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Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

January 4, 2009 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Reincarnation – A New Year, A New Life?

Today, as the New Year begins, we'll explore the Eastern concept of reincarnation. What happens after we die? Do we go to Heaven or Hell? Does life just end? Do we become one with it all? Do we just gear up for another go around? Today, we'll explore the possibilities, with an emphasis on the never-ending cycle of death and rebirth.

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

Music: **Barbara Witmer - oboe, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

January 11, 2009 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Out Beyond Ideas

Sufi poet Rumi wrote an extraordinary poem, "Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field. I'll meet you there." Religious life tends to emphasize ideas, yet spirituality transcends beliefs, seeking to know the sacred directly. How can we live a more spiritual life – out beyond ideas? Today's service will feature the duet between Jill and Forrest Gilmore that had to be postponed back in November.

Worship Leader: **Rev. Forrest Gilmore** Worship Associate: **Ron Campbell**

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

January 18, 2009 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Learning to be White

As we celebrate Martin Luther King's life, let us explore the concept of whiteness. When and how did whiteness come to exist as an identity? How does such an identity affect people who label themselves white? How does whiteness impact feelings about race and motivations towards racism?

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

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

January 25, 2009 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Super Bowl

Next Sunday is our unofficial national holiday of Super Bowl Sunday. My father played college football back in the day when there were not separate offensive and defensive teams, so he'd play for the whole game. During my sabbatical last year, I made the mistake of watching the playoffs and the Super Bowl (which I had managed to avoid my whole life) with my parents, and became a late in life convert.

Who would have thought this would be a source of life metaphors? Maybe all you Super Bowl watchers already knew this!

Worship Leader: **Rev. Chris Reed** Worship Associate: **Jeffrey Bock**

Music: **Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

Reflection ***Reverend Chris Reed***

Well now that the gift (of the Magi, Christmas and otherwise) season is over, I want to tell you about another kind of gift.

At a recent Newcomers' Circle, we were talking about the intersection of a faith tradition that we are given (UUism) with our own religious needs and quests (you). The various forms of our communal religious life are informed as much by the visions and needs and gifts that you bring into this religious community as they are by any historical tradition.

And so people sit on an Adult Programs Committee and informed by their own lives and by congregants, they have recently asked if, in this terrible economy, we need a support and resource group for people who have lost their jobs or are seeking jobs. Four recent deaths in our congregation of long-time members who were over 85 have inspired the APC to ask if we might want to start a life history or odyssey program. And the young adults who have checked out our congregation looking for religious community have generated a new Young Adults Group that will have its first full gathering in January. And in a world of greater interfaith connections, and a renewed cultural interest in liberal values, there has been a renewed interest in exploring sacred texts like the Bible through a liberal and historical prism.

As a congregation we are getting better at matching people up with meaningful participation in a ministry. The Leadership Council will hopefully help us develop a process to do this more effectively. In the meantime, this past month someone asked me about being a worship associate, another person asked me about qualifications for being a pastoral associate, a new person has joined our adult programs committee, and we have three new circle leaders.

I share this with you as an invitation to please let me know if there is an area of ministry in which you would like to be involved, whether you are currently doing something at UUCP or not. Yes, we are right now looking for people who might be interested in working with high school youth, in working with our Princeton University group of students, in working with the adult programs committee, and in working with our young adults. But who we are and what we are looking for is so much more when your vision and ideas and religious quest and hopes come into play. As a congregation we are expanded by and thankful for the gift of yourself that you bring into community.

So, happy new year, happy 2009, and thank you.



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 Reverend Forrest Gilmore

Rev. Forrest Gilmore has been under the weather this month. His Reflection will return in February's issue of *Skylights*.

What's the Future of the Spring Fair? – Rescheduled Time!!

On Sunday, January 18, 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 gather all those who wish the fair to continue to talk about the possibilities. With questions, contact **Rev. Forrest Gilmore**.



Relational Covenant

By Sharon McCrae

Developing a Relational Covenant: Where are we in the process?

Compared with the fanfare of the fall, when we introduced our Relational Covenant effort at a Sunday service in September, hosted an all-congregation workshop and a mini-workshop in October, and conducted a series of cottage meetings in congregants' homes in November, things may have seemed all quiet on the Relational Covenant front last month.

But rest assured that the Relational Covenant Task Force has been working behind the scenes to comb through and organize all of the insightful comments and suggestions that came out of these meetings – including the more than 40 pages of notes that the cottage meeting scribes so carefully recorded. We have also formed a Refining Committee whose members will begin, in January, the enormous task of searching for themes and distilling the comments into one cohesive document that elegantly expresses our thoughts as a congregation on how we want to interact with one another.

Approximately 175 people attended the two Relational Covenant workshops and subsequent cottage meetings to share their ideas and provide feedback on an early draft covenant. There will be additional opportunities in the coming months for all congregants – including members, friends and staff – to reflect on what is created before the Relational Covenant comes up for a vote in the spring. It is truly a work in progress, and we hope to build congregational involvement and have everyone participate in some way.

Once finalized, our Relational Covenant will serve as the last crucial element in the triad that helps to define and strengthen a congregation: Vision, Mission and Covenant. With this new piece, we will have worked together to formulate the promises and commitments that we want to make to one another in the context of our religious community. We will have given shape to the internal identity of our congregation – the values, beliefs and behaviors that we hold dear in our dealings with each other. What better way to ground ourselves in the sacred work of building the beloved community!

Many Thanks

A sincere thanks to all of our meeting hosts, facilitators and scribes who helped create a safe, welcoming space in which participants could open their hearts and minds and share their innermost thoughts about what they value in their relationships at UUCP. A number of participants described the cottage meetings as “warm” events full of “deep sharing and fellowship.”

Many thanks, also, to our meeting participants – all of those who took the time to attend the workshops and cottage meetings, share their experiences and offer ideas. Your input is an essential part of the process. A Relational Covenant should not be imposed on a community, but rather developed from within it. Stay tuned for more information about how you can take part as the Relational Covenant process continues.

Happy New Year from the members of the Relational Covenant Task Force and Refining Committee: **Linda Benson, Ron Campbell, Rev. Forrest Gilmore, Diana Gray, Sharon McCrae, Michele Ochsner, Dana Powsner and Rev. Chris Reed.**

Annual Fellowship Auction

Saturday, January 24, 2009 5:30 – 8:30 pm
Channing Hall

Sign up on Sundays in Robinson Lounge or email
events@uuprinton.org.

Please be sure to include the number adults and ages of children attending.

*Suggested admission - \$5 adults, \$2 children and youth
(used exclusively for yummys and the children's program)*

See all the goodies being offered in a special supplement to Skylights this month.

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).

For more information about the Fellowship Auction check out 'Events' at <http://www.uuprinceton.org>

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**



Family Night of Fun January 24

One of the long-standing challenges at UUCP is the physical distance and psychological separation between “upstairs” and “downstairs” congregants. RE Council is constantly working on bringing us close. This year's Fellowship Auction is a major effort to bring all congregants – upstairs people, downstairs people, and folks who don't fit in either box – together. I want to encourage all UUCP families, especially those with children, to attend this fun event. For those with kids, an entire children's program is being planned. We will have games, dinner and a movie. Meanwhile, parents can be schmoozing in Robinson Lounge. You really should think about January 24 as a night out for parents.

Come to the auction, have fun, chat with old friends, meet some new people, and discover how interesting other UUCPers are. And most of all, enjoy the evening. If you feel like you don't want to bid for auction items, no problem. The most important part of this night is building community. If you feel like bidding, great! I, for one, will be looking to win a fantastic chili dinner. Yum, yum!

The auction really should be an intergenerational event. This year let's make it happen. I look forward to seeing you all at 5:30 on Saturday, January 24. Look for me near the finger foods! ~Tom Prusa

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.

Reminder: Outreach Grant Application Deadline is January 12, 2009

UUCP donates funds raised at our annual Spring Fair and Fellowship Auction to Mercer County charitable organizations. **Reminder to Sponsors:** Please ensure that your sponsored charity group is completing their grant application on time. All applications must be received at the Church Office by **Monday, January 12, 2009**. Questions? Contact **Amanda Gillum**, Chair, Social Outreach Committee (609-737-9163).

Religious Education for Children and Youth

Teachers, mark your calendars!

Our intergenerational Youth Sunday service will be on March 22. In mid-January we will give you the theme of this year's service, so that your class can plan how they will participate.

Way to Go UUCP 7th Graders!

Our 7th grade RE class hosted a successful brunch this past Fall, and the class decided to use the proceeds to buy gifts for children on the East Trenton Community Center Gift Tree! They funded 13 gifts (~\$25 each), and shopped together last Sunday at Target – a convenient one-stop shopping locale for girls and boys of all ages. In true UU fashion, our kids voiced frustration at stereotyping the recipients' interests based on their age and gender – meaningful discussions ensued about “not all girls would like make-up” and “what if they guy isn't into sports?” The class hopes for more personalized information about the gift recipients in the future... Nonetheless, they did settle on 13 gifts, and we applaud their generosity! ~Louise Senior, RE Council, Social Action Chair

Bring the family to the Fellowship Auction January 24, 2009 5:30-8:30 P.M. at UUCP

Awesome children's program !

This is one of the two main events that our congregation holds to raise funds for the many charities that we help support. It is also a fun evening for adults and children alike. This year, in addition to the auction activities for the adults, the children will participate in a party-like evening of games, dinner and a movie. So, adults, enjoy a fun and relaxing evening while your children are having a safe and fun evening as well. **See Page 4 for sign up information.**

Children's Worship & Religious Education Schedule

Sunday, January 4

Jewish Sacred Story
9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday January 11

John Murray: A Miracle Story of Universalism
9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, January 18

Bending Towards Justice
9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, January 25

Chinese New Year
9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

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

RE Teachers:

Please note in your calendars that **the Teacher Check-in Meeting date has changed. We will now meet on Sunday, February 8, during class time following Children's Worship (old date was Feb. 1).**

See Welcome a Guest to your Table!! on Page 13.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Save the Date!!

Jan 16-18

Anti-Racism Youth Con.—
Plainfield, NJ

JANUARY EVENTS

Every Sunday Morning	Morning Youth Group	11:00a-12:30p
1st & 3rd Sunday Evenings	Evening Youth Group	7:00p - 9:00p
1/11	Youth & Mentor Make-up	12:30-2:00p
1/16-1/18	Anti- Racism Youth CON: UU Cong. in Plainfield, NJ	Registration on: Metroyac.org
1/25	Mentor Connections	12:30-1:30p

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

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 11 other people in a small group setting.

This next circle will start in January or February.

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!!!

You're invited to a four-hour introductory class for Newcomers to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton. The Rev. Forrest Gilmore will be leading this class scheduled for Saturday, **January 17** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be an opportunity to meet other Newcomers and will include information about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation, a tour of the building, and sharing a light lunch.

We hope you'll join us. Please R.S.V.P. by **January 14** to welcome@uuprinceton.org or **Marty Akers** 609-737-3948.

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 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

UUCP Bookstore Returns

Thanks to the efforts of **Alice and David Harper** and **Jorge Garcia Salas**, we have acquired, remodeled, and

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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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stained bookcases to use for our UUCP Bookstore. Look for the new display near the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge starting in January.

UU 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.)

IN THE PLANNING STAGES

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 the second and fourth Thursdays beginning on March 12. Please look for more information and a sign-up sheet at the Adult Program Table in January.

Own Your Religious Past—The Haunting Church

This five-session evening workshop/program is for those who would like to explore their past religious experiences as part of their continuing religious journey. The program will provide simple tools with which individuals can reexamine and retrieve positive aspects of their past religious experiences. The program is based on a UU curriculum by Bonnie Stauffacher.

The program will be facilitated by **Kathy Lehmann** beginning in March. More information to follow.

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

Sunday, January 11, 12:30-1:45

After the second service, in 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

January 14 & 28 at 10:30 a.m.—Noon in the John Murray Room

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**Always open to new 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.

Speaking Spanish—Hablando Español

Tuesdays 11:00 a.m.—Noon in the John Murray Room

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. in the 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.

CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans)



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

Sunday, January 11 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 7

Join the Great books Reading Circle on January 11 at 1 PM in Room 7 for Arthur C.

Clarke's **Childhood's End**. In this Cold War era classic "a race of aliens who happen to look like devils imposes peace on an Earth



torn by Cold War tensions. But the aliens' real mission is to prepare humanity for the next stage of evolution. In an ending that is both heartbreakingly poignant and literally earth-shattering, Mr. Clarke suggests that mankind can escape its suicidal tendencies only by ceasing to be human..." Prophetic? Fantastical? Allegorical? Come and discuss this science fiction classic. Contact: **Karen Siracusa** (609-896-1016/kn.siracusa@att.net)

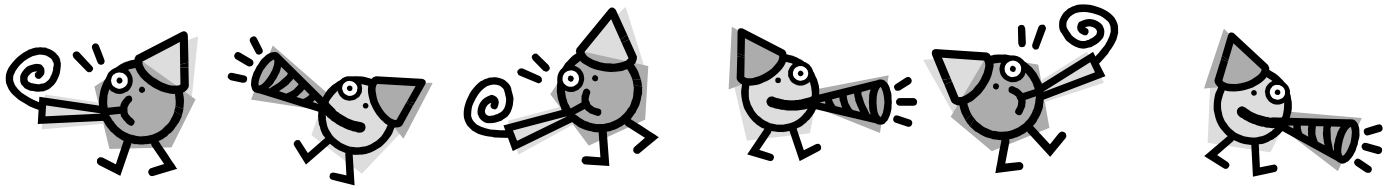
Creative Journaling

3rd Tuesday of the month

7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. in the 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.)



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PRINCETON

FELLOWSHIP AUCTION 2009 SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 5:30 – 8:30 PM

Fun for Adults: Eat, drink, bid, eat, drink, bid – Win!
Fun for Children: Movies, Crafts, Face painting!

NEW: Tricky Tray! Bid with tickets and take home beautiful gift baskets and other goodies!

- 5:30 Wine, cheese, fellowship, finger foods a-plenty
- 6:00 **SILENT AUCTION BIDDING BEGINS**
- 7:00 **BIDDING FOR SECTIONS A & B ENDS**
- 7:15 **BIDDING FOR ALL STARRED ITEMS ENDS**
(Bring your checkbook and take these items home tonight!)
- 7:30 **BIDDING FOR ALL SECTIONS ENDS**
- 7:45 **TRICKY TRAY DRAWING**



BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK – LOTS OF THINGS ARE TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT

Pay for everything else Sunday morning – Bring your checkbook to church!

More fun than ever!
All proceeds go to charity!
Help make the world a better place!

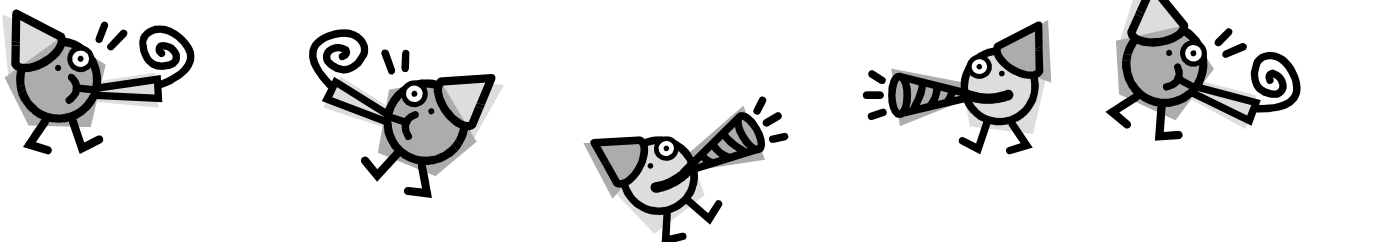


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WHAT IS THE FELLOWSHIP AUCTION?

Auction sheets are posted, each with a description of an item being offered, how many of that item is offered, the name of the person offering the item, and a minimum bid (if any). If you have reviewed this book in advance, you probably already know which items you want to bid on. But look carefully because there are always late additions!

Start the bidding by writing your name, your phone number, and the amount of your bid on the appropriate sheets. Then, keep an eye on the bidding as the evening proceeds. Others will try to outbid you, so you may have to bid multiple times to keep in the running! As the evening goes on, the bidding can get pretty hectic. The bell will be rung to signal that the end of the bidding is near and to signal when the bidding is closed for the evening. The silent bidding is followed by a spirited live auction of select items.



GOVERNING RULES OF THE SILENT AUCTION

- ❖ All sales are final. No exchanges or refunds are permitted. Everything is sold “as is.” Please read the offering sheets carefully.
- ❖ All items must be paid for within one week of receipt of invoice.
- ❖ **All auctioned goods and services must be used WITHIN ONE YEAR (before January 24, 2010) or they will be forfeited.**
- ❖ **It is the buyer’s responsibility to contact the seller to collect the goods or services.**
- ❖ The Auction Chairperson may withdraw any item that does not receive a sufficient bid and/or present the item at a live auction to raise the bid.
- ❖ In the event of a dispute, the Auction Chairperson will have sole and final discretion to determine the winning bidder.
- ❖ By his or her purchase(s), the buyer waives any claims for liability against either the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton or the donor(s) that may result from the use of property or services sold.
- ❖ Unless specified, dates and times are to be arranged at the mutual convenience of the donor and buyer.



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CAN'T COME TO THE AUCTION?

Yes, we're sad, but you can still help support our social justice efforts!

Donate your admission charge and do some bidding in absentia.

PROXY BIDDING IS AVAILABLE!

Let us know what you want and the maximum bid is and we will arrange to have someone bid for you. Place a generous proxy bid! Doesn't \$100 for a plate of brownies sound fun?

Contact Laurie Powsner at lrpjak@verizon.net or 921-3032



WHERE DO THE PROCEEDS GO?

They all go to support our social justice efforts!

Past recipients have included

Amnesty International ★ Coalition for Peace Action

Enable ★ Meals on Wheels ★ Princeton Senior Resource Center

Isles ★ Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed

Your ReSource, Inc ★ PCV Group ★ YWCA of Trenton

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen ★ Crisis Ministry Princeton and Trenton

Princeton Hub ★ National Association for the Mentally Ill

Womanspace ★ Hyacinth Foundation

HiTOPS ★ Planned Parenthood Mercer County

Committee on Religious Ministries ★ Campus Ministry

Starr King ★ Meadville Lombard

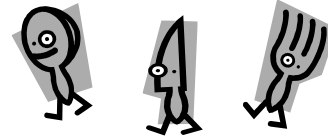
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Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community



Meals



A1 ARE YOU AN 'ANDES SOCIAL' PERSON?

Jim's grandmother was Peruvian and they have several of her favorite recipes in their repertoire. Come enjoy delicacies such as ceviche, ensalade, anticuchos, papas huancaína, then flan and fresh fruit with coffee and pisco sours. Jim and Judi will regale you with tales from their trips to Peru. You will be enthralled. On a mutually agreed upon date and time.

For the 6 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$30 per person

Jim and Judi Marks

A2 IT'S VEGETERRIFIC

Committed to eating low on the food chain, but high on the gourmet ranking, join Carol and Carl for a multi-course dinner made from the freshest fare grown as locally as possible.

For the 8 highest bidders. Saturday, February 28th, 2009. 6:00 PM.

Minimum bid \$20 per person

Carl and Carol Haag (609) 924-5857

A3 A NIGHT WITH THE BOYS

The Men's Club is offering a Men's-Club-style dinner (open to women too!) at the church that will include a social hour (beer, wine, and snacks) and a delectable dinner, followed by a lively discussion of first impressions of the Obama presidency.

For the 10 highest bidders. Friday, February 27, 2009, 6:00 PM.

Minimum bid \$15 per person Bill Barnard, Carl Haag, and Roger Hoff

A4 VEGETARIAN DELIGHTS

Dinner on the patio (weather permitting). Non-meat delights. Menu will be set just before the dinner, but it will be delicious.

For the 8 highest bidders. Saturday, June 6th, 2009

Minimum bid \$30 per person

Jon and Susan Sachs

A5 CHOCK FULL O' CHOCOLATE

Remember when you had to finish your dinner before you could eat chocolate? Now you can literally have your cake and eat it, too. Ted and Jane are offering a dinner at their house in Lawrenceville that features chocolate in every course! Decadence will definitely be part of the menu, but nothing overwhelming that will cover up other flavors. Sweet, bitter mole (that's mol-ay), with fruit and lots of other possibilities are in the mix, so get your taste buds sharpened up and bid! On a mutually agreed upon weekend in March or April, 2009.

For the 8 highest bidders

Ted and Jane Fetter

A6 A DINNER TO DIE FOR

Solve the mystery, discover the murderer, and enjoy a great meal! Any of the dinner guests could be suspects! All you need is an inquiring mind, a good sense of humor and a willingness to take a lighthearted attitude toward blackmail, larceny, and murder... Each guest will be assigned an identity and given secret background information, costume suggestions, and clues. A mutually agreed weekend evening in March, April or May 2009.

For the 8 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$30 per person

Amanda and Bill Gillum

A7 CHICK DINNER AND DISCUSSION

You're never too old to hang out and have a good time! Join us for wonderful food and a great opportunity to chat with women-folk at UUCP. We'll provide hors d'oeuvres, wine, dinner, and yummy desserts. Good conversation and lots of laughs are assured.

For the 14 highest bidders. Saturday, March 21st, 2009, 7:00 PM.

Minimum bid \$25 per person

Karen Kent, Kathy Fedorko, Cindy Funka-Lea, Laurie Powsner, Claire Fowler & Chris Sturm

A8 EAT, DRINK AND MEET HARRY

Join Ruth and Harry for a late summer dinner of farm fresh veggies and grilled fish, outdoors in Ruth's spectacular, jungle-quality-like garden.

For the 6 highest bidders. Saturday, August 22nd, 2009.

Minimum bid \$30 per person

Ruth and Harry Tomlinson

A9 SIMPLY GRILLICIOUS!

Next summer, when the corn is sweet and the days are long, enjoy an outdoor, grilled dinner at the home of Sharon and Dave. We will grill the ribs, cook the corn, and provide vegetarian options if desired. On a mutually agreed upon weekend evening in July or August 2009.

For the 8 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$15 per person

Sharon Copeland and Dave Hoffman

Drink & Dessert Gatherings



B1 THE BUENO VINO SOCIAL CLUB

OK, not a whole dinner, but by the time you're out of there, you won't care! Join this professional importer and distributor of fine wines as he hosts an evening of wine tasting and learning about wines followed by gourmet cheeses and rare Italian honies.

For the 10 highest bidders. Friday, March 13th, 2009, 7:00 PM.

Minimum bid \$50 per person

Jeff and Sandy Krietzman

B2 ARE THE WINE EXPERTS RIGHT?

Join Cindy and Paul and sample 5 different wines during a 5-course meal to find out the answers to those questions you've always had. Is white wine best for fish? Which goes best with tomato sauce, a fruity or dry red? What tastes best with cheese? What about spicy foods like Mexican and Thai? Come and see what your tongue tells you. A Saturday evening in May.

For the 8 highest bidders (and their kids)

Minimum bid \$30 per person (kids free)

Cindy and Paul Jenison

B3 DIP AND DESSERT

One group (up to 6 good friends or 6 folks hoping to become better friends!) will spend an evening soaking in an outdoor hot tub and sharing a delectable dessert. Enjoy crisp winter air and moonlight while steeping in warm, swirling, soothing water. A mutually agreed upon evening in January or February 2009.

For the highest bidder (one group, one evening)

Minimum bid \$60

Bill and Amanda Gillum

Entertainment

C1 A PERSONAL CONCERT

UUCP's own singer-songwriter Lee Morgan will play an hour and a half of original music for you and your family and friends in your home (or the location of your choice in the central New Jersey/Philly/New York area). Lee has performed on Broadway in "Brooklyn the Musical" and "The Who's Tommy" and in many off-Broadway and regional shows. Dramatics Magazine says "To those who see Lee Morgan on stage, the word "star" comes quickly to mind." And "His voice has a quality that's beautiful, yet smoky and ragged. It's a voice you remember because it sounds natural and spontaneous, filled with emotion. It's a rock voice, a sound not usually heard in a Broadway musical." Lee's musical partner, Joe Lutton, may or may not be part of the appearance. Joe and Lee meld their two distinct styles into one unique, raw and soulful sound. Their mutual, soul-deep appreciation for blues and rock informs every note they play. CDBaby says "Honesty, emotion, and raw energy course through their live performance, and their album "Basic" captures that vitality and truth and offers a compelling, bare-bones listening experience." You will also receive a copy of that CD! He's in the studio now working on a solo album, so you may be the first to hear the new songs! Learn more about Lee at his uber hip MySpace account at www.myspace.com/leemorgansongs How popular will you be?! On a mutually agreed upon date and time.

Minimum bid \$200

Lee Morgan

C2 GAME NIGHT

Join Lori and Jeffrey for a night of fun in their home. Charades, scrabble, monopoly, Russian Roulette, whatever you choose! And snacks and drinks! What more could you ask? On a mutually agreed upon Wednesday evening.

For the 4 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$5 per person

Lori Ingwerson

Outings

D1 BIRDS! BIRDS! BIRDS!

Enjoy a morning of birding with your birding buddies Betty and John. They've been at it for several years now – and they know a bird when they see one! As the best birding happens before 10, you'll meet early and caravan/car pool to where the birds are (it could be the Great Swamp, the Institute Woods, or another relatively local hotbed of birding activity). The event concludes with a picnic lunch of roasted warbler (just kidding). Bring your binoculars, a sandwich & a beverage; we'll provide birds, dessert & fruit.

Available to the 6 highest bidders. Saturday, May 16th, 2009, 6:30 AM.

Minimum bid \$20 per person

Betty Ashwood and John Wells

D2 A HIKE ON THE WILD SIDE

After a long, cold, and dreary winter, do you enjoy getting out in the spring – getting exercise, seeing the trees in bloom and hearing the birds? Come join us on an exploration of a secret location in New Jersey. We will provide a gourmet lunch, tailored to your dietary needs, and trail snacks. You must provide hiking boots, water, and a daypack for carrying your food and water. Meet at UUCP at 8 AM.

For the 15 highest bidders. Saturday, June 6, 2009.

Minimum bid \$20 per person

Judy Malsbury (609) 466-9046

D3 HAVE LUNCH AND TAKE A HIKE

A two-hour hike (don't fret, that's round trip) in the beautiful Sourland Mountains Preserve in Hillsborough followed by a yummy, hearty restorative lunch. So close and yet so remote. **For the 6 highest bidders. Saturday, May 9th, 2009.**

Minimum bid \$25 per person

Carolyn Hoeschele

D4 FIRST NIGHT

Come to New Jersey's largest First Night celebration in Morristown. The revelry features more than 40 artists in over 80 performances ranging from dance to comedy to music. The event has showcased rock and roll, classical, blues, jazz, opera, and choral music. Venues are within walking distance of the Morristown Green where you'll also enjoy two fireworks shows. One pair of tickets will be mailed to you after December 1st, 2009.

Minimum bid is \$35 for the pair (market value \$40).

Carol Weiss and Charlie Shimalla 609 275-0175

D5 RIDE THE STEAMBOAT "SPLASH"

A 20-minute stern-wheel steamboat ride along the Lambertville shoreline on the Delaware River during the Lambertville Shad Fest (\$10 for two people or go twice if you wish). Check out the street fair, eat some shad and have fun! Show up at the steamboat anytime between 12 PM and 3 PM. If the weather is bad, the offer carries over to the next year. For more information www.lambertville.org and www.steamboatclassroom.org. Call for last-minute weather-related information

For the 20 highest bidders. Saturday, April 25th or Sunday, April 26th, 2009.

Minimum bid \$10 per person

Bart Hoebel

D6 NEW YORK ROCKS

Let's enjoy this wonderful city! Ted and Elizabeth will give you a fabulous tour of selected galleries in the Chelsea district, the heart of the art world of Manhattan. You will be responsible for your own expenses on this pilgrimage (dinner at a funky restaurant?).

For the 6 highest bidders. Saturday, May 9th, 2009.

Ted & Elizabeth Peck

D7 BE A HARLEM GLOBETROTTER

Join us in worshipping at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem! In 1808, a few African-Americans, unwilling to accept racially segregated seating in God's house, left the worship service of the First Baptist Church of New York City and form a new congregation, the Abyssinian Baptist Church. The name inspired by the ancient name of the nation from which the merchants of Ethiopia had come, Abyssinia. Ministers have included Adam Clayton Powell, Sr., Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Samuel DeWitt Proctor, and the current minister Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III. The congregation has a long tradition of community advocacy and empowerment and an excellent choir that has sung at Carnegie Hall. We will be guests at their 11 AM service followed by lunch at Sylvia's, the famous soul food restaurant. Then, as time and energy allows, we will explore parts of Harlem. We will probably meet at the church or train station at 8:30 or 9 AM, but the plans still need to be finalized. The bid does not include transportation costs (train or carpooling) or the cost of lunch (estimated at \$32 per person including tip and tax).

For the 29 highest bidders. Sunday, April 19, 2009.

Minimum bid \$20 per person.

Judy Malsbury

Food



E1 VEGAN SOUP

Dell will create a large pot of vegetarian (vegan, fat free) soup for your enjoyment. Consider this if you have vegan children, a family member with heart disease, or just enjoy healthful delicious food. Made from genuine vegans.

Dell Gerster (609) 466-1361

E2 WORLD'S BEST CAESAR SALAD

Like the irrepressible Roman dictator himself, you simply cannot say no to this delicious taste treat. Homemade sourdough croutons, awesome fresh Romano Caesar dressing, Contains some anchovy (unless otherwise requested), but you'll never know it.

Serves 6. Two weeks notice and mutually convenient date

Minimum bid \$30

Jon Sachs

E3 SOURDOUGH BREAD

A loaf of hand made sourdough bread. But wait, there's more! You also get 1/2 starter that works in a bread machine overnight. The leaven is from the starter, which is saved from the flour/water. Yeast grows in it. I don't know what I'm writing about here, but the important thing is that you can make your own sourdough bread! Herb's originally came from Paris, where they made baguettes with it. Most starters are slow acting, but this French starter is as fast as a Parisian streetwalker!

For the 2 highest bidders

Herb Foster

E4 YEAST BREAD BRAIDED LOAVES

Say that five times fast! Elaine's kids give her grief if she doesn't make this bread part of the holiday dinner. Now you can give her grief too! Get this lovely 15 inch, 5-stranded braid, with a twist on top!

Each loaf serves about 8. One week notice.

For the 2 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$15

Elaine Nigam

E5 HOME MADE BREADS

From master baker Pete, a loaf of home made, absolutely delicious bread.

For the 2 highest bidders

Pete Gerster

E6 SHE SELLS STUFFED SHELLS

Get someone else to feed your family! A yummy stuffed shells dinner including garlic bread, salad and cannoli (did you know the singular is cannolo?) delivered to your home.

One week notice on a mutually agreed upon date.

Minimum bid \$20

Nancy Gardner

E7 A SUCCULENT SMOKED TURKEY

Have you ever had a smoked turkey? The advantage of smoking is it's amazing flavor and extreme juiciness. Cooked on a Weber, this approximately 13-15 pound bird will easily serve a large family. Stuffing as requested. Pick up from their house in Hopewell or meet at the church. Available April through November 2009, but not on Thanksgiving day itself. Two weeks notice.

Minimum bid \$50

Greg Nagy and Pat Lange

E8 CHILI – IT’S BETTER THAN GUY’S!

The lucky recipient of this beany funfest gets a huge cauldron of Jon Krejci’s world famous, award winning chili. Can be made with yummy chunks of artery-clogging beef for hedonists blithely oblivious to the dangers of trans fats, with lean turkey breast for the more ascetic carnivore or TVP for vegetarians. Spiciness can range from blow-your-head-off-hot to mild-as-baby’s-breath. Comes with chips and grated cheese! What more could you want?

Serves 8. Two weeks notice.

For the 2 highest bidders

Jon Krejci

E9 CHILI – IT’S BETTER THAN JON’S!

You won't believe this butt-kicking chili is vegetarian. People come from far and wide, clamoring for a taste, just a morsel, of the most delicious chili ever created. Chock full of beans, peppers, onions (for a healthy twist) and tempeh (crumbled or chunks, your choice), this chili will leave you craving more. Guy (he prefers "Pancho" when he's wearing his sombrero) will adjust the heat of his luscious creation to suit your taste buds. He will also provide you with chips or individual bread bowls, your choice, and shredded cheese, if you please. Don't be swayed by the other chilies; this is the best!

Serves 8. Two weeks notice.

For the 2 highest bidders

Guy Dorgan

E10 UU BREW

Doug’s famous home brewed ale. Choose from UU Ale; a full-bodied, amber colored American style ale or UU Dark; a rich and malty dark ale, similar to a stout but not as heavy.

One case (24 twelve-ounce bottles). Two months notice.

Minimum bid \$35

Doug Radtke

Desserts



F1 BRUNIES

This multi-talented 6th-grader offers his culinary specialty: a very moist chocolate brownie tarte which teases the palate with the finest French cocoa, a mixture of Ghirardelli dark and milk chocolate chips, loads of real vanilla, and a lace-shaped sprinkling of powdered sugar.

David Jerez-Szathmary

F2 CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

A rich creamy delight sure to satisfy any chocoholic, topped with two cups of hand whipped cream. Cardiac defibrillation extra.

Serves 10-12

For the 2 highest bidders

Lauren O’Neil

F3 PORTUGUESE HONEY BREAD

Jane has made these loaves of bread for her own grateful family for years and now she's spreading the love! It is spicy and a bit fruity; something like a fruit cake, but more aromatic and less dense (thank goodness). Jane will make it for you whenever you want, but it keeps well frozen if you want to save it for later.

Jane Fetter

F4 COFFEE CAKE

You’re going to need some amazing coffee to go with this sour cream and raisin spiced coffee cake.

Helen Szathmary

F5 BANANA NUT BREAD

Take home this loaf of Amanda's famous moist banana bread with walnuts, and enjoy it for your Sunday brunch.

Minimum bid \$10

Amanda Gillum

F6 YO HO HO AND A BOTTLE OF RUM CAKE

This is a rum cake to keep a sailor returning to port. Taste it and you'll never forget it...a different version of the traditional rum cake...this one has lots of pecans.

Frances Prestiani

F7 POLISH CARROT-NUT CAKE

A moist, hearty cake that keeps for days and is easily frozen. Cream cheese frosting optional.

Serves 12

Grace Gambino

F8 CHOCOHOLIC'S DELIGHT

A flourless chocolate cake - quite intense - only for true chocolate lovers. Can be frozen.

Serves 8 - 10 (depending on extent of chocolate addiction). Two weeks notice.

Nancy Fiedler

F9 APPLE CAKE

Extraordinary Italian apple cake, made with the freshest ingredients from the nearest farm. Fresh, juicy, not too sweet; just perfect! It will remind you of Tuscany.

Serves 10-12. One week notice.

Grace Gambino

F10 AUSTRIAN CHOCOLATE CAKE

This chocolate cake has Vienna and a cup of espresso written all over it. It is a very dense, rich and delicious cake.

Judith Wist

F11 AS AMERICAN AS BLUEBERRY OR APPLE PIE

A lovingly homemade blueberry or apple pie. Blueberry pie in season (from about June until late August or maybe early September). Apple pie is available year round. One week notice on a mutually agreed upon date

For the 3 highest bidders

Nancy Gardner

F12 APPLE OR PECAN PIES

The best apple or pecan pies this side of the Mississippi! Apple pie can be regular or sugar-free (made with Splenda). Two weeks notice. Collect before June 30, 2009.

For the 2 highest bidders

Ann Nugent

Services

**G1 PERSONALIZED PHOTO SLIDESHOW DVD**

We will take pictures from any event (vacation) or for an upcoming celebration (fiftieth anniversary) and create a personalized slide show with music including a professional DVD label and case. Pictures (up to 50) and music to be supplied by the purchaser.

Minimum bid \$50 (market value \$80)

Tracy Lawler

G2 YOUR VERY OWN CUSTOM-CRAFTED RITUAL

Is there a Rite of Passage that needs celebrating in your life? Or one that you missed, all those years ago? Is there an achievement or a loss that needs honoring in sacred ritual space? Priestess Maggie would be delighted to assist you, or your group, in crafting a personal ritual for any purpose, no matter how huge, tiny, ordinary, exceptional, early, late, or just perfectly timed. Use her skills to help you at every step of the way or just for part of the process -- your choice. (No baneful magic, though -- no turning opponents into frogs). Virgin sacrifices extra.

Minimum bid \$1 Sacagawea, Anthony, Liberty, or Presidential coin (Higher bids will can be paid in the usual fashion) (Market Value: Infinite)

Maggie Beaumont

G3 READING, WRITING OR JUST HANGING OUT

Lori has great eyes and will read to you whatever you like or is most helpful; the newspaper, articles, books, magazines, or anything else. She also has a great pen and can help you write thank you notes, birthday or holiday cards, or add addresses to your address book. She's fun and kind and can play a game with you or just provide some companionship for a few hours. A meaningful gift for someone with limited sight, a hospice or hospital patient, or a nursing home or assisted living resident. Three one-hour sessions on mutually agreed upon days and times.

Minimum bid \$40

Lori Ingwerson

G4 PERSONAL COACHING

Puzzled about priorities and the next steps in your work or home life? A personal coach can help you clarify and work through these questions. Give it a try; it can make a real difference. Lorette is an experienced business consultant and coach. Three weekly half-hour phone sessions.

Minimum bid \$85 (Market value \$350)

Lorette Pruden

G5 BUSINESS COACHING

Isolation is the bane of the business owner. An impartial listener can be a boon to bringing your challenges and concerns into focus. As an experienced management consultant I can help you hear yourself think and find your way to the next right thing to do in your business. Get focused: Two half-hour phone sessions plus an invitation to a team event.

Minimum bid \$85 (Market value \$350)

Lorette Pruden

G6 REAL ESTATE COACHING

Thinking of selling your house? What is your house worth? What can you do to improve its value? Should you make improvements? Which is better, to repair the leaking roof or reduce the price? Thinking of buying a house? What is the minimum down-payment you'll need? Will you get a mortgage if you have a small income? Where should you apply? When will we stop asking questions? Vicky has twenty-five years of experience and will answer all these difficult questions. Two hours of very valuable advice at a mutually agreed upon date and time.

Minimum bid \$45

Vicky Campbell

G7 DECLUTTER AND ORGANIZE

Do you have piles of things "to do," a closet full of objects you might need someday, a drawer of little things you can't quite identify? Are you always waiting for that free weekend when you'll finally get organized? Nothing helps you buckle down and complete a job like a helper! Lori will spend five hours with you de-cluttering and organizing your home, garage or office.

Minimum bid \$75

Lori Ingwerson

G8 LOKING FUR A EDITER?

Don't let your word processor try to tell you how to spell! Eva will help your prose perform, your sentences sparkle, your grammar glow, with up to three hours of copyediting or proofreading (additional time negotiable). Eva has worked as a copyeditor for McGraw-Hill, Mathematica and Associated University Presses. No highly technical material.

Minimum bid \$50

Eva Liane Foster

G9 CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – BASIC WEBSITE

Get yourself or your small business on the internet with this three page CMS website. Choose one template from over 50 available at www.rockettheme.com under Wesley's membership. A simple menu structure linking to three pages will be created using content and additional graphics supplied by you. Modification to template graphics not included. Domain Name (under \$14/yr) and Hosting (\$7-8/mo) at your cost and must utilize Unix based servers with Simple Scripts and full support for Joomla 1.5 CMS. You can easily update or extend the site through the internet; all you need is the Firefox web browser. One hour of training by phone included.

Minimum bid \$200 (Market value \$350)

Wesley Derbyshire

G10 PLAN AHEAD AND REST IN PEACE

Informed planning can save your family anxiety and expense at the time of your death. You make a will and buy life insurance, why not learn about this? Get accurate and unbiased information on the practical details of funeral arrangements, cremation, burial, organ and body donation, and clear and sensible ways of implementing your wishes. Jump on this opportunity to get a membership in the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Princeton.

For the 2 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$15 (Market value \$25)

Laurie Powsner

G11 ROTOTILLER FOR HIRE, WITH OPERATOR

Want to plant a garden, but put off by the effort needed to turn over the soil? Weak back? Ray will be glad to bring his 18" wide Troy Built Husky Rototiller and spend up to three hours rototilling the soil in your garden. If you supply soil amendments, such as organic matter, sand, lime or fertilizer, he'll work those in at the same time. Note: The soil can't be too wet, or the tiller won't break up the clods.

Minimum bid \$36

Ray Nichols

G12 GOT A TOUGH ROW TO HOE?

Lori will spend five hours working with or for you in your garden and yard. Raking, weeding, and planting are just a few of her specialties. On a mutually agreed upon day in spring, summer or fall.

Minimum bid \$75

Lori Ingwerson

Massage

**H1 INTEGRATED MASSAGE THERAPY**

Anna is an experienced massage therapist. She specializes in back and neck pain and is offering a wonderful, one-hour, full body massage at Health Choices Institute and Holistic Massage School in Hillsborough.

For the 3 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$50 (market value \$85)

Anna Savoia

H2 SWEDISH MASSAGE

Aaron is a licensed massage therapist who has developed a massage style that integrates basic Swedish technique, Craniosacral therapy, trigger point therapy, lymphatic drainage techniques with the energetics work of Reiki and Polarity Therapy. See more at www.aaronsapiro.org. He can also do a relaxing generic Swedish massage. One-hour in your home.

For the 2 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$50 (market value \$100)

Aaron Sapiro

H3 REIKI

Maggie is a certified Reiki practitioner. This form of energy work can be used to speed and promote healing of illness or injury, to reduce stress or to promote general healing. One 30-minute session. Your place or hers. At a mutually agreed upon date and time.

For the 4 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$45

Maggie Beaumont

Transportation & Parking



J1 PARKING AT PRINCETON JUNCTION TRAIN STATION

Remember that horrible feeling, anxiously looking for a parking space at the train station, wondering what you'll do if there isn't one. Help is here! Jen will let you park in her yard, 1/2 a block from the Princeton Junction Train Station. Three times! Advance notice required.

For the 2 highest bidders

Jen Ping Wang (609) 799-2158

J2 TRIPS TO THE TRAIN TO NEWARK AIRPORT

Pretend you're in a limo and enjoy the luxury of being driven to or from the closest train station to your home on your way to or from the Newark Airport. You begin your vacation adventure by automobile, continue by train, switch to Air Train, and jump on your plane. This experienced chauffeur will transport you and up to three other people serenely between your house and the train station. (Bid on more than one if you want to come home!)

For the 4 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$25 (one way)

Carl Haag

J3 RT 2 EWR/PHL

Debra has a van that will accommodate 6 people! Bring your friends and all the luggage you want for an enjoyable round trip ride to PHL or EWR airport before June 20th, 2009. If you don't have a trip planned, she can just drive you right home!

Debra Kurpad

J4 DOES DRIVING ON ICE GIVE YOU THE WILLIES?

Cool hand Carol will calmly teach you ways to drive safely and confidently in slippery conditions. Get ready to face the winter weather and icy conditions without trepidation. Your car. No need to wait for the ice to form; we can do theory on dry ground. At a mutually agreed upon date and time.

For the 10 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$10

Carol Haag

Cooking & Crafts



K1 ALL ABOUT POLYMER

Far more interesting than the title suggests! Create your own necklace of polymer clay beads. You choose the style of beads and the design of the necklace. Ruth will provide the clay and other materials and the instruction. It's great fun! Two one-hour lessons.

For the 6 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$30

Ruth Ramsey

K2 QUILTING 101

Start your first quilt in an all-day workshop with UUCP member and RE teacher Meg. She has been quilting for 20 years and is author of the popular book, *The Quilter's Catalog: A Comprehensive Resource Guide*. Sign up for this day-long workshop where you can start making a quilt from that book called "Need a Gift Next Week Tied Quilt." You can view a picture of the quilt on Meg's website, www.megcox.com (click on Contact Meg: it's the pink and brown quilt on the day bed) and see the actual quilt the night of the auction. You buy your fabric beforehand and at the workshop you will cut your fabric and begin piecing your quilt top: bring a sewing machine if you want to do this by machine, but hand sewers are also welcome (Meg did the original by hand). Although your quilt won't be completely finished by day's end, you should be well along in making the top, and Meg will demonstrate each step required to finish the quilt later, including tying the layers together and making a binding. Absolute beginners are invited, along with experienced sewers and crafters who have long wanted to give quilting a try. Meg has begun teaching quilting in a variety of venues, from bookstores and museums to Mercer County Community College. Gazillions of satisfied students including several UUCP'ers. In addition to the workshop, each participant will receive a copy of *The Quilter's Catalog* (retail \$18.95). In the John Murray room, Saturday, Feb. 21 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

For the 8 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$40 per person

Meg Cox (Leone)

K3 LEARN TO QUILT

Have you always wanted to make a quilt? Do it in four two-hour sessions. You will make a quilt or table runner from one of Beth's favorite patterns, "Block Party". Bring a sewing machine, a cutting mat, and a rotary cutter. Week 1: bring scraps or fat quarters, learn to use a rotary cutter, and make a simple square. Week 2: bring the fabric for your project, and we will cut it to size so you can start piecing. Week 3: finish assembling the squares for your quilt. Learn techniques to speed the process. Week 4: learn about sashing and finishing options. February Tuesdays, 7-9 pm in room 15.

For the 5 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$40 per person

Beth Nichols

K4 LEARN TO KNIT

Get in the know with this lifetime knitter. You can learn to knit, get better at it, tackle a challenging project, fix a mistake (or dozens), mend an item with a hole, or just sit before a fire with a cup of tea on your knee and your knitting in your lap for an afternoon chat. A mutually agreed upon time in February or March 2009.

For the 3 highest bidders

Carol Haag

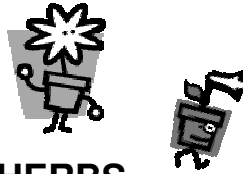
K5 BUCHE DE NOEL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT

Learn how to make a Buche de Noel log cake (a sponge cake rolled up with chocolate frosting) for Christmas 2009. Learn to make French butter cream and meringue mushrooms to decorate your log cake. On a mutually agreed upon date in December 2009.

Minimum bid \$50

Cindy Jenison

Plants



L1 GARDEN FAVORITES, PERENNIALS AND HERBS

All cold-hardy: geraniums, chrysanthemums, iris, crocosmia, many sedums, bee balm, daylilies (yellow, raspberry, or peachy), ferns, Solomon's seal. These plants cannot fail if they have the right conditions and site, and I can help you with that if needed.

For the 2 highest bidders

Ruth Tomlinson, Mercer County Master Gardener

L2 MAGNIFICENT RED CANNA LILIES

Straight out of "The Little Shop of Horrors", these Striking, red spiked flowers emerge from large green leaves and grow up to six feet tall! These sturdy plants provide dramatic additions to a garden setting, taller than cornstalks! Full sun is needed for best results. Six to eight large corms.

For the 2 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$20

Amanda Gillum

L3 MORE SCARY PLANTS

And some of Ruth's are really BIG. Rudbeckia maxima, Hibiscus coccinea, Joe-Pye, Silphium, all of these are creatures to look up to at 10 to 12 feet tall. Many others are more normal sizes; mountain mint, cardinal flower (hummingbirds!), bee balm, etc. If the movement toward native plants interests you at all, it will be fun for you and us, to divide the plants and share the learning.

For the 2 highest bidders

Ruth Tomlinson, Mercer County Master Gardener

Art and Craft



M1 BOARDWALK

A beautiful photo taken at Ocean City early in the morning in July 2008.

Minimum bid \$35

Rick Baker

M2 PHOTO TBA

Another amazing photo of Rick's. See it at the auction.

Minimum bid \$35

Rick Baker

M3 PHOTO TBA

A beautiful photo work of art by Mary Sill Peck. See it at the auction.

Minimum bid \$50

Ted and Elizabeth Peck

M4 PHOTO TBA

Another beautiful photo work of art by Mary Sill Peck. See it at the auction.

Minimum bid \$50

Ted and Elizabeth Peck



M5 PAINTING

Helen is a multi-media artist whose work was recently in a museum show in Cuenca, Spain, where they have a number of her graphic works as part of their permanent collection. This abstract painting is made from watercolor, acrylic and oil based inks infused with a variety of metallic pigments. See it at the auction.

Minimum bid \$80

Helen Szathmary

M6 A ONE-OF-A-KIND NECKLACE AND BRACELET SET

One of this artist and jewelry designer's beautiful creations made with Swarovski Crystals, Czech vintage and modern fire polished beads, sterling silver beading wire and toggle clasp.

Minimum bid \$40

Helen Szathmary

M7 A BEAUTIFUL NECKLACE MADE JUST FOR YOU

Custom, artisan-designed, beaded necklace made from semi-precious stones and sterling silver. Made to suit your colors and style after brief consultation. Can be made 16" or 24" in length.

Minimum bid \$50 for 16", \$75 for 24"

Ilene Dube (609) 275-0825

M8 HAND-WOVEN PLACEMATS

A set of placemats hand-woven on a four-harness loom. You and wonderful weaver Maggie choose the yarns together and you pay for them. Bid on a set of 4, but indicate if you are willing to double your bid for a set of 8 or triple your bid for a set of 12.

For the 3 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$25 for set of 4, \$50 for set of 8, \$75 for set of 12

Maggie Beaumont

M9 CUSTOM NAME TAGS

The sought after hand painted ones. Not familiar with her work? Check out the rack.

For the 3 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$25

Elizabeth Peck

M10 A FAMILY PORTRAIT

Ray has worked as a full-time professional portrait photographer and has taken portraits of over 10,000 people. He will photograph you, your family, friend, pet, or whatever strikes your fancy. He will digitally record several images and you will end up with a DVD of all the images, so that you can make as many prints as you desire, without being charged typical professional per print prices. On a mutually agreed upon date and time.

Minimum bid \$50

Ray Nichols

M11 A BRADFORD RENAISSANCE PORTRAIT

Bradford is a member of the Presidential Circle: an exclusive group of approximately fifty of the top photographers in the US. Most photographers use digital techniques to enhance their portraits. Though Bradford uses digital at times, he prefers to use the classic techniques of the old world masters and uses oil based artistry applied by hand to the portrait. The impact of the works of Sir Thomas Gainsborough and Sargent greatly influenced his style. Each year, Bradford Renaissance Portraits donates more than a million dollars in goods and funds to worthy causes. Portrait studio is in White Plains, NY.

Minimum bid \$200 (Market value \$5,000)

Bradford Portraits

Getaways



N1 TREMBLANT RESORT AT MONT-TREMBLANT, QUEBEC, CANADA

Enjoy a week at a 3-bedroom, 2-bath suite (fireplace, full kitchen, washer and dryer) in Le Sommet des Neiges, on the slope of the resort's alpine village containing wonderful boutiques, restaurants and even groceries. Families who have purchased this in the past have loved the stay. There's a lot to do with a mountain at your doorstep and a swimming pool and lake to play in as well. Hike, bike, fish, swim, canoe, golf or shop! A 9-hour drive from NJ or fly to Montreal and drive northwest to Tremblant. See: www.tremblant.com. Choose one week between April and November 2009 determined by times available in quarter share. Sleeps 8.

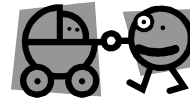
Minimum bid \$1,500 (Value \$2,500)

Dave Hoffman and Sharon Copeland

N2 MURRAY GROVE RETREAT

Murray Grove is very pleased to offer a two-night personalized individual retreat for up to four people (mid-week) at the historic birthplace of Universalism in America. Includes accommodations in our comfortable guest houses; full use of the Lodge, dining room and kitchen; use of the 20-acre wooded grounds and adjacent nature trails down to Barnegat Bay; use of the pool (in season); a personalized historical tour and telling of the story of John Murray, Thomas Potter and the beginnings of Universalism. See more at www.murraygrove.org
Murray Grove, Lanoka Harbor

Kids & Parents



P1 VALENTINES DATE

Have you been out with your sweetie lately? How about someone else's sweetie? Make this the best Valentines in years. Drop your wee ones off with Autumn and Paul in Princeton and they will feed the brown bag supper you send and entertain them for three hours while you have a romantic dinner out. Pre-school and up (toddler siblings will be considered if they are happy to be left).

Saturday, February 14th, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

For the 20 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$15 per child

Autumn Fiester and Paul Barkofsky

P2 FACE PAINTING

Do you want to throw a hippie party, minus the electric Koolaid? Or, do you know children who are yearning to see themselves transformed into fairies, butterflies, Spiderman, Dracula, tigers, cats or whatever? Helen is an artist and has been in charge of (and survived) face painting at two huge school Mardi Gras parties and has more years of Halloween and Carnival experience than she cares to admit. She will come to your party and paint as many little or grown-up faces, hands, or arms as can be creatively done in two hours. She would also be willing to do a much more detailed session for a woman, one or two people, or as much body as prevailing social norms and a modicum of decency will allow! Most materials supplied. Two hours at a mutually agreed upon date and time.

Minimum bid \$25

Helen Szathmary

P3 READING OR MATH TUTORING

A teacher with many years' experience in the classroom and individual tutoring, Ruth helps children achieve rapid and happy success in reading and she also has a math method children truly enjoy. Ruth offers tutoring for elementary school children in reading, math, writing and study skills. Three half-hour sessions at her home or yours.

For the 3 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$40

Ruth Ramsey (609) 466-0042

P4 A STORY FOR THE AGES – ALL AGES!

Hilarious - heartwarming - haunting: let Eva, a professional storyteller, entertain children or adults with a folk or literary tale at your event. Longer programs are available if the price is right. Elementary age and up. You can preview Eva's work at a meeting of the Princeton Storytelling Circle (check Skylights for dates).

Minimum bid \$50

Eva Liane Foster

P5 SINGING LESSONS

Our own music director will give your child two 45-minute singing lessons. He or she will be warbling like a titmouse in no time! On mutually agreed upon dates and times.

Minimum bid \$70 (Market value \$130)

Marjorie Herman

P6 THREE BOOK SERIES – AUTOGRAPHED!

Yes, autographed by the author, not just some random person. Jennifer is a storyteller, author, educator and environmental advocate. She was inspired to write these books while studying cosmology and evolution at Princeton University and sharing what she learned with her six year old son. Over time, bedtime conversations turned into the books From Lava to Life: The Universe Tells Our Earth Story, Born With A Bang: The Universe Tells Our Cosmic Story, and Mammals Who Morph: The Universe Tells Our Evolution Story. Her books have won Learning Magazine's Teachers Choice Award and the highest review ratings from the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The New York Times says "The series "combines 'once upon a time' with science." Dr. Tyson, director, Hayden Planetarium, American Museum of Natural History says "In this charming book, the 'Universe' is your home, your host, and your storyteller. If it could talk, it would say exactly what Jennifer has scripted for it." Jane Goodall says "A fantastic journey through time." See her website at: www.UniverseStories.com. Jennifer Morgan



P7 PARENT'S DAY OUT!

Experienced child wrangler Jeanne will take your (potty-trained) children while you go holiday shopping, run errands or spend a day alone. A day of fun includes lunch and snacks, a sing-along, cookie decorating, crafts and other fun activities. Up to 7 hours in her home in Cranbury. Please note: household includes 2 cats and a small, very friendly dog.

For the 4 highest bidders. Saturday, May 16th, 2009

Minimum bid \$25 per child

Jeanne Carsten

Pets



R1 IS YOUR PET'S BEHAVIOR DRIVING YOU NUTS?

Teri has been a pet behavior specialist working with horses, cats, dogs and birds since 1987 and has lectured on animal behavior and problems for clubs, groups, and organizations including Greyhound Rescue, 4-H, kennel and dog show clubs and equestrian groups. She uses the One Brain - Stress Defusion technique and other holistic modalities adapted for animals. She can help with separation anxiety, fear biting, excessive barking, chewing, litter box issues and more, as well as training issues in horses. Identify and remove the triggers that keep less than terrific behaviors happening and the frequency of the problem behavior disappears. Three 1 - 1 ½ hr sessions over a 3-month period.

Minimum bid \$100 (Market value \$200)

Teri Hyatt

R2 SIT! STAY! GOOD DOG! WANT A DOG YOU CAN LIVE WITH?

Get the skills and information you need to help you to live happily with your canine pet. Joan has done extensive dog training: rally novice, advanced and excellence; obedience novice, open, and utility; the advanced training of tracking dog; and agility training. Carol has lived with dogs all her life and raised two puppies for The Seeing Eye. The overall focus will be on basic obedience, but they'll also offer fun activities, tricks, sport, suggestions for good reading (Dr. Spock for dogs) and help dispel myths about dogs' innate abilities. Worksheets provided as well as referral for severe problems. Four Wednesdays (dates TBD) from 6:30 – 7:30 PM at Joan's indoor dog training area.

For the 4 highest bidders

Minimum bid \$50 per dog

Carol Haag and Joan Luckhardt

R3 YOU MUST BE A SAINT, BARNARD

When you go on vacation, do you feel guilty because you have to confine Fido to a malodorous kennel with a pack of misbehaving hounds? Bill will spoil your pooch with up to 5 days of dog sitting time in his own home. A mutually agreed upon five days.

Minimum bid \$50 (Market value \$100)

Bill Barnard

R4 DOGGIE SLEEP-AWAY CAMP

Kelly and Charles are real dog-lovers and would love to pamper your dog for up to 5 days in their home. Their two greyhounds also love dogs. They even have a doggie door to the fenced back yard. Don't sign up if your dog likes to eat babies.

Minimum bid \$75 (Market value \$100)

Kelly Cleland and Charles Snellings



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Gentle Yoga Class

Saturdays 10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. in Founders Room or Channing Hall
All levels welcome!

Childcare available in Room 9 (Please R.S.V.P.)

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

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 **Mirah Riben** at: silverdove@comcast.net, or just join us any Sunday!

A Course in Miracles

Sundays 11:15 a.m. in Room 8

We are continuing to study Eckhart Tolle’s book: *A New Earth* comparing it with the concepts of *A Course in Miracles*. For example we compared Tolle’s concept: “Nonresistance, nonjudgement, and nonattachment are the three aspects of true freedom and enlightened living. Pg. 225, with the quote from the Workbook pg. 480 of ACIM: “Judgement and love are opposites. From one comes all the sorrows of the world. But from the other comes the peace of God Himself.

On the surface these appear to be two very different statements, but looking deeper we were able to find profound relationships. For example unconditional love requires nonjudgement. Resistance is holding on to the beliefs of the small or ego self which is the major obstacle to healing the separation from others and recognizing the oneness of all. Attachment to form, the most powerful being the attachment to the body, separates us from our divinity that derives from the oneness of the created and the Creator. We only appear to be separate, confirmed by our separate physical bodies. Yet we are all one at the spiritual level of unconditional love, the essence of Divinity.

Come join us for further discussion of these two powerful religious tracks. Room 8 at 11:15 each Sunday.



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).

Eckhart Tolle Reading Group

The Power of Now: A Small Group Discussion and Personal Exploration

"At the deepest level of Being, you are one with all that is"

In 2008 our discussion group explored Eckhart Tolle's book *A New Earth* and how we could apply the ideas to live in the present and simply practice stillness in our lives. In January, we will begin walking through *The Power of Now* to discover the insights and "ah ha" moments we may have missed before. Emphasis will be placed on using the readings as signposts to the underlying experience of presence and spiritual development.

- The group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 7:15 to 8:45
- Meetings will be held at UUCP in Fahs Theater
- The first meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, at 7:15

Participants will need a copy of *The Power of Now* (approximately \$15). Please come to the first meeting having read the Introduction and Chapter One.

Ron Campbell, Bill Wymer, and Shelle Sumners will serve as co-facilitators.

Please email sumners@uuprinceton.org to let us know if you are interested in joining this group.

Storytelling – An Invitation

Come and check us out! The **Princeton Storytelling Circle**, a story sharing group for serious and semi-serious storytellers, has arranged to hold monthly meetings in Room 7 of our building (through Eva Foster, a longtime member of the congregation and the Circle). We are making ourselves available to tell stories to groups within the congregation several times a year in exchange for this privilege.

We meet at 7:30 on the second Tuesday of each month, so our next meeting is January 13.

Anyone who would like to come and listen, or bring a story to share, is welcome to attend. We use this time to try out new material on each other – or practice familiar stories we may not have used in a while – usually for specific upcoming performances, so stories may not be appropriate for every age. With that understanding, we're glad to see young people (say, mid-elementary and up) who are good listeners.

It's fine to "just show up," but contact **Eva Foster**, 609 924 7014, likelystories@yahoo.com, with questions.

Combined RE Classes Assist Crisis Ministry

Thanks to everyone who helped make our November In-Gathering Crisis Ministry Food Drive another resounding success! Our congregation collected well over **200** bags of food! On Sunday November 16, families from the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade 11:15 RE classes loaded the collected food into vehicles and drove it down to Trenton's Crisis Ministry. There, 11 adults and 14 UUCP children unloaded the food, sorted it, and helped shelve it. Most of these volunteers stayed on until 2 pm sorting and shelving donations from other churches! This helped restock Crisis Ministry's larder for the busy holiday season – thanks very much to all who participated. You can see photos of our work on the RE bulletin board outside Shelle's office, or on this page. ~Louise Senior, RE Council, Social Action Chair

THANKS TO ALL FOR SUPPORT OF BRUNCHES-- AND SO MUCH MORE!

The UUCP Reading Circle offered brunch on Dec. 7 to benefit the East Trenton Learning Center.

We asked for donations instead of pricing things, and found most of us to be very generous, and it added up to a resounding success.

We want you to know that in this case, as in most, ALL the money you gave went to the program identified, that none of it was used by UUCP, and all costs for food and supplies were borne by the brunch volunteers.

Asking for donations rather than itemized prices is not just a lazy way of collecting money; it is meant to make clear that we are fundraising for some good cause.

We all win when this works out, and we thank you for your kind and generous support—we couldn't do it without you! ~Ruth Tomlinson

Dear Brunch Lovers,

I would like to thank you all for your support this Fall. Specifically, I would like to thank both those who have provided the congregation with brunches, and those who have come out and donated generously for such great brunches. We have supported many different groups both in and out of UUCP.

Wouldn't your group like to participate? I am now looking for groups to commit to providing brunch on Sundays from Dec 28 until June. I have only 5 Sundays already spoken for, so there are many opportunities. I have detailed descriptions to help you out and am always available if you have questions. I am encouraging DUNs groups, covenant circles, and all others to minister to the congregation with food. The chance to mingle with others over a meal is a wonderful experience. I am always amazed at the energy and connections that I see going on every Sunday in the Founder's room. I hope that groups will step up to the "lunch plate" so we have a brunch planned for every Sunday.

You can contact me at 609-466-0034, or else send an email to carolynh@princeton.edu.

Thanks in advance for your help,
Carolyn Hoeschele



RE Classes assist Crisis Ministry

Community Building

Women's Alliance

The next meeting of the Women's Alliance will be January 15, 2009. The title of the program will be "**Celebrating the God Janus**" presented by **Ingrid Reed** of the Egleton Institute.

Our luncheon will begin at 12:00, our program at 1:00. All are welcome. We meet in the Founders Room. Please bring a sandwich to share. Soup, beverages and dessert will be provided.

Emma Forehand, (609)921-6146

Men's Club

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

Dinner Discussion

The topic at the Tuesday January 20 Dinner Discussion will be **Epilepsy a Family Affair**. Our speaker, **Bill Sharp**, was an up-and-coming businessman in line for the executive suite, and then one day, out of the blue, he had an epileptic seizure and was told he had been taken off the fast track because the pressure of a higher-level job would be too much for him. Come hear how Bill coped, and how he helped himself by helping others. Mr. Sharp earned college degrees at Catholic University, Washington, DC and at Seton Hall. He taught high school mathematics, and later worked as a buyer at Johnson & Johnson for 30 years before retiring in 1990. He has also been active in his church – in the choir and in religious education for 17 years. He has written articles on epilepsy. He is the father of four children and has eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He lives in Dayton, NJ. – Sign up with Mal Durbin between services January 11 and January 18. Charge for the dinner is \$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.

Sense of Place

The Green Sanctuary Committee-sponsored "Sense of Place" group completed its eight-week study of Princeton's bioregion at the end of November. Working with materials provided by the Northwest Earth Institute and the Princeton Joint Environmental Commission, the group investigated UUCP's physical place in the world – in the Piedmont ecoregion of the continental United States, just north of the Fall Line, which divides the Piedmont Plateau from the Inner Coastal Plain; in the Stony Brook and Millstone subsets of the Raritan watershed; in "hardiness zone 6B"; resting upon old, consolidated sandstone and shale.

We learned that the cars and trucks that rumble along Route 206 move along the same path that was once the King's Highway and, thousands of years before that, a path traversed by the Lenape Indians.

A paper boat launched from the little stream that runs behind the church might float along into the Mountain Lakes, into the Stony Brook, into the Millstone River at Carnegie Lake, and on into the Raritan River, ending up in Raritan Bay and, ultimately, in the Atlantic Ocean.

Wetlands near the church property help filter out contaminants, and surrounding upland forests support a variety of plants (including oaks, ash, birch, beech and maple trees, as well as planted white pines and spruce). These same wetlands and forests shelter white-tailed deer, opossums, foxes, cottontail rabbits, and the occasional black bear.

Although the group has ended its study and discussion sessions, we hope to build on what we've learned by creating a richer and

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Social Action

Revisoning 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 on transforming society "from Empire to Earth Community," as in David Korten's "The Great Turning". David Korten will be a presenter as will Chuck Collins, founder of United for a Fair Economy. 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

"The Role of the Church in the Current Economic Environment" is the theme of the 2009 New Jersey Council of Churches Issues & Action conference to be held Saturday, January 24 at Shiloh Baptist Church, 340 Calhoun Street in Trenton, two blocks from the State House. This conference connects in theme and mission with our New Jersey UU Legislative Ministry.

Leaders of Economic Justice advocacy groups will be presenters on January 24 along with Congressman Rush Holt on Federal Budget Issues and keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Bob Edgar, former Congressperson, Professor, and Director of National Council of Churches, and now President of Common Cause.

To register, send \$12 to NJ Council of Churches, 176 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608.

~Carol Allen

Social Justice

NEXT HABITAT WORK-DAY: SATURDAY, JAN. 10

COME, Join a group of us on Saturday, January 10, for a day of voluntary service and fellowship as we continue our efforts to help complete four town houses at 644-650 North Clinton Ave. in Trenton.

These homes are nearing completion. The rewards and personal satisfaction of using ones hands to help build these homes is great. The work is really not hard, although it can be challenging. The opportunities to learn new, practical skills are many.

Our congregation's Partner Family, the Robinsons, hope to be able to move into their new home by February. They will need the help of many hands on January 10, to make their dream of home ownership become a reality in February.

Note: For those folks who would like to help, but cannot do so on January 10, please bear in mind that Habitat expects a group of UUCP members to help on the second Saturday of every month. So make a New Year's resolution to devote the second Saturday of February or March to this worthwhile endeavor, and put a note on your calendar to save the date! (We work from about 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., so you can still plan another activity for that evening! :+))

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 petergerster@comcast.net ~Ray Nichols

Thank you to all of you who donated gifts for the Ribbon Tree and attended the East Trenton Holiday Party. For some children, these gifts might be their favorite of the season or may be their only one- so thank you for helping create excitement for these children. The coat drive has been successful- thank

you, and will continue through the winter months. The gift of warmth and comfort is a blessing.

New:

Sewing help needed- for Habitat for Humanity quilt!!!

Quilt maker, **Paula Entin** has graciously volunteered to organize the sewing of a quilt as a housewarming gift through our "Make a House a Home" project for Habitat for Humanity partner family: Kijafa Robinson, Quiyam Clark and her son Terrance Robinson

Sunday, January 11 at 10:30 between services we need:

-Volunteers to help with the cutting of fabric

-Volunteers to take home some quilt squares in order to sew together and bring back on Sunday January 25. **(Only a straight line on a sewing machine needed!)**

Sunday, January 25 after services:

-Those who volunteered on Jan. 11 will bring back their quilt squares. A small group of seamstresses who would like to help assemble the quilt at Paula Entin's house should contact me, Stephanie Hanzel Cohen at 609-323-7552.

Ongoing:

Habitat for Humanity Trenton

Chapter: Once a month, Saturday work day. Contact **Ray Nichols:** 609-737-7442

East Trenton Community Center

(home of Habitat for Humanity Trenton area)- Tutoring opportunities available. Contact: socialjustice@uuprinceton.org

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (T.A.S.K.)

- Volunteers needed to serve food on January 26 10am-1pm. 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/coat rack in Robinson Lounge.

"Make a House a Home"- If you are interested in making a home-made housewarming gift for our partner family contact [socialjus-](mailto:socialjustice@uuprinceton.org)

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Please contact **Stephanie Hanzel Cohen** 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.

UU Legislative Ministry Annual Meeting and Plenary

Saturday, February 7, 2009
9am- 3:15pm

At UU Congregation at Montclair
contact: **Elaine Nigam** 609- 797-7495

UU Public Policy Advocacy Network Meeting (UULMNJ)

The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry, NJ Annual Plenary Meeting and Workshops will be held **February 7, 2009** (snow date February 14) 9 AM to 3:15 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair.

Mark your calendars for February 7 now, pick up a brochure, and sign up at the program table any January Sunday.

-The keynote speaker will be The Rev. Dr. Richard S. Gilbert, a well known author and worker for social justice. Among his writings are Building Your Own Theology and The Prophetic Imperative: Social Gospel in Theory and Practice.

-During the Plenary Session, the business of the organization will be conducted. Congregational representatives will:

- Elect UULMNJ's first Board of Directors and Nominating Committee

- Adopt Bylaws
- Adopt the budget
- Ratify priority issues

-There will also be an announcement of congregations affiliated to date and of committee chairs.

-There will be breakout sessions on priority issues that were chosen by

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Welcome a Guest to your Table!!

On November 16, our RE children each received a "Guest at your Table" collection box.

The proceeds benefit our very own Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC, find out more about them at <http://www.uusc.org/info/about.html>)! We hope you continue to use

the boxes throughout your holiday festivities. Please return your



Start your own family tradition/ritual with Guest at Your Table!

At family meals, have everyone deposit a coin (or bill!) to the box after telling about something they'd like to the UUSC help change in the world. You'll help keep your children mindful of the needs of others around the globe.

Or, for those who thrive on competition, set up a "kids box" and an "adults box" – and see which box "wins" in donations by March 30! Parents – you can pledge to match (or even double!) your children's donations....

boxes to church, through RE class, on January 4 or 11. Our 11:15 1st grade RE class hopes to tally the contributions as a part of their Social Action project this year.

Did you miss church that day and need a box? Extras are in Shelle's office, or you can contact our GAYT coordinator, Louise

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Thank you in advance!

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a survey of congregations and the steering committee. They are Economic Justice, Environment, Health Care, and Emerging Issues.

The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of New Jersey, a statewide network of the 21 New Jersey UU congregations, will provide a comprehensive structure, network and resources to empower the moral voice and actions of our Unitarian Universalist principles and values in the public arena. UULMNJ will facilitate communication among all NJ congregations, support their social justice programs, and will directly engage in impacting social justice and public policy issues important to our state through education, research, advocacy, witness, and service.

www.uulmnj.org ~Elaine Nigam

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more in-depth "map" of the land upon which our congregation stands. If you are interested in helping with this project (which might include studying and describing our neighbor plants and animals, building a Web page describing our "place," or participating in letter-writing and other campaigns to protect our unique, natural environment), please contact Pat Ramirez (609-497-2912 or patramirez31@hotmail.com), Ellie Whitney (head of the Green Sanctuary group), or any of the other Sense of Place members: **Linda Benson, Diana Davies, Ted Ellicott, Paul Farrand, Regina Ryan, or Karen Siracusa.**

Grace Notes

Ring in the New Year! Buy a Bell!! Our Bell

Choir has increased its role in Sunday Services over the past year, and you've responded generously with



your praise and gratitude. The Music Ministry would like to expand the number of bell choir ringers, but our current two-octave set-up leaves no room for newcomers to ring. We're seeking to increase our range of bells by one octave, in other words, by 12 bells. Your contribution of \$250 would get us 1/12 of the way; and we'll engrave your bell with a dedication written by you. If you can help, contact Marjorie at marjmuse@optonline.net.

Adult Choir. We're always looking for additional singers in the Adult Choir. We sing for the second service only, approximately every other Sunday. Rehearsals are from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Arrive weary, and leave energized and inspired.

Kids' Chorale. New kids are welcome beginning with our first rehearsal on Sunday, January 11. Parents music contact Marjorie about requirements for membership.

Sunday "Go-to-Meetin'." We all appreciate your positive comments about our new "dress" for services. This is a statement about the role of music as a true ministry in our services, and we're glad it is noticed!

For any or all of these opportunities, contact Marjorie at marjmuse@optonline.net.

May your New Year be filled with Harmony,

~Marjorie Herman and the Music Ministry Committee

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).

John Best is recovering well at home from successful robotic surgery. Notes and calls from friends are most welcome.

Betty Ashwood's niece, Kristin Campbell, passed away on Friday Dec. 12. Before her death she gave birth to a little girl, Nicole Lynn, who is doing well at the NICU at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital.

Marjory Herman: ...just got the word that public radio outlet WNMU (Northern Michigan University) has picked up my radio show from NPR's list of available programs. "Sounds Choral" has been available for a couple of months and this is the first station to request it. Very thrilling. Now I'll have a real engineer, and the professional level gets ramped up quite a bit. If you want to listen online or by webcast, go to www.wwfm.org and look for the program there....you can tune in anytime... Congratulations Margie!!

Our thoughts are with **Ron and Jan Flaughner** whose son-in-law Paul is recovering at home after back surgery.

Bob Sturken died at home on November 24 at age 89. He was an engineer and executive who did pioneering work in paper-coating technology that is widely used around the world. He held a patent for an extrusion coating machine that impacts the public with such things as milk and juice cartons. Bob graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology and

did graduate work at Columbia and Yale universities.

A resident of Princeton for 46 years, Bob served on several boards of trustees, including the UUCP. He was known throughout his large circle of family and friends for his kindness and generosity, his ability to fix anything, and his skills as a jazz pianist, with which he entertained many a party.

Our sympathies go out to his wife of 62 years **Marie Sturken**, their three children Barbara, Karl and Marita and their families.

Pearl Pashko To all Pearl's friends from her daughter Toni Hammearlund: Pearl would like you to know she drifted away, before sunrise. Ariana and I were there with her all night after her grandson-in-law left, sorting through old photos, laughing and talking as and she continued to breathe. As the chill of early morning began to set in, we pulled up the covers to make her warm. She relaxed deeply and her breathe gradually just disappeared. Her last words before she settled into her final sleep on Friday evening were, "I accomplished. I accomplished." and she did. She was a wonderful teacher to so many young people. She charmed and educated always. She raised a daughter and had two grandchildren who will remember her always.

Elizabeth Yermack's mother who is 91 fell about a week ago and broke her hip and shoulder, sadly she died soon after. Our sympathies go out to Elizabeth.

Marilyn Todd took a bad fall and broke some bones. She and David welcome visitors. Call in advance as she is going to daily physical therapy.

Doreen Spitzer turned 94 on December 5. We wish her Happy Birthday!

Green Sanctuary

Our Green Sanctuary Committee was invited to join the Washington Crossing group on Sunday Dec. 14th for a sharing of our respective experiences in following the path to UUA sanctuary status. After an eco-spirituality sermon by the Reverend Charles Stevens on the theme of "The Needs of the Planet Are the Needs of the Person," Beth and Ray Nichols and Pat Ramirez met with Philo Elmer and other members of their Committee for lunch and a lively discussion of goals and the work done to meet them.

Washington Crossing plans to complete the process by June of next year, which puts them about a year ahead of us. Their solar panel installation is up and running, and in fact Rev. Stevens announced during the service the watts and pounds of carbon dioxide saved thus far! They have struggled with many of the same issues as have we, from tracking down waste to curtailing pesticide use and reducing mowing. In the "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" mantra, they started a flea market; we might look at our annual Spring Fair with new eyes!

We agreed to keep up the connection between our two committees and consider sharing some efforts--they are planning a winter series of public lecture/discussions, and want to know about our film series, and we might consider sharing work on the UUA focus on food. They will keep us informed on the upcoming eco-spirituality sermon series. ~Pat Ramirez

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

January 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<p>DEC 28—ONE Service—10:00 11:00a Morning Youth Group 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8</p>	<p>DEC 29 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 p—9:00 p Ask and It Is Given Study Group</p>	<p>DEC 30 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>DEC 31 New Year's Eve OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>JANUARY 1, 2009 OFFICE CLOSED Rev. Chris Reed's Birthday 2:00p-6:00p Annual Art Show— Founders, Fahs Theatre</p>	<p>JAN 2 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>JAN 3 10:00a Yoga Class— Founders Room</p>
<p>JAN 4—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 11:00a Morning Youth Group 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8</p>	<p>JAN 5 7:00-9:00p Ask and It Is Given study group—Murray Room</p>	<p>JAN 6 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>JAN 7 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— Channing Hall</p>	<p>JAN 8 10:00a-noon Women's Alliance Board Meeting (1st Thu) - Founders Room 6:00-7:30p Relational Covenant Task Force Meeting—Founders 7:00-8:45p Cakes for the Queen of Heaven—Fahs Theatre 7:15p Covenant Circle—(1st Thu PM) - Murray Room 7:00-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal— Channing</p>	<p>JAN 9 7:15p Covenant Circle (1st Fri) - Room 15</p>	<p>JAN 10 8:30a-3:00p Trenton- Habitat Work Day (2nd Sat) 8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates (2nd Sat) — Room 15 10:00a Yoga Class— Founders Room 10:00a-1:00p Board of Trustees—Murray Room</p>
<p>JAN 11—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 Full Moon O 10:15a Discussion on the Congregational Affiliation Agreement with the UU Legislative Ministry of NJ—Channing Hall 10:30a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Channing 11:00a Morning Youth Group 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 Meeting - Fahs Theatre 12:30p-2:00p Young Adult Group—Fahs 1:00-3:00p Great Books Reading Group "Childhood's End" —Room 7</p>	<p>JAN 12 7:00-9:00p Ask and It Is Given study group—Murray Room</p> <p>Outreach Grant Applications Deadline</p>	<p>JAN 13 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>JAN 14 10:30-noon Aging & Saging (2nd Wed) —Murray 6:00p—7:00p Speaking Spanish— Murray Room 7:00p-9:00p Adult Program Committee (2nd Wed) — Founders 7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice— Channing Hall</p>	<p>JAN 15 Noon—1:00p Women's Alliance Luncheon (3rd Thurs) - Founders 7:15-9:15p Covenant Circle (2nd Thu PM) - Murray</p>	<p>JAN 16 7:00p-9:00p Barrok Covenant Circle (2nd Fri) - Murray Room</p>	<p>JAN 17 10:00a Yoga Class— Founders Room 9:00a-1:00p Introductory Class for Newcomers— Channing Hall</p>
<p>JAN 18—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 a.m. Brunch sponsored by RE 11:15 K- 1st & 2nd & 3rd Grades 11:00a Morning Youth Group 11:30a Forum—What's the future of the Spring Fair? - Join Murray Room 10:30a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Channing 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 7:00-9:00p Evening Youth Group Social [3rd Sun] - Room 15</p>	<p>JAN 19 7:00-9:00p Ask and It Is Given study group—Murray Room</p> <p>5:00p Skylights FEB 2008 issue DEADLINE Send to: skylights@uuprinceton.org</p>	<p>JAN 20 11:00a—Noon Speaking Spanish— Murray Room 7:00p—11:00p Dinner Discussion 7:00p-9:00p Creative Journaling (3rd Tue) — Founders 7:00p-9:00p Committee on Ministry (3rd Tue) - Murray 7:00p-9:00p Blessed Bounty (3rd Tues) - Room 15</p>	<p>JAN 21 1:00p-3:00p OFFICE STAFF MEETING 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 7:15p-8:45p Eskhart Tolle Reading Group (3rd Wed) —Fahs Theatre 7:30p Membership Committee Meeting—Forrest's Office 7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice— Channing Hall</p>	<p>JAN 22 7:00-8:45p Cakes for the Queen of Heaven—Fahs Theatre</p>	<p>JAN 23</p>	<p>JAN 24 10:00a Yoga Class— Founders Room 5:30p FELLOWSHIP AUCTION—All Upstairs</p>
<p>JAN 25—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 a.m. 10:30a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Channing 11:00a Morning Youth Group 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 12:30p Stewardship Captains Training</p>	<p>JAN 26 Hanukkah Begins 7:00-9:00p Ask and It Is Given study group—Murray Room</p>	<p>JAN 27 11:00a—Noon Speaking Spanish— Murray Room 7:00-9:00p Leadership Council (4th Tues)—Murray Room</p>	<p>JAN 28 10:30-noon Aging & Saging (4th Wed) —Murray 6:00p—7:00p Speaking Spanish— Murray Room 7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice— Channing Hall</p>	<p>JAN 29</p>	<p>JAN 30</p>	<p>JAN 31 10:00a Yoga Class— Founders Room</p>

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Day off: Monday
Study day: Friday

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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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