

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

December 6, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

“The Common Core of Judaism and Christianity.....Your Neighbor”

The fourth source of UUism, source of authority, truth, practice...is “Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God’s love by loving our neighbors as ourselves”. In the last thirty years we have come a long way, from being fearful of mentioning the name of Jesus, to being able to celebrate our Jewish and Christian roots that so greatly shape who we are as a religious tradition. Let us do so together, as we enter the holiday season.

Worship Leader: **Rev. Chris Reed** Worship Associate: **Sharon Copeland**

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

December 13, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

“See Him in a Manger Laid”

What is the factual truth about the birth of Jesus? How do scholars who study ancient cultures interpret the birth narratives in the Christian gospels? How much do the facts matter? Can something be true but not historical? What are some other ways in which we can approach the scriptures of various faiths with the mind of free religion?

Worship Leader: **Rev. Meg Barnhouse** Worship Associate: **Drake Baer**

Music: **uu4ia (vocal quartet from UUCWC,) Beth Ertz**

December 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens (An All Ages Service)

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

Worship Leaders: **Revs. Chris Reed & Meg Barnhouse** Worship Associates: **All Worship Associates**

Music: **Oompah Band, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

December 24, 2009

Christmas Eve Family Service at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Adult Service at 9:00 p.m.

See page 2 for details.

December 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

“The Art of Forgiveness”

As we close out the old year and get ready for the new, we will look at attachments to grudges, resentments and connections we may wish to undo. Is forgiveness all-or-nothing? Do you have to “forgive and forget”? What effect does forgiveness have on a person?

Worship Leader: **Rev. Meg Barnhouse** Worship Associate: **Jeffrey Bock**

Music: **Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

Reflection
Reverend Meg Barnhouse

**WE THREE KINGS AND
 FOURTEEN SCHIZOPHRENICS**

All I can say is you haven't lived until you've sung "We Three Kings" with fourteen paranoid schizophrenics on Christmas Eve. At seven o'clock the Christmas Eve I was fifteen my father developed an urgent need to go caroling. He loved the *idea* of serving humanity, but the actuality of serving humanity was too time-consuming, too much trouble, and too little applauded for any of us to have done much of it. Christmas is a time, though, when one's thoughts turn to helping others. You watch Dickens' "Christmas Carol" and "It's a Wonderful Life" and you feel moved to do something loving and giving. My dad had not done any Christmas service to humanity yet, and since it was Christmas Eve, the deadline was fast approaching. We hadn't even bought our tree yet, but my dad had an impulse to go caroling, and he wanted me and my thirteen year old sister to go

caroling with him. We wailed that it would be terminally embarrassing to go with him caroling around our neighborhood. The neighborhood, he informed us cheerfully, was not what he had in mind. He felt called to go caroling eight miles down the road -- at the Norristown State Mental Hospital. If you have ever known a teenage girl, you know my sister and I had sulking, sighing, and rolling our eyes raised to an art form. My dad, though, was an artist himself: at growling, jollying, guilting, and charismatic force of personality. By seven-thirty we were slumped in the back seat of the blue Olds. My twelve-string guitar was riding in the trunk. By seven forty-five we pulled up to the heavy wrought iron gates of the mental hospital. My dad had called ahead twenty minutes before and had spoken to someone in the office, but whoever that was had not told the guards at the gate. At first they looked at us with suspicion, but my father was famous in Philadelphia at that time since he was on the 6 and 11 o'clock TV news. They had seen his face before. In a brief five minutes they had been charmed into believing we

weren't there to break out an insane serial killer, so they let us in and gave us directions to the building where they thought we might want to sing. The staff people in that building were surprised to see us too, but they were kind, and with good grace they began directing patients to the lobby where we three carolers stood. The staff set up chairs while we waited. I was completely and totally humiliated. I let my hair hang in front of my face and pretended to be invisible. My little sister copied me, naturally. The patients started shuffling in, holding their heads at a too-far-back angle I now know indicated heavy doses of Thorazine. In their dishwasher gray hospital gowns it was hard to tell anyone's age. Everybody looked old, even the young ones. They shuffled to their chairs. My dad motioned for me to get out my guitar. We started with "The First Noel" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." A woman wearing bright red lipstick, not only on her lips, but up along her cheekbones and in a circle on her chin, slapped her legs and sang loudly in time with the music. You'd be stretching it, really, to call it singing. Her voice sounded like something between a crow and a warning siren, and she didn't bother with words. She especially liked "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." We started smiling at each other. Her enjoyment became a blaze that caught in the rest of us. One by one each of the patients joined us in singing. It was during "We Three Kings" that I forgot to act cool. We were having Christmas, and the whole dark place, just for a moment, was lit with joy. I know this place will be lit with joy during this season of the celebration of light in the darkness of winter. I'm looking forward to the Hanging of the Greens. This congregation has some beautiful traditions, and I feel privileged to be able to participate with you as you move through the seasons. May you find a way during this season to give and receive gifts of time and attention, listening, affirmation and love. May there be times so good that you forget to act cool.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



December 24, 2009
at 7:00 p.m.

A Family Christmas Eve - An All Ages Services

Worship Leaders: **Rev. Chris Reed & Rev. Meg Barnhouse**

Worship Associate: **Jordon Corn**

Music: **Kids' Chorale**

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

December 24, 2009
at 9:00 p.m.

A Christmas Eve Adult Service

Worship Leaders: **Rev. Meg Barnhouse & Rev. Chris Reed**

Worship Associate: **Rachel Gittleman**

Music: **Bell Choir, Adult Choir**

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



Reflection
Reverend Chris Reed

I have just returned from two weeks of birding on the California coast (two weeks of my July vacation that I was not able to take in the summer this year due to our transitions in parish ministers). I am not a very experienced or knowledgeable birder, but I am slowly getting into the aspect of it that is centering and that is a spiritual practice.

At a nature preserve just south of LA, 5 photographers and I stood on a bridge and watched a huge blue heron only about thirty feet away, as it pointed into the grass in a perfectly posed still position. We could not take our cameras away, because we wanted to catch the moment of movement or flight. After about five minutes, one of the photographers yelled "white pelican coming in" and I knew that this was rare, as the brown pelican is the usual resident here. We all turned to the opposite side of the bridge and filmed eight white pelicans landing. It was dramatic and beautiful. Then I heard a sigh, and we all turned and the blue heron was gone, with no sign of its leaving. We had missed both its flight and its purpose. This was one of many learnings that birding is about waiting and patience and not so much about stalking and finding.

But I did stalk and find. On a trip to the Channel Islands to see the Santa Cruz scrub jay, a bright blue bird whose only home in the world is on this one island. Part of a group of three with a guide, we saw humpback whales on our way out to the island, and then climbed the mountain path that led to the scrub jay's habitat, where I took dozens of pictures of several jays.

But we continued up the mountain and the guide came to a beautiful clearing on the top and went to a stone circle in the middle and picked up small pieces of bone beads. They were from the native Americans who used to live here and who still came out once a year for an annual ritual. And I learned the respect for the people and for the animals that called that island home and me a guest.

And the third "birding" learning was when I visited some people who had moved from Princeton. And although they were not UU's, they knew Rev. Fred Ward who had once served this congregation. They not only knew Fred, but he had given them the gift of birding, taking them on many trips. Fred had been a mentor for me twenty years ago, as I started on the path into ministry. We talked of his recent death and how so many of us who were so thankful to him for so much that he gave, didn't really have a place to express that thankfulness. So we took the opportunity, there on the California coast, among the mountains and sun and the birds to thank Fred.

And now somehow it is already the winter holidays. Please join us for our annual holiday party, when we sing and decorate the tree in the sanctuary, and also for the intergenerational Hanging of the Greens service on the Sunday before Christmas, and for a Christmas eve service, either at 7 or 9. May each of us find moments of peace and joy in this season, and extend them to our greater world.

Peace of the season.

Sunday Morning Forums

(Murray Room) – Coming Soon

Sponsored by the UUCP Board of Trustees

January 10,

10:30-11:00

"Who's In Charge Here Anyway?"

Learn about and discuss UUCP's leadership structure including the Board of Trustees, Executive Team, Committee on Ministry, Leadership Council, Ministerial Search Committee and Interim Minister Advisory Committee.

January 31

10:30-11:00

"Your Board of Trustees – What Are We Doing?"

Get answers to your questions about the Board's responsibilities and recent activities including the Ends Statements.

**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.

Religious Education for Children and Youth

New Parent Orientation

December 6

John Murray Room, 10:30 to 11:10
Parents, if you are new to our RE program, please come to this orientation, where you will become acquainted with the goals and methods of our learning program. The meeting, led by Rev. Chris Reed, will be between services from 10:30 to 11:10 in the John Murray Room. Childcare is available in Room 9.

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

Holiday Spirit at UUCP

From RE Council

The month of December is a special time for many UUCP families. Christmas, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, and Kwanzaa all come and go in the next few weeks. Many of us also turn to consider the needs of the less fortunate during this season. We welcome you to team with the children and youth of the congregation in their efforts to help others. Please come to UUCP and celebrate the many special events of during the holiday season. All are welcome.

Here are some of the happenings:

Gift Giving Tree – UUCP is once again hoping to provide gifts for economically stressed families in our area. Stop by and pick-up a ribbon from the Gift Tree in Robinson Lounge on Nov 27 or Dec 6. Each ribbon has a suggested age range and gender for a Mercer County Foster & Adoptive Services Child or one of our Habitat Partner families. Help make this

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YOUTH MINISTRY

December marks the beginning of many youth fundraisers towards their New Orleans trip partnering with the Greater New Orleans Unitarian Universalists in June 2010! As we flush out the logistical details, please consider supporting us through donations, planning support, or participation!

Various youth will also be partnering with RE Council in working on the "Giving Tree" again this year.

Go Youthies, Go Youthies, Go!!

Children's Worship & Religious Education Schedule

Sunday, December 6 *Charles Dickens, Famous Unitarian*

9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

New Parent Orientation
10:30-11:10, John Murray Room
Childcare available in Room 9

Saturday, December 12

UUCP Holiday Party

4:00-8:00 p.m. Channing Hall
See details on Page 5

Sunday, December 13

Hanukkah

9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

Sunday, December 20 *Hanging of the Greens Intergenerational Service*

10:00 Channing Hall
NO RE Classes

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Family Service

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

Sunday, December 27

No RE Classes

10:00 Channing Hall
Children may attend the regular service in Channing Hall
If you have any questions, call **Shelle Sumners** (609-924-1604, ext. 14)

DECEMBER YOUTH

Just about every Sunday Morning	Morning Youth Group in Room 15	11:00a—12:30p
One Evening a Month	Evening Youth Group in Fahs, Kitchen, Founders	5:00-8:00p
12/6	Invited Guest: Rev. Carol's trip to New Orleans!	11:00a-12:00p
12/6	Dinner, Worship + Hanging of the Greens Planning	5:00-8:00p
12/13	Youth Group	11:00a-12:30p
12/13	Social Action Mtg: Room 15 Parent Q/A on YG plans with Rev. Carol	12:30p—1:30p
12/13	YG Fund-raiser @ Borders Book-store! E-mail Tori: ginnystwin15@aol.com	10:00a—7:00 p
12/18-19	Lock-In: Hanging of the Greens Play-writing	7:00p, Fri—Noon Sat
12/20	YG Rehearsal @ 8:00 a.. Hanging of the Greens	8:00 a.m.
12/27	No Religious Education	No YG

Contact **Pia O'Loughlin**, UUCP Youth Programs Coordinator, for more info:
YPC @ uuprinceton.org or
732.421.7008



UUCP HOLIDAY PARTY

December 12 at 4 PM

**MAKE ORNAMENTS FOR OUR UU TREE
SHARE STONE SOUP
AND
JOIN IN HOLIDAY SONGS from 6:00-7:00 pm**
Please bring 1-2 cans of non-cream soup and 2 dozen holiday cookies

Pre-K childcare available*
To attend: sign up in Robinson Lounge, OR email events@uuprinceton.org
***RSVP required in order to assure pre-K childcare**

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

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holiday season a bit brighter, and return your ribbon and unwrapped gift by Sunday December 13. Any questions, contact **Geri Luongo**, mgmidge@aol.com

Guest at Your Table – Donations given from your dinner table celebrations to the boxes handed out at the In-gathering in November will be collected after the New Year, and all proceeds support the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and their social justice programs in the US and abroad. If you didn't get a box or donation envelope, contact **Alice Deanin**, alice.deanin@villanova.edu

UUCP Holiday Party – The whole congregation is invited to come celebrate the season and one another at the annual holiday party. Make crafts, decorate the

UUCP Christmas tree, and have a little holiday cheer. December 12 from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

UUCP Holiday Party at East Trenton Community Center – RE families and other Social Justice congregants team up to bring holiday cheer to our Habitat-for-Humanity partner families and their neighbors at the East Trenton Community Center. Donations of food, crafts, and cookies may be needed for the event. Contact **Stephanie Hanzel Cohen**, stephaniehanzel@hotmail.com

Hanging of the Greens – Don't miss what is perhaps the most popular service of the year! If you haven't been to this service before, find out why it so special.

If you have been to this service, spread the word! Family and friends are welcome. December 20 at 10 a.m.

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

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

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 **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 Rev. Reed. Our hope is to include all newcomers in circles and to have no one wait more than a few weeks.

Signing the Membership Book Ceremony

This ceremony is for those who have previously taken the Introduction to Membership Class or have been in a Newcomer Circle and want to become members. Please sign-up at the Welcome Circle or contact Rev. Chris Reed at 609-924-1604 to arrange a time.

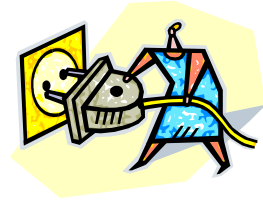
SMALL GROUP

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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Welcome Newcomers

Two Newcomer Events!

Saturday Class for Newcomers

Place: UUCP

Date: **December 5, 2009**

Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

A chance to learn about the UU faith, about the UUCP congregation, get a tour of the building, meet other newcomers and share in a light lunch.

Wine* and Cheese Open House

Place: Rev. Chris Reed's home

Date: **December 6, 2009**

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

* Non-alcoholic beverages will also be served.

You can RSVP for these events either by phone to **Marty Akers** at (609) 737-3948 or e-mail to welcome@uuprinceton.org

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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NEW PROGRAMS

Telling Our Stories

The Adult Program Committee is creating this year a series of videotaped interviews with some of our amazing senior members who have lived fascinating, engaged and committed lives. In our youth-worshiping culture, we often forget to respect the elders in our midst and miss opportunities to learn from their wisdom. It is sad to experience the wonders of our Elders only from their eulogies.

Adra Fairman was the first, approaching 98 she works out at the gym every day and told stories of the beginnings of the Unitarian Church of Princeton (it wasn't Universalist Congregation then) and the extraordinary generosity of people who made the first building possible.

David Todd presented his story to the Women's Alliance, telling of his connections to four American presidents, his extraordinary life as an engineer with dozens of patents, and the loving family he has nurtured.

At the Forum, between the services, see and hear **Ted Fetter** on December 13 in the John Murray Room.

Questions? please contact **Linda Benson** at lindabenson5@gmail.com, or **Carol Haag** at revcarolh@verizon.net, or **Rev. Chris Reed** at reed@uuprinceton.com.

Writing Circle

Do you love to write? Have a book or story clamoring to get out?

A UUCP "Writing Circle" will be offered for unpublished adults who would like support in starting or maintaining a regular practice of writing, whether fiction, essays, or memoir. The group will meet twice a month on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 9:00 pm starting January 5, 2010 and continuing through May 17. Most of the session will be spent actually putting pen to paper! Sharing encouraged but not required; the Circle is a non-critique environment not intended as coaching/editing for published writers or those working toward publication.

Registration is limited to 12 participants. Materials: large three-ring binder or blank book and writing implement. Sign up by sending e-mail to events@uuprinceton.org or Sundays in Robinson Lounge at the Adult Programs table. For more information, contact Teresa Stevens at 609-538-0250 or stevensteresa@comcast.net.

Calling all Shower Soloists and Car Crooners...

Lift Up Your Voice and Sing!

In virtually all cultures, singing is associated with spirituality and used in ritual. It also prevents colds, boosts your IQ and helps you lose weight! Not really – but it's

loads of fun! Who can walk away from a bout of singing and not feel refreshed? If you love to sing and would like to do more of it, a group of UUCP members are interested in forming a "Singing Meditation" group solely to reap the benefits of more singing!

The group would sing all kinds of music, from chanting to popular songs, in harmony or in unison, with or without accompaniment. Guest conductors or vocalists might share different techniques and musical styles with us. Previous experience, sight-reading ability or Choir membership would not be required, and the group won't ever prevent your participation in Choir (more singing, not less!)

Are you up for more singing in your life? Call in or email your feedback to organizer Teresa Stevens at 609-538-0250 or stevensteresa@comcast.net. Or send email to the Program Committee (Alice Harper, Chair at aharper67@comcast.net.) Additional information and sign-up sheet is also available Sunday at the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge.

Women's and Men's Spirituality Circles

These two new circles are open to 10 women and 10 men who meet either once or twice a month to share their spiritual journeys. Spirituality circles have the same framework as a covenant circle, with an opening reading and chalice lighting and check-in. There is a focus on spiritual practice that develops from the interest of the participants. The main focus of the session comes from the topics and questions that invite reflection on personal growth, our connections with others, and the stories of our spiritual journeys.

The groups are led by all participants, who share leadership after a 2 session orientation. When we have 10 registrants for the men's circle and 10 for the women's circle, we will meet on a Sunday morning to schedule regular meetings.

If you are interested in joining the Women's or Men's Spirituality Circles, please fill out a Small Group Ministry Registration Form at the Adult Programs table on Sunday morning, or call or e-mail **Shelle Sumners** (sumners@uuprinceton.org, 609-924-1604, ext. 14). For more information, e-mail **Rev. Chris Reed** at reed@uuprinceton.org

Non Violent Communication

Sunday, January 17

1:00—3:00 p.m. in the John Murray Room

JOIN US FOR A TASTE OF NVC with facilitator Eliane Geren, Certified Trainer with the Center for

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Nonviolent Communication.

If there are times when you are frustrated with the way we humans communicate and you are wishing there were a more effective way to listen and to be really heard, please consider our introduction to Nonviolent Communication on January 17th. We will be learning how both of these issues, and others, can be addressed using the NVC process.

The NVC process is based on the use of easy-to-learn tools which move us beyond judgment, criticism, and fear. NVC enables people to identify their own needs and the needs of others in ways that inspire compassionate responses. The process is built on two basic premises:

- Underlying all human actions are needs that people are seeking to meet.
- By understanding and acknowledging these underlying needs, we can connect with each other and create a shared foundation for living or working together harmoniously. Sign up by sending e-mail to events@uuprinceton.org or Sundays in Robinson Lounge at the Adult Program table.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Scriptures Circle

**2nd and 4th Thursdays. December 10 only
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**. You can join at any time. 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.

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.

Young Adult Circle

Ages 20-35(ish)

Sunday, December 6

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 circle 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. You can sign up in the lounge or by contacting **Valentine Ortiz-Meyer** at datura1207@aol.com

Aging and Saging

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month

Wednesday, December 9 only

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

Always open to new participants

Led by Rev. Chris Reed and participants

An ongoing 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 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 one another.

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

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

CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans)

December 4

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.

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Great Books Reading Circle

**Sunday, December 13 at 1:00 p.m.
in Room 7**

March by Geraldine Brooks. Brooks explores the devastation and moral complexities of the Civil War era through the lens of her imagined tale of Mr. March, the father of Meg, Amy, Beth and Jo of Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*. Join us for shared reflections and cookies.

(For more info: contact **Karen Siracusa** at kn.siracusa@att.net or 609-649-8260)

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](mailto: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 <http://groups.google.com/group/uucpsingles>

A Course in Miracles

Sundays 11:15 a.m. in the John Murray Room

For the month of December A Course in Miracles will be continuing to study the Workbook for Students. The general topic for the month seems very appropriate for the Holiday Season. The theme is "I share God's Will for my happiness." Essentially the concept is that there is no "sin, i.e., separation, and since God is unconditional love there can only be happiness for you. So Happy Holidays!

Please note the change in room. We will be meeting in the John Murray room from 11:15 till 12:30. Please come on time as we need to leave promptly because others use the room right after us.

One further note we will not be meeting on December 20, the Sunday of the hanging of the greens. Please note: there will be no meeting on Dec 20. ~Hil Anderson

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



Interested in Adult Programs or working at the UUCP Bookstore?

For more information about any of the classes described on pages 6-9, visit the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge or contact **Alice Harper** ([aharper67 @ comcast.net](mailto:aharper67@comcast.net), 609-737-3046)

Community Building

Women's Alliance

WINTER PROGRAMS

The Women's Alliance welcomes ALL to its monthly 3rd Thursday lunches and programs. Gathering at 11:45 – pot-luck lunch at Noon - program at 1pm. Please bring a sandwich to share; soup, drinks and desserts are provided.

December 17 – Annual Holiday party with music to listen to and carols to sing will be provided by Marjorie Herman and friends.

January 21 – All you have ever wanted to know about Morven, the historic building that has served as the New Jersey Governor's mansion, among many other things. Carol Gould will tell all about Morven, the basis of it, its history and its charm. ~Carol Haag

UU Connections

Congregational Poll will Select New UUA Study/Action Issue

In early January, we will have an opportunity to do a Congregational Poll to pick the 2010-2014 UUA Study/Action Issue. In the poll, you can vote for five proposed issues. There are only six proposals, so the poll is not exactly a riveting experience. The more exciting aspect

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occurs at General Assembly when the delegates pick the final Study/Action Issue out of the three highest from the Congregational Poll. The proposed topics are: Ending Slavery; Energy, Peace, and Justice; Immigration as a Moral Issue; National Economic Reform: A Moral Imperative; Nuclear Disarmament; Revitalizing American Democracy. Summaries of the contents of these important proposals will be in the January Skylights.

We will also have an opportunity to review the language on the proposed 2010 UUA Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking. To read more about the process, go to www.uua.org and link to Social Action. ~Carol Allen, UU Connections

Social Action

"TOO IMPORTANT TO FAIL; ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR ALL" is the theme of New Jersey Anti-Poverty Network's 10th annual conference to be held Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at the War Memorial in Trenton. This conference brings together organizing groups and fact finders to discuss the important causes and conditions of poverty in New Jersey. It is the gathering where people doing UU social action and UU Legislative Ministry can come together to share concerns, information, and strategies. For more information, go to www.antipovertynetwork.org. Workshop information will be available later this month. Save the date!

~Carol Allen

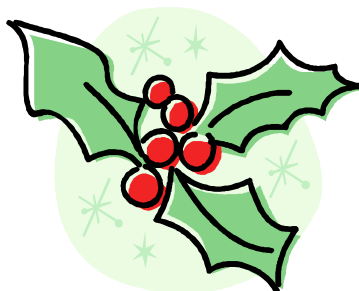
CHRISTMAS PEACE GATHERING "Fulfilling the Promise of Peace" and the music of David Brahinsky are the themes of the annual holiday gathering of the Coalition for Peace Action on Tuesday, December 15. There will be a vigil on Nuclear Disarmament and Bringing Home Troops at 5:00 pm followed by a potluck supper at 6:00 pm at Nassau Presbyterian with the David Brahinsky concert at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to each part of the gathering. For more information, go to www.peacecoalition.org. ~Carol Allen

Announcing "Ribbons of Happiness & Joy 2009"

The RE Council and UUCP Social Justice invite you to make a difference in the life of a child at this important time of year. We will make it easy; just follow a few simple steps:

1. Pick - a ribbon from the "Gift Tree" starting on Nov. 22 till Dec. 6 with the child's gender and age. Gifts will be in these age ranges: age 0-3, 4-6, 7-10 11-13, and 14-17.
2. Shop - between Nov. 23 and Dec. 12. Gift cards to easily accessed stores (eg, Target) are particularly appreciated by older children and teens.
3. Drop - your unwrapped gift in the box in the church foyer, with your ribbon (or note) taped to it between Sunday, Nov. 29 and Dec. 13. Gift bags are ok.

We'll deliver all gifts to Mercer County families in Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS). Some ribbons will also be for children of our sponsored Habitat For Humanity families and they will include gift suggestions. Contact **Geri Luongo**, organizer of the gift tree this year, if you have any questions at mgmidge@aol.com



Social Justice

What talent or gift could you share at our Fellowship Auction?

The Fellowship Auction Committee is feverishly gathering donations of talents, services and hand-crafted items (edible and non). Would you like to design a "Gift Basket" to be part of the Tricky Tray raffle? We are particularly seeking family-oriented donations, since we want this to be a major inter-generational event at UUCP. We will be making calls and also asking for sign-ups on Sundays, so please be ready to say "YES". What talent or service could you share? **To offer a donation, please contact Ruth Tomlinson at rtomlinsn@verizon.net or (609)882-7991.**

FELLOWSHIP AUCTION Save the Date!— Saturday, January 23, 5:30 – 8:30 PM

UUCP's Fellowship Auction is a fun, intergenerational, community-building event, where we offer to share our services and talents with each other in a silent bidding-based process. **All proceeds go to charity.** So, it's a great cause and a fun way to get to know one another! During the evening we'll have snacks, music and, of course, FELLOWSHIP. There is also a fun program for kids including games and prizes.

Past offerings have included a week at a vacation home, computer help, hikes and guided tours to area attractions, gardening and household help, brunches, dinner parties, tutoring, many excellent goodies (like chilies, breads, smoked turkey, pies and other sweets), car services, and outstanding art work.

Back by popular demand will be the "Tricky Tray" opportunity to bid on gift baskets on display at the Auction – for adults and kids.

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Committee On Ministry

Experiencing Conflict? The Committee on Ministry May Help.

Conflict resolution is one of the major functions of the Committee on Ministry. Conflict is natural in any community, and members and friends of UUCP enter into a Relational Covenant that states (among other things): "We address our disagreements directly and openly and see conflict through to an authentic resolution." If you are experiencing any form of conflict (with another congregant, committee, staff member, or minister), please let us know! We have formal policies in place that guide the resolution process (we hope to have these online soon), and we can provide a supportive ear, an independent perspective, and advice on how to seek resolution. Feel free to consult with any member of the Committee on Ministry: **Steve Lang, Karen Siracusa, Monica Sluyter Jurkowich, Aaron Torrance, Anil Warrier, Lynn Whitney, Rev. Meg Barnhouse, or Rev. Chris Reed.**



Would you like to SPONSOR an Organization to apply for a 2010 Social Outreach Grant?

Each year, we donate proceeds from our Spring Fair and Fellowship Auction as Social Outreach Grants to various non-profit organizations in greater Mercer County. In 2009, we provided over \$20,000 in grants to 18 local charities.

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

If you wish to sponsor a local charity, a Sponsorship Form and Outreach Grant Application can be downloaded from our web site, www.uuprinceton.org (Get Involved/Social Justice). Questions? Contact Amanda Gillum (609-737-9163). **Note:** 2010 Grant Application deadline is **Monday, January 11, 2009.**

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UUCP holds two major events to benefit our Social Justice Ministries. In recent years, the Fellowship Auction and Spring Fair have raised over \$20,000 for our Outreach activities. The area charities we supported in 2009:

Crisis Ministry of Princeton & Trenton; YMCA of Trenton; Meals on Wheels; Trenton Area Soup Kitchen; Enable; Isles; Womanspace; Hospital Chaplaincy; Planned Parenthood; Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed; HiTOPS; NAMI; Coalition for Peace Action; Hyacinth Foundation; Princeton HUB; Your ReSource; People & Stories.

RSVP beginning January 3rd
Suggested Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children & youth

Remember, the Fellowship Auction is for a great cause - and great fun!

The charities need our help now, more than ever before.

Fellowship Auction Committee: **Laurie Powsner, Amanda Gillum, Ruth Tomlinson, Helen Szathmary and Marty Veintraub**



Search Committee

Retreat Kicks Off Work of Ministerial Search Committee

The newly elected UUCP Ministerial Search Committee began its work with a retreat at Murray Grove with Rev. Craig Hirshberg, our UUA Ministerial Search Representative. We spent time getting to know one another better, as well as beginning our planning for the coming search.

The search process is guided by the February 2009 Settlement Handbook for Ministers and Congregations from the UUA Ministerial Transitions Office. It is a total congregational effort, and one of the Search Committee's primary goals is to keep the congregation informed and involved. We will report on our activities and progress each month in Skylights, as well as through the listserv, email, and information on the bulletin boards. We will also offer opportunities for discussion, input, and feedback throughout the search process. There will be times when our work must remain confidential; however, we will always keep the congregation informed of the process in which we are engaged.

Although we will work as a team, we have divided the overall responsibility for parts of the process to individual committee members:

- Kathy Lehmann will chair the committee.
- Susan will oversee the completion of the Congregational Record, which will give prospective ministers a view of UUCP, and she will later help to vet interested ministers.
- Sharon and Pete will work on compiling and distributing the packet of information about UUCP to interested ministers.
- Carl will oversee arrangements for the visits of prospective ministers.
- Diana will coordinate the survey and cottage meetings that will involve members of the congregation.
- Pete will be the treasurer and provide IT support.
- Linda will be the secretary.

Please contact us with any questions and concerns at any time:

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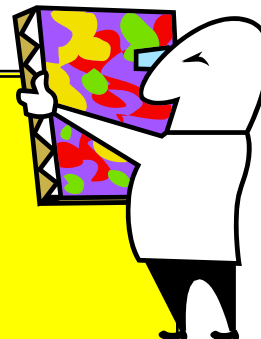
NEW YEARS ART EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION

Our annual Art Exhibit will open on January 1, 2010. All members of the congregation are invited to contribute arts & crafts, such as paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, ceramics etcetera. Please submit one or two works. All work must be suitably matted and framed for exhibition. Please write the title, medium and price on the back of your work.

Please bring your work to the Founders Room between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 27.

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

For information or other arrangements, call **Ted or Elizabeth Peck** at 609-452-2670



Grace Notes

'uu4ia' will sing for December 13 services

uu4ia (pronounced *Euphoria*) is a women's singing quartet, whose mission is to support the Principles and Purposes of Unitarian Universalism through song. Their music is shared as a form of service to bring healing, joy and peace to audiences throughout the District. Founded in 2008, they are known for their tight harmonies and unique interpretation of melodies. *uu4ia* has performed at Metro NY District events, numerous fund raisers, memorial services, coffee houses and most recently Murray Grove's "Homecoming". Additionally they've most recently have begun to perform at social outreach events on college campuses. *uu4ia*'s home congregation is the UU Church at Washington Crossing, Titusville, NJ.



Adult Choir Keeps Door Open

Beginning in January, we will be accepting new members into our Adult Choir. We meet Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm til 9:00pm, and we sing for the second service roughly every other Sunday. Anyone interested in participating is welcome, and invited to come and give it a try, or contact Marjorie for more information at marjmuse@optonline.net.



Our *Sunday Serenades* concert November 8 with the **Bravura Philharmonic Chamber Players** was a huge success. It was a balmy fall afternoon, and the appreciative audience was enthralled by these expert players. UUCP member Melissa Bohl played oboe and was joined by five outstanding players for this performance. Music Ministry participants, led by Marty Veintraub, put on a lovely spread of desserts and beverages, served at intermission.

Next up: Our **Valentine's Day Concert**, Sunday, February 14, 2010 at 3:00pm. Artists TBA. Come and allow the music to transport you, and support your music ministry!

Tickets (\$15 each, or 5 for \$50*) will go on sale again at the end of January.

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Here's the complete lineup for the rest of the 2009-2010 *Sunday Serenades* season:

- Sunday, February 14 at 3:00 p.m. A St. Valentines Serenade, Artists TBA
- Sunday, March 14 at 3:00 p.m. Mountain View, stomping to blue grass and Country with John Wells and friends
- Sunday, April 11 at 3:00 p.m. Music Ministry Spring concert: **Carmina Burana** by Carl Orff highlights the program

Through this concert series, we're hoping to raise funds to support the hiring of professional musicians for Sunday services and other projects. Kindly support us and be entertained at the same time!

* One for each of the five concerts, or use some or all of them for the same concert. ~Marjorie Herman

December Hymn of the Month

This month our chosen hymn is #275, "Joyful is the Dark." In keeping with the many sacred traditions that honor the transformation that can occur by embracing the darkness, we'll sing this beautiful hymn that speaks of "rolling cloud of night beyond all naming," and "waiting for the wonder of the morning." Brian Wren is a contemporary hymn writer who was born and educated in England. An ordained minister in the United Reformed Church, he now devotes his time primarily to hymn writing. His hymns are represented in Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Methodist hymns as well as our own. The melody is by Carlton R. Young, the editor of the last two United Methodist Hymnals. Young is a teacher, composer, conductor, and professor of church music. Born in Hamilton Ohio, he now makes his home in Nashville, Tennessee.

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).

Jeff and Leslie Bock welcomed their new baby **Jake Parker** into their family on October 16th. Jake was born 5 weeks before expected at 4 lb. 3 oz. but is thriving, gaining weight, and bringing happiness and joy. Congratulations, Jeff and Leslie; welcome, Jake!

We hold in our hearts Fran Bakewell, **Susan Sach's** mother and for Susan and Jonathan as they care for her. Fran is recovering from a 6 1/2 hour operation to remove a malignant tumor from her pancreas. Susan and Jon feel very fortunate that the tumor was very small, (found incidentally), and was completely removed.

Sara Oderwald's mother, Betty MacQueen, recently underwent successful lung cancer surgery. Sara also became, for the second time, a great aunt, to new baby Donald Edward MacQueen IV (her father being the first of the line) born on October 20 to her nephew and his wife. They live in Princeton Junction so she gets to see them from time to time. Donald joins sister Elizabeth, age 14 months and running everywhere!

Joan Waite at Nassau Presbyterian church - This year's benefit on November 1, for the Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton, was well

attended, and was a treat for both the eye and the ear. Joan is a masterful performer who delivered this commanding repertoire with her usual poise and beauty. Her voice has become even richer as a result of working with voice teacher and coach Patricia Bartlett. The four sets of pieces were *Songs from Europe, Songs from the Far East and Middle East, Songs from Africa, and Songs from South and North America and the Caribbean*. Much of the repertoire is contained in her second CD: "Travel the World in Song." Ask Joan how to acquire your copy.

Doreen Spitzer is turning 95 on December 5th! Birthday greetings are welcome at her home: 659 Lake Drive in Princeton and to her daughter Lute.

Belated Happy Birthday to **Adra Fairman** - she turned 97 on November 26.

Carol Haag's brother Peter died of pancreatic cancer on October 26 after a year and a half of seeking alternative treatments and therapies. It is sad for his family, but he is released from intensive pain.



The UUCP Relational Covenant


Our covenant affirms a commitment to build loving, healthy and trusting relationships within our congregation. We make these promises in order to love better, relate more compassionately and feel the power of our human connections.

Our Promises:

- ◆ We warmly welcome all.
- ◆ We speak with honesty, respect and compassion.
- ◆ We listen attentively.
- ◆ We express gratitude for the service of others.
- ◆ We honor and support one another in our spiritual journeys and in times of joy, need and struggle.
- ◆ We embrace our diversity and the opportunity to share our different perspectives.
- ◆ We address our disagreements directly and openly and see conflict through to an authentic resolution.
- ◆ We serve our spiritual community with generosity and joy.
- ◆ We strive to keep these promises, but when we fall short, we forgive ourselves and others and begin again in love.

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

DECEMBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<p>DEC 6—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 HOLLY MART—Robinson Lounge 10:35a-11:30a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Room 2 11:00a-12:30p Morning Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-1:00p Forum-New Parent Orientation—Murray 11:00a-12:30p Morning Youth Group—Room 15 11:55a-1:00p A Course in Miracles—Murray 12:30p-2:00p Young Adults—Murray Room 12:30p-2:00p Master Planning Committee Preliminary Focus Group Meeting—Fahs 2:00p-3:30p OWL Parent Meeting—Fahs Theatre 5:00p-8:00p Evening Youth Group—Room 15</p>	<p>DEC 7 7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders</p>	<p>DEC 8</p>	<p>DEC 9 10:30-Noon Aging & Saging (2nd Wed)—Murray 1:00p-3:00p OFFICE STAFF MEETING—Office closed from 1-3pm 7:00p-9:30p Adult Program Committee (2nd Wed)—Founders 7:00p-9:00p e2 Covenant Circle (2nd Wed) - Murray 7:30p-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>DEC 10 7:00p-8:30p Scriptures Circle—Founders</p>	<p>DEC 11 Hanukkah begins at sundown</p>	<p>DEC 12 8:30a-1:00p Pastoral Associates Meeting & Training—Murray Room 8:30a-3:00p Trenton-Habitat Work Day (2nd Sat) 10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Founders Room 10:30a-1:30p Board of Trustees Meeting—Murray & Room 15 Noon-2:00p Holly Mart cookie collection & plate assembly—Founders 4:00p-8:00p ALL CONGREGATION HOLIDAY PARTY</p>
<p>DEC 13—TWO Services—9:15 & 11:15 10:20a-11:00a Nominating Committee—Room 7 10:20a-11:10a Forum-Telling Our Stories-Ted Fetter—Murray Room 10:35a-11:30a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Room 2 11:00a-12:30p Morning Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-1:00p A Course in Miracles—Murray 11:30a-noon Bell Choir Christmas Party—Channing, Robinson 12:30p-1:30p Youth Group Social Action meeting—Room 15 12:30p-1:30p UUCP Multicultural Affinity Group—Murray Room 12:45p-3:45p Great Books Circle—Room 7</p>	<p>DEC 14 7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders 5:00p <i>Skylights</i> JAN 2009 ISSUE DEADLINE skylights@uuprinceton.org</p>	<p>DEC 15 7:00p-9:00p Committee on Ministry (3rd Tue) - Murray Room</p>	<p>DEC 16 7:00p-8:00p Music Committee—Robinson Lounge 7:30p-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall 7:15p-9:00p Membership Committee (3rd Wed)—Murray</p>	<p>DEC 17 11:45a-2:00p Women's Alliance Luncheon Meeting—Robinson, Founders, Channing 7:00p-8:30p Circle Leaders' Meeting—Murray 7:30p-9:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Channing</p>	<p>DEC 18 10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>	<p>DEC 19 10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>
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<p>DEC 27—ONE Service—10:00 10:35a-11:30a Kids' Chorale Rehearsal—Room 2 11:00a-12:30p Morning Youth Group—Room 15 11:15a-1:00p A Course in Miracles—Murray 11:15a-1:00p A Course in Miracles—Room 8</p>	<p>DEC 28 OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK 7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders</p>	<p>DEC 29 OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK</p>	<p>DEC 30 OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK 7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>	<p>DEC 31 OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK</p>	<p>JAN 1 OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS 7:00p CUUPS Full Moon Circle—Room 11 1:00p-6:00p ART SHOW—Founders, Fahs</p>	<p>JAN 2 10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>

Ministers' Schedules



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

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

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

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

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