

Skylights *newsletter*

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

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December 7, 2008 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Dark Night of the Soul

As the days grow shorter and the nights grow longer, we reflect on how the changes in the outer world reflect the journey of our inner world. In many mythological traditions, there are stories of a treasure found in the darkness. But to find such treasure, one must engage in great risk. Do we have the courage to dive deep?

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** Worship Associate: **Maggie Beaumont**

Music: **Vocal Quartet, Adult Choir**

December 14, 2008 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Deepak Chopra's Jesus

As the season of Christmas begins and many throughout the world prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we explore this intriguing personality through the eyes of Deepak Chopra. Chopra has written of the Third Jesus – neither the Jesus of history nor the Christ of theology, but a man awakened, striving to help us awaken, too.

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** Worship Associate: **Sharon Copeland**

Music: **Bell Choir**

December 21, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens (An All Ages Service)

Join us for a day of joy as we once again celebrate this longstanding congregational tradition. The unique, three-part service features caroling in Channing Hall, drama in Fahs Theatre, and the creation and hanging of a garland of greens to encircle our sanctuary. You won't want to miss it!

Worship Leaders: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore & Worship Committee**

Music: **UUCP Holiday Band**

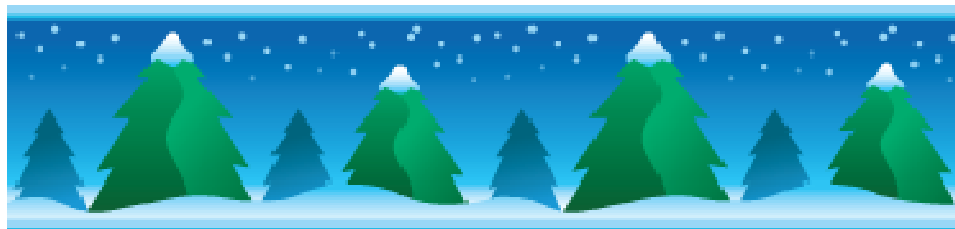
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It's a Wonderful Life

I think it's safe to say that this movie is my all-time favorite. I've often related to George Bailey and his life struggles. And at the same time, I've had moments where I remember how precious and wonderful life is. As we head towards the New Year, let us reflect on the challenges of life, and its wonders, too. *Please note that there will be no childcare for this service, but that children are welcome to take part.*

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** Worship Associate: **Jeffrey Bock**

Music: **Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**



Reflection

Reverend Forrest Gilmore



As we enter the holiday season in the midst of an enormous economic crisis, my hearts goes out to those of us financially impacted by the downturn. This season is a time of celebrating abundance, family, generosity... and yet for some of us, our life situations may not allow us to fully enter the spirit of the season.

It is also important to remember that at a time where we may feel that we have so little, that is also the time when the inner spirit of the holidays can emerge. Although we forget, this is not a season about gifts. It's not about impressing our friends and family with fancy meals and expensive decorations. It's a simple time... a time of connection, of drawing nearer to one another as the days grow darker and the weather grows colder. The deepest meaning of this holiday season emerges in recognizing a light in the darkness, warmth in the cold, hope for the lost, love for the lonely. At this time of year, we remember that money and things can never buy hope... they can never buy love. Love is stronger than death, larger than loss. The longest night of the year is also the day that the light begins to return. That is the magic of this season.

Please know we are here for you. Sometimes in the darkness, we are saved by a glimmer of light. Let us be that light for you. If you need help getting that special toy for your child, we can help. If you're not sure how to make ends meet, we can help. If you're feeling lonely and hurt, we can help. Let us know your needs and we will do our best to be there for you.

You can contact Rev. Chris or me at the congregation at any time. Our contact information is on the back of the newsletter.

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.*



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

December 24, 2008
at 7:00 p.m.

A Family Christmas Eve - An All Ages Services

Worship Leaders: **Rev. Chris Reed & Rev. Forrest Gilmore**

Worship Associate: **Jordon Corn**

Music: **Kids' Chorale**

Bring the whole family to this service of the seasons. We'll sing carols, share stories and readings and enjoy our traditional candle lighting.

December 24, 2008
at 9:00 p.m.

A Contemplative Christmas Eve

Worship Leaders: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore & Rev. Chris Reed**

Worship Associate: **Ted Fetter**

Music: **Bell Choir, Adult Choir**

Join us for this more contemplative service of carol singing, gentle silence, word from our ministers and our traditional candle lighting.



NEW YEARS ART EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION

Our Annual Art Exhibit will open on January 1, 2009. All members of the congregation are invited to contribute arts and crafts, such as paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, ceramics etcetera. Please submit one or two works. All work must be suitably matted and framed for exhibition. Please write the title, medium and price on the back of your work. Please bring your work to the Founders Room between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 27.

The Fine Arts Committee is hosting the Grand Opening and Reception. It will be on Thursday, January 1, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

For information or other arrangements, call **Ted** or **Elizabeth Peck** at 452-2670.

Reflection
Reverend Chris Reed



Several people have told me how wonderful the Jesus Seminar workshop was. I unfortunately couldn't be there because I was at a conference in Albuquerque. But I am in the process of reading a book on Mary Magdalene from the Seminar. In the current Cakes for the Queen of Heaven class, when we focus on Christianity, we look particularly at the historical material, the Gnostic gospels, and Mary Magdalene in an exploration of the feminine divine and the political lens that obscured that presence.

Some congregants have expressed an interest in a Bible class again. So we are going to start a Bible Reading Circle in February. It will meet in the evening and probably twice a month, although please check the January Skylights for dates and times. We will start with the Hebrew scriptures and then go on to the Christian scriptures, being selective rather than reading the Bible cover to cover as the last group did. But all are invited to attend, whether you have read the Bible or not.

I'll always remember when I was studying for the ministry and had just signed up for the required Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) class, with dread and complaining, not being at all interested. Another UU ministerial student who had already taken the class, listened to my complaints and then she gave me a knowing smile and

said that she was pretty sure that it was going to be my favorite class out of the 28 required courses for the MDiv. And that the New Testament class was going to be my second favorite. She was totally right.

Seeing what is actually written in the Bible and when and why it gets written is incredibly eye-opening and liberating. The world of religion starts to make sense. And UU's generally love it when things make sense.

Aside from the Bible Reading Circle, the Adult Programs Committee is also receiving requests to have the Jesus Seminar workshop back again to do a follow-up program.

Meanwhile, in Albuquerque, Shelle and I focused on the children's program and particularly on the various ways to structure a program and to structure a teaching staff that is not as demanding on people's time as ours might currently be. We will be working with the RE Council in the coming months to explore some possibly new directions.

I will get to see most of you in services in December including the Hanging of the Greens and Christmas Eve services. May you each have a blessed holiday season filled with warmth and caring, both given and received.



What's the Future of the Spring Fair?

On Sunday, December 14, at 10:30 am, we'll have a forum, exploring the future of the Spring Fair. Right now, the Fair lacks leadership. Many want it to continue, but few want to take the responsibility to make it happen. Let's get together to talk about the possibilities. With questions, contact **Rev. Forrest Gilmore**.

Christmas

Hanukkah

KWANZAA

UUCP HOLIDAY PARTY



December 13 at 4 PM



**MAKE ORNAMENTS FOR OUR UU TREE
SHARE STONE SOUP
AND**

JOIN IN HOLIDAY SONGS

**Please bring 1-2 cans of non-cream soup and 2
dozen holiday cookies**

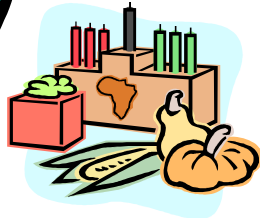
Pre-school childcare available*

**To attend: sign up in Robinson Lounge, OR email
events@uuprinceton.org**

***RSVP required in order to assure pre-school childcare**



**Please help us with our planning by signing up
by **December 5****



A Contemplative Retreat

Take the time to deepen your spiritual life. Slow down. Be still. Let the moment nourish you, body and soul. Join us on **Saturday, December 6 from 9:00-4:00** for a day-long contemplative retreat led by Rev. Forrest Gilmore. Together, we'll have the opportunity to meditate, prepare a meal and eat in silence together, engage in a work practice, and learn more about the spiritual journey. All are welcome, regardless of experience. Wear comfortable clothing that you would feel good about working in. Come to this incredible opportunity to restore and deepen your life. Please RSVP by Thursday, December 4 at events@uuprinceton.org

Religious Education for Children and Youth

**New Parent Orientation
December 7**

John Murray Room
10:30 to 11:10

Parents, if you are new to our RE program, please come to this orientation, where you will become acquainted with the goals and methods of our learning program. The meeting, led by Rev. Chris Reed, will be between services from 10:30 to 11:10 in the John Murray Room.

Questions? Contact **Shelle Sumners**, RE Coordinator
(sumners@uuprinceton.org, 609/924-1604, ext. 14).

Holiday Spirit at UUCP
From RE Council

The month of December is a special time for many UUCP families. Christmas, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, and Kwanzaa all come and go in the next few weeks. Please come to UUCP and celebrate the many special events of during the holiday season. All are welcome. Here are some of happenings:

Gift Giving Tree – UUCP is once again hoping to provide gifts for many economically stressed families in our area. Stop by and pick-up a ribbon from the Gift Tree in Robinson Lounge. Each ribbon has a child’s special gift wish. Helps make that this holiday season a bit brighter. Return your ribbon and unwrapped gift by Sunday December 14.

Holiday Party – The whole congregation is urged to come celebrate the season and one another at the annual holiday party. Make crafts, decorate the UUCP Christmas tree, and have a little holiday cheer. December 13 from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens – Don’t miss
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**Children’s Worship &
Religious Education
Schedule**

**Sunday, December 7
Green Holiday**

9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

New Parent Orientation

10:30 to 11:10 John Murray Room
Childcare available in Room 9

Saturday, December 13

UUCP Holiday Party

See ad on page 4 for details

Sunday, December 14

Hanukkah

9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, December 21

**Hanging of the Greens
Intergenerational Service**

10:00 a.m. Channing Hall
NO RE Classes

Friday, December 24

**Christmas Eve
Family Service**

7:00 p.m. Channing Hall
(adult service at 9:00 p.m.)

Sunday, December 28

It’s a Wonderful Life

10:00 a.m. Channing Hall
NO RE Classes

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



YOUTH MINISTRY

Save the Date!!
Jan 16-18 Anti-Racism
Youth Con.— Plainfield, NJ

DECEMBER EVENTS

Every Sunday Morning	Morning Youth Group	11:00a-12:30p
1st & 3rd Sunday Evenings	Evening Youth Group	7:00p - 9:00p
12/12-13	Playwright Lock-In	7:00p - 9:00a
12/14	No Youth Group	No YG
12/21	Hanging of the Greens	9:15a & 11:15a
12/26-28	Rock & Run Youth Group CON:UU Hastings on Hudson	Register: Metroayc.org
12/28	No RE Classes	No YG

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.

NEWCOMERS' 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 next circle will start in January.

A Newcomers' 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.

Newcomers' Circles meet for three months, twice a month for a total of seven meetings.

If you would like to join our next Newcomers' 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.

Welcome Newcomers

NEWCOMERS!!!

The Rev. Forrest Gilmore and the UUCP Welcoming Team cordially invite you to a **"Wine and Cheese" for Newcomers** Sunday, **December 7** from 5 to 7 p.m. at Forrest's home.

* Non-alcoholic beverages will be served as well*
Please R.S.V.P. by **December 3** to Marty Akers 609-737-3948

For directions please visit the Welcoming Table.

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. Chris Reed or Rev. Forrest Gilmore 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 Summers** at summers@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

A Contemplative Retreat

Saturday, December 6, 9:00-4:00

A day-long contemplative retreat led by Rev. Forrest Gilmore. Take the time to deepen your spiritual life.

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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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Slow down. Be still. Let the moment nourish you, body and soul.

Look for sign-up sheet at Adult Program Table later in the month.

IN THE PLANNING STAGES

U History Through Books

The Adult Program Committee of UUCP will again be offering UU History Through Books.

The series will begin mid-February 2009.

The first book to be offered in this series will be *Out of the Flames* by Lawrence and Nancy Goldstone. This is an easy-to-read and fascinating history of Michael Servetus, who was burned as a heretic in 1553 for his views on the Trinity. Servetus was one of our Unitarian forefathers.

Out of the Flames will be available through our UU Bookstore for \$13.

Let us know which days you prefer—Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Both afternoon and evening sessions will be offered. This book will be discussed in two sessions. Please sign up at the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge or contact Alice Harper (aharper67@comcast.net, 609 737-3046.)

A Adult Scriptures Circle

We will be starting a twice monthly evening circle for those who would like to read the Hebrew Bible and the Christian New Testament from a Unitarian Universalist point of view, led by Rev. Chris Reed. We bring many backgrounds and understandings to such a reading, including the historical and political contexts, the spiritual aspect of the writings, feminist theology, an exploration of the various traditions or writers, and our own individual experiences with the Bible.

The daytime Bible group, also led by Chris, lasted for twelve years, with participants reading the Bible aloud, cover to cover. This will be a bit different and more selective, with a much shorter timeframe.

We will be meeting on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings, starting sometime in February. Please look for more information and a sign-up sheet at the Adult Program Table in January.

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

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROGRAMS

Let us know if you would be interested in participating in or facilitating any of the following groups (we'll have a place to indicate interest at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays or email events@uuprinceton.org):

Postelection Affinity Group: Where Do We Go From Here?

Women's Spirituality Group

Meditation Group

Nonviolent Communication Practice Group

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Young Adult Group!!! New!!!

Ages 20-35

Start-up meeting on Sunday, December 7, 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.

Aging and Saging

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month

December 10—10:30 a.m.—Noon

(John Murray Room)

December 24—No Class

Always open to new participants

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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.

Speaking Spanish—Hablando Español

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

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

Come to either or both sessions! The two groups are being 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.

Mom's Circle

**Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month
10:30-12:00 in the John Murray Room
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).

CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans): Full Moon Celebration —December 12

Friday near the Full Moon, 7:00-9:30 pm, Memorial

Garden in fine weather, Classroom 11 otherwise. All are welcome. 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.

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

Contact **Elissa Hoeger** (609) 683-4409,

hoeger@princeton.edu.



Great Books Reading Circle

Meets Sunday, December 14 at 1 PM in Room 7

Join us for two early classics in women's feminist fiction.

The Awakening by Kate Chopin (1899) is a stunning portrayal of a woman gradually awakening from society's vision of women as

passionless beings desiring only submission to family demands to realize her own emotional needs and desires. And, in Charlotte Perkins Gilman's 1892 novella, **The Yellow Wallpaper**, we read the vivid, partly autobiographical tale of a young mother's clinical depression and struggle for selfhood. Her husband has brought her to a country house for a rest-cure where he selects for her a room with yellow wallpaper, the (former) nursery, a room where the "windows are barred for little children" and the bed has been nailed to the floor. For more info, contact Karen Siracusa (kn.siracusa@att.net / 609-896-1016). Please join us -- *Cookies served* – so bring a cup of coffee or tea!!



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Creative Journaling

**Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. (Founders Room)**

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. 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

**Meets Saturdays 10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
All levels welcome!
Childcare available Room 9 (Please
R.S.V.P.)
Channing Hall or Founders Room**

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

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

Meets Sundays 11:15 a.m. (Room 8)

A Course in Miracles study group continues in its study and comparison of Eckhart Tolle’s book “The New Earth” and ACIM. As an example of some of the comparisons we have been contemplating are the following:

Tolle: “Only emotion plus an unhappy story is

unhappiness.”

ACIM: “I am never upset for the reason I think.”

Tolle: “You can not receive what you can not give.”

ACIM: “I hold your hand as surely as you agreed to take your brother’s hand.”

Tolle: “Time is what the ego lives on.”

ACIM: “Now is the closest approximation of eternity that this world has to offer.”

All are welcome to join us in room 8 to continue this exploration of these two powerful spiritual texts. We meet from 11:15 to about 12:30 every Sunday. Come and participate in our shared spiritual journey. We are all on one, whether we realize it or not. ~Hill Anderson

Interested in Adult Programs?

For more information about any of these classes, visit the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge or contact **Alice Harper** (aharper67@comcast.net, 609-737-3046) or **Linda Benson** (lindabenson5@gmail.com, 609-497-1866).

**Princeton Storytelling Circle
Second Tuesday of the month
7:30 p.m. (Room 7)**

Eva Liane Foster, storyteller and longtime UUCP member, would like all members and friends to know that the **Princeton Storytelling Circle**, a story swap group for storytelling enthusiasts, will be meeting in our building the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August), beginning **December 9 at 7:30 in Room 7.**

Congregation members are welcome to come and listen, find out more about the art of storytelling, and maybe even tell a story too! While all ages are welcome, please understand that most circle members use this time to practice or try out material for upcoming storytelling events - so our stories may not be geared to very young listeners.

We are excited about forming a relationship with the wider congregation, and hope to be of service to you!



**Save the Date! — Saturday, January 24
5:30 – 8:30 pm**

The Fellowship Auction is a fun, intergenerational, community-building event, where we share our services, talents, art and other goodies with each other in a bidding-based process. And all the proceeds go to charity! It's a fun way to get to know each other better, both at the auction and when you cash in on your winnings. During the evening we will have finger foods (stand and bid) wine and beer (drink and bid), music (listen and bid) and, of course, FELLOWSHIP (chat and bid). We also have a fantastic program planned for kids including games, dinner and prizes.

Past offerings have included computer help, hikes and guided tours to area attractions, gardening, brunches and dinner parties, tutoring, many excellent goodies (like chilies, breads, smoked turkey, and special recipe sweets), car services, and works of art. For ideas, check out Events at www.uuprinceton.org

NEW this year will be a chance to submit requests for items or services – a “**Wish List**”, which we are collecting to publicize in advance. Also new will be a “**Tricky Tray**” opportunity to win items on display at the auction – for adults and kids.

UUCP holds two major events each year to benefit our Social Justice Ministries. In recent years, the Fellowship Auction and Spring Fair have raised over \$20,000 for our Outreach activities. Some of the charities we supported in 2008: *Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton, Princeton Young Achievers, Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, YMCA of Trenton, Enable, Meals on Wheels, Princeton Senior Resource Center, Isles, Womanspace, Hospital Chaplaincy, Planned Parenthood, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed, HiTops, NAMI, Coalition for Peace Action, Hyacinth, Princeton HUB, Habitat for Humanity and Amnesty International.*

Sign up to attend beginning January 4, 2009

Suggested admission donation \$5 adults, \$2 children and youth (max \$12 per family)

Remember, the Fellowship Auction is for a great cause, and it's great fun!

The charities need our help now more than ever before.

Fellowship Auction Committee: **Cindy Jenison, Laurie Powsner, Cathy Bauer-Koggan, Amanda Gillum, Ruth Tomlinson, Helen Szathmary, Tedi Lang, and Marty Veintraub**



Fellowship Auction – January 24, 2009

Make A Wish

Is there a chore or task you need help with? Need computer advice? Is there an activity you would like to suggest? Need a B&B for family visitors? Now is the time to let us know. The Fellowship Auction Committee will publicize our wishes and endeavor to “make a match” as part of the January 24 event. Contact **Ruth Tomlinson** at rtomlinsn@comcast.net or (609) 240-4706 with your “Wish List” items.

Fellowship Auction – January 24, 2009

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS

The Fellowship Auction Committee is feverishly gathering donations of talents, services and hand crafts (edible and non). We are particularly seeking family-oriented donations, since we expect this to be a large intergenerational event at UUCP.

What talent or service could you share? What services or items might you like to see offered? **To donate or to “make a wish,” please contact Ruth Tomlinson at rtomlinsn@comcast.net or (609) 240-4706**

For ideas, check out Events at <http://www.uuprinceton.org/>



Community Building

Women's Alliance Holiday Party!

On Thursday, December 18, 2008, we'll gather in the Founder's Room at noon for Mimosas, Music and Mirth!

Judi Marks and her signing group, The OK Chorale, will entertain us after our lunch. Bring sandwiches to share. Wonderful soups, desserts and beverages will be provided! Lunch is at noon. Program is at one PM. Everyone is invited!
~Emma Forehand

Men's Club

Please check with **Bill Barnard** at 609-430-4305 for up-to-date information.

Dinner Discussion

The Tuesday December 16 Dinner Discussion topic will be: **How Do They Get There? —The Ways Animals Navigate** and the speaker will be **James Gould**, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Princeton. Prof. Gould is the author of four books with a fifth in preparation and a large number of scholarly papers. His research interest is in studying animal behavior, which has led him to finding how animals solve daunting navigation problems. On the 16th he will share some of his results with us in what should be an exciting exploration into this little-known subject. — **Where?** Robinson Lounge. Sign up with Mal Durbin between services Dec. 7 & Dec. 14. 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.

SPONSORS needed for 2009 Outreach Grants

Each year, we donate proceeds from our Spring Fair and Fellowship Auction as Outreach Grants to various non-profit organizations in greater Mercer County. In 2008, we provided over \$20,000 in grants to 19 local charities.

How does a non-profit agency apply for a UUCP Outreach Grant? Someone in the UUCP community who is involved with the agency in some capacity must serve as the agency's "**Sponsor.**" That individual needs to submit a Sponsor Form to UUCP and serves as the liaison, providing their organization with an Outreach Grant Application packet and possibly assistance framing the project for funding. As the January 2009 submission deadline approaches, sponsors should check on the status of their organization's application to ensure it is being completed and submitted on time.

The Social Outreach Committee will meet during January and February to review applications and recommend grants for various agencies to be awarded Spring 2009.

If you wish to sponsor a local charity, pick up a packet containing a Sponsorship Form and Outreach Grant Application on the bookshelves in Robinson Lounge, or download these from www.uuprinceton.org (in the Member Area/Outreach section). Questions? Contact **Amanda Gilium** (609-737-9163). **Note:** 2009 Grant Application deadline is **Monday, January 12, 2009.**

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Saturday, December 13

Members and friends of UUCP are witnessing the rapid completion of four new townhouses by Habitat for Humanity on North Clinton Ave. in Trenton, including one for our Partner Family, consisting of Kijafa Robinson, Quiyam Clark and 9-year old Terrance Robinson. On Nov. 8th Pete Gerster, Sharon Matzen, Ray Nichols, Doug Radtke, and Polly Ramsted helped paint the rooms in their future home with the bold colors that Kijafa had selected. There is still much work to be done on this and the other units before the future first-time home owners will be able to move in.

COME, Join a group of us on Saturday, December 13, for a day of voluntary service and fellowship as we work to improve living conditions in Trenton, one family at a time. With our help, the Robinsons will be able to move into their new home by February. The rewards and personal satisfaction of using ones hands to help build these homes is great. The work is really not that hard, although it can be challenging. The opportunities to learn new skills are many.

To learn more about how you can participate in this facet of our Social Justice Program, contact **Ray Nichols** at (609) 737-7442 or Acer-Nichols@verizon.net or **Pete Gerster** at 466-1361 or petegerster@comcast.net.



Social Justice

WELCOME !!!

The UUCP would like to welcome our own member, Stephanie Hanzel Cohen, as our new Social Justice Coordinator!

Social Justice Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 7:00-9:00 pm in the John Murray Room. All persons who are interested in enhancing the social justice ministry of the congregation are invited to participate. For more information please call **Pat Radtke** at 609 426-1913.

Social Justice News

Thank you for welcoming me so graciously to my new position. I have been a member of UUCP for almost four years and am very excited by this new role. What I am most hopeful about- is the possibility that over time, our Social Justice programs will extend beyond a group of individuals and evolve into a dimension of congregational life where everyone feels invested and connected. Rev. Richard S. Gilbert writes:

“We have perhaps learned that true fulfillment has to do with both personal meaning and social responsibility. The two do not compete; they reinforce one another. We are in the process of learning that church social action is not a small band of marginal activists in the church decrying church inaction or seeking to represent the whole church. Rather, it is a congregational process of coming to terms with the mission of the religious community in a society that sometimes confuses the separation of church and state with the divorce of religion and public policy.”

We have many Social Justice programs in place and would love extra **hands** and **hearts** for the following:

Habitat for Humanity Trenton Chapter- Saturday work days, the more help we have, the sooner our partner family can move into their new home! Contact Ray Nichols: 1-609-737-7442

East Trenton Community Center (home of Habitat for Humanity Trenton area)- There are opportunities for tutoring individuals elementary age –adult. Contact: socialjustice@uuprinceton.org (Stephanie Hanzel Cohen)

“Make a House a Home”- Quilters and seamstresses needed! A small group could work to transform a store-bought quilt with messages from congregants in fabric marker. Contact: socialjustice@uuprinceton.org (Stephanie Hanzel Cohen)

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (T.A.S.K.)- We are currently looking for volunteers to help serve food on the 4th Monday of each month from 10am-1pm. Five people are needed for each day. Volunteers must be 13 years or older. Contact: Charlie Parker 609-918-9668

Winter Coat Drive- This is an ongoing effort to provide winter coats to those served by the East Trenton Community Center. All sizes welcome. Donation box in Robinson Lounge.

East Trenton Community Center Holiday Party: Saturday, December 20th 1pm-3pm. Food, Crafts, Storytelling and Games. Please come- the more the merrier! Tis the season...

Ribbon Tree gift giving opportunity- In Robinson Lounge on Sunday mornings, visit the Ribbon Tree and select a gift idea for a child served by the East Trenton Community Center and Foster and Adoptive Family Services.

Please contact me at socialjustice@uuprinceton.org or at 609-924-1604 x. 13 or 908-892-1437 (cell) with any questions or to sign up for an activity.

I look forward to getting to know more of you and working towards our mission of “building the beloved community on earth.” Thank you, **Stephanie Hanzel Cohen**

Legislative Ministry

There will be a discussion in Channing between services January 11, 2009 on the congregational Affiliation Agreement with the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry, NJ.



Social Action

Spring UU Economic Justice ~ Retreat

Re-visioning Economics - The Times They Are A-Changin' is the theme of a Unitarian Universalist Economic Justice retreat to be held April 1-5, 2009 at Rowe (Massachusetts) Camp and Conference Center in the Berkshire Mountains. Sponsored by UUs for a Just Economic Community, the retreat will feature dialogue and presentations with the aim of visioning changes to transform society "from Empire to Earth Community," as in David Korten's "The Great Turning". It's not too early to sign up. Go to www.uujec.org for a registration form. Rowe Camp is a spiritually, physically, and intellectually invigorating center for UU growth and reflection.

~Carol Allen

Holiday Peace Vigil, Supper, and Concert

Dedicated to the possibility of a new vision for peace and nuclear disarmament in 2009, a Candlelight Vigil, Potluck Supper, and Folk Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 16. It starts with the vigil at 5:00 PM in Palmer Square, then a Potluck Supper at Nassau Presbyterian Church at 6:00, and "Songs to End the War" from 7-9. The performers include David Brahinsky, guitar and vocals, Paul Prestopino, banjo, mandolin, and guitar, Guy DeRosa, harmonica, and Phil MacAuliffe on bass. They perform songs by John McCutcheon, Pete Seeger, Leonard Cohen, Leadbelly, etc. You are welcome to attend all or any parts of this event. Use the Public Library parking lot, entrances off Spring Street or off Wiggins Street. You can drop off hot dishes by pulling into the Nassau Presbyterian driveway off Nassau Street before the vigil. For more information, go to www.peacecoalition.org or phone 609-924-5022.

~Carol Allen

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what is perhaps the most popular service of the year! If you haven't been to this service before, find out why it so special. If you have been to this service, spread the word! Family and friends are welcome. December 21 at 10 a.m.

Winter Solstice/Yule Celebration – Light your yule logs, Hanukkah candles and Christmas lights. Then come celebrate winter solstice at UUCP. The longest night of the year is a unique opportunity to embrace stillness, call the sun, and contemplate rebirth in the New Year. December 21 ritual begins at 7:00p in Channing Hall.

Christmas Eve – There are two services on December 24. A family service at 7:00 p.m. and a contemplative service at 9:00 p.m.

Peace and joy. ~Tom Prusa

Grace Notes

The UUCP Bell Choir will be the featured ensemble for the Dec. 14 services. The choir's abilities have grown tremendously in the past year, adding new techniques and more difficult repertoire. Come and hear how they will enhance these mid-December services. For the late service on Christmas eve, the Bell Choir will present "Gathering Music for Meditation," a time for you to enter Channing Hall quietly and sit in contemplation with the sounds of the bells swirling around you. We're really proud of our Bell Choir, and hope you'll enjoy them this December. ~Marjorie Herman

Stewardship

Stewardship Opportunity through 401K or IRA Distribution – Reinstated!!

On October 3, President Bush signed into law the Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act (TEAMTRA) of 2008 (along with the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008.) **This law includes an extension of the qualified charitable distribution rule that was originally enacted as part of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 but expired on December 31, 2007. TEAMTRA extends to December 31, 2009, the ability for IRA owners age 70½ or older to make tax-free distributions up to \$100,000 per year from their IRAs directly to charitable organizations.** This change permits qualified IRA owners to reduce their taxable income dollar for dollar by transferring funds from their IRA (or 401K) directly to UUCP. Therefore, if you must take a distribution on your 401K or IRA before the end of December of 2008, consider donating to UUCP either to satisfy your pledge or to augment our programs (e.g. social justice).

Contributing to UUCP through an IRA distribution is far more advantageous to the donor than the more commonly used methods of making a charitable donation. Contrast this to writing a check or a credit card payment where your generous contribution is an itemized deduction (which is obviously NOT a dollar for dollar reduction of taxable income.). If have not yet taken your minimum required distribution, and would like to pursue this option, please contact Sara Oderwald in the congregational office at 609-924-1604.

Nancy Fiedler
Standing Stewardship Chair.

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).

Amanda and Bill Gillum are proud of their daughter, Jessalyn, who was sworn in as Assistant District Attorney for Philadelphia on November 17, at a ceremony in City Hall. She is currently serving in the domestic violence unit.

Happy Birthday Adra -

Adra Fairman, a long, long-time member of our congregation, will celebrate her 97th birthday on Nov. 26, 2009. We would love to have her receive a lot of cards from members of UUCP; even if you do not know her, it will be heartwarming and meaningful for her. She is a strong and healthy woman, and goes to the fitness center at PWV every day. She has not been to our UUCP services for a couple of years, but not for a lack of interest and affection—she loves the congregation and is touched by any attention we send her way. Adra is a great gardener, with a special interest in daffodils.

SEND A CARD TO ADRA:

Ms. Adra Fairman
1383 Newtown-Langhorne Rd.
H109 Pennswood Village
Newtown, PA 18940-2401

Violet Fitch - who, with her late husband Lyle, was a long time member of UUCP - died on October 27. A memorial service was held at 2 PM on November 22nd at Meadow Lakes in Hightstown, where Mrs. Fitch resided. Donations can be made to the scholarship fund of Meadow Lakes or to the Violet Fitch Memorial Fund of the Isle La Motte Preservation Trust, c/o Linda Fitch, 170 Linden Lane, Princeton.

Violet had not been physically able to attend UUCP for quite a while, but was always very gracious and appreciative of calls and notes to her. UUCP has lost a true friend - and a very interesting member.

Green Corner

Environmental Film Series Begins in January. Some fine older films on environmental topics are now classics, and these days, many superb new films are joining their ranks. Some are for adults, ranging from beautiful nature films, to thought-provoking exposés of current problems, to topics that are vitally important for us to understand in planning our futures. Some are for children, teaching environmentally sensitive ways of viewing our world.

Beginning in January, the Green Sanctuary Committee will offer some of the best of these films. Films for adults will be shown every week from January 2 through March 16. Films for children will run approximately every other week.

Films for Adults. To accommodate people's varying schedules and commitments, each film will be shown twice—once on Friday morning at 10 and once on Sunday afternoon at 5. Selections include:

The Eleventh Hour. This riveting film provides an overview of all of the major environmental crises of our time. Only if we face these problems can we work toward solving them.

Affluenza, and its companion film *Escape from Affluenza.* These are about the disease of consumerism and its cure.

Compost: Truth or Consequences. This one offers solutions to the problems well-intentioned people may experience when trying to compost their kitchen scraps.

A Crude Awakening. This is a spell-binding film about the coming oil shortage, which may be closer than we realize.

Eighteen other films are on the list of offerings for adults. Watch the UUCP Listserv and the bulletin board for details.

Films for Children. These will be shown approximately every other week on Saturdays at 4 and will be followed by pizza (to which attendees are asked to contribute). Different Saturdays will present films for different age groups; some are for youngsters aged K through 6th grade, others are for middle-schoolers, and some are for all ages, including adults. Among the offerings are:

Green Animation, 11 funny short films for grades 5 to 12.

The Lorax, Dr. Seuss's sad story (with a happy ending) about the near loss to greed of an entire forest of beautiful trees and the lucky rescue of the last seed by a cute creature who lives in the forest.

The Boyhood of John Muir, the inspiring biography of the childhood of one of our greatest environmentalists.

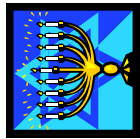



Here's My Question: Where Does My Garbage Go? A film that answers that question for children from K to 5th grade.

Contributions to cover our film-rental costs will be welcome, but are not required. Do come and see as many of these films as you can.

Ellie Whitney, Green Sanctuary Committee,
ewhitney@comcast.net

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

December 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<p>DEC 1 7:00-9:00p Ask and It Is Given study group—Murray Room</p>	<p>DEC 1 7:00-9:00p Ask and It Is Given study group—Murray Room</p>	<p>DEC 2 11:00a—Noon Speaking Spanish—Murray Room 7:00p-9:00p RE Council (1st Tue)—Founders Room 7:30-9:00p Green Sanctuary Committee—Murray Room 7:30-9:00p Coalition for Peace Action meeting—Room 7</p>	<p>DEC 3 6:00p—7:00p Speaking Spanish—Murray Room 7:00p-9:00p Transitioning Group (1st Wed) - Room 7 7:15p Newcomer Circle (1st Wed) - Room 15 7:15 p Covenant Circle (1st Wed) - Murray 7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>DEC 4 10:00a-Noon Women's Alliance Board Meeting (1st Thu) - Founders Room 6:00-7:30p Relational Covenant Task Force Meeting—Founders 7:15p Covenant Circle—(1st Thu PM) - Murray Room 7:00-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Channing</p>	<p>DEC 5 7:15p Covenant Circle (1st Fri) - Room 15</p>	<p>DEC 6 10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room 9:00 a.m.-4:00p Contemplative Retreat—Channing Noon-2:00p Holly Mart Preparations— Founders</p>
<p>DEC 7—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 a.m. 8:30a-1:00p Holly Mart—Robinson 10:30a Kids' Choral Rehearsal—Channing 10:30a-11:15a New Parent Orientation—Murray Room 11:00a Morning Youth Group 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 Meeting - Falls Theatre 12:30p-2:00p Young Adult Group—Falls 12:30p-8:00p OWL Parent Meetings—Falls 7:00-9:00p Evening Youth Group Social (1st Sun) - Room 15</p>	<p>DEC 8 7:00-9:00p Ask and It Is Given study group—Murray Room</p>	<p>DEC 9 11:00a—Noon Speaking Spanish—Murray Room Noon-2:00p Men's Club—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Board of Trustees—Founders 7:30p-9:00p Storytelling Circle (2nd Tue) - Room 7</p>	<p>DEC 10 10:30-Noon Aging & Singing—Murray Room 6:00p—7:00p Speaking Spanish—Murray Room 7:00p-9:00p Adult Program Committee (2nd Wed)— Founders 7:00p-9:00p Social Justice Committee Meeting—Murray 7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>DEC 11 10:30a-12:15 Mom's Circle (2nd Thu) Murray Room 7:00-8:45p Cakes for the Queen of Heaven—Falls Theatre 7:15-9:15p Covenant Circle (2nd Thu PM) -Murray</p>	<p>DEC 12 Full Moon ☉ 10:00a-Noon Greens Workshop—Founders 7:00p—9:00a (Sat) Youth Lock-In—Falls, Kitchen 7:00p-9:00p Bartok Covenant Circle (2nd Fri) - Murray Room 7:00p—9:00p CUUPS Full Moon Circle - Memorial Wall/Room 11</p>	<p>DEC 13 8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates (2nd Sat) —Murray 8:30a-3:00p Tenon-Habitat Work Day (2nd Sat) 10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room Noon-2:00p Holly Mart Preparations - Founders 1:00p—Rob Sturken Memorial Service—Channing 4:30p-8:00p All-Congregation Holiday Party—All Upstairs</p>
<p>DEC 14—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 a.m. 8:30a-1:00p Holly Mart—Robinson 10:30 Kids' Choral Rehearsal—Channing 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 1:00-3:00p Great Books Reading Group "The Awakening" and "The Yellow Wallpaper" - Room 7</p>	<p>DEC 15 7:00-9:00p Ask and It Is Given study group—Murray Room 5:00p Skylights DEC 2008 issue DEADLINE Send to: skylights@uuprinceton.org</p>	<p>DEC 16 11:00a—Noon Speaking Spanish—Murray Room 7:00 p—11:00 p Dinner Discussion (3rd Tue)—Founders 7:00p-9:00p Creative Journaling Ministry (3rd Tue) - Murray</p>	<p>DEC 17 OFFICE STAFF MEETING—1:00p-3:00p 6:00p—7:00p Speaking Spanish—Murray Room 7:00p-9:00p Transitioning Group (3rd Wed) - Room 7 7:15p Newcomer Circle (3rd Wed) - Murray 7:30p Membership Committee Meeting—Forest's Office 7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>DEC 18 Noon—1:00p Women's Alliance Luncheon (3rd Thurs) - Founders 7:00p-9:00p Small Group Ministry Leaders' Meeting—Room 15</p>	<p>DEC 19 Noon—1:00p Women's Alliance Luncheon (3rd Thurs) - Founders 7:00p-9:00p Small Group Ministry Leaders' Meeting—Room 15</p>	<p>DEC 20 10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>
<p>DEC 21—ONE Services—10:00 Hanging of the Greens Intergenerational Service Hoagie brunch sponsored by RE 11:15 8th Gr. 10:30 Kids' Choral Rehearsal—Channing 11:00a Morning Youth Group 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 7:00p-10:00p Winter Solstice/Yule Celebration—Channing, Robinson, Setup at 5:00 7:00-9:00p Evening Youth Group Social (3rd Sun) - Room 15</p>	<p>DEC 22 Hanukkah Begins 7:00-9:00p Ask and It Is Given study group—Murray Room</p> 	<p>DEC 23 7:00-9:00p Leadership Council (4th Tues)—Murray Room</p>	<p>DEC 24 7:00p—Family Christmas Eve Service 9:00p—Contemplative Christmas Eve Service</p> 	<p>DEC 25 OFFICE CLOSED TODAY</p>	<p>DEC 26 Kwanzaa Begins</p> 	<p>DEC 27</p>
<p>DEC 28—ONE Service—10:00 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8</p>	<p>DEC 29 7:00 p—9:00 p Ask and It Is Given Study Group</p>	<p>DEC 30</p>	<p>DEC 31 New Year's Eve</p> 	<p>JANUARY 1, 2009 OFFICE CLOSED TODAY Rev. Chris Reed's Birthday 2:00p-6:00p Annual Art Show—Founders, Falls Theatre</p>	<p>JAN 2</p>	<p>JAN 3 10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>

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Tues through Thurs
Day off: Monday
Study day: Friday

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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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