

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

October 5, 2008 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Wiping the Slate Clean – Spiritually

In this sacred time of the High Holy Days, let us consider the Jewish understanding of renewal. How, in the twirls and rests and stresses and endeavors of our daily lives, do we toss those crumbs into the stream? How do we write our name in the Book of Life?

Worship Leader: **Rev. Chris Reed** Worship Associate: **Raj Nigam**
Music: **John Bachalis, clarinet, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

October 12, 2008 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

(Advice for) Loving Those We Hate

We all come across people who we find difficult, who stir our anger and even inspire feelings of hate. How do we deal with these people? How do we keep from boiling over? How do we find peace in the midst of such relationships?

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** Worship Associate: **Michael Piscetelli**
Music: **Adult Choir, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

October 19, 2008 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Are We Growing in Spirit?

This Sunday, we will be joining with hundreds of UU congregations across the continent and beyond in celebrating Association Sunday 2008. Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Stephan Papa, the organizer of Association Sunday. Stephan serves as a Special Assistant to the President of the UUA for Growth Funding. Before assuming this position, he served as the senior minister at the Main Line Unitarian Church in Devon, PA.

He writes, "We may not have a consensus on what spirituality means, but we agree on the need to be more clear, centered, and effective in our faith. We need to *Grow Our Faith* in one another, in Unitarian Universalism, and the good we can and should do for others. We need to grow our faith in the spirit: our group spirit, the human spirit, the holy spirit, the spirit of love; it is calling us." A special collection will be taken to support developing new projects for theological deepening, and excellence in our shared ministry.

Guest Worship Leader: **Dr. Stephan Papa** Worship Associate: **Ted Fetter**
Music: **Betsy Loughran, cello, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

October 26, 2008 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Day of the Dead — An All Ages Service

As the season of Halloween approaches, some say the veil between the living and the dead thins. Today, we honor those who have gone before us and continue our tradition of writing notes to the dead. This service is for all ages and will be co-facilitated by our Covenant of UU Pagans.

Worship Leaders: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore & CUUPS** Worship Associate: **Jordan Corn**
Music: **Adult Choir, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

Reflection

By Reverend Forrest Gilmore

Over the last two decades, there has been a significant change in how worship is done in many congregations throughout the United States. This change primarily involves a shift to a music style that could be described as upbeat, spirited, world-influenced and celebratory. At UUCP, we have adapted our services over the last several years to create a service that blends this new style with more traditional worship music. Some have rejoiced at this change. Some have found it difficult.

In several congregational meetings and a congregation-wide survey, we have proposed an experiment to create two distinct services – a more contemplative/traditional service at 9:15 and a more celebratory/contemporary service at 11:15.

In the proposed idea, much in our two services would remain the same. The basic order of service would be the same. The sermon would be the same. The choral pieces and guest musicians would remain the same. Also, this would not affect inter-generational services, which will continue as they have.

The primary difference would be in the opening and closing of the service. At the 9:15 service, we would open and close with quieter and more traditional music. In the 11:15 service, we would open with several upbeat songs and often close with an upbeat song. The middle of the service would continue to remain prayerful and meditative. Also, on choir Sundays, we will have a quartet at the 9:15 and the full choir at the 11:15. With time, we hope to grow the 9:15 quartet

into its own full-sized choir.

The congregation has expressed strong, although not universal, support for a six-month experiment of this idea. Our recent survey had 138 responses – 97 (70%) were in favor, 25 (18%) against, and 16 (12%) unsure.

Common statements of support included:

“I love when we finish with music that gets us moving and clapping and my uplifted spirit makes a positive difference in the way I feel.”

- and -

“The experiment would be respectful of those who miss the traditional worship music.”

- and -

“Why not give it a try.”

Common expressions of concern included:

“I think it would be nicer for both services to have the same style, so we are more like one big group, just attending at different times.”

- and -

“I must always attend one service because of [religious education]. I would be disappointed having to choose one style over the other.”

Some suggested that we alternate ser-

vices from week-to-week. While an interesting idea, I think it would be very confusing to newcomers and probably some of us long-termers, too. So, I unfortunately think that idea won't work for us.

Given this feedback, we plan to begin this experiment on October 12 and continue it through March. As we approach that six-month date, we'll come back to you for your feedback about how it's going.

If the idea is successful, we can look to long-term investments towards making the changes even more powerful. My personal long-term vision would be to have two distinct services, with two choirs, and guest musicians specific to each service (perhaps regular strings at the 9:15 and drums and guitar at 11:15). We'll see where the future takes us.

***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.

Reflection

By Reverend Chris Reed



With our workshop on October 4, we start the sacred work of creating our Relational Covenant together, a covenant that says how we will be with each other.

Meanwhile, the program ministries of the congregation work to create opportunities for not “how”, but “when”, we will be with each other. A congregation our size invites relationship and sometimes transforming relationship in small groups in which congregants are invited to listen to, affirm, and be present to each other. Our unique dreams and journeys that we share with each other are often grounded in common concerns, interests and values.

Our lives are often so busy that we miss out on this part of congregational life. Several new programs are trying to make this participation a little easier for you. And I want to draw our attention to a few of these programs.

The first two are particularly for people with children. We are offering a new monthly Covenant Circle with childcare included. We hope that particularly parents of children ages 5 through 10 can sign up for this. When we have seven families, we hope to start another circle. If you want to sign up for a Covenant Circle with childcare, regardless of your child’s age, please do so and we might even start with two groups.

We are also offering a monthly morning Mom’s Circle with childcare. Participants will help determine the topics and activities of the group. This is open to mothers of children who range from infant to mid-teens.

Aging and Saging, a group for those who are 60 and over, will meet twice a month for those who would like to create a community of loving, supporting, learning individuals who find it exciting to explore the terrain of getting older with each other.

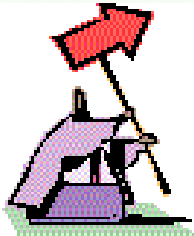
Speaking Spanish will meet twice each week, once in the morning and once in the evening. For all of these new programs and all of the on-going adult programs, including those for newcomers, please see registration and meeting time information on the Adult Programs pages of this *Skylights*.

And meanwhile I hope to see most of you, if not everyone, at our Relational Covenant Workshop on October 4!

COME ONE, COME ALL, TO THE ALL CONGREGATION RELATIONAL COVENANT WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 9AM TO 12 NOON

Led by Revs. Forrest Gilmore and Chris Reed



“A real community is not homogeneity. It is the discipline and devotion of disparate people bearing with one another – the hard tasks of love.” Richard John Neuhaus



What is **our** covenant? What binds **us** and our fellow congregants together in celebration and in conflict?

This is for us to work out. Come and explore together what we need, want and value in our connections within our congregation.

Here we will begin to think about what we truly value in community and how this ties in with what we expect from others and what we really want to offer each other.

What is a "Relational Covenant"? It is the promises or agreements we make with each other regarding how we are with one another in our congregation and throughout the interconnected web. It is what makes it possible for a group of people with diverse positions and beliefs to be a cohesive liberal religious congregation. It is their covenant to walk together in a loving and supportive relationship. Because we have no creed that binds us together, we are essentially a covenantal faith; the covenant we make binds us together to explore meaning and faith and to do justice in the world.

We as a congregation will decide what we need to include to make our covenant viable.

This work will be challenging. It is not easy to build and maintain relationships with depth, trust and honesty. But when we live in covenanted communities of both support and accountability, we live deeper, more authentic and more creative lives.

How we behave toward one another here and throughout the interconnected web is what UUism is all about. If we get that right, diversity of every kind is manageable.

Sign up for the workshop at events@uuprinceton.org or at the program table in the lounge or just come!

"You need not think alike to love alike" Francis David

Religious Education for Children and Youth

Parent Coffee Schedule

Parent Coffees offer an opportunity during Sunday morning class time for parents and teachers to connect with each other and for the parents to address their visions for their child's religious growth. **Please make every effort to attend your class Parent Coffee!**

October 12

9:15 2nd Grade
 9:15 3rd/4th Grad
 11:15 2nd/3rd Grade
 11:15 4th/5th/6thGrade

October 19

9:15 5th Grade

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



New RE Parent Orientation October 5

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. The meeting will be between services from 10:30 to 11:10 in the John Murray Room.

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

Children's Worship & Religious Education Schedule

Sunday, October 5

Taschlich Walk

9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, October 12

Sacred Story: The 7 Days of Creation

9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, October 19

TBA Sacred Story

9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, October 26

Interdependent Web

Intergenerational Service:

Day of the Dead

9:15 & 11:15 Channing Hall
 No RE Classes

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



YOUTH MINISTRY

A **Big Hug & Welcome** goes out to all the **9th graders** who joined the Senior Youth Group this September! Our Lock-In Retreat will (tentatively) be on Friday, Oct. 10-11, 2008.

This church year is starting out with wonderful hopes & plans for the Senior Youth Group... so, save the date for:

Nov. 7 - Teen Coffee House!

Nov. 14-16 - Youth Spirit Development Conference in Freeport, NY!

OCTOBER EVENTS

Every Sunday Morning	Morning Youth Group	11:00a
1st & 3rd Sunday Evenings	Evening Youth Group	7-9p
10/10-10/11 (Tentative)	Overnight Lock-In	9p-9a
10/12	Junior Youth Social (7 & 8th Graders)	5-7p
10/26	Intergenerational Service "Day of the Dead"	9:15a & 11:15a

Contact **Pia** for more info:
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

Our current “Newcomers Circle” started on Wednesday, **September 17**. This seven session program is an opportunity for newcomers to explore the central traditions and understandings of our faith. It is also a great opportunity to get to know 13 other people in a small group setting.

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

We have room for two more. Please sign up for this circle, or our winter Newcomers Circle by contacting **Rick Baker**, rick.baker1@att.net, or in the lounge on Sunday mornings.

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, or **Rev. Chris Reed** at reed@uuprinceton.org or 924-1604, ext 12.

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. 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 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. After a check in and short meditation, participants reflect on and share responses to questions that evoke our individual sacred stories.

- There is time for discussion, questions, and socializing for the last 20 to 30 minutes of each Circle. (The previous format did not give enough opportunity for this.)

- Each Circle is encouraged to get together socially a few times and/or work together on a social justice or service project.
- We grow new groups as needed, so that we hopefully turn no one away.
- Circles meet from year to year.

Please sign up at the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge or contact **Shelle Sumners** at sumners@uuprinceton.org, 609-924-1604, ext. 14 or **Chris Reed** at reed@uuprinceton.org, 609-924-1604, ext. 12 if you are interested in joining a Covenant Circle.

NEW PROGRAMS

Speaking Spanish—Hablando Español

Starting October 7—Tuesdays 11:00 a.m.—Noon (John Murray Room)

Starting October 8—Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. (John Murray Room)

Come to either or both sessions! The two groups

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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** (lindabenson5@gmail.com) and **Alice Harper** (aharper67@comcast.net).

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will be led by Jorge Garcia Salas.

Hola amigos. This weekly group focuses on speaking and learning Spanish. Some people have never spoken Spanish; some learned it in college a long time ago; some took quick courses for travel or are learning it at Mercer County. 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 send e-mail to events@uuprinceton.org or sign up at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays.

Young Adult Group!!! New!!!

Ages 20-35

Start-up meeting on Sunday, November 2, at 12:30-1:45, right after the second service, in the Fahs theater.

Come and join us on Sunday as we create a new group for our congregation. We have not had a Young Adult ministry for several months. Many of the people in the “old” group got “too old”, and moved on to other areas of congregational life or joined various congregational ministries.

We have been collecting names of young adults for a while and in addition to this announcement, will be sending a group email to all who have so identified themselves. This is a unique spiritual stage in our lives, and our spiritual growth and enjoyment during this time is enhanced by a loving, supportive and social community.

The group will decide on the types of get-togethers to have and the schedule and will ultimately be self-led. Our last group had a monthly 12:30 meeting, a monthly dinner at someone’s home, created a social action project and a book group. So please come and help shape this vital ministry to all who walk through our doors looking for such a community of peers.

Sign up through events@uuprinceton.org or at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays.

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 started on Thursday, **September 25**, and continues to meet on the second and fourth Thursday nights, 7–8:45 pm in Fahs Theatre.

If you are interested, please see if there is still room by sending e-mail to events@uuprinceton.org or signing up at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays.

Mom’s Circle

**Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month
10:30-12:00 in the John Murray Room
Starting October 9
Childcare provided**

This group is open to mothers of children whose ages range from infant up to mid-teens. Participants will help determine the topics and activities of the group.

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

Discovering a Sense of Place (Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Committee)

Our church sits on four acres of land in Princeton Township, but what else do you know about our place? We are part of a bioregion, with particular land forms, fauna and flora, weather patterns, watershed, and history of use.

The Green Sanctuary Committee is offering “Discovering a Sense of Place,” an eight-week, self-

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led program developed by the Garden State Earth Institute. The goal is to stimulate discussion wherein everyone's opinion is heard and respected and to encourage personal choice of actions.

The only cost is \$25.00 for the textbook.

Discussion Group format: A class of 8 to 15 participants will meet on eight Mondays, starting **October 6**, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Topics covered in the eight sessions include: A Sense of Place, Knowing Your Bioregion, Mapping Your Place, Empowerment, Responsibility to Place, Living in Place, and Community

Course book contains background material, articles from contemporary literature, stimulating questions for discussion, a guide to facilitation, references, and resources.

Process: Participants read the articles before each session. A Garden State Earth Institute volunteer facilitates the first session only. Facilitation then rotates among the participants making for an egalitarian group.

For more information, contact **Pat Ramirez**, (609) 497-2912, patramirez31@hotmail.com. Sign up through events@uuprinceton.org or at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays. (see related article on page 14)

Aging and Saging

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month
10:30-Noon in the John Murray Room
Started Wed. September 24 but is open to
additional participants
Led by Rev. Chris Reed and participants

A new program for all over 60 years old. Or anyone who feels over 60. We'll be using the UUA program "From Aging to Saging" as a resource along with several other resources, including participants' interests in various topics. This will be primarily a sharing of experiences, stories, feelings and information.

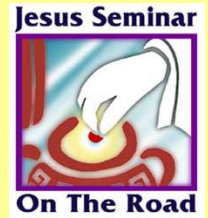
We no longer have a daytime covenant circle and rather, we offer this affinity circle for those who would like to meet during the day to create a community of loving, supporting, learning individuals who find it exciting to explore the terrain of getting older with each other.

"Sage" is apparently only a noun and an adjective, but for you purists out there, please consider that it resonates with both "age" and, as someone over 60 just said, also with "sag", both respected verbs.

Sign up by sending e-mail to events@uuprinceton.org or on Sundays in Robinson Lounge at the Adult Program table.

JESUS SEMINAR ON THE ROAD **OCTOBER 24 AND 25**

Join us for a Friday night and Saturday program exploring "Jesus in the First and Twenty-first Centuries," presented by the Westar Institute.



Friday Night Lecture

From Nazareth to Nicea (7:30–9 p.m.)

Who is the founder of Christianity: Jesus, Paul, or the Roman Emperor Constantine? How did Jesus—a Galilean peasant, teller of parables, exorcist, and healer—become the royal son of God celebrated in the creed of Nicea?

Saturday Workshops

Jesus in the First Century (9:30 to noon)

What do we know about the historical Jesus? Includes an introduction to the methods of modern scholarship used to distinguish the words of the historical Jesus from those later attributed to him.

Jesus for the Twenty-first Century (1:30–4 p.m.)

Can the historical Jesus revitalize or transform Christian faith? Does this Jesus have any relevance for people who claim no allegiance to Christianity? Includes a discussion about the relation of the historical Jesus to questions about the meaning of human existence and ultimately about the nature of God.

Presenter: Brandon Scott (Ph.D, Vanderbilt University) Brandon is the Darbeth Distinguished Professor of New Testament at the Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK. His books include *Hear Then the Parable* (1989), *Re-Imagine the World: An Introduction to the Parables of Jesus* (2000), and *Hollywood Dreams and Biblical Stories* (1994).

Registration for All Sessions: Register by 10/3—\$50, register after 10/3—\$60, \$40 for an additional family member. Single Sessions: Friday \$15, Saturday workshops: \$25 each.

Register at events@westarinstitute.org or call (877) 523-3545.

IN THE PLANNING STAGES

Ask and It Is Given Study Group

The content comes from the book we will study called *Ask and It Is Given* by Jerry and Ester Hicks.

The overarching objective of the authors of the book is to:

- Help us as humans understand our relationship to God, and to all that we really are.
- From this awakened memory, we will experience a

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joyful zest for life and the satisfaction and fulfillment that comes from it.

The objective of the group is to:

- Learn from our study of the text and sharing of personal insights
- Understand and practice the processes and exercises from the book

- Share personal shifts and practical outcomes as a result of the practices

Create new habits of thinking, feeling, and acting through which we become deliberate creators of our life experience

All meetings will be 60 minutes in length. The initial term of the group is 6 weeks. This will allow us time to complete our study of the book. The group will then determine if it would like to keep meeting and for what purpose. The program will begin in November.

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

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.



The Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans, or CUUPS (pronounced *cups*), is an organization

chartered by the UUA in 1987 to practice and share Earth-centered traditions within the larger denomination. We seek to build bridges between 21st-century pagans and those who embrace other religious traditions, while celebrating the “interdependent web of all existence” as recognized in the Seventh Principle of Unitarian Universalism.

Coming Events:

10/17 Full Moon Circle – 7:00 p.m., Memorial Garden or Room 11, depending on the weather. Celebrate the Full Moon with friendly members of the Evergreen Chapter of the Covenant of UU Pagans. The “Hunter’s Moon” will be just beginning to wane when we gather this month.

10/26 Day of the Dead – 9:15 and 11:15 a.m., Channing Hall. These are the regularly scheduled Sunday worship services in which we lead the annual ritual of sending messages to those we love who have died. Congregants who live as Muggles the rest of the year are

happy to join us in a bit of seasonal witchcraft!

All are welcome; we keep our content child-friendly.

Great Books Reading Circle Meets Sunday, October 12 at 1 PM in Room 7

Come and discuss *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman, a British prize winning author. *The Golden*



Compass, the first volume in His Dark Materials trilogy, won the Carnegie Medal and the Guardian Fiction Prize, and is often called of the best young-adult fantasy novels of the past 20 years. The NY Times wrote: “*The Golden Compass* doesn't quite achieve the majestic poetry of Tolkien's powerful sagas, or the sinewy gravity of Ursula K. Le Guin's *Wizard of Earthsea*, or the wit of Russell Hoban's fable *The Mouse and His Child*. But it is still very grand indeed. There is scene

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Save the Date!

The **UUCP Fellowship Auction** returns to a Winter date of Saturday January 24, 2009

For many years UUCP has held two major fundraising events to benefit charities our members actively support in the areas of social action and social justice. Each year we raise over \$20,000 through the Fellowship Auction and Spring Fair.

The Fellowship Auction is a fun, intergenerational , fund-raiser where we offer our services, and talents to each other on a bidding based system. Past offerings have included, vacation homes, dinner parties, multiple types of chilis, special recipe sweets car services, crafts and outstanding art work. New to the program this year will be a chance to request something not just donate something. Also new will be a Tricky Tray for adults and kids!

Mark you calendars and start thinking what you could donate.....we will be calling you!

The Fellowship Auction Committee - **Cindy Jenison, Laurie Powsner, Cathy Bauer Koggan, Amanda Gillum, Ruth Tomlinson, Helen Szathmary, Tedi Lang, Kathy Lehmann and Lauren O'Neil.**

Note: We need a volunteer to advise and help with financial administration. If interested please call Cindy Jenison.

Community Building

Women's Alliance

At our October 16 luncheon, **Dorie Rothman** will present a program on "Progress Toward Adding an Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution." Mrs. Rothman was co-founder of the ERA Campaign Network and president of the Equal Rights Amendment Education Fund. A film will precede her talk, a discussion will follow.

Bring salads to share to the Founders Room for lunch at noon, the program begins at one o'clock. Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided.

Everyone is welcome to come. ~Emma Forehand (609)921-6146

Men's Club

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be held on October 28. Please check with **Bill Barnard** at 609-430-4305 for up-to-date information.

Dinner Discussion

At the next Dinner Discussion, Tuesday October 21, our speaker will be **Dr. David Brown**, Clinical Psychologist, whose topic will be: **A Psychological Assessment of the Presidential Candidates Barak Obama and John McCain.** Dr. Brown, a member of the Princeton Congregation, has had a long-term interest in the psychological functioning of political leaders because a number of recent presidents have shown behavior that puts our nation at risk. He believes psychology can help us make better decisions in the voting booths. In addition to his nearly forty years in private practice, Dr. Brown's work has ranged over a wide variety of venues from school psychologist, clinical psychology, and custody evaluations for the courts. -- **Where?** Robinson Lounge. Sign up with **Mal Durbin** between services October 12 and 19. Rising food prices have forced an increase charge for the dinner to \$10. Late-comers \$12, if food is available.

Arrive 7 PM for snacks, beverages and dinner. Talk is at 8:10 PM. You can skip dinner and the fee by arriving just for the talk. ~George Schindler, Jr.

Community Dialogue on Race Coming to Princeton

The YWCA is sponsoring a Community Dialogue on Race on Thursday, October 2, an event co-sponsored by the Princeton Human Services Commission and **Not In Our Town**. Members and friends of our congregation are invited to attend and participate.

UUCP is a member of the inter-faith, antiracism group, Not In Our Town, formed about ten years ago and including about eight congregations in Princeton. Not In Our Town has sponsored many events and book readings and youth get-togethers over the years, and this event with the YWCA and the Human Services Commission is the latest in the series.

The dialogue on October 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the YWCA Multipurpose Room in Princeton will be led by Sandy Ewell from the Common Ground Institute. She will show the film "Light in the Shadows" and then encourage participants to begin a conversation about issues of race as presented in the film.

It would be wonderful if several persons from UUCP were able to attend and participate in these discussions. For more information, contact Caroline Mitchell at the YWCA. She can be reached at cmitchell@ywcaprinceton.org or at 609-497-2100, ext. 335.

~Ted Fetter

Dear UUCP'ers,
I am the new brunch coordinator and have many empty dates. The same groups have been doing brunches for years and are getting a bit burned out. I would like to see some new groups come forth. Would your DUNs group like to help out with one Sunday? or your covenant circle? Just pick one Sunday and help minister to the congregation with good food. Also, earn some money for your group.



Please contact me at carolynh@princeton.edu

Thanks for your consideration,
Carolyn Hoeschele

CRISIS MINISTRY

McCaffrey Receipts: Did you know that the Crisis Ministry used to receive almost \$10,000 a year from the proceeds of McCaffrey receipts? During these economic times, we would like to remind people to SAVE their receipts for CM--CM's food costs are increasing as well! Remember:

- Receipts cannot be more than 6 months old.
- Please drop off receipts in the box in Robinson Lounge. ~Lauren Oneil

Board of Trustees

Notes from the Trustees

The Board of Trustees bid thanks and farewell to **Elizabeth Silverman, Chris Sturm** and **Mike Piscetelli**, and welcomed **Debby D'Arcangelo, Lisa Roché** and **Kathy Lehmann** as new trustees. At the September 9 Board meeting, officers for the current year were elected: **Jeanne Carsten** will continue as President, **Jonathan Sachs** will serve as Vice-President and **Diane Torrance** will continue as Secretary.

The summer retreat was spent with Rev. Mary Higgins, District Executive for the Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire district, and an expert on Policy Governance. She was an immeasurable help; both to members with some experience in Policy Governance, and to those of us new to the board. She was especially helpful in helping us understand "Ends and Means." **Ends**, shaped by input from the congregation, are what we want to be as a congregation. **Means** are those things that need to be accomplished to get there.

Our fall agenda will be spent tweaking the existing Ends; moving forward with the financial review and, developing a communication plan that pays attention to keeping you informed of our activities and providing opportunities for the board to be an active presence in the life of the congregation. The next Board meeting is Tuesday **October 14**. We invite members of the congregation to join us at **6:45 p.m.** for an open discussion.

~ Kathy Lehmann,
on behalf of the BOT

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after scene of power and beauty ...*The Golden Compass* is long, but it is told simply and draws us on, as one crisis blossoms out of another." Pullman's work is controversial - viewed by some as denigrating Christianity and established religion, and promoting atheism," Join us and read for yourself! (For more info: contact **Karen Siracusa** at kn.siracusa@att.net or 896-1106)

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 the Founders Room from 7 - 9. If you have more questions, please e-mail **Emily Townsend** at emtheartist@yahoo.com (and do let us know if you are coming so we expect you.)

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: 10:00-11:15 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
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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

A Course in Miracles will continue to meet every Sunday this fall in Room 8 at 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

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CARING COMMUNITY

The goal of the Pastoral Associates Program is to work towards continuing to be an ever more caring community in which members express their interconnectedness by reaching out to support one another in times of need and to rejoice in times of joy. We seek to promote an atmosphere of hope and to ensure that no member of our community needs to feel alone in a time of crisis. We will be working together to discover new ways of understanding each others needs and learning how to meet them. Please fill out this questionnaire to indicate ways that you can support this goal or help.

Name: _____ Home phone: _____
 Address: _____ Work phone: _____
 _____ Cell phone: _____
 E-mail: _____ May we call you at work? o Yes o No

TO HELP A FELLOW CONGREGANT, I WOULD:

<input type="checkbox"/> Offer a ride	<input type="checkbox"/> Once a month	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 6 times a year	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 times a year
<input type="checkbox"/> Run an errand	<input type="checkbox"/> Once a month	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 6 times a year	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 times a year
<input type="checkbox"/> Bring a meal	<input type="checkbox"/> Once a month	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 6 times a year	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 times a year

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“Travel the World in Song”

A Concert Performed by **Joan Waite** to Benefit
 The Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton
 Sunday, October 12, 2008 - Unitarian Universalist
 Congregation of Princeton
 Tickets \$25 to be purchased at the door

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, Jon Krejci, Rev. Chris Reed, and Carol Haag).

Jill Gilmore writes, "I'm excited to be joining the staff at the Waldorf School of Princeton as an assistant teacher in the Early Childhood program. I've been passionately involved in Waldorf education for 12 years, as a co-teacher in a coming of age program in Boulder, Colorado, and as a co-director of a Waldorf Early Childhood initiative in Bloomington, Indiana -- so this feels in many ways like "coming home" in my new community of Princeton. I've enjoyed meeting many parents at the school who have connections with the UUCP -- it's a great way to bridge two communities that are important to me and my family, and to give some of my time and energy to families working to live in "truth, beauty, and goodness" (the Waldorf philosophy in a very simplified nutshell!)"

We share **Carol Haag's** family joy that her brother Peter Schwartz's pancreas tumor is gone. The treatment at the Burzynski Clinic in Houston, TX, has remarkable success in curing cancers of all kinds. Anyone interested in learning more contact:

Burzynski Research Institute
Stanislaw R. Burzynski, MD, PhD
www.cancermed.com
9432 Old Katy Rd, Suite 200
Houston, TX 77055-6330
713-335-5697 or fax 713-335-5699
info@burzynskiclinic.com
Write up at <http://63.173.141.67/treatment/clinicburzynski.html>

Sharon McCrae would like to thank all of those who offered healing thoughts, suggestions and prayers for her mother, Alma McCrae, as she underwent treatment for esophageal cancer. Your

support meant so much. Alma's May 6 surgery was successful and she is recovering nicely. At 76, she is now in the fortunate position of being able to contemplate why she has survived it all. Thanks again!

Grace Greenleaf, the granddaughter of **Albin Wagner and Donna Person**, left their house on August 20, 2008 and never returned. Her disappearance was reported to the police and to National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. The NCMEC has a fine record of finding missing children through their partnership with Walmart which posts a poster of the child's picture in color and information in their stores nationwide. Church members took these posters to put up in various locations. Albin Wagner reported on September 12 that Grace had called them from Tucson, and they arranged for her to fly to Philadelphia, where with **Pat Lange's** help they picked her up at 3am on Friday, 9/12. The poster by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children did its work. Someone saw it and convinced Grace that this was a big deal and that she should call Albin and Donna.

Dana and Henry Powsner were in a recent auto accident on their way to Sunday services, when a new driver ran a stop sign in front of them. Henry is fine, but Dana broke several ribs and also suffers from some spinal fractures. The family expects her healing to be somewhat complicated and that she will be in the hospital for at least a few weeks. Our thoughts and love are with Dana and her whole family as they go through this difficult time.

Mirah Riben has been nominated for The Public Citizen of the Year awarded by the National Association of Social Workers, Inc., Washington, D.C. and by its State affiliate, NASW/New Jersey Chapter. The National Association of Social Workers (NASW), the largest

membership organization of professional social workers, established the Public Citizen of the Year Award to honor an outstanding member of the community whose accomplishments exemplify the values and mission of professional social work. The award recipient is not a social worker.

Sara Oderwald is the delighted great aunt of Elizabeth Rebecca MacQueen Vega, born to her eldest nephew, Edward MacQueen and his wife Barbara on September 1 in Lima, Peru.

THANK YOU FROM ALBIN WAGNER & DONNA PERSON

When our granddaughter, Grace, disappeared on August 20th and was missing for 23 days, we were sustained and strengthened by **Reverend Forrest Gilmore's** reaching out to the UU congregation to help distribute posters. We are particularly grateful to **Carl and Carol Haag** for their caring concern and for letting people know about our situation. Knowing that we were surrounded by a caring congregation was a great comfort. The unknown is always the most terrifying and through those long twenty three days we were given extra support and care by the **Ruth and Harry Tomlinson, Nancy Keene, and Pat Lange**. We are particularly grateful to Pat for driving Albin to the Philadelphia Airport to pick up our granddaughter at 12:30 AM. We also want to thank the **Ted and Jane Fetter** and others for coming by to pick up posters to distribute and staying to talk with us. To all those who distributed posters and sent us their best wishes, thank you. We are most grateful for Rev. Gilmore's prayers to sustain us in the coming day since our granddaughters return. We consider ourselves to be most fortunate to be surrounded by such a wonderful support system in such a trying time.

Green Sanctuary

Discovering a Sense of Place A Course Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Committee

“Find your home,” bioregionalists advise. “Study one place.... Learn the ecological history of your place and know its rhythms and its weaknesses, its wounds and its strengths. Only by becoming intimate with the species and natural conditions that share your patch of ground will you be able to make decisions that truly benefit your part of the planet.” Hannah Holmes, Living Where You Live.

The writings of William Stegner, Gary Snyder, Mary Pipher, Barry Lopez, Hannah Holmes and many others form the text for a course being offered by our Green Sanctuary Committee called Discovering A Sense of Place. Not a lecture course, we will be our own leaders, reading, thinking, listening, observing, learning together. For the session on **Knowing Your Bioregion**, we will even be doing the research that will deepen our understanding of our unique place.

Each of the seven sessions starts with a short opening chosen by the facilitator—a poem, a reading, a personal story, helping us to focus and to get to know each other. The textbook gives us guidelines for the facilitator, goals for each session, questions related to the readings, and action ideas. The topics are **A Sense of Place, Responsibility to Place, Knowing Your Bioregion, Living in Place, Mapping Your Place, Building Local Community, Empowerment**, and a final session on **Celebration**.

So much for the nuts and bolts of the course—sessions of 60 to 90 minutes starting at 7:30 pm for 7 consecutive Monday evenings beginning Oct. 6, relying on our

reading and reflecting on about 20 pages of material.

But do I have the time for all this? you ask yourself.

If you are drawn to this aspect of environmentalism, if you love the idea of a sense of place and want to deepen your knowledge of and feeling for it, but can't see your way to committing for every session, you are welcome to join us for what you can do.

To sign up and order your copy of the text (\$25.00) use the UUCP web site under News & Events, the sign-up sheet at the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge between services, or call **Pat Ramirez** at 609-497-2912.

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Interested in Adult Programs?

For more information about any of these classes, visit the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge or contact

Alice Harper






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View the current calendar online at:
<http://plus2.calendars.net/uuprinceton>

October 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<p>OCT 5—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 a.m. Brunch sponsored by the Women's Alliance</p> <p>10:30a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Fahs 10:30a New Parent Orientation—Murray Room 11:00a Morning Youth Group</p> <p>11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 12:00p-3:00p Teacher/Liaison Makeup Meeting—Fahs Theatre 7:00-9:00p Evening Youth Group Social [1st Sun] - Room 15</p>	<p>OCT 6 JORGE GARCIA SALA'S BIRTHDAY</p> <p>7:30p Discovering a Sense of Place—Founders</p> 	<p>OCT 7 7:00p-9:00p RE Council (1st Tue)—Founders Room</p> <p>7:30-9:00p Green Sanctuary Committee—Murray Room</p>	<p>OCT 8 10:30a-12:00p Aging and Saging (2nd Wed)—Murray Room</p> <p>7:00p-9:00p Adult Program Committee (2nd Wed)—Founders</p> <p>7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>OCT 9 10:00a-12:15p Covenant Circle (2nd Thurs AM) - Murray Room</p> <p>7:00p-8:45p Cakes for the Queen of Heaven—Murray Room</p> <p>7:00-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Channing</p>	<p>OCT 10 7:00p-9:00p Barrok Covenant Circle (2nd Fri) - Murray Room</p> <p>7:15p Progressive Film Festival—Fahs Theatre</p> <p>8:00p Tom Nielson Concert—Channing</p>	<p>OCT 11 8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates—Murray</p> <p>10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p> <p>4:00p-8:00p K-2 Family Picnic - Founders</p>
<p>OCT 12—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>10:30 Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Fahs Theatre</p> <p>11:00a Morning Youth Group</p> <p>11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8</p> <p>1:00-3:00p Great Books Reading Group "The Golden Compass" by Philip Pullman—Room 7</p> <p>3:00p—Joan Waite Concert to benefit The Crisis Ministry of Trenton & Princeton—</p>	<p>OCT 13</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED TODAY</p> <p>6:30p-9:00p Covenant Circle (2nd Monday PM) - Murray Room</p> <p>7:30p Discovering a Sense of Place—Founders</p> 	<p>OCT 14 Full Moon ☉</p> <p>6:45p Open Discussion with the Board of Trustees</p> <p>7:00p-9:00p Board of Trustees—Founders</p>	<p>OCT 15</p> <p>1:00p-2:30p Office Staff Meeting—Murray</p> <p>7:00p-9:00p A New Earth Study Group (3rd Wed) - Founders, Fahs</p> <p>7:00p-9:00p Transitioning Group (3rd Wed) - Room 7</p> <p>7:15p Newcomer Circle (3rd Wed) - Murray</p> <p>7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p> <p>7:30p Membership Committee Meeting—Room TBD</p>	<p>OCT 16 MICHELLE KAPUSHY'S BIRTHDAY</p> <p>Noon—1:00p Women's Alliance Luncheon (3rd Thurs) - Founders</p> <p>7:00p-9:00p Small Group Ministry Leaders' Meeting—Room 15</p> 	<p>OCT 17</p> <p>7:00p-9:00p CUUPS Full Moon Circle—Memorial Wall/Room 11</p> <p>7:15p Progressive Film Festival—Fahs Theatre</p>	<p>OCT 18</p> <p>10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p> <p>4:00p-8:30p K-2 Parents-as-People Night - Founders</p>
<p>OCT 19—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>10:30 Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Fahs</p> <p>11:00a Morning Youth Group</p> <p>11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8</p> <p>1:00-3:00p Great Books Reading Group "The Golden Compass" by Philip Pullman—Room 7</p> <p>3:00p—Joan Waite Concert to benefit The Crisis Ministry of Trenton & Princeton—</p>	<p>OCT 20</p> <p>5:00p <i>Skylights</i> NOV 2008 ISSUE</p> <p>DEADLINE</p> <p>Send to: skylights@uuprinceton.org</p> <p>7:30p Discovering a Sense of Place—Founders</p>	<p>OCT 21 7:00p Dinner Discussion—Robinson Lounge</p> <p>7:00p-9:00p Creative Journaling (3rd Tue) —Founders</p> <p>7:00p-9:00p Committee on Ministry (3rd Tue) - Murray</p>	<p>OCT 22</p> <p>10:30-Noon Aging & Saging—Murray</p> <p>7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>OCT 23 MARJORIE HERMAN'S BIRTHDAY</p> <p>7:00p-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal (every other Thursday) - Channing Hall</p> <p>7:00-8:45p Cakes for the Queen of Heaven—Fahs Theatre</p> 	<p>OCT 24</p> <p>7:15p-9:15p Barrok Covenant Circle (4th Fri) - Murray</p> <p>7:15p Progressive Film Festival—Fahs Theatre</p> <p>7:30p-9:00p Jesus Seminar on the Road Lectures—Channing</p>	<p>OCT 25</p> <p>10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p> <p>9:30a-4:00p Jesus Seminar on the Road Workshops—Channing, Robinson, Kitchen</p>
<p>OCT 26—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 a.m. Day of the Dead</p> <p>Intergenerational Service</p> <p>10:30 Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Fahs</p> <p>11:00a Morning Youth Group</p> <p>11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8</p> <p>Brunch sponsored by RE 11:15 7th Grade</p>	<p>OCT 27</p> <p>7:30p Discovering a Sense of Place—Founders</p>	<p>OCT 28</p> <p>11:30a Men's Club Lunch—Founders, Kitchen</p> <p>7:00-9:00p Leadership Council—Murray Room</p>	<p>OCT 29</p> <p>7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>OCT 30</p>	<p>OCT 31</p> <p>7:15p Progressive Film Festival—Fahs Theatre</p> 	<p>NOVEMBER 1</p> <p>10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>

Ministers' Schedules



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

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11:00a.m.—4:00p.m.
Tues through Thurs
Day off: Monday
Study day: Friday

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

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

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