

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

June 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Youthspeak

The senior high youth of our congregation are leading an adult worship service. They will be sharing readings and mini-sermons and music with the congregation.

Guest Worship Leaders: **Youth** Worship Associate: **Jeffrey Bock**

Music: **Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

June 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Paradox

Why is the spiritual life so confusing? Paradox. At its core, the nature of the Spirit is one of paradox – holding two opposites together. As spiritual people, we are called to do the same.

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

Music: **Lori Ingwerson-Fadden—flute, Jeffrey Fadden—guitar**

June 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

A Last Sermon

In some academic circles, there is a tradition for a professor upon retirement to offer a “last lecture.” This practice was made famous through the internet with the last lecture of Randy Pausch, so poignant due to his terminal diagnosis with pancreatic cancer. While retirement and death should be a long way away for me, I’d like to offer a “last sermon” on our final Sunday together as minister and congregation.

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

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

June 28, 2009 at 10:00 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: **Maggie Beaumont**

Music: **Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

Reflection Reverend Forrest Gilmore

As you may know, this is my last month with you as your minister. It is important to say goodbye and I want you to know that I have made a lot of time available for appointments to meet with you before I go. Please feel free to be in touch with me if you'd like to get together before my last day on June 21st. I would love that. Please don't concern yourself with fears about me being too busy. There is nothing more important. My phone is 609 924-1604 x11 and e-mail is gilmore@uuprinceton.org.

I'm experiencing something unique these days – something I didn't entirely know was possible. I've been feeling two feelings at once. I feel sad about leaving and joy about my new life. I feel proud of what we've accomplished together, but bothered that so many hopes have been left undone. I feel excited about the adventure ahead as my family and I move to a new community in Bloomington, IN, but nervous about all the unknowns in that decision. In

Spanish, the word Esperar means both to wait and to hope. It describes my feelings well about the future... both feelings of hope and anxiety. And I imagine to some degree, it may well describe some of your feelings about the future, too. As we part ways, we are both entering into a time of unknowns – a time of waiting, a time of hope.

I know you know this, but I will say it anyway. We both will be fine in our new adventures. And we both will thrive. I send my blessings to you as we go on our way. May you find all that you are seeking. May you live lives of integrity and service. May you be best friends with the Spirit. May you know joy and wonder. May your dreams come true. May you play an integral role in building the Beloved Community on Earth.

Hallelujah and Amen.

CRISIS MINISTRY CAN DO!

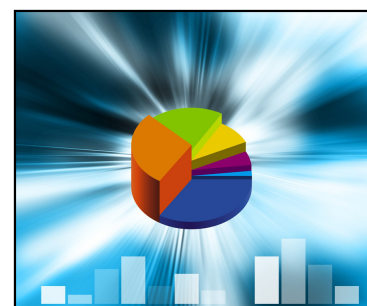
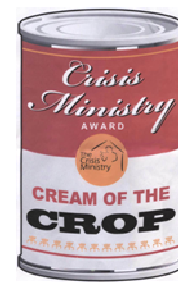
Lauren O'Neil will conduct a food drive on June 21.

Father's Day Food Drive

Sunday

June 21!

Please help achieve the goal of a total of 1,200 bags of food collected.



End of the 2008/09 Fiscal Year

June 30 marks the end of our current fiscal year.

Please submit expense forms/receipts no later than June 19. The pink expense forms can be found in the wire basket on the top shelf of the mailboxes (below the stairs leading to the office)

Prior to June 30, please pay any outstanding balance on your 2008-09 pledge.

Please remember — In the memo line of your check please specify the pledge year you'd like it applied to: 2008-09 or 2009-10. If the memo line is blank, or says only 'pledge' then it will be applied to the current pledge year 2008-09, regardless of your balance. ~Sara Oderwald

Star Island!

Come to the All Star I
Family Conference
June 27 – July 4, 2009

For more information

www.starisland.org
<http://allstarone.org>

Conference co-chairs
Laurie Powsner
&
Jon Krejci

lrpjak@verizon.net
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Reflection
Reverend Chris Reed

Sadly, we are saying good-bye to several people this June.

Rev. Forrest Gilmore has served our congregation well for the past five years, bringing to us a renewed sense of spirituality and spiritual life, meaningful and moving worship services and music, and his authentic presence. He has helped us shape a legislative ministry and our ministry with Habitat. He has also continued the work of Robert Latham in emphasizing right relations within the congregation. We say good-bye to Forrest, his wife, Jill, and their children Hannah and Noah, with sadness, with much thanks and with sincere hopes for a wonderful future in Indiana.

We also say goodbye to Doug and Daphne Rhodes who have been active members of our congregation since 1976. They have served the congregation in almost all areas of ministry, from choir to COM, from RE to president. They and their two daughters Erica and Jennifer, who I had the chance to reconnect with this spring, have been a caring, inspiring and hardworking presence within our congregational life and in broader areas of Unitarian Universalism. They move to North Carolina this June and we wish them well and much happiness and health, and again our thanks.

Umesh and Debra Kurpad, who have been members of our congregation since 2005, are moving with their children Danielle and Kedar, to Boston. Debra and Umesh have served on various committees and as leaders in several of our congregation's ministries. This last year as they prepared their move, Debra continued to serve as a covenant circle leader. They will be missed and we thank them for their caring and dedication to our congregation. We wish them

much happiness in Boston.

We hope to say good-bye to individuals and families who are leaving our congregation, in our intergenerational Flower Communion on May 31.

As probably everyone knows by now, the board has selected a wonderful interim parish minister, the Rev. Meg Barnhouse. I am greatly looking forward to working with Meg who will be arriving around August 1. I know her through her books of stories that are now available in our bookstore on Sunday mornings. Meg brings with her, wonderful creativity, listening skills, and sensitivity to process. She will serve us well in this time of transition.

One of our congregation's Ends Policies is to invite greater connection between the "downstairs" and "upstairs" (this is an oversimplification, but true in spirit). On Sunday June 7, the senior high youth of our congregation are leading an adult worship service. They will be sharing readings and mini-sermons and music with the congregation. Unlike RE Sunday, younger children are not a part of this service. This is an opportunity for us as adults to bring ourselves to their leadership, their ministry and their presence in our congregation. It is a chance for us to show our appreciation and thanks.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN OUR RE PROGRAM

I want to begin this end of the year note by thanking all of the wonderful teachers and liaisons. The program exists because of your generosity of time and energy. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

During this past year the RE Council spent considerable time trying to make our program more efficient and less taxing on our parents. This discussion led us to change our basic class structure. In both the 9:15 and 11:15 sessions, we will have the same class groupings (with the exception that the 8th grade and the youth group who will only meet at 11:15). The groupings are as follows:

- Nursery/toddler
- Pre-K
- K-1st grade
- 2nd-3rd grades
- 4th-5th grades
- 6th-7th grades

Our goal is to maintain these groupings regardless of class size. This structure will also mean that a grade will no longer be split down the middle because of registration numbers. This means that friendships that are meaningful to the children will not be disrupted. At the same time, each year grades will be combining with a grade above or below them, which will widen the children's community.

We hope that this structure will also facilitate the development of teaching teams. This new structure should also be less demanding on our parents with fewer teachers needed and fewer Sunday's needed for parents to help out.

We are always open to new ideas and suggestions. If you see something that does not appear to be working, let us know.

In case it has slipped from your radar, let me also take this opportunity to encourage you to check out the wonderful Summer Chalice Program we have organized (Sundays, 10am). You should pop-in a couple times. I

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Religious Education for Children and Youth

Summer Chalice Program Begins June 7!

Summer Chalice is at 10:00 on Sunday mornings, June 7-September 6. Our summer lessons will be about our connections to Earth, each other, and the Universe. Together we will enjoy fun activities such as celebrating the summer solstice, taking a nature walk, creating a song about summer, and exploring solar energy.

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

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

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

[Registration form online](#)

Summer Chalice Program Themes

Jun 7	Writing a Summer Song
Jun 14	Nature Walk
Jun 21	Celebrating the Summer Solstice
Jun 28	Creating Zen Sand Gardens
Jul 5	Exploring Solar Energy
Jul 12	Fairy & Gnome Homes
Jul 19	Summer Exploration
Jul 26	Summer Exploration, too
Aug 2	Earth Festival (Lughnasa)
Aug 9	Summer Magic
Aug 16	Origami
Aug 23	Beekeeping
Aug 30	Storytelling
Sep 6	End of Summer Celebration/ Sand Mandala

Children's Worship & Religious Education Schedule

Sunday, May 31

Intergenerational Flower Communion Service

One service at 10:00 in Channing Hall

Sunday, June 7

Summer Chalice Program Begins

Writing a Summer song

10:00 the Courtyard

Sunday June 14

Summer Chalice Program Nature Walk

10:00 the Courtyard

Sunday, June 21

Summer Chalice Program Celebrating the Summer Solstice

10:00 the Courtyard

Sunday, June 28

Summer Chalice Program Creating Zen Sand Gardens

10:00 the Courtyard

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

Please Register for 2009-2010 RE by June 15

Look how **GREEN** we are! You can now register for 2009-2010 RE online at www.uuprinceton.org. Please try to send your completed form to **Shelle Summers by June 20**. If you need a hardcopy form to fill out, call Shelle at 609-924-1604, ext. 14

YOUTH MINISTRY

As the summer approaches, please note that Youth Group will *only* be the dates listed and not held during Sunday morning services and first and third Sunday evenings. During July and August we hope to have at least one event... **Suggestions are welcome!!!**

JUNE-AUGUST EVENTS

JUNE

6/5	9th Grade Credo Dinner	6:30-8:30p
6/7	"Youthspeak" Service	10:00a
6/19-21	Youth Conference UU Cong. Of Monmouth Cty-Lincroft, NJ	Register Online! www.metroyac.org

JULY

Tentative Date 7/10	Lock-in@Jeff's	TBD
7/26-8/1	UU Leadership Institute 'Youth Ministry Training' Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA	www.uumeirony.org Youth: \$595.00

AUGUST

Tentative Week-end of 8/14	Tubing down the Delaware!	TBD
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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.

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.

Bookstore News: We have several books by our newly hired interim minister and a number of new titles by Forrest Church. We also have children's books. Note: all books are discounted.



The UUCP BOOKSTORE is open every Sunday between services. Contact **Alice Harper**: aharper67@comcast.net
609 737-3046

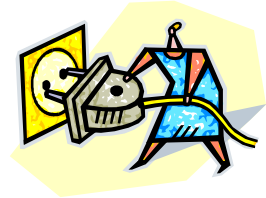
Signing the Membership Book Ceremony

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 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.

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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 chair **Alice Harper** (aharper67@comcast.net).

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

Scriptures Circle

**2nd and 4th Thursdays: June 11 & 25
7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Founders Room**

Join the 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. Please bring a Bible. You can use any version as the diversity makes for a richer discussion. If you are buying a Bible you may want to use the NRSV.

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

Transitions: Support Group for Those Affected by the Current Economy

**2nd and 4th Mondays: June 8 & 22
7:00-8:15 p.m. in the John Murray Room**

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. This group is for any who are feeling the stress of these times. It is part support group, part networking and part resources. We are also creating a list of those looking for jobs and those who know of work opportunities.

You can sign up at the Adult Programs table in the lounge on Sundays or through events@uuprinceton.org. If you have any questions or concerns please contact **Rev. Chris Reed** reed@uuprinceton.org.

Young Adult Group!!

**Ages 20-35(ish)
Sunday, June 7
12:30-2:00 in the John Murray Room**

Come and join us at our next meeting as we continue to form a new Young Adult group for our congregation. 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.

We meet on the first Sunday of each month for fellowship and spiritual discussion, and the third Saturday of each month for a social activity. Please come and help shape this vital ministry to all who walk through our doors looking for such a community of peers.

To find out more about us, look for the flyer at the Adult Program Table in Robinson Lounge on Sundays. To join our Google Groups listserv, send an email to uucpyoungadults@gmail.com.

Aging and Saging

**2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month
Not meeting June-August**

10:30 a.m.—Noon in the John Murray Room

**Always open to new participants
Led by Rev. Chris Reed and participants**

This group is taking a summer break, please watch for the restart date in future *Skylights*.

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. After a break of three months we are starting Spanish again! 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

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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.

Eckhart Tolle Reading Group

The Power of Now: A Small Group Discussion and Personal Exploration
1st and 3rd Wednesdays: June 3 & 17
7:15 to 8:45 p.m. in the Founders Room

"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). Currently available at the UUCP Bookstore.

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.

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, June 14 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 7
 Join us to discuss *The Prince* by Machiavelli.

Completed in 1513, this seminal inquiry into the nature of power raises many questions. Is the Prince best understood as a work promoting unity and peace -- giving practical effective advice towards these ends? Or is it a work for opportunists, giving support to would-be tyrants? Join us to consider The Prince and its place in modern political thought.

Intrigued? Come and join us -- we supply the cookies -- bring a cup of coffee or tea! Questions? Contact **Karen Siracusa** (kn.siracusa@att.net) or 896-1016.

Creative Journaling

Third Monday of the month—June 15
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. in the Founders Room

Creative Journaling has **MOVED!**

We now 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 Townsend** if you are interested in joining us, so we know who to expect.

emtheartist@yahoo.com

Gentle Yoga Class

Saturdays 10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. in the 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

The UUCP ADULT SINGLES is an INTERACTIVE, PARTICIPATORY social network. We have no upper or lower age limits. Our members are single, divorced and widowed.

Sign up to learn about and suggest activities and events of interest; request and find companionship to attend a film, lecture, hike, or...

To JOIN, just send email to: uucpsingles@googlegroups.com
 Visit the group at

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

A Course in Miracles

Sundays 11:15 a.m. in Room 15

A Course in Miracles will be continuing to study the Work Book section for the summer. We will meet following the service each week either in room 8 of the Sunday school, or if it is hot in another air conditioned room, probably room 15 if it is available. Hope you can join us.

Have a great summer. ~Hil Anderson

Interested in Adult Programs or working at the UUCP Bookstore?

For more information about any of the classes described on pages 5-7, visit the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge or contact **Alice Harper** (aharper67@comcast.net, 609-737-3046)

Board of Trustees

By now we hope that you are all aware of the exciting news regarding the appointment of our new interim minister the **Rev. Meg Barnhouse**. This is just the beginning of the process on which we are about to embark. As we stated in the announcement, through careful consideration we have decided that it is in the best interest of the congregation to have a two year interim period. This will allow us to spend the time needed to comprehensively address and resolve the many important issues that have been bubbling under the surface.

During her time with us, Meg will facilitate our discussions to help us identify and articulate our issues and concerns for the future direction of UUCP. This might include questions regarding the future leadership structure for UUCP; why our congregation has not grown; whether or not we are effectively living our mission; and what changes we want to make and what is required to facilitate these changes.

The next steps from here are already underway. The Nominating Committee is currently working on identifying the seven members of the Search Committee. They will be submitting the slate to the Board for review over the summer. Craig Hir-

shberg, our ministerial transition representative from the UUA, will be coming to UUCP to preach, answer questions and pass on further information regarding the transition process in late September. That same day, the slate of Search Committee members will be presented to the Congregation for approval in a Congregational Meeting.

Once the Search Committee has been approved and convened, they will begin sending regular updates on their progress to the Congregation. During their first year, they will be focused on identifying the specific needs of the Congregation via surveys and cottage meetings in order to help in the selection process. Then, during the second year their activities will turn outward as the committee actively prepares our congregational packet or bio to be presented to potential candidates, travels to pre-candidate sites, organizes and hosts pre-candidate visits, and finally hosts the prospective candidate and family during Candidating week.

As you would suspect, there is a cost to the search process. Extending it over two years, the majority of expenses are incurred by the Search Committee (approximately \$8000) occurring during the second year of the process. We have included the expenses expected for the 2009-2010 fiscal year (\$500) in our current budget as reviewed at the Annual Meeting on May 31.

This is an exciting time for our Congregation and we look forward to input and energy from all.

~ Kathy Lehmann and Lauren Foss,
on behalf of the Board of Trustees

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think you and your kids will like it and bet you will find yourself coming back. The summer program is more "laid back" and lots of fun. We have only two classes (one for 3-5 year olds, and one for 6-12 year olds). When you register for the summer, there is not an expectation that your child attend each Sunday. It is fine during the summer to attend whenever your family would like to do so. Go to the web site or call Shelle Summers if you want more information. ~Tom Prusa

Community Building

Women's Alliance

We'll be back in the fall. **Emma Forehand**, (609)921-6146.

Dinner Discussion

We'll be back in the fall.

George Schindler, Jr.

Men's Club

The next Men's Club luncheon will be on Tuesday, **October 13**. ~*Bill Barnard*

Denominational Connections

UUs GENERAL ASSEMBLY REMINDER

This issue is the last *Skylights* before General Assembly (GA) to be held in Salt Lake City from June 26-29. Go to www.uua.org for GA details. GA is a great spiritual and social experience! It will be an honor to represent our congregation in Salt Lake City with 4,000 others UUs.



Contact Sara in the church office if you are interested.

She can put you in touch with others who can answer your questions about logistics. ~*Carol Allen, UU Connections Committee*

Social Action

UUA PEACEMAKING RESOLUTION AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

After four years of study and action, the UUA will take up a Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking at General Assembly in June. It starts with a discussion of moral responsibilities for non-violent approaches to international relations. It relates peacemaking to the Unitarian Universalist seven principles. There are lots of commitments to action and collaboration in the text. Go to www.uua.org - link to General Assembly, then to Peacemaking to read this three-page resolution or see a hard copy in Robinson Lounge.

~*Carol Allen*

SPRING SALE WRAP UP

The 50th anniversary Spring Sale took in over \$18,000, the most ever, and when the books are closed, will net at least \$15,000 for social justice outreach!*

The spirit of this Spring Sale was GENEROSITY, carried out by dozens and dozens of people. THANK YOU to all the donors, the workers – from set-up to clean up and everything in between, the purchasers, Forrest for launching this year's sale, and Sara, Michele, Shelle and Jorge for enormous staff support. A special thank you to people who made "high end" donations that put us over the top.

The spirit of this Spring Sale was BRIGHT GREEN. Thanks to donors' care in bringing good items and to Rick's initiative in finding recipients (especially Good Will), most items that did not sell are being Re-used; the dumpster was barely half full.

The spirit of this Spring Sale was RESPECTFUL and APPRECIATIVE, our Relational Covenant in action.

Thanks for being part of the Fun!

Thanks for making something wonderful happen!

*Recipients of last year's Spring Sale: **Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton, PCV Group, Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, YWCA of Trenton, Enable, Meals on Wheels, ISLES, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed, Your ReSource, Inc, Coalition for Peace Action, People & Stories, Hyacinth Foundation, National Association for the Mentally Ill, Princeton Hub, Committee on Religious Ministries (Hospital Chaplaincy), Womanspace, HiTOPS, Planned Parenthood Association of Mercer County**

~*Carol Haag, Rick Smith, Amanda Gillum, Spring Sale 2009 Co-chairs*

Legislative Ministry

UUCP's Co-Liaisons to the UULMNJ Announced and UUCP's Action Team Formed

Diana Gray and Arlene Lance will be UUCP Co-Liaisons to the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry, NJ, A Public Policy Network and chair our Action Team.

They will be the fulcrum of communication from our congregation with the legislative ministry. Each congregation's action team will give input into the network and follow up within their own congregations to encourage gathering of information on issues and implementing advocacy actions. Diana and Arlene and other UUCP delegates will represent us at the annual plenary meetings.

Several congregants met on May 10 for the first time to form UUCP's Action Team. They reviewed and discussed aspects of the legislative ministry and possibilities for the role we will choose to play.

Princeton and 12 other NJ congregations have affiliated with UULMNJ and each have agreed to: Appoint a Liaison, the official communicator to and from the network, Decide which issues to support within the congregation, Decide the amount of financial support (in conjunction with the congregation's entities), Have representatives attend Plenary meetings, and Communicate with the network through our liaisons and otherwise. Issues chosen by the network through last summer's congregation's survey are Economic Justice, Health Care, Environment and Emerging Issues (other issues of particular UU interest).

If you wish to participate with the Action Team, please contact Arlene arlene.lance@bms.com or Diana in-ada61gray@yahoo.com. If you wish to receive monthly bulletins from the UULMNJ, email uulmnj@uulmnj.org. The website is uulmnj.org. ~*Elaine Nigam*

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

Clotilde Treves died on Friday, May 15, Clo had cancer and died in her home with her family nearby. Clo was a loving and caring member of our congregation. She shared her love of cooking and literature with many in our congregation. We extend our love and condolences to her children, George, Francis, and Claire and to their families.

A memorial service will be held in Channing Hall on June 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Shari and Steve Griffen, recently moved to Pennington from Sacramento, CA, just had their third daughter on April 19th, named Sophia Michelle. Sophia joins sisters Sarah and Emily. Shari has been very helpful in the quilt making project for Terrance who is the young boy in our Habitat for Humanity partner family. Shari would like to connect with other moms with infants.

Candus Hedburg badly broke her elbow and wrist in the last week of April. She quickly had surgery and is looking at 6 to 8 weeks in casts and 3 months of no driving. **Candus** wants to thank all the kind friends and congregants at UUCP who have already come to see her, brought over meals, helped with laundry, provided emotional support, and just been there for her. She would very much love to hear from all her friends at UUCP while she is recuperating at home. Visits, rides, and meals would be so wonderful. Please call Candus on her cell 609-575-7586 – it's much easier for her to get to than the landline.

Aarti Jain, granddaughter of **Marilyn and Enoch Durbin**, will graduate from

Princeton University this June 2. What a proud moment! However, Marilyn will miss her as she will return to her home in California.

Dan and Jennifer Martin-Kochis report that Dan had an accident at work. He fell and broke his leg in several places, and tore his rotator cuff. Jennifer was feeling very overwhelmed with responsibility before this accident and now needs to be able to be with Dan, and the kids, at the same time plus finishing out the school year. Dan and Jenn will need help and support when he returns home.

Mirah Riben is very pleased to announce that she has been invited to join a Human Rights Delegation, sponsored by the Guatemala Human Rights Commission, August 1-9, 2009.

The broad focus is violence against women. She will be joining adoptive parent members of PEAR and several social workers from the Univ. of Las Vegas who she has written in her scholarship about the Hague Convention. Mirah will be the only mother who lost her child to adoption member of the delegation and is honored to represent her unique perspective.

Ron Campbell's mother, Betty Hogeland Campbell, died at 97 in her own home in Leesburg, VA, on Friday, April 24. Originally from Clinton, NJ, she had countless Hogeland relatives of Dutch descent in Hunterdon County and Bucks County, PA. She had lived in Loudoun County, VA, for 66 years, where she had been actively involved with various community service groups for many years, especially after leaving the farm when her husband of 38 years died in 1972. Though increasingly frail in her final years, she remained of sound mind, playing bridge until very near the end. She is survived by 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, with all but

4 of her descendents being able to attend her funeral in Ron's hometown, Waterford, VA, on April 27.

Carol Weiss wrote to say thanks for UUCP "vote of confidence" in her recovery. "Your kind communications saw us through my three days in the hospital and two blood transfusions (typical for this procedure). Hearing from you, and having visitors, energized us during my 11 days in sub-acute at Merwick Care Center."



Diana Gray has sailed successfully through hip replacement surgery and is happy to be able to walk her granddaughter Parker to and from school again.

We sadly bid Goodbye to **Doug and Daphne Rhodes** who are moving to North Carolina on June 15 to be closer to their children, **Erica and Jennifer**, and to their grandchildren Emily and Zach. Doug and Daphne have been members of the Princeton congregation since 1976, brought their children up here and served in numerous ways: Doug chaired the Board of Trustees, Daphne created the amazing Renaissance Fair, she chaired the Craft Booth at the spring sale, and together they chaired the whole sale at least twice. More recently Doug helped launch the NJ Legislative Ministry and both sing in the Choir. They will be missed and we wish them well in their new life.

Barbara Schwarzschild died in April at Pennswood Village. There was no service and we know of no family. Martin died over 10 years ago. Anyone who knows the family, please contact Laurie Powsner who manages the memorial plaques.

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

JUNE 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<p>MAY 31—ONE Service—10:00 FLOWER COMMUNION—Intergenerational 11:00a Morning Youth Group 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 11:15a ANNUAL MEETING—Channing 12:30p Annual Picnic</p>	<p>JUN 1</p>	<p>JUN 2</p> <p>7:00p-9:00p RE Council (1st Tue) —Founders Room 7:30-9:00p Coalition for Peace Action meeting—Room 7</p>	<p>JUN 3</p> <p>7:15 p Covenant Circle (1st Wed) - Murray 7:15p-8:45p Eckhart Tolle Reading Group (1st Wed) - Founders Room 7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>JUN 4</p> <p>7:15p Covenant Circle—(1st Thu PM) - Murray Room</p>	<p>JUN 5</p> <p>5:00p-10:00p 9th Grade Mentor/Youth Dinner and Credo Presentation—Channing 7:00p CUUPS Full Moon Circle—Room 11 7:15p Covenant Circle—(1st Fri PM) - Room 15</p>	<p>JUN 6</p> <p>10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room 11:00a Memorial Service for Clotilde Treves—Channing Hall</p>
<p>Full Moon ☉ JUN 7—ONE Service—10:00 11:00a Morning Youth Group 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 12:30p Young Adults Meeting—Murray Room 7:00p-9:00p Evening Youth Group (1st Sun) - Room 15</p>	<p>JUN 8</p> <p>7:00-8:30p Transitions (2nd Mon) - Murray</p>	<p>JUN 9</p> <p>7:00p—10:00p Board of Trustees meeting (2nd Tue) - Founders 7:00p-9:00p Newcomer Circle (2nd Tues) - Murray 7:30p-9:00p Storytelling Circle (2nd Tue) - Room 7</p>	<p>JUN 10</p> <p>10:30 Noon Aging & Staging (2nd Wed) - Murray 7:00p-9:00p Adult Program Committee (2nd Wed) - Founders 7:00p-9:00p E2 Covenant Circle (2nd Wed) - Murray 7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>JUN 11</p> <p>7:00p-8:30p Scriptures Circle (2nd Thu) - Founders 7:15p-9:15p Covenant Circle (2nd Thu PM) - Murray</p>	<p>JUN 12</p>	<p>JUN 13</p> <p>8:30a-3:00p Treatfor- Habitat Work Day (2nd Sat) 8:30a-10:30a Pastoral Associates (2nd Sat) - Murray 10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>
<p>JUN 14—ONE Service—10:00 11:00a Morning Youth Group 11:00a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 1:00p Great Books Reading Group—Room 7</p>	<p>JUN 15</p> <p>7:00p-8:30p Creative Journaling (3rd Mon) - Founders 7:30p-9:30p Covenant Circle—Murray</p> <p>5:00p <i>Skylights</i> JUL/AUG 2009 issue DEADLINE skylights@uuprinceton.org</p>	<p>JUN 16</p> <p>7:00p-9:00p Committee on Ministry (3rd Tue) - Murray 7:00p-9:00p Blessed Bounty (3rd Tues) - Room 15</p>	<p>JUN 17</p> <p>1:00p-3:00p OFFICE STAFF MEETING—Office closed from 1-3pm 7:15p-8:45p Eckhart Tolle Reading Group (3rd Wed) - Founders Room 7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>JUN 18</p> <p>7:00-9:00p Small Group Ministry Leaders Meeting—Murray</p>	<p>JUN 19</p> <p>6:30p-10:00p Annual BOT Retreat—Founders</p>	<p>JUN 20</p> <p>8:00a-4:00p Annual BOT Retreat—Murray Room 10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room 7:00p Summer Solstice/Litbia Celebration—Channing</p>
<p>JUN 21—ONE Service—10:00 FATHERS DAY 11:00a Morning Youth Group 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 7:00p-9:00p Evening Youth Group (3rd Sun) - Room 15</p>	<p>JUN 22</p> <p>7:00-8:30p Transitions (4th Mon) - Murray</p>	<p>JUN 23</p> <p>7:00p-9:00p Leadership Council (4th Tues) - Minister's Office 7:00p-9:00p Newcomer Circle (4th Tues) - Murray</p>	<p>JUN 24</p> <p>10:30 Noon Aging & Staging (4th Wed) - Murray 7:00p-9:00p E2 Covenant Circle (4th Wed) - Murray GA—Salt Lake City June 24-28</p>	<p>JUN 25</p> <p>7:00p-8:30p Scriptures Circle (4th Thu) - Founders GA—Salt Lake City June 24-28</p>	<p>JUN 26</p> <p>SHELLE SUMNERS' BIRTHDAY  GA—Salt Lake City June 24-28</p>	<p>JUN 27</p> <p>10:00a Yoga Class—Founders Room GA—Salt Lake City June 24-28</p>
<p>JUN 28—ONE Service—10:00 11:00a Morning Youth Group 11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Room 8 GA—Salt Lake City June 24-28</p>	<p>JUN 29</p>	<p>JUN 30</p>	<p>JUL 1</p>	<p>JUL 2</p>	<p>JUL 3</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY</p>	<p>JUL 4</p> <p>INDEPENDENCE DAY </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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