

***Upcoming Sunday Worship Services***

**February 1, 2009 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**

***A Care in the World***

When we offer to help and put our faith into action we take a big risk. We immerse our own hearts and bodies into the troubles we are hoping to make better. What happens to us, to those we hope to help and to the world when we cross over from this place of comfort and ease to the danger zone?

Rev. Virginia Jarocha-Ernst is the Family Minister at Main Line Unitarian Church in Devon PA. She is a graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School and comes to her ministry with experience as an artist and an educator.

Also, on this Sunday, the Evergreen Chapter of the Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS) will celebrate the Burning of the Greens as we look ahead to the coming of Spring and new growth. At press time, the setting for this yearly ritual - Channing Hall during services, or down in the courtyard between services - still to be determined.

Guest Worship Leader: **Rev. Virginia Jarocha-Ernst** Worship Associate: **Sharon Copeland**  
Music: **Betsy Loughran—cello, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

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**February 8, 2009 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**

***Spiritual Evolution***

Do we evolve not just biologically but in our worldview? Dr. Don Beck, sociologist and author, has developed a fascinating theory exploring the evolutionary path of values and cultures, known as Spiral Dynamics. In today's sermon, we'll explore how this model can help us understand our lives and that of our society better.

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

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**February 15, 2009 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**

***To Be Announced***

As of this printing, we have not yet finalized the guest speaker for the service. Check our website for further information.

Guest Worship Leader: **To Be Announced** Worship Associate: **Ron Campbell**  
Music: **Herb Foster—French horn, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

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**February 22, 2009 at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**

***Holy Body***

How does our body impact our spiritual life? We often speak about the mind and heart when speaking about spirituality. What about the body? Today, we'll explore the body's rightful and essential place in our spiritual lives.

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

## **Reflection** **Reverend Forrest Gilmore**

The Dalai Lama is famous for having said, “My religion is kindness.” Jesus tells us, “By their fruits you shall know them.” As teenagers, I remember my friend Matt saying that he believed that “God only cares that we live a good life.” And yet, the first question we are so often asked about Unitarian Universalism – so what do UUs believe?

So many UUs get stuck on this question, trying to stumble out some words about beliefs we hold in common. But the real reason we have trouble with this question is that it is the wrong question. Ever since the Nicene Creed, it has been presumed that religion is more about creeds than deeds. And we have seen the horrible consequences of that way of doing religion.

As Unitarian Universalists, we strive to do religion differently. We value a life-well lived over a collective belief system. We found our faith not on an institutional creed but a shared covenant – a covenant being a series of sacred promises about how we would be with one another. For us, our religion is kindness. We understand by our fruits, we are known. And we affirm that holiness emerges as we live a good life.

As early Unitarian Francis David said, “We need not think alike to love alike.”

### **A Few Notes of Interest:**

The relational covenant work is going well. Look for our next draft to be distributed soon. We plan to have a town meeting soon to discuss this next draft and are aiming for ultimate approval of our relational covenant at our annual meeting at the end of May.

The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of New Jersey, an organization of UU congregations throughout the state advocating for our values in Trenton, is having its second annual meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, we are excited to be adopting our bylaws and electing our first Board. As many of you know, we have been the congregation primarily involved with getting this organization going and we can be proud of its growing success.

We are grateful to Carol Haag and Rick Smith who have volunteered to be two of the three coordinators necessary to run the Spring Fair. As of this printing, we are still looking for a third. We are also looking for people to support the coordinators on a committee. If you'd like to volunteer, please feel free to contact me.

We have passed our information from our building and grounds survey to our architectural firm. The architects would like to meet with our many leaders to further help in the development of a long-range master plan for our building, and those meetings are likely to begin in February and March. It's our hope to have a draft plan for everyone to give feedback on in the Spring.



### ***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 Chris Reed

As I watched the presidential inauguration and the national prayer service that took place on the following morning, I was struck by the theological openness and inclusivity. Some commentator said that the God who is usually invoked is a ceremonial deity, without a particular name. And this was true with the exception of Rick Warren's prayer. I was also touched by President Obama, in the inaugural address, saying that we Americans are Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu and nonbelievers. Although many traditions were of necessity left out, and while I'm not sure that "nonbeliever" is the name that I would choose for my religious tradition, I did like being included.

When I see great gatherings that speak to the valuing of spiritual life, of our deep connectedness, and do so with an openness and respect for various paths, I am always struck by the similarities to our faith. In some ways these are our own values writ large. I find myself mumbling things like "oh this is so UU". Anyway, it was a great week of the very best religious values of the power of love, transformation, kindness, helping others, forgiveness, truth-telling and reaching out to each other, that came to the surface for us as a nation.

And now among our government's top priorities is trying to stop and reverse the economic downturn that has hurt so many in our country. Several people in our congregation have been hurt in various ways, including job loss and the loss of retirement savings, a decrease in

house value, and loss of income. We are starting a group called "Transitions" for all and any who find themselves struggling in these times. This group will be both a support group and a sharing of resources. You can see a more detailed description and meeting times on the Adult Programs pages.

At the same time that we live with increasing economic uncertainty or difficulty, our annual Stewardship Campaign begins at the end of February. One of the goals this year is to move in the direction of a more equitable, fair and healthy distribution pattern of pledging. On page 16 in this newsletter, please read Stewardship Co-Chairs, Nancy Fiedler's and Rona Henry's message that speaks to this goal and hope.

I would add only one thing to the Stewardship letter, namely that our times call for an even greater involvement from all our religious institutions. Today, it is even more important that we can offer a faith community that celebrates diversity, including theological diversity; that honors the paths of many religions; that offers a religious expression of the great humanist understanding that what is saving in our lives is found in the words and actions that we offer each other.

And isn't it more critical than in the recent past, that with this liberal religious grounding, we continue like other religious institutions, to answer the call of our times?...that we collect the coats, the food items, and outreach funds, tutor the children, lobby the legislators, help build the homes, join with

others in advocating for peace and a more responsible use of the earth's resources, and celebrate and act on our great commonality. On inaugural day, some news commentator was talking about Martin Luther King's understanding of "the beloved community", and he asked a man who had witnessed the inauguration "well, are we there yet? Is this the beloved community?" The man said, "probably not, but we are one step closer".



**Back by Popular Demand**

# Come to the RE Sponsored Music Party

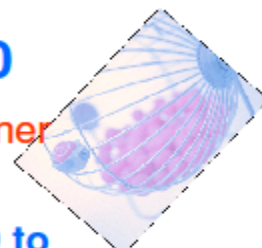
**Saturday, February 21, 5:00 – 8:00**



**Adults enjoy music\* and a catered dinner**  
**Wine and beer will be available**

**\*Bring a record (yes, a real LP) or CD to share from your high school or college years (or a current favorite).**

**Kids can play games, enjoy a movie, and a kid's dinner**



Cost is \$15.00 per family or \$8.00 per adult

Sign up for the event by emailing [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org) with your name and number of adults and number/age of children or sign up in Robinson Lounge between services.



*To help us plan, please sign up as soon as possible. We MUST finalize our count with the caterer Tuesday, February 17th.*

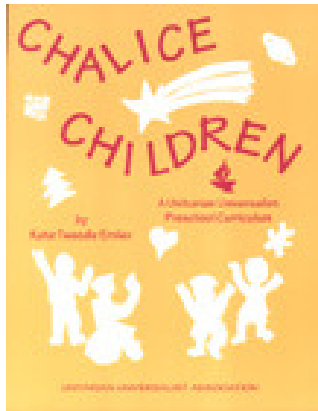
## **UULMNJ Affiliation Agreement Discussion Rescheduled**

There will be a discussion in Channing between services, February 1 on the Congregation Affiliation Agreement with the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry, A Public Policy Network. *-Elaine Nigam*



**The new and improved UUCP BOOKSTORE will be open every Sunday between services. Contact Alice Harper ([aharper67@comcast.net](mailto:aharper67@comcast.net), 609 737-3046.)**

**Religious Education for Children and Youth**



**Children's Worship & Religious Education Schedule**

**Sunday, February 1**  
**John Murray: A UU Sacred Story**  
 9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

**New Parent Orientation**  
 Between services, 10:30-11:10  
 John Murray Room

**Sunday February 8**  
**A Buddhist Sacred Story**  
 9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

**RE Teacher Check-in Meetings for Pre-K thru 6th Grade follow Children's Worship in Fahs Theatre; Liaisons teach RE Classes**

**Check-in Meeting for 7th and 8th Grade teachers and Youth Group advisors is at 12:30 in Fahs Theatre**

**Sunday, February 15**  
**Who Wants to Be President?**  
 9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

**Sunday, February 22**  
**Heart-of-Sky Creates the World: A Maya Sacred Story**  
 9:15 & 11:15 Fahs Theatre

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

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Save the Date**

- 3/6 – 3/8, UU Youth Conference in Summit, NJ
- 3/22, All RE and Youth Sunday

**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

Every Sunday Morning	<b>Morning Youth Group</b>	11:00a-12:30p
1st & 3rd Sunday Evenings	<b>Evening Youth Group</b>	7:00p - 9:00p
2/1	<b>Mentor Connections</b>	12:30p-2:00p
2/1	<b>No Evening Youth Group</b>	Super-bowl
2/20-22	<b>CONic Book Youth CON: UU Cong in Ridgewood, NJ</b>	Registration: <a href="http://Metroyac.org">Metroyac.org</a>
2/28	<b>Habitat House Dedication</b>	Time TBD
3/1	<b>Habitat House Warming</b>	2p in Trenton

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

**New Parent Orientation Sunday, February 1 10:30-11:10, John Murray Room**  
**Childcare available downstairs in Room 9**

We require new UUCP parents to attend an orientation session between Sunday services, to learn more about the goals and methods of religious education, the content and vision of the program. It is also a time for us to hear your hopes for your child's religious growth, and for new parents to connect with each other. What we "teach" is informed by a rich tradition, and it is also informed by the religious questing and vision of the people who come here and make up this community. We invite you into that dialogue. For more information contact **Shelle Sumners**, RE Coordinator. [sumners@uuprinceton.org](mailto:sumners@uuprinceton.org)



## 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 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](mailto:rick.baker1@att.net), or **Rev. Chris Reed** at [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org) or 924-1604, ext 12.

As we go forward to create new circles, please let us know which days or times work for you by filling out one of the grids at the Welcome Circle in Robinson Lounge or by contacting Rick. Our hope is to include all newcomers in circles and to have no one wait more than a few weeks.

## Welcome Newcomers

### NEWCOMERS!!!

The Rev. Chris Reed and the UUCP Welcoming Team cordially invite you to a **"Wine and Cheese" for Newcomers** Sunday, **March 1** from 5 to 7 p.m. at Chris' home.

\* **Non-alcoholic beverages will be served as well\***

For directions please visit the Welcoming Table. We hope you'll join us. Please R.S.V.P. by **February 25** to [welcome@uuprinceton.org](mailto: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 Summers** at [sumners@uuprinceton.org](mailto:sumners@uuprinceton.org), 609-924-1604, ext. 14 or **Chris Reed** at [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org), 609-924-1604, ext. 12 if you are interested in joining a Covenant Circle.

### NEW PROGRAMS

#### Scriptures Circle

**2nd and 4th Thursdays beginning March 12, 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Founders Room**

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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](mailto:lindabenson5@gmail.com)) and **Alice Harper** ([aharper67@comcast.net](mailto:aharper67@comcast.net)).

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We are 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 time frame.

Sign up at [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org) or at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays.

## **O**wning Your Religious Past—The Haunting Church

**Five consecutive Monday nights beginning  
March 2, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Limited to 10 participants**

Kathy Lehmann will lead this five-session workshop for those of us who would like to explore our past religious experiences as part of our continuing religious journey. This workshop provides simple tools with which participants can reexamine and retrieve positive aspects of their past religious experiences. The program is based on a UU curriculum by Bonnie Stauffacher.

Our goal will be to enhance and deepen our UU identity by addressing the negative and limiting elements of past religious associations and by assimilating positive aspects of our religious past into our present religious identity.

For more information, contact **Kathy Lehmann** (609-424-3393) or sign up at [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org) or at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays.

## **U**U History Through Books

**Starting on Tuesday February 24, at both 2:00  
and 7:30 p.m., Founders Room**

We will be discussing *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* is available at our UUCP Bookstore (open every week between services) and is priced at \$13. Join us on **Tuesday, February 24 and Tuesday, March 10**. Sign up at the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge or contact **Alice Harper** ([aharper67@comcast.net](mailto:aharper67@comcast.net), 609 737-3046).

## **T**ransitions: Support Group for Those Affected by the Current Economy

**Wed. Feb 4, 7-8:30pm in the Fahs Theater**

In this economically difficult time for many and for our country, several people in our congregation have experienced job loss or a decrease in income or housing difficulties, or a significant loss in their retirement funds. We are starting a group for any who are feeling the stress of these times. It will be part support group, part networking and part resources. We don't have a regular meeting time yet, but would like to get together with any who are interested on February 4 and see if we can find a meeting time and a frequency that meets our needs. You can sign up at the Adult Programs table in the lounge on Sundays or through [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org). If you have any questions or concerns please contact **Rev. Chris Reed** ([reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org)).

## IN THE PLANNING STAGES

### **S**pring into Step with a Plant-Based Diet **Saturday afternoon, March 28**

**Lara Heimann** is planning a cooking class to teach us to prepare a menu that would be appropriate for spring—light and energizing—perhaps an appetizer, main dish, and dessert. This will be an experiential learning experience with Lara as she instructs us in adding more healthful items to our daily vittles. Limited to 16 participants. Additional details to follow.

### **C**redo

**Rev. Forrest Gilmore** is planning to offer again a six-week program to explore beliefs and gather with other UUs to discuss the major religious questions of our lives. The program will be offered on six consecutive Thursday nights in March/April. More details 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](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org)):

Postelection Affinity Group: Where Do We Go From Here?

Women's Spirituality Group

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Meditation Group  
Nonviolent Communication Practice Group

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### **Y**oung Adult Group!!! New!!!

**Ages 20-35**  
**Sunday, February 15, 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 met once before the holidays and have been collecting names of young adults and 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](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org) or at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays.

### **A**ging and Saging

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month**  
**February 11, 10:30 a.m.—Noon in the John Murray Room**

**We will not meet on February 25**  
**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](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org) or on Sundays in Robinson Lounge at the Adult Program table.

### **S**peaking 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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup>-



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,

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

**Great Books Reading Circle**  
**Sunday, February 8 at 1:00**  
**p.m. in Room 7**

Join the Great books Reading Circle for Arundhati Roy's *The God of Small Things*. Winner of the prestigious



Booker Prize in 1997, this international bestseller ambitiously tackles the issues of family, race, class, the dictates of history, and the laws of love. "To the Western reader, *The God Of Small Things* is both exotic and familiar, written in a sensual language that's entirely fresh and invigorated by the Asian Indian influences of myth and culture." Join us for this fascinating novel.

Contact: **Karen Siracusa** (609-896-1016/  
[kn.siracusa@att.net](mailto:kn.siracusa@att.net))

**Creative Journaling**

**Third Monday of the month—February 16**  
**7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. in the Founders Room**

Creative Journaling is **MOVING!**

Yes, from now on, we will meet the third Monday of the month, in the Founders Room, so if you have a hankering to try something completely different, join us.

We come with blank books; we play with paper, glue, color and juicy markers, and we share a bit about this process.

(All materials are provided, all you need is yourself and a blank journal.) No experience needed; writers, artists, poets, thinkers, be-ers, do-ers, it's all good.

Do e-mail Emily if you are interested in joining us, so we know who to expect. [emtheartist@yahoo.com](mailto:emtheartist@yahoo.com)

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

**UUCP Adult Singles**

Helping 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 family events
- Seek and find companionship to attend a film,

lecture, hike, or...

Group website: <http://groups.google.com/group/uucpsingles>

Email address: [uucpsingles@googlegroups.com](mailto:uucpsingles@googlegroups.com)

Send an email to be added to the list and kept apprised of meetings and events. ~Mirah Riben

**A Course in Miracles**

**Sundays 11:15 a.m. in Room 8**

A Course in Miracles and Eckhart Tolle's book "The New Earth" have the same message, namely, awaken from the dream of ordinary or external reality. Both suggest our belief that we are separate from each other is part of the dream of thinking of ourselves as a doer rather than as a being in this world of constant change. The separate ego self who is the doer in this world of constantly changing form is not our true identity. It is the separate self we have created in our perception of what we believe to be reality. The Course instructs us to remember who you are, a divine being at one with God and each other. Tolle instructs us to be still and enter the awareness of our true Self, the life force of our true being. The Course instructs us to focus on our single act of doing in this existence, forgiveness. Both want the same outcome, our realization of Oneness, the oneness of all creation, of which we are an integral and inseparable part. As Bubba Free John says: "Fall back into the lap of God laughing."

Come join us in Room 8 at 11:15 on Sunday to explore these ideas and share your experiences. I don't think you will be bored. ~Hil Anderson

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**Interested in Adult Programs?**

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



### **Eckhart Tolle Reading Group**

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

**1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:15 to 8:45, Fahs Theatre**

"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 first meeting was Wednesday, January 21

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](mailto:sumners@uuprinceton.org) to let us know if you are interested in joining this group.**



## Community Building

### Women's Alliance

The Women's Alliance luncheon speaker on **February 19** will be **Xan Blake**, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood for the Mercer County area. Ms. Blake has been working in the reproductive health movement for the past 17 years. She actually started Planned Parenthood of Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma. In Mercer, she oversees three health centers serving over 10,000 women, men and teens with medical and educational services.

Soup, dessert and beverages will be provided by our Alliance committee. Bring sandwiches to share to go with the soup. Lunch is at noon. Program will be at one o'clock. Everyone is welcome! **Emma Forehand**, (609) 921-6146.

### Dinner Discussion

The Dinner Discussion topic for Tuesday, **February 17** will be **William Herschel's Discovery of Uranus — the beginning of our modern understanding of the universe**, and the speaker will be **Michael D. Lemonick** who, for 21 years wrote more than 50 cover stories dealing with astronomy for TIME magazine and whose subsequent activities included teaching at Princeton. He is the author of four books, the current one, *The Georgian Star*, about the Herschels, William and his sister and collaborator Caroline. In the spring of 1781, William Herschel discovered the planet Uranus, using his homemade telescope in the back garden of his house at New King Street, in Bath, England. It was astonishing - the first new planet ever found. But Herschel considered it relatively unimportant compared with his true quest: to understand, with the help of Caroline, the very nature and evolution of the universe itself. **Where?** Robinson Lounge. Sign up with **Mal Durbin** between services Feb 8 and 15. 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.

### Men's Club

The next Men's Club luncheon will be on Tuesday, **February 10** at 12 noon in the congregation kitchen. After a social half hour with beer and wine we will sit down to one of **Roger Hoff's** home-cooked tasty lunches. If you would like to attend reserve a place by calling **Bill Barnard** at 609-430-4305.

### Denominational Connections

#### PRINCETON PROFESSOR TO GIVE WARE LECTURE AT GA2009

Melissa Harris-Lacewell, Associate Professor of Politics and African-American Studies at Princeton University, will give the distinguished Ware Lecture at Unitarian Universalist General Assembly (GA) 2009 to be held in Salt Lake City from June 24 to 28. Professor Harris-Lacewell is author of "Barbershops, Bibles, and BET: Everyday Talk and Black Political Thought." and received an honorary degree from Meadville-Lombard, a UU Seminary. The Ware Lecture is always a high point in GA; no other program is scheduled during the time it is given. GA Registration information will be available next month.

UU Connections Committee, ~Carol Allen

### Social Action

#### PREP FOR PEACEMAKING: A FORUM TO PREPARE FOR GA 2009

The UU Congregation of Shelter Rock, Manhasset, NY has invited UUs from the Metro New York District to gather there on Saturday, February 28 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM to deepen our understanding of the draft Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking which will be voted on at GA2009. The Peace-

making initiative is the 2006-2010 Congregational Study/Action Issue (CS/AI). It has generated activism, public forums, study groups, and sermons on peacemaking. Copies of the Peacemaking Resolution are available at [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org), under "I am interested in...." link to Social Justice, then open a link to Social Witness Process and to current CS/AIs. Or look for hard copies on the Social Action table in Robinson Lounge. Anyone interested in going to the Shelter Rock Congregation on February 28, leave your name and contact information at the Social Action table. ~Carol Allen

#### Reminder: Denominational Outreach Grant Application Deadline is February 27, 2009

UUCP donates funds raised at our Spring Fair and Fellowship Auction to UU organizations. The Committee would welcome suggestions from the congregation. Examples of past year's contributions to UU organizations were: Campus Ministry, Starr King School for the Ministry, UU United National Office, UUs for a Just Economic

Community and our Partner Church in Feheregyhaza. The Denominational Outreach Committee will review applications in March. Grants are awarded in the late spring.

The Denominational Outreach Grant application can be found on the UUCP website or by contacting **Diane Torrance** at 609-497-1234 or [diane@torrances.net](mailto:diane@torrances.net).



## Social Justice

On Jan. 18, Martin Luther King Sunday, a lively group met to discuss the future of the spring fair. This event which has been a tradition in this church for many years is a labor of love for those who participate and have made it a success each year. We come together in community to raise funds which we give back to organizations in our greater community. Not only does this event raise funds to help those who are needy but it also gives people a chance to buy things that they need for a price they can afford. It also serves us by allowing us to recycle back into the community items that we no longer need or want rather than discarding them. In these bleak economic times it seems even more important to offer this event to our local community. There is a consensus that there should be three co-chairs in place in order to successfully run the fair without overburdening the leaders. 2/3 of that group emerged from the meeting. Carol Haag and Rick Smith have agreed to co-chair on the condition that a third person join them. I am reaching out to all of you in the hopes of finding that third person. As a former chair I can say that the rewards are worth the effort.

It is a wonderful experience to work with a committed group to make this happen. I urge you all to consider trying it. Anyone who is interested can call me at 609 426-1913. ~Pat Radtke

**Social justice meeting** will be held on Feb. 11 at 7:30 in Room 15. All are welcome to join us.

~Pat Radtke

### **NEXT HABITAT for HUMANITY WORK DAY: SAT., Feb. 14**

COME, join a group of us on Saturday, February 14, for a day of volunteer service and fellowship, as we continue our efforts to help complete four town houses at 644-650 North Clinton Ave. in Trenton with Habitat for Humanity. We are pushing to have the house for our congregation's Partner

Family (Kijafa Robinson, Qiaun Clark, and 9-year old Terrance Robinson), ready for the formal House Dedication ceremony on February 28 (See details in separate side bar). The rewards and personal satisfaction of using one's hands to help build these homes are great. The work is really not hard, although sometimes challenging, with opportunities to learn new, practical skills and to better get to know fellow UUCP members.

We hope that, before the end of February, the City of Trenton will be able to issue a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy, so that Kijafa and her family can move into their new house, even though work in their backyard (final grading, paving of a parking space and erection of privacy fences) has to wait for warmer weather.

Note: For those of you who have thought about helping with this ongoing Social Justice project, but have not yet done so, please come to the dedication ceremony on February 28 and see the new home that was built with the financial support of our congregation, a matching donation from Mr. Greg Olson, and the voluntary efforts of dozens of UUCP members. Starting in March or April, a work crew representing UUCP will continue helping Habitat once a month to renovate two older homes in the East Trenton neighborhood. **We work on the second Saturday of the month, from about 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.** Some crew members participate every month, while others just come when they can. If you know something about using a hammer and screwdriver without hurting yourself, you are welcome to join our crew! Several UUCP members, including Raj Nigam, Ted Fetter and Pat Radtke, are currently tutoring lo-

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### **SAVE THE DATE:**

### **SATURDAY, FEB 28: Formal Dedication of our Partner Family's Habitat for Humanity Home**

We are thrilled to report that after more than a year of UUCP volunteer efforts, the Habitat for Humanity home for our Partner Family will be formally dedicated -- Come celebrate this community milestone! Our efforts and financial support have culminated in creating a beautiful home for Kijafa, Qian and young Terrance.

Dedication of the new Home and a reception will be held on Saturday morning, February 28 (time to be announced); Habitat for Humanity-Trenton Area Headquarters, 601 North Clinton Avenue (at the corner of North Olden Ave), Trenton, NJ. Community leaders, our Partner Family, other area Habitat families, and the press are being invited to this event -- **and all UUCP folks are encouraged to attend.** Following the dedication ceremony, we will be able to tour the new home, and then attend a reception at the Habitat/East Trenton Center, located a block away, in the Learning Center that UUCP members renovated last year.

For those unfamiliar with Trenton, we can arrange carpooling from the UUCP parking lot. Those who drive should park in the lot at the corner of North Clinton Ave. and North Olden Ave., across the street from the Habitat/East Trenton Center. Look for information and sign-up sheets on Sunday morning to RSVP, request a ride, or to offer to bake or bring goodies for the reception.

Special thanks to **Ray Nichols** and **Pete Gerster**, for their coordination of the volunteer work and to the hardy group of UUCP members who volunteered one or more Saturdays a month over the past year to

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complete this project, and to **Nancy Gardner**, who has been our liaison to the Partner Family. Contact **Amanda Gillum** (609-737-9163) or **Stephanie Cohen** (609-393-7552) for details and driving directions. *-Ray Nichols and Amanda Gillum*

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cal students once a week after school at the Learning Center that UUCP created. If you are interested in tutoring, there is a waiting list of students who would like similar assistance. To learn more about how you can participate in these facets of our Social Justice Program, contact **Ray Nichols** at (609) 737-7442 9 ([Acer-Nichols@verizon.net](mailto:Acer-Nichols@verizon.net)) or **Pete Gerster** at (609) 466-1361 ([petegerster@comcast.net](mailto:petegerster@comcast.net)).



## Habitat for Humanity New Quilt Dates

UUCP women with the guidance of quilt maker, **Paula Entin**, are making a quilt for 9 year-old Terrance Robinson as part of the "Make a House a Home" social justice project. Terrance's bright room colors (teal and orange) will make this a vibrant, memorable quilt.

These events will take place between services at 10:30am in either Room 7 or the John Murray Room.

Sunday, **February 1**- Cutting of Fabric. Tools that will be used: rotary cutter, cutting mats, iron. Volunteers will then take their fabric squares home and sew a simple straight line and bring back to the church on Sunday, February 8.

Sunday, **February 8**- Ironing and sewing of fabric squares. We will use sewing machines.

Sunday, **February 15**- Women will tie quilt. Paula Entin will then sew binding on and get quilt to Stephanie Cohen for Kijafa's House Warming Shower on March 1 at Stephanie Cohen's house.

♥All quilt volunteers are invited to attend the **House Warming Shower** held at Stephanie Cohen's house on Sunday, March 1, 2009 at 2pm to present Ms. Robinson with gifts and warm blessings from UUCP members. Please mark your calendars for this special and fun day!

Stephanie Cohen  
[socialjustice@uuprinceton.org](mailto:socialjustice@uuprinceton.org)  
609-323-7552

## House Warming Shower for Ms. Kijafa Robinson and family!

**When:** Sunday, March 1, 2009 at 2pm

**Where:** Stephanie Cohen's house  
192 Millerick Ave.  
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648



Who should attend: Congregants who've created something through the "Make a House a Home" project or who bought something from Ms. Robinson's wish list, also congregants who've worked on the construction on Ms. Robinson's home. We will present these gifts and house warming blessings to Ms. Robinson along with her extended family. If you'd like to participate and have not yet had a chance to be a part of our Habitat for Humanity social justice work, please contact me at: Stephanie Cohen [socialjustice@uuprinceton.org](mailto:socialjustice@uuprinceton.org) 609-323-7552

## Habitat for Humanity Partner Family Wish-List

Items still available on Ms. Robinson's wish list:

**Kitchen Items** (Kitchen is red, black, white)

- pots
- glasses
- dishes (square, white)
- utensils
- Foreman Grill
- toaster

**Qiaun & Kijafa's bedroom** (aqua blue/chocolate brown)

- White queen size comforter

### Giftcards:

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| Walmart   | Lowe's    |
| Homegoods | Sears     |
| K-Mart    | Shop-rite |
| Sears     | Macy's    |
| JCPenny   | Best Buy  |

Thank you to all those who've already contributed to this endeavor. Your generosity is a blessing. *-Stephanie Cohen*

*Grace Notes*

**THE MURRAY MURAL  
ALL AGES PAINT-IN  
WILL BE SATURDAY,  
MARCH 14**

The canvasses are up on the wall (thanks to **David Kyle**), the painting is ready (thanks to **Elizabeth Peck**), projection of the image onto the canvasses is in process (thanks to **Rick Baker**), and the funds are in (thanks to the brunch providers and generous donors). Now the artists are lining up to create the outline of the John Murray story and fill in the numbers, so we can all join in the fun.

If you are 5, or 105, save the date, Saturday, **March 14**, 9-5, and come paint a portion of the mural that will tell the miracle story of how Universalism arrived on the shores of the New World in 1770. ~Carol Haag



John Murray

**Murray Grove**

After mural painting, plan to experience Murray Grove yourself: Feb 28-March 1 for “Self-Care: Language of the Soul” or the Princeton Congregation family retreat on Memorial Day weekend, May 22-24.

**Self-Care: The Language of the Soul** – this amazing weekend retreat for renewal, relaxation and healing is being led by an absolutely wonderful young UU minister, Nate Walker. Nate is one of the most deeply spiritual and loving human beings it has been my (Carol Haag’s) privilege to know.



February 27-March 1 at Murray Grove, you will be treated to supper on Friday and all meals through

brunch on Sunday. The program is low key, winding down, focusing energies, workshops, Quaker clearness circles, nap, walk, relax, enjoy tea by the fire, attend a local bluegrass performance and worship on Sunday (in the chapel, weather permitting).

The cost is \$290 double, \$375 single. Treat yourself, bring a partner, companion or friend. Questions, ask **Alice Deanin** ([adeanin@villanova.edu](mailto:adeanin@villanova.edu) or 609-452-7344) or **Carol Haag** ([RevCarolH@verizon.net](mailto:RevCarolH@verizon.net) or 609-924-5857). Brochures by the bulletin board next to the coat rack.



•Thanks to everyone who expressed interest in either buying a bell, or participating in the bell choir.

Remember, you can join with others to make up the \$250 for each bell. We have enough for 2 bells, and that means that we have 10 more to go before we can purchase the set.

•The Adult Choir will begin rehearsing for our Spring Concert on Friday evening, May 8. Our central work will be “Sources” by UU composer Jason Shelton. It’s the first UU oratorio, a magnificent and inspiring piece based on the various traditions that make up our UU heritage. We’re looking for singers in all sections to amplify our ranks. Come to a rehearsal on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm and check it out. You’ll be glad you did.

•The Kids’ Chorale membership will be open for another couple of Sundays. Contact **Marjorie** before you bring your child(ren): [marjmuse@optonline.net](mailto:marjmuse@optonline.net)



## Crisis Ministry

### Valentines for Food Drive

The Crisis Ministry *Valentine's for Food Drive* is fast approaching. From Saturday, February 7 to Valentine's Day on February 14 the Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton will be raising money for their work in area McCaffrey's stores. You can purchase a \$3.99 "Valentine for Food" and McCaffrey's will match your donation.

#### You can participate in 4 valuable ways:

- ♥ Bring food items to UUCP (bin next to main doors in Robinson Lounge)
- ♥ Make a monetary donation to the Crisis Ministry—**special envelopes will be available during Feb 8 worship services**
- ♥ Purchase a *Valentine for Food* at McCaffrey's for \$3.99. (McCaffrey's will generously match it for a total of \$7.98!)
- ♥ Volunteer to STAFF THE STORES . . .

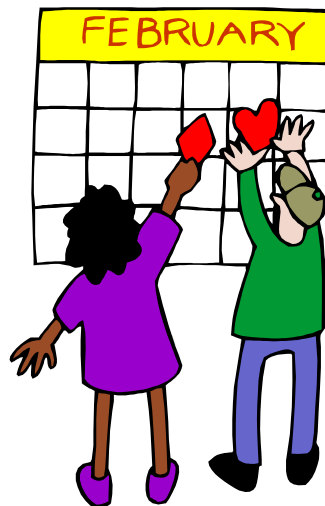
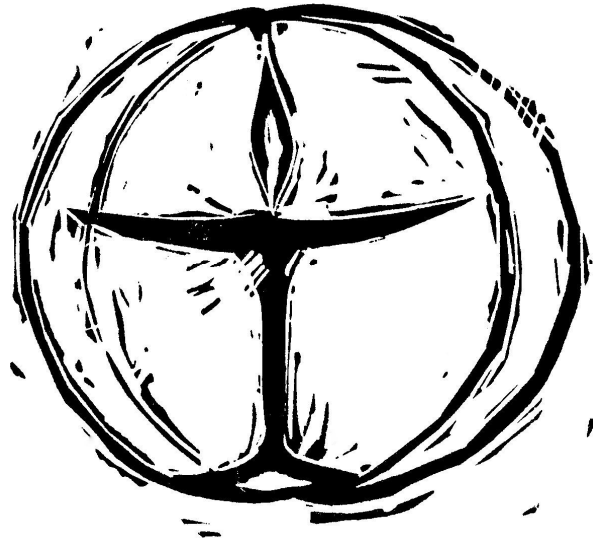
At the Princeton Store there will be volunteers in teams of two from February 7 through the 14<sup>th</sup>. In West Windsor there will be teams of two only on the weekend of Feb 7 and 8th. Please sign up for an hour-long shift, bring a friend to help you out. Instructions and coaching for the task will be posted on the Crisis Ministry website. To volunteer simply e-mail Elizabeth Ferguson at [cmvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:cmvolunteer@gmail.com).

Check out [www.thecrisisministry.org](http://www.thecrisisministry.org) for a downloadable flier with all the details and a handy grocery list!

Save the date:

**Footprints: Walk the Path Out of Poverty—On April 25**, The Crisis Ministry will sponsor its fifth annual walk against poverty. This fun event raises awareness and funds for The Crisis Ministry. Please contact Beth Fitzgerald at [ckld@comcast.net](mailto:ckld@comcast.net) to learn more about this wonderful volunteer opportunity.

~Lauren Oneil



  
 walk-a-thon  
 WALK THE PATH OUT OF POVERTY

## Stewardship

### The Financially Healthy Congregation

Any financial advisor will tell you about the importance of diversification. In other words, balance your portfolio with different kinds of investments. We need to do the same in our approach to stewardship of UUCP.

What does it mean to be a financially healthy congregation? Based on Unitarian Universalist Association guidelines, we need to move towards a greater level of shared financial responsibility in our congregation. Currently, we rely on the generosity of a relatively small percentage of our members to support a disproportionately large part of our budget. In a financially healthy congregation, this financial responsibility should be more evenly distributed among our congregants. Right now our congregation has a lot of modest givers. Fortunately we have some very generous members who help off-set this profile, but when one of those high-giving members must decrease their giving (e.g., because they've moved from the area), this reduction has a significant impact on our congregation.

When we looked at giving patterns among our congregants, we were struck by the potential that exists for a number of our members to increase their giving – to at least keep pace with inflation every year - and to even jump to a higher level of commitment to reflect the importance that the congregation plays in their lives.

As our pledge drive begins, we are asking you to consider: What does the UUCP mean in your life and in our community? Do we represent an important voice in the broader community? What can you do to support this effort? Are you contributing 5% of your income? Have you been steadily increasing your support each year to keep up with inflation? Can you make the jump to the next level of giving? Can you make a \$500, \$1,000 or even \$2,000 jump in giving this year?

Our stewardship campaign will be asking each of you to consider these questions and to contribute to support our programs. It will make a real difference in what we can accomplish

for our community.

We realize and acknowledge the challenges many of us are facing in these economic times. Perhaps even of greater importance this year, we are encouraging those of you who can, to maintain and even increase your support of the congregation – because some will not be able to do so, and some may even need to reduce their contribution. We literally cannot exist to offer our liberal religious message without your active stewardship.

Stewardship Co-Chairs, *Nancy Fiedler & Rona Henry*

## Nominating Committee

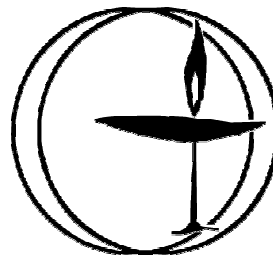
### Nominating Committee Invites Suggestions

The congregation's Nominating Committee is off to a great start! Our job is to recruit new members for the Board of Trustees and for next year's Nominating Committee. The congregation's bylaws require us to present a slate of nominees prior to the Annual Meeting in early June.

The committee consists of Jordan Corn, chair, Vicky Campbell, Linda Benson, Bill Gilmore, and Mike Piscetelli. Congregation members are encouraged to speak to any of us with any ideas or suggestions, both in terms of potential candidates and process. We welcome your input! Ideas might be specific suggestions for people we should consider for the Board (or the Nominating Committee), or they might be just ideas to help the Board operate better or be in better touch with the congregation.

Members of the Board of Trustees are elected to three year terms. There are nine members of the Board, and three rotate off each year. We will propose a slate of replacement trustees the Annual Meeting based on the nominees being considered and recruited over the several months. We look forward to hearing your thoughts!

*Jordan Corn, Vicky Campbell, Linda Benson, Bill Gilmore, Mike Piscetelli*



## Joys and Sorrows

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

**Joannie Piccard** is at Merwick recovering from a fall. She is working hard at physical therapy. She'd appreciate calls (609 497 3107) or visits. The best time for either is after 3PM, when she is finished with her physical therapy.

**Mike Tayyabkhan** died December 26, 2008 with his family around him.

Mike Tayyabkhan and **Flora Davis** were formerly members of UUCP.

They gave up their home in Princeton to move to Seabrook retirement community in Tinton Falls, near the shore, about two or three years ago.

Before moving, Mike fell, striking his head, and spending months recovering from a serious injury and bleeding. Partly because of the resulting injury, and also because of progressive loss of vision, he had further episodes of falling since they moved to Seabrook.

Mike fell again just a few days before Christmas and never regained consciousness.

His memorial service will be Saturday, February 7, 1pm in Channing Hall.

We celebrate the success of **Joan Waite's** sixth annual benefit concert for our social outreach, "Travel the World in Song." The concert raised close to \$4000.00 for the Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton. The exact total of \$3757.80 was \$45.09 more than the sum raised last year. We are so proud of Joan's extraordinary musical gifts and her generosity. Joan extends her thanks to all those who served on the committee, volunteered during the concert, bought

tickets and made donations. For a CD of the concert at \$15.00 contact Joan by e-mail at [joanwaite@comcast.net](mailto:joanwaite@comcast.net) or by phone at 732-274-1398.

**Rev. Wilfrid W. Ward**, who was the first Minister of Religious Education of this congregation in the late 1960's and early 1970's, died on Monday, January 5, his 74th birthday. Fred presided over a huge growth in the size and quality of the religious education program. It was under his watch that the Hanging of the Greens service was launched.

He left the Princeton church to study as a family therapist and became the founder and director of the Unitarian Universalist Counseling and Education Service, offering care to members of all the UU congregations in New Jersey and the NY Metro District.

Both his sons, Wilfrid and David were with him at his death. At his request, there will be no memorial service.

Fred was an avid birder and knowledgeable ornithologist. Gifts in his memory may be made to:

New Jersey Audubon Society  
Attn: Memorial Fund  
9 Hardscrabble Rd.  
Bernardsville, NJ 07924

**Betty Ashwood** received Nicole Lynne home from the hospital on December 31. Nicole was born to Betty's niece just before she died and Betty is the baby's guardian. Nicole is beautiful and she is gaining weight and thriving under Betty's loving care. Betty so appreciates all the love and support she has received from her church village.

**Albin Wagner** is in the hospital with breathing difficulties. Cards and notes will be appreciated.

Our hearts go out to **Rona Henry** as she helps both of her parents

who are in serious health crises and her brother who is losing his sight. And just to make matters impossible the plumbing has backed up. Notes to Rona would be appreciated.

**Nancy Geiger's** mother, Jean Paulson, died on December 26 at 94 after suffering a long battle with congestive heart failure. She lived at Buckingham Place for the past six years.

Everett Scarborough Morgan, dearly loved nephew of **Lee Morgan and Shelle Sumners**, and cousin of **Lucy Rose Morgan**, died of Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer, on December 27. Everett was 23 years old, a college student, who lived much of his childhood in Bangladesh as the child of medical missionaries. He was a kind-hearted, shining young man who endured his illness with quiet courage. His family will never forget him.

**Gloria Gietz's** mother, Bertha Rycyk, died on Friday, January 9 at the age of 88. Funeral services were held on Jan 13. She had been progressively weaker this year, sustaining a fall before Thanksgiving. Complicating her already fragile health she developed an infection and went to a nursing home. Gloria writes, "Sadly, my Mom died last Friday morning, Jan 9. She had been in pain for "years" and living with it through it, because she so much wanted to live at home as long as she could. It kept escalating, so quickly, these past two months. Arthritis, weak heart valve, an infection, and some others things." Gloria has been making the 3 hour round trip since October 3 times a week to visit her mother.

Our condolences go to **Alan, Terri, and Zoe Bookman**. Alan's mother, Miriam Bookman, died January 17. She lived in Voorhees, New Jersey.

## Green Sanctuary

### Green Activists Needed for the New Year

The Green Sanctuary Committee has more good ideas than it knows what to do with. We wonder if anyone in the congregation might like to get involved in any of these projects?

**Ethical Eating.** Would anyone like to spearhead or participate in an ethical eating initiative within our congregation?

The UUA wants us to emphasize this topic in our work toward accreditation. It has been suggested that we might teach a short course this year with, perhaps, different people teaching different aspects. Abundant materials are available. The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) has made this its Congregational Study Action Issue for the next two years and has created a Worship Guide ([http://www.uua.org/documents/washingtonoffice/ethicaleating/worship\\_guide.pdf](http://www.uua.org/documents/washingtonoffice/ethicaleating/worship_guide.pdf)).

Related to this, the Garden State Earth Institute offers a new course, Menu for the Future (see [www.gsearthinstitute.org](http://www.gsearthinstitute.org).)

### Cooling the Congregation.

Would anyone (perhaps a youth group) like to undertake to reduce the Congregation's carbon footprint? Interfaith Power and Light is making \$10,000 in prizes available to the Congregation that reduces its carbon footprint the most successfully. Details are on the website, <http://www.coolcongregations.com/>.

**Offsetting Our Carbon the UU Way.** Would anyone like to offer, to our members, carbon offsets that we can be sure are on the up-and-up? Jay Barnes, a member of the UU in Concord, Mass., and a member of its Green Sanctuary Committee, runs a nonprofit organization,

the LiveCooler Foundation, that has created what it calls Charitable Carbon Offsets. They use donations to buy and install energy-efficient light bulbs in the homes of low-income families. Each \$13 worth of bulbs can offset 1 ton of carbon dioxide over five years while saving the family about \$300. Given a willing leader, our Congregation could have its own local offset program to benefit both the environment and the local community.

Your Green Sanctuary Committee has replaced our old bottled-water coolers with filtered-water coolers and replaced the disposable paper cups with permanent cups from which to drink the water. We are offering Sunday coffee in re-usable china cups. We are selling Fair Trade coffee, promoting the use of Clean Power, selling cloth shopping bags for the Music Ministry, and offering environmental films every weekend throughout the spring. If you'd like to join us and help to green the congregation, please contact **Ellie Whitney**, chair, 426-6166 or [ewhitney@comcast.net](mailto:ewhitney@comcast.net).



### Last chance to sign up for the February 7 conference for UULMNJ, A Public Policy Network

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

**Sign up at the program table, Sundays of January 25 and February 1 (or contact Elaine Nigam at 609-737-7495.) We will be arranging car pools.** [www.uulmnj.org](http://www.uulmnj.org)

The keynote speaker will be The Rev. Dr. Richard S. Gilbert, well known social justice work author. We will announce affiliated congregations, elect UULMNJ's first Board of Directors and Nominating Committee, adopt Bylaws and adopt the budget. There will be caucuses on Economic Justice, Environment, Health Care, and Emerging Issues.

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

# February 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<p><b>FEB 1—TWO Services—9:15 &amp; 11:15</b>                      Channing                      10:35a UULMNI Affiliation Discussion—                      Channing                      10:35a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Room 2                      10:30a-11:10a New Parent Orientation—Murray                      11:00a Morning Youth Group                      11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8                      5:00p-7:00p Environmental Film Series—Fahs Theatre                      7:00-9:00p <b>CANCELLED</b>—Evening Youth Group Social (1st Sun) - Room 15</p>	<p><b>FEB 2</b>                      7:00-9:00p Ask and It Is Given study group—Murray Room</p>	<p><b>FEB 3</b>                      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><b>FEB 4</b>                      5:00p—7:00p Relational Covenant Refining Committee—Founders Room                      6:00p—7:00p Speaking Spanish—Murray Room                      7:00p-9:00p Transitioning Group (1st Wed) - Room 7                      7:15 p Covenant Circle (1st Wed) - Murray Room                      7:15 p Newcomer Circle (1st Wed) - Room 15                      7:15p-8:45p Eckhart Tolle Reading Group (1st Wed) - Fahs Theatre                      7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p><b>FEB 5</b>                      10:00a-Noon Women's Alliance Board Meeting (1st Thu) - Founders Room                      7:00p-9:30p Stewardship Captains Training—Founders                      7:15p Covenant Circle—(1st Thu PM) - Murray Room                      7:00-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Channing</p>	<p><b>FEB 6</b>                      10:00a-Noon Environmental Film Series—Fahs Theatre                      7:00p CUUPS Full Moon Circle—Room 11                      7:15p Covenant Circle (1st Fri) - Room 15</p>	<p><b>FEB 7</b>                      10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room                      10:00a-4:00p Murray Mural Project—John Murray Room                      1:00p Memorial Service for Mike Tanyakhhan—Channing Hall                      4:00p-6:00p Environmental Film Series—Fahs Theatre</p>
<p><b>FEB 8—TWO Services—9:15 &amp; 11:15</b>                      10:35a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Room 2                      11:00a Morning Youth Group                      11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8                      12:30p-2:30p Stewardship Captains Training—Founders                      1:00-3:00p Great Books Reading Group "The God of Small Things" —Room 7                      5:00p-7:00p Environmental Film Series—Fahs Theatre</p>	<p><b>FEB 9</b>                      Full Moon ☉                      7:00-9:00p Ask and It Is Given study group—Murray Room</p>	<p><b>FEB 10</b>                      11:00a—Noon Speaking Spanish—Murray Room                      7:00p Board of Trustees Meeting (2nd Tue) - Founders                      7:30p-9:00p Storytelling Circle (2nd Tue) - Room 7</p>	<p><b>FEB 11</b>                      10:30-Noon Aging &amp; Saging (2nd Wed) —Murray                      6:00p—7:00p Speaking Spanish—Murray Room                      7:00p-9:00p Adult Program Committee (2nd Wed) — Founders                      7:30p Social Justice Meeting—Room 15                      7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p><b>FEB 12</b>  <b>Rev. Forrest Gilmore's Birthday</b>                      7:15-9:15p Covenant Circle (2nd Thu PM) - Murray                      7:00p—9:00p Stewardship Captains Training—Founders                      7:00-8:45p Cakes for the Queen of Heaven—Fahs Theatre</p>	<p><b>FEB 13</b>                      10:00a-Noon Environmental Film Series—Fahs Theatre</p>	<p><b>FEB 14</b>                      8:30a-3:00p Trenton-Habitat Work Day (2nd Sat)                      8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates (2nd Sat) —Murray                      10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>
<p><b>FEB 15—TWO Services—9:15 &amp; 11:15</b>                      Brunch sponsored by RE 11:15-4th-5th-6th Grades                      10:35a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Room 2                      11:00a Morning Youth Group                      11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8                      12:30p-2:00p Young Adult Group—Fahs Theatre                      5:00p-7:00p Environmental Film Series—Fahs Theatre                      7:00p-9:00p Evening Youth Group (3rd Sun) - Room 15</p>	<p><b>FEB 16</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED TODAY</b>                      7:00-9:00p Ask and It Is Given study group—Murray Room                      7:00p-9:00p Creative Journaling (3rd Mon) —Founders                      7:30p-9:30p Covenant Circle—Room 15                      5:00p <i>Skylights</i>                      MARCH 2008 issue  <b>DEADLINE</b>                      Send to:  <a href="mailto:skylights@uuprinceton.org">skylights@uuprinceton.org</a></p>	<p><b>FEB 17</b>                      11:00a—Noon Speaking Spanish—Murray Room                      7:00p-9:00p Dinner Discussion—Robinson                      7:00p-9:00p Committee on Ministry (3rd Tue) - Murray                      7:00p-9:00p Blessed Bounty (3rd Tues) - Room 15</p>	<p><b>FEB 18</b>                      1:00p-3:00p <b>OFFICE STAFF MEETING</b>                      6:00p—7:00p Speaking Spanish—Murray Room                      7:00p-9:00p Transitioning Group (3rd Wed) - Room 7                      7:15p-8:45p Eckhart Tolle Reading Group (3rd Wed) - Fahs Theatre                      7:15p Newcomer Circle (3rd Wed) —Murray Room                      7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall                      7:30p Membership Committee Meeting—Forrest's Office</p>	<p><b>FEB 19</b>                      Noon—1:00p Women's Alliance Luncheon (3rd Thurs) - Founders                      7:00-9:00p Small Group Ministry Leaders Meeting—Murray                      7:00-8:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Channing</p>	<p><b>FEB 20</b>                      10:00a-Noon Environmental Film Series—Fahs Theatre</p>	<p><b>FEB 21</b>                      10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room                      10:00a-4:00p Murray Mural Project—John Murray Room                      4:00p-6:00p Environmental Film Series—Fahs Theatre                      5:30p-8:30p RE MusicParty—Upstairs</p>
<p><b>FEB 22—TWO Services—9:15 &amp; 11:15</b>                      10:35a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Room 2                      11:00a Morning Youth Group                      11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8                      12:30p-2:00p Stewardship Captains Training—Murray                      4:00p-6:00p Leader Donor Event—Robinson, Founders                      5:00p-7:00p Environmental Film Series—Fahs Theatre</p>	<p><b>FEB 23</b>                      7:00-9:00p Ask and It Is Given study group—Murray Room</p>	<p><b>FEB 24</b>                      11:00a—Noon Speaking Spanish—Murray Room                      7:00-9:00p Leadership Council (4th Tues)—Murray Room</p>	<p><b>FEB 25</b>                      10:30-Noon Aging &amp; Saging (4th Wed) —Murray                      6:00p—7:00p Speaking Spanish—Murray Room                      7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p><b>FEB 26</b>                      7:00-8:45p Cakes for the Queen of Heaven—Fahs Theatre</p>	<p><b>FEB 27</b>                      10:00a-Noon Environmental Film Series—Fahs Theatre</p>	<p><b>FEB 28</b>                      10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>
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**Day off: Monday**  
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**Day off: Monday**  
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