

# Skylights newsletter

## Upcoming Sunday Worship Services



**July 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m**

### *The Great American Faith?*

Gini Courter, the Moderator of our denomination, said, "If there's a candidate for the great American Faith, it is us." Yet, aren't we a Christian nation? Weren't our founders religious fundamentalists? Today, we'll explore the religious progressivism of those that founded our nation and how their views closely mirror ours, perhaps allowing ourselves to claim being the great American faith.

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

Music: **Forrest Gilmore, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

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**July 13, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**

### *Consciousness Explored*

One of the great mysteries of science is consciousness. How is it that we have an inner experience? How can matter create mind? Today, we'll take a look at what both science and spirituality tell us about consciousness and how our newest insights may actually bridge the gap between the two.

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

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

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**July 20, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**

### *It's More than Adding an Elevator*

Rev. Sinkford recently wrote about vibrant UU congregations focusing on how to "nurture the human spirit...to get in contact with the holy in their lives...and help heal the world." What does this look like in the context of being a welcoming congregation for persons with disabilities.

Guest Worship Leader: **Brother John Baptist**    Worship Associate: **Sharon Copeland**

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

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**July 27, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**

### *Lammas - Celebrating First Fruits With Games and Beer?*

Evergreen CUUPS will present our annual celebration of *Lammas*, also called *Lughnasadh*, the feast of the First Fruits of the Harvest. York will present a reading on the Games of Lugh (the oldest known celebration of this holiday) and their modern relevance.

York is a member of the congregation and of Evergreen CUUPS. He is a physicist who has professionally studied the connections between physics and consciousness for two decades.

We share Cakes and Ale to honor our ancestors and the grain harvest, and to remember the cycles of the planet and of ourselves. Non-alcoholic, yeast-free options will also be provided.

Guest Worship Leaders: **York Dobyns, Sally Walsh and other members of Evergreen, our CUUPS chapter**    Worship Associate: **Maggie Beaumont**    Music: **CUUPS**

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**August 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**

### *Refulgent Summer*

One hundred and seventy years ago on a hot July day, Ralph Waldo Emerson delivered his "Divinity School Address" at Harvard. At once a manifesto of his emerging transcendentalism and a critique of Unitarianism, it is more than a mere rejection of the Unitarianism of his day. It also a call to be true to the spirit ourselves and to others.

Guest Worship Leader: **Dr. Nicole C. Kirk**    Worship Associate: **Raj Nigam**    Music: **Beth Ertz**

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

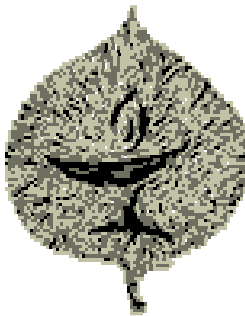
*We come together in a free and  
open search for meaning  
within the mysteries of life.*

*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.*



**August 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Gently into September*

A frequent request in a recent congregational survey asked for more specific spiritual practices. How do we take the ways that we nurture our spirits and bodies throughout the summer into times that may not be so tranquil... like September?

Worship Leader: **Rev. Chris Reed**

Worship Associate: **Jordan Corn**

Music: **Jillian Corn, soprano; Beth Ertz**

**August 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Becoming Who You Are—What Comes From Daily  
Practice*

Most of us make a daily practice of brushing our teeth; some swim every morning, write daily, or read spiritual passages or poetry. Many meditate, pray, or do yoga. What about feeding our children and companion animals, kissing our beloveds good morning or goodnight, stopping at the same deli every morning for coffee on the way to work? All of these could be examples of 'what you focus your attention on, you become.' Then there's the opposite of Daily Practice: chaos, sloth, breaking commitments ... Maggie and Eva invite you to explore these notions with them.

Worship Leader: **Maggie Beaumont**

Worship Associate: **Eva Liane Foster**

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

**August 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**  
*The Three Faces of Spirit*

Ken Wilber talks about the three faces of spirit, or three primary ways that the sacred appears to us. Most people tend to value one over another, and today we'll explore why all three deserve appreciation.

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore**

Worship Associate: **Sharon Copeland**

Music: **Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

**August 31, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**  
*When We Fail*

We are a success-driven society, where failure can seem like our worst fate. How do we cope with failure? How does the fear of failure drive us to avoid the richness of our lives? How can we find love without having to somehow be different or better? How can we forgive, let go and move on?

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore**

Worship Associate: **Ted Fetter**

Music: **Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

# Reflection

By Reverend Forrest Gilmore

## Our Symbol: the Flaming Chalice

A flame within a chalice (a wide-lipped stemmed cup), like that which you can see below, represents the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and is a symbol of the Unitarian Universalist (UU) faith.

*"At the opening of Unitarian Universalist worship services, many congregations light a flame inside a chalice. This flaming chalice has become a well-known symbol of our denomination. It unites our members in worship and symbolizes the spirit of our work." -Dan Hotchkiss*

Hans Deutsch, an Austrian artist, first brought together the chalice and the flame as a Unitarian symbol during his work with the Unitarian Service Committee during World War II. To Deutsch, the image had connotations of sacrifice and love. Unitarian Universalists today have many different interpretations of the image. To many, the cup represents religious community, while the flame represents ideas including the sacrificial flame, the flame of the spirit, and more.

From the UUA website:  
<http://www.uua.org/>



Recently, I feel like my life has been a living out of our mission – my shorthand version – to help people seek the sacred and serve the world in a community of love.

In terms of loving community, my recent marriage to Jill and the forming of our family with my two step-children has been a major event as we integrate our homes and our lives. As with all relationships, we have great times and challenging struggles. With the kids, Jill and I have been trying out nonviolent communication, a technique developed by Marshall Rosenberg that emphasizes sharing feelings and making requests. It feels good to both of us, more in keeping with our values, yet as any parent knows, it can be challenging to do what’s “right” all the time. Sometimes Jill and I get angry and yell. Sometimes the kids act like they just came out of a zoo. Yet, together, we keep struggling on, seeking to cultivate as much love and joy as we can.

On the social justice front, I’ve been out to the State House in Trenton the last few weeks with the New Jersey Regional Coalition, an interfaith organizing group. I testified before the Senate budget committee and also advocated with my representatives for the elimination of regional contribution agreements. In the Mt. Laurel decisions of the 1980s, the NJ Supreme Court declared that New Jersey residents had the right to affordable housing and that every town and municipality in the state had a problem with providing such housing. Regional contribution agreements,

however, were created so towns could trade their affordable housing responsibilities to other towns. While it might seem, on the surface, like a good idea, it has concentrated poverty in areas where the job market is declining and created significant economic and racial segregation throughout our state. With great excitement, as of this writing, both the state Senate and Assembly have passed the bill. Governor Corzine has pledged to sign this, so RCAs should soon be history!!

And on the spiritual search front, I’ve read a fascinating book, called *From Science to God*, by Peter Russell. I found the book particularly powerful when he wrote about light. As an object approaches the speed of light, we’ve discovered that both time shortens and space shrinks, both reducing seemingly to zero as an object gets closer and closer to the speed of light. We can infer from this that if light were to have consciousness it would not experience space or time, but rather have an infinite awareness of everything. This, of course, is the same description that mystics (not theologians) for millennia have given for God. What if space, time and matter are not as real as we think? What if, perhaps, consciousness itself, were a fundamental aspect of reality. I’ll be exploring this more in my sermon on July 13.

I hope you have a great summer, and look forward to hearing how your life dances around these core tenets (the spiritual search, social justice and loving community) of our faith.

# Reflection

By Reverend Chris Reed

As happens every year as we transition to summer, our congregation goes through an important transition of leadership.

On June 30, the official end of our congregational year, several people leave areas of ministry that they have served well, dedicating time and talent and vision to embody our mission. They are too numerous to mention here and they include people who are leaving the Board, the COM and key leadership positions. We had an opportunity during our flower communion service and during our annual meeting to thank many people including leaders who served in our ministries. Again, I thank you all.

There are two people who I would like to mention and I do so in the spirit of celebrating the "unsung hero".

Four years ago Laurie Powsner took on the task along with Carol Haag and myself of building and shaping and caring for a new Pastoral Associates program. As Laurie steps down from co-coordinator of that program, I am reminded of its start, building on the strengths of the Caring and Sharing Committee, adding elements of monthly training, and record keeping, reaching out broadly to all in the congregation in need and gathering information from those who can offer assistance to others.



Meeting with Laurie monthly, and staying up with a steady stream of PA emails, I have been so deeply impressed with and thankful for the skills and care and knowledge, the many hours of work, and the compassion that she has brought to this ministry.

Seven years ago Karen Kent joined the RE Council, that oversees our ministry to children, youth and families. Her commitment to children in our congregation has taken her to chair that Council, to be on the board as the RE Coordinator, to help champion our summer camp, our Sunday morning program in the summers, a full-time RE coordinator on staff, and a new youth programs coordinator position on staff.

Again, meeting monthly with Karen over the last seven years, I have been aware of the creative energy, the appreciation of others, the care and tact, the holding us to our mission that she has embodied, and the many difficult situations that she has dealt with. As she steps down from the Council, I am thankful for her presence and hard work in shaping our ministry to children and to youth.

I realize that these are two among maybe 400 unsung heroes. So as we start to make many transitions this summer, on behalf of all of us, I celebrate and thank the unsung hero in each of us.

## Ways to the Spirit:

A Weekend of Spiritual Practice for Unitarian Universalists

Are you seeking a more spiritual life? Would you like more balance in your life? Or would you just like some time away to deepen



your inner connections? Join us in a variety of spiritual practices including prayer • meditation • art • music • movement yoga • reiki • labyrinth walking • silent time\* • spiritual direction all designed to help you get in touch with the spirit within. \*May choose a limited or extended silence program.

**When:** July 11-13, Friday Evening through Sunday Lunch

**Where:** Murray Grove, Lanoka Harbor, New Jersey

**Cost:** \$290 including meals, double occupancy

**Leaders:** Rev. Karen Foley & Rev. Craig Hirshberg

Our leaders are ordained Unitarian Universalist ministers and have studied Spiritual Direction at the Shalem Institute in Washington, DC

Murray Grove Retreat and Conference Center PO Box 246, Lanoka Harbor, NJ 08734 609-693-5558 [murraygrove@murraygrove.org](mailto:murraygrove@murraygrove.org)



# Religious Education for Children and Youth

## Summer Chalice Program

Summer Chalice is at 10:00 on Sunday mornings, June 8-August 31. Our summer lessons will be about our connection to Earth, each other, and the Universe. Together we will celebrate the summer solstice, take nature walks, create poetry about nature, and observe the growth and change that occur in our UUCP summer garden.

We will have two age groups, 3-5 year-olds, and 6-12 year olds. Nursery care will be available, and we encourage youth over age 12 to attend the adult service.

Please fill out the online registration for your kids or come by Room 5 and pick up a form. If you need one snail-mailed to you, call Shelle Sumners at 609-924-1604, ext. 14. You can also just come on Sunday mornings and fill out a form then.

Our summer Sunday lessons are "standalone" and do not require regular attendance, so **even if you think it likely that your child will only come once or twice the entire summer, do go ahead and register!**

Registration form online:

<http://www.uuprinceton.org/index.php?>

### Please Register for 2008-2009 RE

Look how **GREEN** we are! You can now register for 2008-2009 RE online at [www.uuprinceton.org](http://www.uuprinceton.org). Please try to send your completed form to Shelle Sumners **ASAP**, as space in each class is limited to about 18 students. If you need a hardcopy form to fill out, call Shelle at 609-924-1604, ext. 14

## Children's Worship & Religious Education Schedule

### Sunday, July 6

#### Good Things

10:00 The Courtyard

### Sunday, July 13

#### Hands on Nature: Tracks & Traces

10:00 The Courtyard

### Sunday, July 20

#### Old Stuff

10:00 The Courtyard

### Sunday, July 27

#### Bees & Beekeeping

10:00 The Courtyard

### Sunday, August 3

#### First Harvest Festival

10:00 The Courtyard

### Sunday, August 10

#### The Forest Floor

10:00 The Courtyard

### Sunday, August 17

#### The Everything Seed/Late Summer Garden

10:00 The Courtyard

### Sunday, August 24

#### Worms!

10:00 The Courtyard

### Sunday, August 31

#### End of Summer Celebration/Sand Mandala

10:00 The Courtyard

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

## YOUTH EVENTS

The youth group year closed with a fantastic lock-in at Jeffrey's house... rock climbing, games, worship and just hanging out! Thank you Jeffrey!

We hope to have at least one fun activity before the summer is out. Something beyond youth group meetings on Sunday evenings. Stay in touch!



## AUGUST 30 Pia's Birthday

## JULY / AUGUST YOUTH SCHEDULE

7/6	Evening Youth Group <b>CANCELLED</b>	
7/20	Evening Youth Group <b>TENTATIVE</b>	7-9p Fahs Theatre
8/3	Evening Youth Group <b>TENTATIVE</b>	7-9p Fahs Theatre
8/23 - 8/24	Youth Kick Off Retreat!! <b>TENTATIVE</b>	TBD

Contact **Pia** for more info:  
[YPC@uuprinceton.org](mailto:YPC@uuprinceton.org) or  
609.924.1604 x18

## 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.

### NEWCOMER CIRCLES

A new "Newcomers Circle" will be starting in August or September. This seven session program is an opportunity for newcomers to engage some of the history and some of the understandings and mission of our faith. It is also a great opportunity to get to know 12 other people in a small group setting.

This circle will meet on the first and third Wednesday nights of the month and be led by **Kathy Lehmann** and **Rev. Chris Reed**.

Please sign up by contacting **Rick Baker**, [rick.baker1@att.net](mailto:rick.baker1@att.net), or in the lounge on Sunday

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 three months, twice a month for a total of seven meetings.

If you would like to join a future Newcomer Circle, please sign up at the Welcome Circle in Robinson Hall on Sundays or contact **Rick Baker**, [rick.baker1@att.net](mailto:rick.baker1@att.net), or **Shelle Sumners** in the church office at [sumners@uuprinceton.org](mailto: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 Welcome Circle 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.

mornings.

### 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 or Rev. Chris Reed at 609-924-1604 to arrange a time.

### SMALL GROUP MINISTRY— "Get Plugged In" Join a Covenant Circle



Covenant Circles create community, encourage spiritual growth, and invite authentic connection with one another.

- 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 start with a fewer number of groups and grow new groups as needed during the year.
- Circles 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](mailto:sumners@uuprinceton.org), 609-924-1604, ext. 14 or **Chris Reed** at [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org), 609-924-1604, ext. 12 if you are interested in joining a Covenant Circle.

### NEW PROGRAMS

#### Speaking Spanish

Starting in September, we will offer a weekly group that will focus on speaking and learning Spanish. Some people will never have spoken Spanish; some learned it in college a long time ago; some took quick courses for travel or are learning it at Mercer County.

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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](mailto:lbenson5@verizon.net)) and **Alice Harper** ([aharper67@comcast.net](mailto:aharper67@comcast.net)).

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All are invited to be part of this group.

We offer this program as a religious community that “strives to create a beloved community, building a sense of wholeness in our world.” As Rev. William Sinkford suggested at a recent multicultural diversity conclave, the courses that we offer, the pictures and statements that we have up on the walls, the elements of worship and how we greet people, all of these need to reflect in different ways the many people coming into our congregations with different backgrounds. This Speaking Spanish group affirms and respects the great number of Spanish-speaking individuals in our country who come from a rich variety of cultures. Our hope is that each person in the group, individually and perhaps with the group, will have opportunities to reach out across the bridge of a language barrier to offer connection and friendship to local Spanish-speaking people and communities.

If you are interested in this group, please email the office at [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org). There will also be a sign-up sheet at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays beginning in August.

## Cakes for the Queen of Heaven – Back by Popular Demand

This nine-session program for women explores the feminine divine in ancient paganism, Judaism, Christianity, and new earth-based aspects of contemporary religion. We traditionally offered this every fall and many women’s spirituality groups were born from the program. One of the reasons for the program’s importance and success is that it offers women an opportunity to heal from having grown up female within patriarchal religion. This opportunity that we extend toward one another ends up being powerful in many ways, relationally and creatively, as well as spiritually.

Our format contains creative ritual, check-in, and participational exploring of the feminine divine. We share leadership for various rituals or exercises, greatly enriching the program. We use the basic structure of the original Cakes with continual updates to the content with the most recent works of feminist theology and creative ritual, always keeping the best, like the Donna Reed films and the writings of Merlin Stone.

Cakes will start in September, and meet EITHER on the second and fourth Thursday nights, 7–8:45 pm OR the first and third Sunday evenings 7–8:45 pm.

When you sign up, PLEASE indicate whether Thursdays or Sundays are better for you, OR if you could do either. If you are interested, please email the office at [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org). There will also be a sign-up sheet at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays beginning in August.

## 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 poses. It is physically energizing and mentally restorative.

DATES: Saturdays

TIME: 9:30-10:45 a.m.

WHO: Everyone. All levels welcome!

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

WHERE: Channing Hall or Founders Room

HOW: Contact **Autumn Fiester** to R.S.V.P. for childcare

[fiester@mail.med.upenn.edu](mailto:fiester@mail.med.upenn.edu) 215-573-2607

## 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](mailto:ewhitney@comcast.net)

### Nonviolent Communication Practice Group

Several participants in the “You Just Don’t Listen” workshop presented at UUCP by Elaine Geren on May 24 are interested in continuing their learning by creating a practice group to meet twice a month starting in the fall. Those who are interested are encouraged to include in their summer reading *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life* by Marshall B. Rosenberg and Arun Gandhi and to begin looking through the companion workbook *Nonviolent Communication Companion Workbook: A Practical Guide for Individual, Group or Classroom Study* by Lucy Leu (both paperbacks/ both available new and used from Amazon).

A planning meeting will be organized for early September.

If you are interested in this program, please email the office at [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org). There will also be a sign-up sheet at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays beginning in August.

**Please contact the UUCP office at [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org) to let us know if you are interested in joining this group.**

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## COMING OR CONTINUING THIS FALL

**Jesus Seminar on the Road**  
**Relational Covenant Development**  
**Great Books Reading Circle**  
**UU History Through Books**  
**Yoga**

## 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](mailto:hoeger@princeton.edu).

### Great Books Reading Circle

Great Books will resume on September 14 with *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* by Michael Chabon. We'll meet in Room 7 (note: new location) at 1:00 p.m. Please join us! For more information, contact **Karen Siracusa** (896-1016/[kn.siracusa@att.net](mailto:kn.siracusa@att.net))



### Creative Journaling

What is it that we do in this group? We share art and writing techniques to access our subconscious and find our inner authentic voices. Making collages (we show you how!) and using writing prompts can greatly expand your journaling practice. Please join us with a blank book and yourself - we will provide all the other materials you need (and that's lots of cool materials) Join our group of supportive, creative people who are exploring and sharing this process together. We usually meet the **third Tuesday of each month** in Founders Room from 7 - 9. If you have more questions, please e-mail **Emily Townsend** at [emtheartist@yahoo.com](mailto:emtheartist@yahoo.com). (and do let us know if you are coming so we expect you.)

### 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](mailto:silverdove@comcast.net), or just join us any Sunday!  
~Mirah Riben

### A Course in Miracles

A Course in Miracles will continue to meet for the summer in Room 8 after the regular summer single service. About 11:15 the group will be comparing the concepts and study practices of the Course with the ideas and practices that Eckhart Tolle presents in his book "A New Earth." Those of us who have read his book found many similar ideas and practices between his work and the Course. Becoming aware of these relationships will enhance a deeper understanding of both works. Feel free to join us. I think you will enjoy the wide-ranging discussion. ~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](mailto:aharper67@comcast.net), 609-737-3046) or **Linda Benson** ([lbenson5@verizon.net](mailto:lbenson5@verizon.net), 609-497-1866).

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

We've got 20 tickets available for the Trenton Thunder baseball game on August 24 at 1 pm. First come, first serve – although we can get more tickets if we fill up way in advance. \$8 per person. Contact **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** to reserve your spots.



# Community Building

# Grace Notes

## Women's Alliance

Women's Alliance will resume on September 11. ~Emma Forehand

## Men's Club

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be held in October. Please check with **Bill Barnard** at 609-430-4305 for up-to-date information.

## Dinner Discussion

Dinner Discussion will resume on September 16. ~George Schindler, Jr.

## UU Connections

### Summer of Peace

This summer is the time to firm up our values on peacemaking. Unitarian Universalists at General Assembly will have the opportunity to participate in training for peace advocacy. The Peacemaking Study/Action Issue will move toward a draft Statement of Conscience

Meanwhile back in Princeton on June 25 at 7:00 PM will be a showing of Phil Donhue's film "Body of War" about the Occupation of Iraq. Reservations can be made by calling 609-924-5022.

On Princeton fireworks evening, Wednesday July 2, will be "Peace is Patriotic" with a bring-your-own picnic starting at 6:00 pm on the lawn of Princeton Boro Hall. Honored patriots will be Rep. Frank Pallone, Col. Ann Wright, and former CIA agent turned peacenik, Ray Close. The Solidarity Singers will lead songs.

Hiroshima Day will be observed on Tuesday, August 5 at a place in Princeton to be announced. A bring-your-own picnic will be followed by two speakers, Ambassador Thomas Graham, Chief Negotiator for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and Joan

Wile, author of "Grannies Against the War."

For more information about these events, go to [www.peacecoalition.org](http://www.peacecoalition.org)

~Carol Allen [carolkallen@msn.com](mailto:carolkallen@msn.com)  
UU Connections Committee

# Social Justice

## Work at Trenton Area Habitat for Humanity Continues Save the Dates

Now that the Learning Center has been completed, UUCP volunteers will be working to help complete new homes on Clinton Avenue. We are shifting to a work schedule of one Saturday a month. Upcoming dates are: July 19, August 16, September 13, and October 11. If you can help on one of more of these days, please contact **Ray Nichols** at (609) 737-7442 or [Acer-Nichols@verizon.net](mailto:Acer-Nichols@verizon.net)



## News from the UUCP Music Ministry



Thanks to all who helped with, attended and supported our spectacular concert on Friday evening June

6. We all got rave reviews and left truly inspired; plus we raised funds to help us carry out our exciting plans for the 2008-09 season.

Sunday evening, August 17, there will be an Adult Choir music reading session in Channing Hall; Marjorie will bring selections from the UU Musicians Network Conference in Boston, and we'll read through lots of exciting pieces being planned/considered for the Fall season. Come for a potluck light supper at 6pm, and stay for the reading session from 7:00pm til 8:30pm. All who have thought about joining the Adult Choir are welcome to join us on August 17, and share our joy in making music together.

Wednesday evening, August 27 will be the first rehearsal of the Adult Choir -- 7:30pm til 9:00pm. Y'all come. Our first service will be the Water Communion on September 7. Details will follow.

### UUCP Music Ministry: Lighting the World with Music

## Legislative Ministry

### Last Chance to Participate in Issue Selection for Legislative Ministry

The New Jersey UU Legislative Ministry is well on its way to becoming a reality. During mid-summer, the responses to issue preference selection by all the New Jersey UU churches will be put together to determine the three main topics on which the legislative ministry will focus. **Elaine Nigam** worked very hard to get about 70 surveys done by people in our congregation.

Since a few NJ UU churches still need more time to respond, we have an opportunity for those in our congregation who have not yet done their selection to do the survey. There are two ways you can do it, one is to fill out a paper copy on June 22 or 29 after the Sunday service and the other is to send an email to [carol-kallen@msn.com](mailto:carol-kallen@msn.com) requesting an email with the two-page survey form attached (Word file). You can fill out the survey form and return it as a Word file by July 1. There were some other surveys handed in our congregation this Spring, so be sure you have filled in the Issues Survey for the NJ UU Legislative Ministry or get a copy and fill it out. ~Carol Allen

## Relational Covenant

### Relational Covenant Reflection By Ted Fetter

“Where you stand depends almost entirely on where you sit.”

I now understand that my opinions and preferences in the world depend a

great deal on my own experience and background. It’s hard to put myself in the shoes of other people and try to reflect on their experience, their learning, their wisdom. It’s easy to identify with people like me; hard to find common ground with somebody else.

Mark Twain said, “I’m amazed at how much more wisdom my mother had when I was 25 compared to what she had when I was 17.” I’ve had that same realization, not only about my mother but about many of the people I’ve worked with.

Early in my professional career I was in a staff position in a regional office of the National Center for State Courts. It was a good job, but the problem with the National Center was clear to me. Lots of good people worked there and did their best, but the top leaders in the headquarters office just didn’t make the right decisions. They failed to do some things and inexplicably did some other things, and the problems for the staff just got harder and harder. After two years I was transferred to headquarters. As I saw the issues from the national perspective, it was amazing just how much wiser the bosses in the headquarters office seemed. They had truly learned a lot, just by moving me to headquarters and letting me see what they did!

I took that wisdom with me to the rest of my jobs over the years. So frequently what we see is groups of people from different perspectives taking different sides without making clear the reasons for their opinions. They seem to need an interpreter for them to communicate. In my New Jersey job, it often seemed there were three

different groups sparring with each other – judges, lawyers, and court staff people. Each needed the other but each brought very different assumptions to the work. Here is an oversimplified example.

All groups wanted cases to flow smoothly through the court process to a swift and just conclusion. But for the lawyers, that seemed to mean that they should be able to control the scheduling of their cases; after all, they knew when their client was ready and what the client needed. For the judges, the way to a swift and just conclusion was to let the cases come before them so they could sort out the evidence and set down a reasonable decision; they were the neutral decision-maker, after all. And for the staff, what was needed was a system, a regular schedule, that everyone could understand and work with to allow all the cases, not just each one separately, to flow along through the process.

Now you might say, all they need to do is to talk with each other. Yes, but when they talked they often failed to listen. And they really found it hard to put themselves in the position of the others. They identified with their interest, their group, their needs.

What we needed, of course, was a way to get over the assumption that there is an Other – a competition among different groups. There is no Other. We were all part of the court system, all trying to get the work done with an effective and just result. We needed to listen to each others’ views as if they were part of our views, just an elaboration of what we wanted, with some different experiences from ours guiding that elaboration.

If we can build that approach in our lives, not just in church but in all aspects of our lives, we will have learned Mark Twain’s observation of his mother’s growing wisdom. We will realize that what we weren’t really listening to in the past, because

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 we weren't able to hear it, is really worth considering, really worth taking in and learning from.

That's why I support the congregation's plan to develop a relational covenant next fall. It's an effort to give us the tools to hear each other as colleagues, as part of the same group, who are all trying to build the beloved community. If we can learn to listen to every single one of us and learn from each other here in the congregation, we can learn to do it in our schools, our communities, our workplaces, and our whole lives.

We need to be careful, though. Here's another bit of wisdom from Mark Twain. "Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example."

**Another Relational Covenant Reflection**

By Michele Ochsner

I'm not a mystic, but there have been moments in my life when I have felt buoyed by connections with other people that have felt almost tangible—more real than ordinary reality.

At around 6:30 am on a chill and foggy January morning my parents and I arrived at our small local airport. It was my freshman year, and I was returning to school after the holidays. I was miserable and scared. The weather promised a bumpy ride and I was a nervous flyer. As much as I had wanted and chosen to attend a college 1200 miles from home, returning to school and leaving the familiar felt hard. These feelings were swept away when I walked into the airport and was met by half a dozen of my closest high school friends and my aunt, uncle and cousins who had come to see me off. The parting

passed quickly with jokes about getting up so early, laughter and hugging. On the plane, half an hour later looking through thick raindrops at the small airport, I could feel and almost see the individual strands of connections stretching between my heart and the hearts of the people I loved. I was buoyed and strengthened by this connection.

It has been many years, but I was recently reminded of this experience. This spring, in the week following my father's death—I was again buoyed by unexpected feelings of connection. I was touched by kind words from many members of the congregation—but I was especially struck by the closeness I felt to the members of one of UUCP's adult RE classes, Forrest Gilmore's "Credo."

The goal of the class was to think about and define our own answers to some of the hardest and most important questions—What is sacred to us? What is the best and worst of human nature? How do I live with loss and death? What gives life meaning? As participants in the class, we responded to the questions in a covenant style format—speaking in turn and listening to each other in silence.

Both my parents were suffering from dementia—and my understanding of life and its meaning has, in many ways, been shaped by being with them and the people who have been their caregivers. Even when he lost the ability to communicate easily, my dad found ways to express kindness to me, my mom and the nurses and aides who cared for him. With some degree of self-consciousness, I talked a lot about my dad over those first five meetings. And I listened to other people talk with equal hesitancy about the wonderful

and terrible, painful and joyful experiences that have shaped their beliefs. We all just listened and grew close.

My dad developed pneumonia and died a few days before our last Credo meeting. As I prepared to leave town for his funeral, I wrote an email to members of the class, explaining why I couldn't be there and how much I would miss our last meeting. I received a number of replies over the next few days. Because I felt that I had been heard and understood, these emailed notes meant a great deal to me. And to get back to the story of arriving at the airport so many years ago—I felt buoyed and strengthened—connected to others in a way that felt solid and real—by these expressions of kindness.

My sense of community here at UUCP has been built in small groups and circles. In most of our lives, these moments of listening and being listened to without judgment are so important and so rare. The process of creating a Relational Covenant at UUCP will provide still another opportunity to gather in small groups and talk about what is most important in our lives and what we want to offer each other in this community. I anticipate feeling buoyed and strengthened—again connected to what is most real in my life—as we listen to each other.

Look for our new **Pledge Offering Envelopes** which are available on Sundays.

If you contribute toward your pledge with cash we'll be able to properly credit you with your donation.

Place your cash contribution in the envelope and print your name on the front of the envelope; place the envelope in the offering basket. ~Sara Oderwald

**IN APPRECIATION**

There are many volunteers I enjoy seeing in the office, but there are three in particular without whom the office staff could not do their work.

All three of these men have answered my calls for help at all hours of the day and night. They are wholeheartedly dedicated to the UUCP and are selfless beyond words. I cannot thank them enough for their support and friendship.

I would like to recognize:

**Wesley Derbyshire** for his invaluable dedication to ensuring the website is always up-to-date and for his patient help and instruction to the office staff, from far, far away.

**Peter Gerster** for his selfless time, support, guidance, and insights to the secret world of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton's office computers and telephones. He is always at-the-ready, (usually during the wee hours of the morning) ensuring that we are up-and-running and ready for anything. Peter has wasted countless hours sitting in the office waiting for Verizon to show up; he is patient beyond my imagination and I always enjoy his quiet company.

**Bob Vanschaick** for his inestimable time, invaluable guidance, and his insights to the inner-workings of the building and grounds of the UUCP. His dedication is unsurpassed and his presence is always a pleasure.

*~Sara Oderwald*

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rising, will benefit you as much as the planet.

The Green Sanctuary Committee meets at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month in Room 15. Its mission to help make UUCP's building and grounds, and its members' lifestyles, more sustainable. For information, call **Ellie Whitney**, chair, 426-6166.

*~Ellie Whitney*

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## Green Sanctuary

### What Will Become of New Jersey with Global Warming?

On Friday, June 13, Plan Smart New Jersey and the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) cosponsored an all-day conference on the effects of climate change on the future of our state. Presenters included the CEOs of Verizon and of several utilities, managers of the Port Authority system, many state enterprises, and several environmental law firms.

The UCS speaker asserted that the effects of global warming are already upon us and advancing rapidly. It is already too late to prevent most of the effects expected to occur by mid-century, but after that, the pace of change will depend largely on steps we take now. If we drastically cut our greenhouse gas emissions, we can hold the rise in temperature to about 6 degrees Fahrenheit during this century. If we don't, the rise will be about 10 degrees. At the same time, given tight greenhouse gas controls, sea level will rise about 5 inches by 2100. Given loose controls, the rise will likely be about three feet.

Our grandchildren will live in a different world. Winters will be short and the precipitation will fall as rain. Hotter summers will induce evaporation of soil moisture and impair crop growth. Major floods along the coast, which used to occur only every 100 years, will occur every two years. Atlantic City and Manhattan Island will experience severe impacts.

Big enterprises in our state are taking measures to curb these changes. Speaker after speaker reported on initiatives to reduce

their "carbon footprints" (carbon emissions are used as an indicator of total greenhouse-gas emissions). Especially pleasing are efforts being made by the state's utilities such as ramping up electricity generation from wind and solar power.

While the big guys are working on the climate problem in big ways, we little guys can do our part. Our utilities offer each individual one of us the opportunity to participate in the statewide Clean Power Choice program: You can ask that all your electricity be generated from clean power.

The utility, which buys power from other suppliers, will buy that much less from coal and nuclear plants and that much more from wind, solar, methane-capture, and small hydro plants, increasing the demand for clean energy. The cost to you is only a little more than what you now pay. This is one of the two biggest contributions you can make towards curbing global warming. The other is to cut down on your gasoline usage—which, with gas prices

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We have sad news. **Lucy Elmer** who was a member of our congregation since 1977, died on June 22, from complications from a recent surgery. Lucy lived at Stonebridge and was a caring and loving member of our Women's Alliance and our congregation. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Sunday, August 3, at 4:00, here at UUCP.

We extend our condolences to Lucy's children and their families.

## Joys and Sorrows

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Cara Karch**, our former office assistant; her father died May 30. Chris Reed officiated at the funeral held on June 3. Condolences may be mailed to: **Cara Karch, 59 Burke Road, Robbinsville, NJ 08691**. Memorial contributions may be made to the Samaritan Hospice, 5 Eves Dr., Suite 300, Marlton, NJ 08053.

Congratulations to our office assistant, **Michelle Simone** who married Frankie Kapushy on May 31 at The Mill in Spring Lake. Michelle and Frankie spent ten days in Riviera Maya, Mexico where they basked in the sun and frolicked with the dolphins. Welcome back Mrs. Kapushy!

**Carol Haag's** brother Peter Schwartz has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is engaged in an exciting alternative genome therapy, consistent with his philosophy of health, under the care of the Burzynski Clinic in Houston, TX. Her other brother died of pancreatic cancer 2 years ago. Good wishes and prayers for health are most welcome.

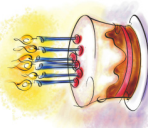

**Bill Barnard's** son-in-law Dr. Erwin Hirsch, an experienced sailor, died when the dinghy he was rowing out to his touring sailboat swamped in 43 degree water. Hypothermia quickly set in; he was unconscious when rescued 20 minutes later and never recovered. He was the chief trauma surgeon at Boston Medical Center and had served as a surgeon in the Vietnam war. Our sympathies go out to Bill and to his daughter Susan who lives in Marblehead, MA and to Erwin and Susan's daughters Christina, who lives in Manhattan, and Kathleen who is a registered nurse at Boston Medical Center and worked with her father.



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**JULY 2008**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<p><b>JUL 6—ONE Service—10:00 a.m.</b> 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8</p>	<p><b>JUL 7</b> <b>SARA ODERWALD'S BIRTHDAY</b></p> 	<p><b>JUL 1</b> 7:00p-9:00p Leadership Council—Murray</p> <p><b>JUL 8</b> 5:30p-7:00p Legislative Ministry Steering Committee (2nd Tue) Minister's Office 6:45p All congregants invited to Board's open dialog session—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Board of Trustees—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Green Sanctuary—Room 15</p>	<p><b>JUL 2</b> 7:00p-9:00p A New Earth Study Group (1st Wed) - Founders 7:00p Transitioning Group (1st Wed) - Room 15 7:15p Covenant Circle (1st Wed) - Murray Room</p> <p><b>JUL 9</b> 7:00p-9:00p Adult Program Committee—Murray</p>	<p><b>JUL 3</b> 7:15p Covenant Circle—(1st Thu PM) - Murray Room</p> <p><b>JUL 10</b> 10:00a-12:15p Covenant Circle (2nd Thurs AM) - Murray Room</p>	<p><b>JUL 4</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> 7:15p Covenant Circle (1st Fri) - Room 15</p> 	<p><b>JUL 5</b> 9:30a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p> <p><b>JUL 12</b> 8:30a-3:00p Trenton Habitat for Humanity Work Day—Trenton (2nd Sat) 8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates—Murray 9:30a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>
<p><b>JUL 13—ONE Service—10:00 a.m.</b> 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8</p>	<p><b>JUL 14</b> 7:15p-9:15p Covenant Circle (2nd Monday PM) - Murray Room</p>	<p><b>JUL 15</b> 7:00p-9:00p Creative Journaling (3rd Tue)—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Blessed Bounty (3rd Tue) - Room 15 7:00p-9:00p Committee on Ministry (3rd Tue) - Murray</p>	<p><b>JUL 16</b> 1:00p-2:30p Office Staff Meeting—Murray 7:00p Transitioning Group (3rd Wed) - Room 15 7:00p-9:00p A New Earth Study Group (3rd Wed) - Founders 7:00p Relational Covenant Task Force—Forrest's Office</p>	<p><b>JUL 17</b> 7:00p-9:00p Small Group Ministry Leaders' Meeting—Room 15</p>	<p><b>JUL 18</b> Full Moon ☉ 5:00p—10:00p CUUPS Full Moon Circle—Memorial Wall/Room 11</p>	<p><b>JUL 19</b> 9:30a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>
<p><b>JUL 20—ONE Service—10:00 a.m.</b> 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8</p>	<p><b>JUL 21</b> 5:00p <i>Skylights</i> JULY 2008 ISSUE <b>DEADLINE</b> Send to: <a href="mailto:skylights@uuprinceton.org">skylights@uuprinceton.org</a></p>	<p><b>JUL 22</b></p>	<p><b>JUL 23</b></p>	<p><b>JUL 24</b></p>	<p><b>JUL 25</b> 7:15p-9:15p Bartok Covenant Circle (4th Fri) - Murray</p>	<p><b>JUL 26</b> 9:30a Yoga Class—Founders Room 8:30a-3:00p Trenton Habitat for Humanity Work Day—Trenton (4th Sat)</p>
<p><b>JUL 27—ONE Service—10:00 a.m.</b> 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8</p>	<p><b>JUL 28</b></p>	<p><b>JUL 29</b></p>	<p><b>JUL 30</b></p>	<p><b>JUL 31</b> 7:15p Covenant Circle (1st Fri) - Room 15</p>	<p><b>AUGUST 1</b> 7:15p Covenant Circle (1st Fri) - Room 15</p>	<p><b>AUGUST 2</b> 9:30a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>



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**AUGUST 2008**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
AUG 3 4:00 p—Memorial Service for Lucy Elmer— Channing Hall	AUG 4	AUG 5 7:00p-9:00p RE Council (1st Tue) —Founders Room 7:30p-9:30p Green Sanctuary— Room 15	AUG 6 7:00p Transitioning Group (1st Wed) - Room 15 7:15p Covenant Circle (1st Wed) - Murray Room 7:00p-9:00p A New Earth Study Group (1st Wed) - Founders	AUG 7 7:15p Covenant Circle—(1st Thu PM) - Murray Room	AUG 8 7:00p-9:00p Barok Covenant Circle (2nd Fri) - Murray Room	AUG 9 8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates—Murray 9:30a Yoga Class— Founders Room 8:30a-3:00p Trenton Habitat for Humanity Work Day—Trenton (2nd Sat)
AUG 10—ONE Service—10:00 a.m. 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8	AUG 11 7:15p-9:15p Covenant Circle (2nd Monday PM) - Murray Room	AUG 12 7:00p-9:00p Board of Trustees— Founders	AUG 13 7:00p-9:00p Adult Program Committee—Murray	AUG 14 10:00a-12:15p Covenant Circle (2nd Thurs AM) - Murray Room	AUG 15 5:00p—10:00p CUPS Full Moon Circle—Memorial Wall/Room 11	AUG 16 Full Moon ☉ 9:30a Yoga Class— Founders Room
AUG 17— ONE Service—10:00 a.m. 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 6:00p-9:00p Adult Choir music reading & podluck supper—Channing	AUG 18 5:00p <i>Skylights</i> JULY 2008 ISSUE <b>DEADLINE</b> Send to: skylights@uuprinceton.org	AUG 19 7:00p-9:00p Creative Journaling (3rd Tue) —Founders 7:00p-9:00p Blessed Bounty (3rd Tue) - Murray 7:00p-9:00p Committee on Mistry (3rd Tue) - Murray	AUG 20 1:00p-2:30p Office Staff Meeting— Murray 7:00p Transitioning Group (3rd Wed) - Room 15 7:00p-9:00p A New Earth Study Group (3rd Wed) - Founders	AUG 21 7:00p-9:00p Small Group Ministry Leaders' Meeting—Room 15	AUG 22 7:15p-9:15p Barok Covenant Circle (4th Fri) - Murray	AUG 23 9:30a Yoga Class— Founders Room 8:30a-3:00p Trenton Habitat for Humanity Work Day—Trenton (4th Sat)
AUG 24—ONE Service—10:00 a.m. 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8	AUG 25	AUG 26	AUG 27 7:30p-9:00p Adult Choir Practice— Channing	AUG 28	AUG 29	AUG 30 9:30a Yoga Class— Founders Room <b>PIA O'LOUGHLIN'S BIRTHDAY</b> 
AUG 31—ONE Service—10:00 a.m. 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8	SEPTEMBER 1 <b>OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY</b> 	SEPTEMBER 2 7:00p-9:00p RE Council (1st Tue) —Founders Room 7:30p-9:30p Green Sanctuary— Room 15	SEPTEMBER 3 7:15p Covenant Circle (1st Wed) - Murray Room 7:00p Transitioning Group (1st Wed) - Room 15 7:00p-9:00p A New Earth Study Group (1st Wed) - Founders	SEPTEMBER 4 7:15p Covenant Circle—(1st Thu PM) - Murray Room	SEPTEMBER 5	SEPTEMBER 6 9:30a Yoga Class— Founders Room <b>RE Teacher Training—No times yet</b>

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