples and nations and adopt a principle of seeking just peace through nonviolent means?" Questions we are asked to study include "What is a just war policy?" and "How might globally cooperative institutions such as the United Nations create and maintain effective conditions for human rights, economic justice, religious tolerance, and sustainable environmental practices?" Copies of the Study/Action Issue are available in Robinson Lounge. The Study/Action Issue will be amended by comments sent to UUA from congregations and by input from workshops at General Assembly. The product will be a Statement of Conscience which will define UU policy on peacemaking. Meanwhile congregations are urged to have study groups and participate in advocacy for peace. It has been noted that much of UUCPers participation in peacemaking activities takes place through the local Coalition for Peace Action. ~Carol Allen

SPRING 2008 CHALICE LIGHTER FUND RAISING

The First Unitarian Society of Rockland County, New York, the only UU congregation in that county, is the designated recipient of the Spring 2008 UU Metro New York District Chalice Lighter Fundraising. The money will be used to hire a part time Religious Education minister who will cover logistics, worship, curriculum, teacher recruitment, and communications.

As the next logical step in the congregation's development, the Chalice Lighter money for an R.E. professional will be budgeted over a five-year period. Rev. Harry Green, former district Congregational Services Consultant, is the minister of the society. Our collection for the Chalice Lighter project will be on Easter Sunday, March 23 via the offering plate collection in both services. Our congregational contribution typically ranks among the largest in the district, so let's continue our generosity.

~Carol Allen, UU Connections Committee

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2008

Unitarian Universalist General Assembly (GA) will be held **June 25-29** at Fort Lauderdale, Florida in the Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center. Registration starts on March 1, with special reduced rates until April 30. YOU can be a delegate and you (including youth) can even be the person carrying our congregation's banner in the Opening Exercises!

Features of the 2008 GA will be a new Opening Worship Service, a multi-generation public witness event celebrating bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender families, and a Ends Goals Setting forum as follow-up to last year's Open Space Technology on UU values.

UU University will be held June 24-25 and will show participants how to better serve their congregations.

Because the convention center is located in a port security zone, all attendees will need to show picture I.D.'s each time they enter the center. Go to www.uua.org and enter General Assembly 2008 in the Google box. ~Carol Allen



Stewardship Committee

AN OPPORTUNITY TO FUND OUR DREAMS

“Our mission is why we’re here. Our ministry is all that we do to accomplish our mission. Money determines the extent of our ministry.” - Rev. Robert Latham

This year, to help you be more informed about your giving, we asked ourselves in advance of the Stewardship campaign what we should prioritize in this year’s budget. Based on our polling in various events, including our Chocolate Sunday, here is a preliminary look at how we will target our increases in pledging. Programs are listed from highest to lowest priority based on voting. However, **if each family makes the commitment to pledge 20% more than last year, we can achieve every item on this list.**

- Invest in worship excellence by increasing our support for guest musicians and choral section leaders (\$14,000).
- Add to our building maintenance fund to approach the recommendations of the engineering study (\$20,000).
- Increase our current 25 hour-per-week Youth Programs Coordinator to a full-time Youth/Young Adult/Campus Ministry Coordinator (\$15,000 or \$4,000 for the Campus Ministry position alone)
- Purchase radio, mailing and billboard advertisements to enhance our congregation’s presence in the community (\$10,000).
- Fund a ministerial intern every two years, thereby contributing to our denomination as a teaching congregation (\$7,000).
- Move our social justice funding to 7.5% from the current level of 6% of our total operating budget, helping us advance toward a 10% congregational tithe (\$15,000).
- Increase our half-time Social Justice Coordinator position to a full-time Membership/Volunteer/Social Justice Coordinator in order to incorporate much needed outreach to newcomers and the coordination of volunteers for our congregation (\$23,000).
- Create new programs for our children, youth, and adults (\$5,000).
- Add art work to our sanctuary, lounge and meeting rooms (\$5,000).
- Send our lay leaders to training and development programs (\$5,000). *(continued in next column)*

In addition to all of these programs, a 20% increase would assure that all our salaries for our staff include cost of living adjustments and match the mid-level of the Unitarian Universalist Association’s compensation guidelines. **These initiatives will support congregational growth and help us create a greater presence in the broader community. Be proactive, pledge generously, and help us be all that we can be. We can do this... together!!** ~Nancy Fiedler

Board of Trustees

Over the past month, the UUCP nominating committee has been busy interviewing the current members of our board of trustees in order to best determine whom to nominate to replace the three trustees whose terms end this spring. Just what is it that these new trustees will be asked to do?

According to the “Governance Process” section of our governing policies, the board of trustees “exists to ensure that the UUCP (1) achieves what it should as specified in its by-laws, and (2) avoids unacceptable actions and situations.” That sounds pretty vague. The governing polices go on to say that the board will govern “with an emphasis on (1) vision, (2) encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, (3) strategic, mission-focused leadership more than administrative detail, (4) clear distinction between board and executive team roles, (5) collective rather than individual decisions, (6) orientation toward the future while being mindful of the present and past, (7) proactivity rather than reactivity, and (8) Unitarian Universalist principles.” That’s great, but it still doesn’t tell us what the board actually does.

that is actually called “board job description.” It tells us right off that the board “will set policies on behalf of, and in relationship with, the UUCP members. These policies will promote the congregation’s mission covenant.” Now we’re getting somewhere! Not only will the board “build and maintain links between itself and UUCP members,” but it will also “write governing policies addressing each category of organizational decision-making: ends policies, executive limitations, board process and board-executive team linkage,” and “assure executive team performance within policy boundaries.” To accomplish this, the board “will follow an annual agenda that (1) conducts re-exploration of its policies, (2) continually improves board performance through board education and enriched input and deliberation, (3) monitors progress towards and compliance with its policies, and (4) plans linkage with UUCP members including how input will be acquired and board activities reported.”

Fortunately, there’s a subsection of “Governance Process”

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There you have it. What our governing policies don't say is that while in the process of all this conducting, improving, monitoring and planning we also form friendships, develop supportive relationships, and enjoy each others' company. If that's your idea of a good time, we'd be glad to have you join us. ~Elizabeth Silverman

**Nominating Committee
Invites Suggestions**

The congregation's Nominating Committee is busy at work. Our task is to recruit new members for the Board of Trustees and for next year's Nominating Committee. We need to present a slate of nominees prior to the Annual Meeting in early June.

The committee consists of **Ted Fetter**, chair, **Ron Campbell**, **Jaime Ewalt**, **Sharon McCrae**, and **Dana Powsner**. Congregation members are encouraged to speak to any of us with any ideas or suggestions they have, and we welcome your input!

The members of the Board of Trustees are elected to three year terms. There are nine members; so that means that three persons will rotate off this year, and we'll be replacing them at the Annual Meeting based on the nominees being considered and recruited over the next month or so. The ideas from congregation members might be specific suggestions for people we should be considering for the Board, or they might be just ways that we might help make the Board operate better or be in better touch with the congregation. In any case, please let us know your thoughts.

*Ted Fetter, Ron Campbell,
Jaime Ewalt, Sharon McCrae, and
Dana Powsner*

**LOAVES AND FISHES
BE PART OF THE MIRACLE
Friday, March 28 and Saturday,
March 29**



What's with the name? "Loaves and Fishes" refers to the Biblical parable where Jesus turned 5 loaves and 2 fish into enough food for his disciples to feed about 5000 people! Their serving baskets never ran out until everyone had their fill. See Matthew 14:16-21; Mark 6:37-44; Luke 9:13-22; or John 6:11-14 for the Gospel versions of the story.

Hundreds, literally 700-800 men women and children, depend on "Loaves and Fishes" for food on the weekends, when the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is closed. Once a year the 3 Unitarian Universalist congregations of Princeton, Washington's Crossing and Trenton collaborate to provide two meals: a bag lunch and a Saturday dinner. We provide these meals for very little money (about \$2 per person) and....**a very large crew of volunteers.**

Here are the ways you can be part of this modern-day miracle:

- Recruit volunteers at coffee hour** - Sundays March 2, 9, 16 and 23
- Shopper** - buy the milk we'll need (reimbursed by our budget) from Halo Farm, and deliver it to St. Mary's Cathederal (Trenton) by 8:30 AM Saturday March 29
- Bakers** – brownies, and more brownies – about 500 are needed by Friday evening March 28.
- Sandwich makers on Friday evening** 6:30-8:30pm - 10 people to assemble bag lunches at the Washington Crossing Congregation in Titusville
- Dinner makers and servers on Saturday** at St. Mary's Cathedral, 151 N. Warren, Trenton
 - 9-11am Set-up - **3 people** to start the process
 - 10:30am-12:30pm Food Preparers - **4 people** to prepare and warm the food
 - 11am-1:30pm Food Servers - **11 people** to serve dinners to seated guests and visit with them.
 - 12-2:30pm **Clean-up crew!** - we need to leave the church in the condition we would like to find our own on Sunday morning....so please come help us tidy up after the "miracle"!

We'll have several recruits from our 7th grade RE class this year to help fill our ranks – but additional people (over 9 years old) are welcomed! **This is how you become one of the miracle workers:**

Sign up on Sunday March 2, 9, 16 and 23 during coffee hour. **Call or email** one of the L&F committee members: **Carol Haag**: 609-924-5857, RevCarolH@verizon.net **Nancy McCormack**: 609 466-8786, mccormackne@comcast.net **Louise Senior**, 609 688-8847, Louise.senior@verizon.net Or....**send your personal owl with a note** to 73 Ridgeview Circle, Princeton, NJ 08540 to help get the magic brewing!

Social Justice

Pete: (609) 466-1361 or by e-mail at petegerster@comcast.net

EAST TRENTON COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER PROGRESSES

By Ray Nichols

Progress continued through January and February on the renovation of the "Learning Center" at the East Trenton Community Center, thanks to the "regular workers", who have volunteered their time and talents for at least one Saturday each month. These folks include: **Francis Treves, Amanda and Bill Gillum, Bob Van Schaick, Peter Gerster, Polly Ramstad, Nancy Fiedler, Thaine Shetter, Peter Macholt, Doug Radtke and Ray Hallows.** Some of them have put in several days over the past two months! Others, including **Pat Ramierez, Pat Radkte, Rusty Bryant, Sharon Copeland, Dave Hoffman, Bob Flora, Alice Deanin, Mark Hopkins, Gloria Gietz, Beth Nichols, Jonathan Sachs and Carol Haag,** have joined them occasionally. (Please excuse me if I forgot to recognize anybody.)

The new vinyl tile floor has been completely lain and is most attractive. The cubby hole cabinets have been hung from the valence and the indirect lighting has been installed above. We are getting ready to install three standing cabinets below the "cubbies" which will border the computer tables. We will also be installing burlap covered Homosote panels (like in the Founders Room) along the front wall and on the wall behind the computer tables to act as bulletin boards.

We have been waiting for Habitat's staff to get new fire-rated doors installed so they can then tile the two lavatories. Meanwhile, we have continued to spackle and sand the spackle to create a smooth wall surface where we had installed new sheetrock in those rooms and the kitchenette area. When those tasks are done we will be ready to paint those rooms and install the fixtures. The kitchen cabinets have been assembled and are awaiting installation. We will also need to install wood trim in a number of areas before we finish the room.

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. We always welcome new volunteers and help them find useful tasks that can give them a sense of accomplishment. The workdays are scheduled for the second and fourth Saturdays of every month. For March the dates are the 8th and the 22nd. The following workdays will be April 12 and 26.

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

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UU MARCH TO PEACE

Unitarian Universalist President Bill Sinkford will lead a group to Capitol Hill on **March 7** as part of Interfaith Witness for Peace marking the Fifth Anniversary of the War in Iraq. President Sinkford has presented to Congress a Moral Balance Sheet outlining the human consequences of war spending; he also took to Congress 13,000 signatures from UUs seeking an end of United States military aggression in Iraq. UUs will gather at All Souls UU Church in DC. Anyone interested in going to DC on March 7, please contact the office of the local Coalition for Peace Action as there is the possibility of vanpooling with people from other faith groups.

~Carol Allen

PETE SEEGER MOVIE AT PRINCETON LIBRARY

The movie, "Pete Seeger, The Power of Song" will be shown at the Princeton Public Library on Witherspoon Street on **March 17** at 7:00 PM. The Solidarity Singers of the New Jersey Industrial Union Council will sing and lead the audience in several familiar Seeger songs. This presentation is co-sponsored by the Coalition for Peace Action.

~Carol Allen

RALLY AT NJ STATE HOUSE MARKS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF WAR

The Fifth Anniversary of the War in Iraq will be the subject of a protest rally on the steps of the New Jersey State House in Trenton on **March 19** at noon. The topic to be expressed in speeches and cultural presentation is a Moratorium on the war. The Coalition for Peace Action will also sponsor a Teach-Out the week of the anniversary whereby individuals and small groups are urged to do their own outreach to make people aware of the extreme cost of the war. If you are interested in participating an hour or two in a Teach-Out activity such as leafleting at your supermarket or taking the message to a senior citizens center or just talking with your neighbors or co-workers, please contact the office of the Coalition for Peace Action, 609-924-5022 to connect with others or to get hand-outs detailing the cost of the war. ~Carol Allen

Not In Our Town continues to be actively engaged with the issue of police access to students on school grounds, an issue much in the news last year. The Memorandum of Agreement, coming out the state Department of Education, guides that access and is required of all N.J. schools, but Princeton's Board has had many questions about it. Several members of NIOT, in their capacity as representatives to the Minority Education Committee of the Princeton Board of Education, spoke at the Board's January 22 meeting, adding their support to the Board's decision not to sign the current Memorandum. The hope is to develop wider opposition across the state to the Memorandum as written. ~Pat Ramirez

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).

Michael Tayyabkhan and Flora Davis send fond greetings to the congregation. Mike & Flora have been in their new home in a Tinton Falls retirement community for over a year and are very happy. They would love to hear from old friends and want to share their phone# with you: 732-918-8558.

Become a part of the Sunday Welcome Team!

Sign up to be an usher/greeter at the Program table in the lounge.

Four friendly people needed at each service. Its easy and fun!

No experience necessary - training will be happily provided.

~Kathy Lehmann,
Worship Committee



CRISIS MINISTRY

Footprints: Walk The Path Out of Poverty. On **April 19**, The Crisis Ministry will sponsor its third annual walk against poverty. They are looking for a few committee members to plan and organize this day--Youth are welcome to join! This is a wonderful event that raises awareness and funds for The Crisis Ministry. Please contact Beth Fitzgerald at ckld@patmedia.net if you feel called to this wonderful volunteer opportunity.

Poverty Simulation – April 5, 10-2 The Carl Fields Center, Princeton Univ <http://www.princeton.edu/~caf/contactus.html>

POVERTY SIMULATION EVENT!! On April 5, the Crisis Ministry and Princeton University Student Volunteer Council (SVC) will sponsor another poverty simulation to be held at the Carl Fields Center, Princeton University Campus, 10 am-2 pm. The theme for this simulation centers around education in urban areas. Students from area colleges, high schools and congregations are invited. Debriefing will include how community service and interaction with low-income families strengthen our understanding of the education process. This event will impact the many reasons why poverty exists in our community, state and nation! We will have speakers and break-out groups for the participants. Other agencies will be present so that youth will learn about volunteer opportunities in the Mercer County area. For more information, please contact svc@princeton.edu.

Please note that the Crisis Ministry **food collection** bin is upstairs once again. Food is collected on the first Monday of every month. Please be generous with your food donations.

~Lauren Oneil



Welcome a Guest to Your Table!!

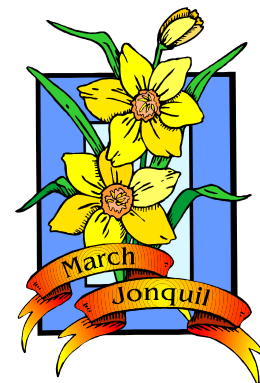
On February 10, our RE children each received a "Guest at your Table" collection box. These are used like UNICEF

So what IS the UUSC? The UUSC began back during WWII when Unitarians helped people escape the Nazis. In the 1940s, the group continued to offer aid throughout the world. Today UUSC is active aiding refugees of the failed elections in Kenya, helping the people of Dafur, and helping to rebuild New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. The UUSC also fights for fair access to water, and helps build wells in regions where people need closer access to clean, healthy water. They are also fighting to strengthen workers rights and to seek peace and justice throughout the world, as well as helping Americans defend their civil liberties. Find out more at <http://www.uusc.org/info/about.html>!

boxes, but the charity to which the proceeds are donated is our very own **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)**! Please return your boxes to church, through RE class, on **March 30 or April 6**. You can tally your own contributions and turn in a check made out to UUSC (our church). We'll then combine all the contributions together and issue a check to the UUSC. Or – just bring in the box 'o coins. Our RE kids love to count money!

Start your own family tradition/ritual with Guest at Your Table! At family meals, have everyone deposit a coin (or bill!) to the box after telling about something they'd like to the UUSC help change in the world. You'll help keep your children mindful of the needs of others around the globe. Or, for those who thrive on competition, set up a "kids box" and an "adults box" – and see which box "wins" in donations by March 30! Parents – you can pledge to match (or even double!) your children's donations....

Thank you in advance! Our GAYT contact: this year is: Louise Senior, 609 688 8847, Louise.senior@verizon.net



GREEN CORNER

Are we getting any greener? On a scale of pale mint to deep forest, just how green are we as a congregation? And where are we in our journey toward becoming a certified Green Sanctuary?

At the moment, we are still a bit minty, according to Ellie Whitney, chair of the UUCP Green Sanctuary Committee, but watch for darker shades of green this spring as the committee, together with the congregation, begins full implementation of the many energy-saving programs and environmental awareness activities that have been in the planning stages over the past six months.

Some noteworthy milestones:

- We have completed an Environmental Audit of the UUCP facility and identified the most important areas in which to work. These include ways to conserve water and electrical energy, reduce our waste, select environmentally friendly suppliers, and eliminate or reduce the use of toxic substances for cleaning, pest control and lawn care.
- Our Application for Green Sanctuary Candidacy is ready for submission to the UU Ministry for Earth. In 2008, we hope to join more than 60 other congregations throughout the country that have received this accreditation, demonstrating that they “recognize and embrace our moral imperative to live in covenant with the web of life through personal, congregational and denominational practices.”
- To become certified as a Green Sanctuary, we must undertake 12 activities – two in worship, two in religious

education, two in environmental justice, four in sustainable living, and two of our own choosing. The Green Sanctuary Committee has discussed these activities at length and drafted an Action Plan that incorporates some very exciting projects.

The committee is now ready to present this Action Plan at a special congregational meeting, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 13. At this meeting, the committee will seek the congregation’s support and involvement as we continue to pursue a green path that will demonstrate to the community, the denomination – and especially to ourselves – that we are committed to the Seventh Principle. Watch for more information about this special meeting.

Highlights of the Action Plan include:

- a film series on environmental issues
- green-themed adult and children’s religious education (RE) programs
- a continuing effort to educate congregants about the NJ Clean Power Choice program
- more information about green practices that congregants can adopt
- greater emphasis on recycling
- solar power for our church building
- UUCP participation in an interfaith Earth Day 2008 celebration
- a local foods/vegetarian brunch on Sunday, April 27

Becoming a Green Sanctuary is a far-reaching goal that will require the commitment and par-

ticipation of everyone in the congregation. Please join us as we work to strengthen UUCP’s commitment to environmental stewardship and deepen the shade of green that represents our congregation. Stop by the Green Sanctuary table in Robinson lounge most Sundays to find out what we’re doing, share your ideas, volunteer for an activity, review our Environmental Audit, or peruse our Action Plan.

The Green Sanctuary Committee: **Ellie Whitney** (chair), **York Dobyns**, **Greg Dowling**, **Jaime Ewalt**, **Andrew Galbraith Ryer**, **Dell** and **Pete Gerster**, **Elissa Hoeger**, **Sharon McCrae**, **Ray Nichols**, **Dana** and **Henry Powsner**, **Pat Ramirez** and **Doug Rhodes**. Youth liaison: **Alex Sandberg**.

Alex Sandberg joins Green Sanctuary effort as RE liaison

After giving a talk on global warming to the Green Sanctuary Committee in January, **Alex Sandberg**, an 8th grade student in the Religious Education (RE) program at UUCP, agreed to serve as a liaison between the committee and the RE program.


“We were impressed with his maturity, the extent of his knowledge and the competence he showed in presenting the material,” said Ellie Whitney, chair of the Green Sanctuary Committee. “He will serve as an important link between the Green Sanctuary Committee and the younger members of our congregation as we roll out our Action Plan.”

Alex gave the 15-minute presentation on global warming as part of the ROGATE (Resources Offered for Gifted and Talented Education) program, which teaches students in grades 6-12 basic research and critical thinking skills that apply to all subject areas.

View the current calendar online at:

<http://plus2.calendars.net/uuprinceton>

MARCH 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<p>MAR 2—TWO Services 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. 9:00a-2:00p Stewardship Kickoff Brunch 10:35a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Channing 11:00a Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8</p>	<p>MAR 3 7:00p-9:00p RE Council—Founders Room 7:30p-9:30p Green Sanctuary—Room 15</p>	<p>MAR 4 11:30a Men's Club Luncheon—Founders 5:30p-7:00p Legislative Ministry Steering Committee (2nd Tuesday) Minister's Office 6:45p Congregation Invited to Board's Open Dialog Session—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Board of Trustees—Founders</p>	<p>MAR 5 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Falls 7:00p-9:00p Loss & Grieving Group (1st Wed)—Room 15 7:15p Covenant Circle (1st Wed)—Murray Room 7:30p-9:00p Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>MAR 6 10:00a-Noon Women's Alliance Board Meeting—Founders 7:00p—Credo—Founders Room 7:00p-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Channing 7:15p-9:15p Covenant Circle (1st Thurs PM)—Murray Room</p>	<p>MAR 7 10:30a Film Series: <i>Moolade</i>—Fabs Theatre 7:15p-9:15p Covenant Circle—(1st Friday PM) Murray Room 7:30p Film Series: <i>Moolade</i>—Fabs Theatre</p>	<p>MAR 8 8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates—Murray 10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room 2:00p-5:00p Oneness Blessing—Channing</p>
<p>MAR 9—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS TWO Services 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. 9:00a BRUNCH - Founders 10:30a RED Room—Murray Room 10:35a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Channing 11:00 Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 1:00p-3:00p Great Books—Room 8</p> 	<p>MAR 10 7:15p-9:15p Covenant Circle (2nd Monday PM)—Murray Room</p>	<p>MAR 11 11:30a Men's Club Luncheon—Founders 5:30p-7:00p Legislative Ministry Steering Committee (2nd Tuesday) Minister's Office 6:45p Congregation Invited to Board's Open Dialog Session—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Board of Trustees—Founders</p>	<p>MAR 12 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Falls 7:00p-9:00p Adult Program Committee—Murray 7:30p-9:00p Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>MAR 13 10:00a-12:15p Covenant Circle (2nd Thurs AM)—Murray Room 7:15p Newcomer Circle (2nd Thurs) Murray Room</p>	<p>MAR 14 10:30a Film Series: <i>The Gods Must Be Crazy</i>—Fabs Theatre 7:00p-9:00p Covenant Circle (2nd Friday)—Murray Room 7:30p Film Series: <i>The Gods Must Be Crazy</i>—Fabs Theatre</p>	<p>MAR 15 10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>
<p>MAR 16—TWO Services 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. (Palm Sunday) 9:00a BRUNCH - Founders 10:30a New RE Parent Orientation—Murray 10:35a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Channing 11:00a Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 1:00-4:00p Love for the Long Run—Channing 7:00p-9:00p Youth Group (3rd Sunday)—Fabs</p>	<p>MAR 17 5:00p Skylights APRIL 2008 issue DEADLINE Send to: skylights@uuprinceton.org</p>	<p>MAR 18 7:00p-9:00p Creative Journaling (3rd Tues)—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Committee on Ministry—Murray</p>	<p>MAR 19 1:00p-2:30p Office Staff Meeting—Murray 2:00p-4:00p UU History Through Books—Founders 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Falls 6:30p Stewardship Captains Training—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Loss & Grieving Group (3rd Wed)—Room 15 7:00p-9:00p UU History Through Books—Founders 7:30p-9:00p Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>MAR 20 Noon Women's Alliance General Meeting—Founders 7:00p-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Channing 7:00p-9:00p Small Group Ministry Leaders' Meeting—Room 15</p>	<p>MAR 21 Full Moon ☉ 10:30a Film Series: <i>Tsotsi</i>—Fabs Theatre 5:00p—10:00p CUUPS Full Moon Circle—Memorial Wall/Room 11 7:30p Film Series: <i>Tsotsi</i>—Fabs Theatre</p>	<p>MAR 22 10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>
<p>MAR 23—TWO Services 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. Easter Sunday 9:00a BRUNCH - Founders 10:35a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Channing 11:00a Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8</p>	<p>MAR 24</p>	<p>MAR 25 7:00p Dinner Discussion—Robinson</p>	<p>MAR 26 6:00p-7:00p Stillness Circle—Falls 6:30p Stewardship Captains Training—Founders 7:30p-9:00p Choir Practice—Channing Hall 7:30p-9:30p Membership Committee meeting (4th Wed)—Murray</p>	<p>MAR 27 7:15p Newcomer Circle (4th Thurs) Murray Room</p>	<p>MAR 28 10:30a Film Series: <i>Sierra Leone's Refugee All-Stars</i>—Fabs Theatre 7:15p-9:15p Covenant Circle (4th Fri)—Murray 7:30p Film Series: <i>Sierra Leone's Refugee All-Stars</i>—Fabs Theatre</p>	<p>MAR 29 10:00a Yoga Class—Channing 5:30p Stewardship Dinner—All Congregation—All Upstairs</p>
<p>MAR 30—TWO Services 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. 9:00a BRUNCH - Founders 10:35a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Channing 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 11:00a Youth Group—Room 15</p>	<p>MAR 31</p>					

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