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## Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

**February 7, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**

### *A Spiritual Stretch*

The first of the seven UU Principles speaks of "the inherent worth and dignity of every person." This Principle constrains us to look for the good in one another, and to work toward justice for everyone. Does it mean we need to try to love everyone? Does it mean we have to accept everyone? Does it mean we have to approve of everyone's life choices? Does it mean we have to nod and agree with whatever ideas our neighbors express? What does this Principle ask of us?

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

Music: **Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

**February 14, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**

### *What's So Funny About Peace, Love and Understanding?*

The Elvis Costello song rocks, and the question is a good one. The second of the UU Principles asks us to promote justice, equity and compassion in the world. That doesn't sound really hard, and we can nod our heads placidly as we read that one. But wait, there's more. What if we were to add "starting in our homes and congregations" to the end of each Principle? If I think about my home, especially when I was raising my sons, it comes into sharp focus that sometimes justice and compassion seem mutually exclusive. It sure is easier to just nod and smile at these Principles than to try to live them out.

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

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

**February 21, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**

### *Seeing Each Other, Building Community*

Recognition is a critical aspect of building community. We must be able to see one another if we are to be in respectful relationships. Recognition is active and requires us to address our blindness.

Melissa Harris-Lacewell is Associate Professor of Politics and African American Studies at Princeton University. Her academic research is inspired by a desire to investigate the challenges facing contemporary black Americans and to better understand the multiple, creative ways that African Americans respond to these challenges. She is also an award winning author and appears regularly on MSNBC and other media venues. She regularly provides expert commentary on U.S. elections, racial issues, religious questions and gender concerns for both *The Rachel Maddow Show* and *Countdown with Keith Olbermann*. Her writings have appeared in newspapers throughout the country and she is a regular contributor at TheNation.com.

Guest Worship Leader: **Melissa Harris-Lacewell** Worship Associate: **Ron Campbell**

Music: **Madeline Hesse—flute, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

**February 28, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**

### *Take a Little Piece of the Wisdom Tree*

The third of our seven UU Principles talks about accepting one another and encouraging one another to grow spiritually. What does "growing spiritually" mean? How is that growth encouraged? How are acceptance of one another and spiritual growth related? Do we need to come to worship together in order to grow spiritually? Can we do it by reading and watching the History Channel?

Worship Leader: **Rev. Meg Barnhouse** Worship Associate: **Ted Fetter**

Music: **Adult Choir, Bell Choir, Kids' Chorale, Beth Ertz, Marjorie Herman**

## Reflection Reverend Meg Barnhouse

Come on! We are going on a spiritual journey together. A spiritual journey is one where you are moving toward love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. At its best, it is a journey of character and soul. This congregation is the ship in which we sail. We are on the ship together, because very few people can make such a journey solo. We need one another for comfort, memory, music, challenge, shared joy and shared silence, for conversation, teaching, and fun.

This ship must be provisioned for the journey. The seams and the seals need to be tight and the sails need to be tough. We need enough food and water for everyone and some to spare, and money for what's needed along the way. We need skilled hands at the wheel and a crew who work together.

When a congregation is in the season where it asks for money, some people with limited understanding say "Oh, they're asking for money again." My friends, if I may speak frankly to you, I need to remind you that there is no "they" in a congregation. At the risk of sounding un-grammatical, "They" is "you." You are the congregation, and you are asking one another for money. Money is magic, in that it can turn into almost anything. Money can turn into food and warmth, money can turn into books and music, money can turn into good preaching and skilled leadership, money can turn into a center in Trenton

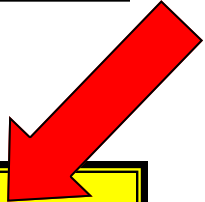
where teens can go to have fun and study and get away from the street for an hour or two. You are asking for that magic from one another. Some years this congregation trains a few people to ask one another and everyone else for their fair share. This year, as a reminder that "they" is "you," we are modeling the interdependent web of our seventh UU Principle. Each one of us will be asked to approach a few others to gather this magic for our congregation's journey. No one is comfortable asking, so it is fair that we all share that task. It is good for us to step up and ask, and it is good for us to step up and give.

It's time to provision the ship. You are going to be asked what you can bring for the journey. Some can bring a couple of barrels of water, some can bring food. A few have the financial power to be the very wind in the sails.

Mark Twain wrote:

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Come on! Let's make a congregation where we, our children, and friends we don't yet know can explore, dream, and discover.



### UU Congregation of Princeton Special Congregational Meeting

When: Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 1:00 PM

(to follow the Stewardship Brunch hosted by the Board of Trustees)

Where: Channing Hall at UUCP

Topic: **Congregational Discussion and Vote on the Structure of our Professional Ministry**



#### The Mission Covenant of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton

*We come together in a free and open search for meaning within the mysteries of life.*

*We draw inspiration from the wisdom of the ages, guided by reason, intuition, and experience.*

*Transformed through our shared explorations, we are compelled to build a better World in harmony with all existence.*

*We commit to love, respect, and nurture each other in our lifelong spiritual journeys.*

*We pledge our hearts and hands, our minds and means to this sacred bond.*

## Reflection Reverend Chris Reed

After a conversation that I had with some congregants about Valentine's Day and a celebration of love, I thought of three experiences that I had this past month that were in their very different ways, celebrations of love.

I am so grateful for so many things surrounding my father's death on Christmas day. I am grateful that I was able to be with him and my mother and siblings in the ICU the week before he died, and that he was able to make the decision to not increase life-support himself, and that we could all tell him that we loved him and we were taking care of each other. I am grateful that two of his three surviving siblings (he was from a family of nine) were with us for the funeral and a time of telling stories, singing together, laughing, crying and healing. And I am grateful that my father, mother, my siblings and I had the last 15 years to grow into ever greater peace and love as a family.

Another experience of celebrating love for me, was standing outside in the cold and wind, as I joined two thousand others participating in the demonstration on behalf of the marriage equality bill at the statehouse last month. This was a bill that would honor and respect loving and committed relationships for all couples who decide to take that step, regardless of sexual orientation. In the statehouse I sat with three other UU ministers and with three other congregants from UUCP (I saw at least 11 of us there), and we watched and listened, as many senators spoke with incredible

eloquence on behalf of love, compassion, fairness, civil rights history, and nondiscrimination both legally and ethically. Although the bill was defeated, the effort to change the "equal and yet different" law and its implementation goes on, and the power of those speeches will stay with me for a very long time.

And a different kind of love or care was celebrated in our January staff meeting. Marge Smith directed us for ninety minutes in exercises of team building, in which we built trust, greater understanding of each other, greater appreciation for each other, and greater caring. When I was becoming a minister and took an intensive pastoral care course at Robert Wood Johnson, serving as chaplain there for a summer, my supervisor asked the ten of us what does the word "care" mean, when we say "pastoral care". We came up with everything under the sun. He finally said, "it means love". When we care about each other we participate in being loving, we participate in offering each other that which is redemptive, or healing, or transforming, or fulfilling. We are bringing these same team building exercises to our Program Council, as they might bring them to our many committees. We offer each other love.

The Adult Programs Committee is offering several new programs and I want to highlight a few. Please see the Adult Programs pages for details about these and all our programs.

- Thanks to all who have participated in the wonderful **Telling Our Stories** program that has allowed us to celebrate each other as we share the wonderful, sometimes funny, sometimes painful and sometimes inspiring details of our lives.
- A **Newcomers' Circle** starts this month on the first and third Wednesday evening of the month at 7pm in Fahs. The 6 sessions offer the opportunity to become better acquainted with each other, with the UU faith and with this congregation.
- An open affinity group, the **Women's Spirituality Circle**, starts this month on Sunday evening February 28<sup>th</sup>. We do not yet have enough men signed up for a Men's Spirituality Circle, but if you are interested please sign up and it will get started.
- And finally, we are again offering the **Jesus Seminar** presentation and workshop this March. This powerful program helps sort out the historical material from the later church traditions and doctrines that often disguise the original teachings and historical situations of the first century. Even though it is difficult to put aside a Friday evening and several hours on a Saturday, people who participated last year, said that it was the best thing that they did all year.

Please see the Adult Programs pages in this issue of *Skylights* to see sign-up instructions, and the many people whom you can contact about any of the above or other programs.

~Rev. Chris Reed

# Religious Education for Children and Youth

## New RE Parent Orientation February 7

Parents who are new to our RE program are asked to participate in this orientation, where they will become acquainted with the goals and methods of our learning program. The meeting will be between services from 10:30 to 11:10 in the John Murray Room.

## RE Teachers Check-in Meeting February 14 [have to reconfirm date with Chris]

RE Teachers will meet in Fahs Theater after 9:15 and 11:15 Children's Worship. Class liaisons will teach, so teachers, please be getting in touch with your liaisons and providing them with that day's lesson materials. ~Shelle Sumners

## Children's Worship & Religious Education Schedule

### Sunday, February 7

#### Gratitude

9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

### Sunday, February 14

#### Chinese New Year

9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

### Sunday, February 21

#### Families

9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

### Sunday, February 28

#### Stewardship Sunday

9:15 and 11:15 Fahs Theatre

If you have any questions, call **Shelle Sumners** (609-924-1604, ext. 14)

[sumners@uuprinceton.org](mailto:sumners@uuprinceton.org)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### SAVE THE DATE

3/19-21

Leadership Development Conference  
UU Fellowship of Northern  
Westchester, Mt. Kisco NY

## FEBRUARY 2010 YOUTH

Just about every Sunday Morning	<b>Morning Youth Group in Room 15</b>	11:00a—12:30p
One Evening a Month	<b>Evening Youth Group in Fahs, Kitchen, Founders</b>	5:00-8:00p
2/7	<b>Youth Group</b>	11:00a—12:30p
2/7	<b>Evening Youth Group: Dinner + Worship</b>	5:00p—8:00p
2/14	<b>Youth Group</b>	11:00a—12:30p
2/20	<b>UUCP Auction (Youth Participation)</b>	5:30p-8:30p
2/19-21	<b>Youth Conference: CON Om Nom 1st Unitarian Society of Plainfield <a href="http://www.metroyac.org">www.metroyac.org</a></b>	Register Online!
2/28	<b>Youth Group</b>	11:00a—12:30p

Contact **Pia O'Loughlin** with questions!  
UUCP Youth Programs Coordinator  
YPC @ [uuprinceton.org](http://uuprinceton.org) org  
732.421.7008

## UUCP YOUTH GROUP HELPING OUT IN NEW ORLEANS

UUCP's Sr. High Youth Group has begun fundraising in earnest to travel to Hurricane Katrina-stricken New Orleans to help with the rebuilding of homes and churches in that hard hit community. Though the hurricane and subsequent levy ruptures happened over 4 1/2 years ago, the inequity of aid has left many areas flood-damaged and unaided, as if frozen in time.



Our Youth Group is partnering with GNOUU, Greater New Orleans Unitarian Universalists, to arrange food and housing for a week long service trip. GNOUU is a cluster of three UU churches in the greater New Orleans area that banded together after



Katrina and created The Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal Program. This program allows volunteers from across the country and beyond to stand in solidarity with the people of the Gulf Coast for a just and equitable recovery. They built dorm

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-style housing and shower facilities for volunteers in their own hurricane damaged buildings and began to coordinate a multitude of community volunteer opportunities from this site. Our volunteers will experience an orientation, which includes learning the history of Hurricane Katrina (many of our Youth were just 5th and 6th graders at the time), the geography of the city, and the current state of rebuilding in New Orleans. Also included is a dialogue on “New Orleans Now: Race, Culture and Rebuilding”, which facilitates a discussion of the inequalities in the region’s rebuilding and recovery process.

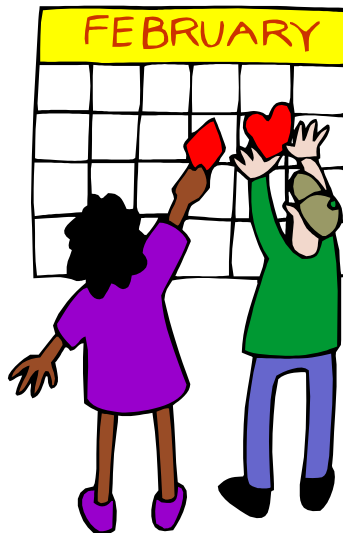
The Youth Group has had speakers from Summit UU and our own Rev. Carol Haag come and share their stories and photos of Summit’s service trip to New Orleans last year. This has served to spur our Youth on and become very creative with fund raising ideas. Already they have raised about \$1000.00 towards their trip, wrapping books at Borders and selling pies over the holidays, holding a collection during their holiday play, and soliciting donations from younger RE class brunches. They requested and received a very generous grant from the UUCP Social Justice Committee who voted to help fund up to \$5,000.00 towards the \$11,000.00 total cost of their trip. Youth and their families will cover the remaining costs themselves.

Our service trip will run from June 26th to July 3rd, 2010 and once all the Youth slots are filled, there may be additional slots available for adults to participate. The minimum age set by GNOUU is 14; although 14 and 15 year olds will require one to one chaperones. Each night, the Youth and adults can sign up for a variety of service projects for the coming day; from painting to demolition to yard work, office work or construction. They’ll get a broad experience in using their talents, hearts and minds in this long term recovery effort.

As one Youth group member said, “I love to do social action and we

always talk about things we could do, but I can’t believe we are actually going. This is gonna be great.” Though there are some Youth Group members that have schedule conflicts and can’t go, the spirit of each and every Youth Group member will be honored and represented as our UUCP contingent travels there this summer.

Thanks for supporting our Youth so far, and please continue to support them as they work on new and creative ways to fund the rest of their trip. If you are interested in further information please contact Pia O’Loughlin, Youth Programs Coordinator at 924-1604, (ext 18) or your favorite Youthie. ~Nancy Gardner



## BRING YOUR FAMILY TO THE ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP AUCTION

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

5:30–8:30 PM

Channing Hall, UUCP

Fun for Adults: Eat, drink, chat & bid; eat, drink, bid – Win!

Fun for Children: Movies, Crafts, Games, Food!

**All proceeds go to charity!  
Help make the world a better place!**

**Sign up on Sundays in Robinson Lounge or email [events@uuprinton.org](mailto:events@uuprinton.org)**

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

Suggested admission donation- \$5 adults, \$3 children and youth

For more information check out ‘Events’ at [www.uuprinceton.org](http://www.uuprinceton.org)

**The Fellowship Auction is for a great cause – and great fun!**

This is one of two main annual events that our congregation holds to raise funds for the many local charities that we help support. As an intergenerational event, we’ve scheduled for early evening and planned a great children’s program. So, parents, come enjoy a relaxing social time while your children are having a fun evening as well. Kids also love to bid on the Basket Raffles! NOTE: “Biscuit,” the **animated retriever**, is back by popular demand with the “Dog Lover’s” basket.

Remember, we can only raise the money these charities desperately need **IF YOU COME TO THE AUCTION!** Can’t come? Why not donate your admission and ask us to do some “proxy” bidding for you!

## 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.

**NEW**

### NEWCOMERS' CIRCLES Wednesday evenings

Feb 3 & 17 at 7:00—8:30 p.m. in

#### Fahs Theatre

This six 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 six meetings.

If you would like to join the next Newcomers' Circle starting in February, please sign up at the Welcome Circle in Robinson Hall on Sundays or contact **Rev. Chris Reed** at [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org) or 924-1604, ext 12 or [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org)

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.

Welcome New Member!  
**Abigail Allen**

### Signing the Membership Book Ceremony

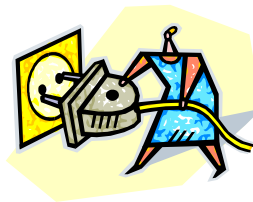
This ceremony of becoming a member is for those who have previously taken the Introduction to Membership Class or have been in a Newcomer Circle and want to become members. Please sign-up at the Welcome Circle or contact **Rev. Chris Reed** or **Rev. Meg Barnhouse** at 609-924-1604 to arrange a time. We will also have opportunities to sign the book in our worship services.

## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY—

### “Get Plugged In” Join a Covenant Circle

Covenant Circles create community, encourage spiritual growth, and invite authentic connection with one another. After a check in and short meditation, participants reflect on and share responses to questions that evoke our individual sacred stories.

- There is time for discussion, questions, and socializing for the last 20 to 30 minutes of each Circle. (The previous format did not give enough opportunity for this.)
- Each Circle is encouraged to get together socially a few times and/or work together on a social justice or service project.
- We grow new groups as needed, so that we hopefully turn no one away.
- Circles meet from year to year.



Please sign up at the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge or contact **Shelle Summers** at [summers@uuprinceton.org](mailto:summers@uuprinceton.org), 609-924-1604, ext. 14 or **Chris Reed** at [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org), 609-924-1604, ext. 12 if you are interested in joining a Covenant Circle.

## NEW PROGRAMS



### Women's Spirituality Circle Starts this month

**A planning meeting: Sunday February 28 at 6:00-7:30p.m. in Fahs Theatre.** We have enough women signed up to start our open women's spirituality group. Spirituality circles have the same framework as a

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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](mailto:aharper67@comcast.net))

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The **Jesus Seminar on the Road** will present *Peter, Paul and Mary – Three Early Christian Voices* - Friday evening, March 12 and Saturday, March 13 from 9am to 4pm. – Presentations by Westar Institute scholars Shelly Matthews, (Th. D., Harvard Divinity School) and Bernard Brandon Scott, (Ph. D., Vanderbilt University) will include lectures and workshops on:

- Mary Magdalene, the Woman Who Knew Too Much
  - Peter and Paul: Face off in Antioch
- Christian Origins: Historical and Ethical issues for the Church-

Those who were able to attend in 2008, know just how good it was. For those who found Meg’s sermon on Jesus of interest –here is an opportunity to learn more about the historical Jesus from highly respected scholars.. Those who find Karen Armstrong’s writing of interest might want to know that she is a member of the Jesus Seminar as are Elaine Pagels and Bart Erhman..

More information and pre-registration is available at the Adult Programs table in Robinson Lounge and at [events@westarinstitute.org](mailto:events@westarinstitute.org). Register before 2/26/2010 and receive a discount. Students with ID receive 50% discount. ~ Alice Harper

covenant circle, with an opening reading and chalice lighting and check-in. There is a focus on spiritual practice or topic 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 group will be led by all participants, who will share leadership after a few orientation sessions.

If you are interested in joining the Women’s or a Men’s Spirituality Circle, please fill out a Small Group Ministry Registration Form at the Adult Programs table on Sunday morning, or e-mail [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org). For more information, e-mail **Rev. Chris Reed** at [reed@uuprinceton.org](mailto:reed@uuprinceton.org)

## Telling Our Stories

**February 18, 1pm – Marjorie Herman**, UUCP Music Director, will be “Telling Her Story” at the Women’s Alliance. Prior to joining the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton staff, Marjorie lived a varied and fascinating life.

The series of videotaped interviews with some of our amazing senior members who have lived fascinating, engaged and committed lives continues. 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.

We have heard from **David Todd, Adra Fairman, Eva Foster, Ted Fetter, George Briggs** and **Barbara Pitcher** so far. Watch Happenings for timing of other “Stories.”

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

## Writing Circle

The Writing Circle is a non-intimidating, supportive group for unpublished adults who love to write. Plans are to meet twice a month – first and third Tuesday evenings – from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. The Circle will begin as soon as we have a “critical mass” of participants and continue through the spring. Materials: large notebook or blank book and writing implement.

Sign up by sending e-mail to [events@uuprinceton.org](mailto:events@uuprinceton.org) or Sundays in Robinson Lounge at the Adult Programs table. If you are even considering joining our Writing Circle – call or email Teresa Stevens now at 609-538-0250 or [stevensteresa@comcast.net](mailto:stevensteresa@comcast.net)!

P.S. If you are a published or working writer, have a book idea or a work in progress, and want a group that will give you critical reading and constructive feedback, call Teresa and let her know.

## 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 group solely to reap the benefits of more singing! Open to all kinds of music, from chanting to popular songs. Previous experience, sight-reading ability or Choir membership not required, and the group won’t ever prevent your participation in Choir (more singing, not less!)

To begin, there will be a “field trip” to observe the very successful Singing Meditation group at the Unitarian Church of **Washington Crossing on Monday Feb. 1**. Contact **Teresa Stevens** if you would like to come along.

Call or e-mail your feedback to organizer Teresa Stevens at 609-538-0250 or [stevensteresa@comcast.net](mailto:stevensteresa@comcast.net). Or send email to the Program Committee (Alice Harper, Chair at

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[aharper67@comcast.net](mailto:aharper67@comcast.net).) Additional information and sign-up sheet is also available Sundays at the Adult Program table in Robinson Lounge.

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### Scriptures Circle

**2nd and 4th Thursdays, February 11 & 25  
7:00-8:30 pm in the Founders Room**

We are currently reading the Joseph novella and will move to a “historical Jesus” reading of the synoptic gospels in March. 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](mailto: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, February 7, 12:30-2:00 pm 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](mailto:datura1207@aol.com)

### Aging and Saging

**2nd and 4th Wednesdays, February 10 & 24  
10:30 am—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 share our experiences, stories, feelings and information with each other.

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

### CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans)

**February 26**

**Friday near the Full Moon, 7:00-9:30 pm,  
Memorial Garden in fine weather, Classroom  
15 otherwise.**

All are welcome. The **Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans**, or **CUUPS** (pronounced *cups*), is an organization chartered by the UUA in 1987 to practice and share Earth-centered traditions within the larger denomination. We seek to build bridges between 21<sup>st</sup>-century pagans and those who embrace other religious traditions, while celebrating the “interdependent web of all existence” as recognized in the Seventh Principle of Unitarian Universalism.

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

Contact **Elissa Hoeger** (609) 683-4409,  
[hoeger@princeton.edu](mailto:hoeger@princeton.edu).

### Great Books Reading Circle

**Sunday, February 21, 1:00 pm in Room 7**

Come and discuss *The Painted Drum* by Louise Erdrich, a lyrical novel of intertwined multi-generational stories all linked together by a ceremonial Ojibwe drum. “*All of the voices that weave in and out of this narrative are, by turns, mournful and funny, rueful and proud, and always, even within the bleakest of circumstances, full of hope. If, for Erdrich, the reservation is the place of original sin, it is also the place of final redemption*”—Booklist.

Join us for shared reflections and cookies. For more info: contact **Karen Siracusa** at [kn.siracusa@att.net](mailto:kn.siracusa@att.net) or 609-649-8260

### Gentle Yoga Class

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

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

(Adult Programs continued from page 8)

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](mailto:uucpsingles@googlegroups.com)

Visit the group at

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

## A Course in Miracles

**Sundays 11:15 am—12:30 pm in the John Murray Room**

For the first three weeks in February we will be reviewing previous lessons. The review will include such topics as: God's will for me is perfect happiness. God's Peace and Joy are mine. Let me be still and listen to the truth. To give and receive are one in truth. I rest in God. Finally at the end of the month we will undertake a new lesson; Forgiveness is the key to happiness.

All are welcome to join us in the Murray room at 11:15 on Sunday. No experience is required. When the student is ready the teacher will appear.

~Hil Anderson

## 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)

The UUCP BOOKSTORE is open every Sunday between services.

Contact **Alice Harper**: [aharper67 @ comcast.net](mailto:aharper67@comcast.net) 609 737-3046



## Community Building

### WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

The Women's Alliance welcomes ALL to its monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday lunches and programs. Gather at 11:45, lunch at 12, program at 1pm. Come one, come all – bring a sandwich; soup, drinks and dessert provided.

**February 18 – Marjorie Herman**, UUCP Music Director, will be the next in the “Telling Our Stories” series. Prior to joining the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton staff, Marjorie lived a varied and fascinating life. ~Carol Haag

### MEN'S CLUB

After a hiatus in the fall, this monthly luncheon and discussion group is returning in 2010. Our first meeting of the year will be **February 9** at noon. If you have enjoyed this group in the past, we look forward to seeing you again. If you haven't attended before, now maybe the time to give it a try. A usual, a delicious meal can be expected from the culinary skills of Roger Hoff. In order to know in advance how many will be attending, please inform **Bob Flora** at 908-874-0789 or [robertf481@aol.com](mailto:robertf481@aol.com)



### It was a great party!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the New Years Day Party such a delightful experience. Special thanks to **Betty Reed** for supervising the hanging of the art exhibit, with assistance from **Ted and Elizabeth Peck, Carl Haag and Ray Nichols**. Special thanks to **Rice Lyons**, who coordinated the poetry readings, and to **Jordan Corn** for his fine performance as Master of Ceremonies. Thanks also to all the artists and poets who contributed their work. The art exhibit will remain on display through the month of January. ~Ted Peck

## COFFEE UPDATE AND SURVEY

2010 is already a month old, so, if you have not already done so, it is time to sign up for a turn helping with the after-service coffee. Coffee hours are a great Unitarian Universalist tradition. Our big urns of coffee are made each Sunday by our Custodian Jorge. Volunteers for the 9:15 service help put out cups, tea bags, sugar, milk, etc. Volunteers for the 11:15 service refresh the milk supply, put out some more

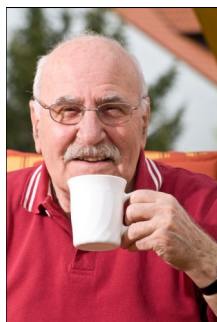
clean cups, and put things away after the second coffee hour.

Instructions are provided. Sign up in Robinson Lounge.

In order to determine the

whole congregation's preferences for after-service beverages, a survey will be made of preferences (Fair Trade coffee?, Green Tea?, semi-skim milk, natural sugar, honey, artificial sweeteners.....? your preferences.) Fill out the quick questionnaire in the lounge in February.

~Carol Allen, Ad-hoc Coffee Committee



## FACEBOOK EXPERT NEEDED

Second Time Around, our congregation thrift shop in Pennington, would like to advertise our fabulous, gently-used clothing for women, children and men as well as jewelry and many fine household items on FACEBOOK but we need someone with computer skills to set up a page for us. If this is your talent, call Pat M-F from 11 to 5 at 609-737-2828.

~Ann Nugent

## Social Justice

### Update from Habitat & East Trenton Center:

#### Habitat volunteering: more than just hammer and nails...

On Saturday, January 16, several UUCP congregants hosted members of the Board for Habitat for Humanity/Trenton Area, Rev. David McAlpin (President) and Sheldon Sturges (Secretary).

There is new energy and a bright future for Trenton Area Habitat, with several on-going and new initiatives where UUCP volunteers (and dollars) would make a real impact:

- Tutoring: A few of us are already working with students at the Learning Center.

Habitat is currently searching for a part-time (~15 hrs/wk) person to coordinate these efforts and match new students with interested tutors.

- Partner Relations: Seeking more volunteers to serve on the Partner Families Committee, to help identify, qualify, and mentor new families as they strive for first-time home ownership. There are also opportunities for helping with periodic coaching and educational programs.

- Re-Store: State funding is coming to set-up a new ~5,000 sf retail store for donated building supplies, home appliances and furnishing, and to hire an experienced retailer/merchant who will be responsible for set-up and operations. Volunteers are needed to renovate, stock shelves, log inventory, and sell. This is a great revenue source for Habitat and also helps area residents.

- East Trenton Center: Community-building activities for the partner families and other area residents, including tutoring (see above),

celebrations (e.g., Halloween party and Easter Egg Hunt), food bank, clothing distributions, etc. An upcoming project is a "Community Building" at 615 N. Clinton, which will be refurbished to provide various meeting rooms.

- House Construction: On-going efforts for refurbishing or building new properties, although less volunteer efforts are needed during winter. Currently, duplex at 617 N. Clinton is partially completed, but on hold awaiting ~\$90,000 in further donations to complete.

Perhaps a consortium of churches can come together do this?

Construction volunteers will gear up again in the spring.

TJ Cofield introduced himself as a seminary student who is focusing on how to increase the involvement of area congregations. Also discussed was a change in Habitat management. Exec. Director Steve Brame has recently resigned and the Board is seeking a successor. A 3-member team from the Board is currently serving the role. The Board is also interested in adding Board members from key supporting organizations, including UUCP. If anyone would like more information, to volunteer, or knows of candidates for the various job openings, please contact **Ray Nichols** (609-737-7442), **Amanda Gillum** 609-737-9163), or at Habitat, Liz Leonard (609-393-8009 x221).

## Social Action

"Claiming Our Joy, Spiritual Leadership for Social Change" on March 13, 2010, in Weston, Massachusetts, will be a UU Learning Congregation Series workshop. It will focus on the question "How can we tap the power of the Beloved Community as we work against systems of domination and oppression toward transformation of society?" It will be sponsored by the UU Massachusetts Bay District. For more information, contact Judy Murray, [mbd@mbduua.org](mailto:mbd@mbduua.org). ~Carol Allen

## Partner Church

*UUCP and the Unitarian Church in Feheregyhaza have had a rich relationship for over a decade. Our Partner Church Committee continues to support them by hosting brunches, by communications, and more. Other groups like the Women's Alliance and the Denominational Outreach have also helped our congregation there immeasurably.*

*This piece by PC member Bonnie Schoennagel is a first hand account of what she learned on her 2001 trip to Transylvania, condensed because of space limitations but available in full at our PC Brunches.*

The Magyar traditions started in the 9th C. when these horsemen warriors swept down across the Hungarian plains as far as present day Budapest. Even today, in the eastern part of Transylvania, the people speak an old dialect and practice their proud traditions of woodcarving and pottery.

For 1000 years until 1920, Transylvania was part of Hungary, serving as a buffer between the East and the West. Invaded by the Tartars and then the Turks, King Bella II of Hungary asked the German Saxons to come and build fortified towns, many still standing. One of the finest, Segesvar, is only 4 k. from Feheregyhaza.

Once the Turks were defeated at the gates of Vienna in 1683, Transylvania came under Habsburg rule which lasted until the end of WW I, remaining the last outpost of western civilization for the next 230 years.

The Hungarian uprising in 1867 was led by poet Petofi Sandor, who was killed in Feheregyhaza and has a monument in our village. Transylvania was given to Romania following WW I. In 1946, the Romanian monarchy was abolished

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## ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP AUCTION SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 5:30–8:30 PM Channing Hall, UUCP

Fun for Adults: Eat, drink, chat & bid; eat, drink, bid – **Win!**  
Fun for Children: Movies, Crafts, Games, Food!  
**Take-Home Items, including Phenomenal GIFT BASKET RAFFLE!**

**All proceeds go to charity! Help make the world a better place!**

**Sign up on Sundays in Robinson Lounge  
or email [events@uuprinton.org](mailto:events@uuprinton.org)**

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

Suggested admission donation: \$5 adults, \$3 children & youth

**See Booklet of great items & activities inside this Skylights**

The annual Fellowship Auction is a fun, intergenerational, community-building event, where we host dinners and activities, share our services, talents, handiworks, art pieces, and tasty goodies with each other through silent bidding. **See the list of offerings in the Auction Booklet insert.**

This is a great way to get to know each other better, both at the auction – and when you cash in on your winnings. During the evening we will have yummy finger foods, wine and beer, music and, of course, FELLOWSHIP!

Back by popular demand is the raffle of themed Gift Baskets. Buy raffle tickets in advance (on Sundays) or at the event. Winners take them home that evening.

And, to make it even better, ALL proceeds are given to local charity organizations as part of our social justice ministry. Some past recipients include: Coalition for Peace Action, Meals on Wheels, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed, Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Crisis Ministry of Princeton & Trenton, National Association for the Mentally Ill, Isles, Womanspace, HiTOPS and YWCA of Trenton.

But, we can only raise the money these charities desperately need **IF YOU COME TO THE AUCTION!** We've scheduled it for early evening, with a great children's program, so bring the whole family!

If you can't be there, donate your admission and ask us to do some "proxy" bidding for you!

For more information check out 'Events' at  
[www.uuprinceton.org](http://www.uuprinceton.org)

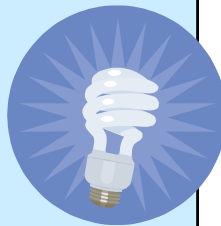
**Fellowship Auction is for a great cause – and great fun!**

**Area charities need our help now more than ever before.**

### A BIG THANK YOU TO THE LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Ray Nichols, Rick Smith, Polly Ramstad, Peter Gerster Bob VanSchaick, Bill Gillum, Carol Haag, Jeffrey Fadden, Thaine Shetter, Ellie Whitney, Peter Macholdt, Tom Prusa, David Harper, Amanda Gillum, Nancy Fiedler, Tim Trumbo, and Pat Ramirez

We greatly appreciate your dedication and hard work at replacing the bulbs throughout the building. We've noticed your light fixture cleaning efforts as well. The place shines! You're all wonderful!



## Stewardship

### I got plenty and then some....what do I do?

This title is a quote from a Susan Werner song about having plenty and "...going out to help somebody get plenty and then some too." I find it difficult to define what is meant by "plenty", and actually it is quite subjective. In her song, Susan refers to having supper on the table and a roof over her head as defining what it means to have "plenty". And yet many don't feel as if they ever have enough, regardless of their possessions or financial stability. Perhaps that is what Robert Latham meant by planning our future at UUCP from a sense of abundance rather than scarcity. As we approach the pledge drive, each of us will be asked to think about what UUCP means to us, how much represents a fair share of support for UUCP from our personal budgets, and ultimately, do we feel a sense of abundance or "plenty" that will allow us to give to our common cause at UUCP. We are including the fair share giving guide in our mailing where we request your pledge for 2010/11. The guide provides a clear mechanism for determining a fair share pledge based on income and expenses. But, this determination also calls upon each of us to think about how much we need for what and how much we have to give away. Help UUCP have plenty too for the programs we value.

~Nancy Fiedler and Tom Prusa, co-chairs

### The Rainbow Circle at Murray Grove: Gatherings, Celebrations, Workshops/Trainings and Support for the GLBT Community



happen monthly! All Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning

and Intersex folks and their allies and supporters are encouraged to come! The February Circle will be on Valentine's Day – February 14, 2010. And the next after that is March 28. Future dates will vary, but it's on a Sunday once each month, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm (free will donation), followed by dinner (\$5 per person suggested minimum donation). RSVP at 609-693-5558 or murraygrove@murraygrove.org

**Save the Dates:**  
**Drum and Dance Retreat August 13-15, 2010**  
**Homecoming 2010 September 24-26, 2010**



Please ask us about bartering opportunities in exchange for retreat costs.

For information and registration:  
Murray Grove Retreat and Conference Center  
PO Box 246, Lanoka Harbor, NJ  
08734 609-693-5558  
murraygrove@murraygrove.org  
www.murraygrove.org

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by the Russians, who went about taking the land's resources.

When Ceausescu gained control, the people suffered from an inept, corrupt, chaotic, and oppressive government. Food was scarce and rationed so Ceausescu could build his "House of the People" in Budapest, the 2nd largest building in the world, with over 1000 rooms and 64 reception rooms large enough to land a helicopter in.

Beyond the general devastation, the Transylvanian Hungarians faced even worse conditions. They could not speak their language, their schools were closed, and their church lands were confiscated. Further, there was a plan to plow under their towns and villages.

Germans and Jews were allowed to leave by paying large amounts (\$6000) in hard currency. Finally, a huge crowd defied the dictator on Dec. 21, 1989 and he was killed in the Romanian Revolution.

Those who then took over the government were former cronies of Ceausescu did temper the excesses, but full minority rights have not been incorporated into the constitution, nor are they practiced. In 1720, the Hungarian population was 37% , now it is less than 7%; Germans who made up 25% of the population and paid 60% of the taxes have left; and the Jews are gone.

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A future article will reveal how American and Canadian UUs became involved in Transylvania twenty years ago this year.

~Carl Haag



**Ministerial Search Committee**

**The Survey Is Coming! The Survey Is Coming!**

The UUCP Ministerial Search Committee is putting the final touches on the Congregational Survey—your first chance to join us in the ministerial search process. We can't stress enough how much we want all of you to help us find the best minister for our congregation.

Among its questions, the survey asks: Which aspects of UUCP have been most important to you? How well are we doing in various parts of congregational life? What you are looking for in a new minister? The results will help us tell UUCP's story to prospective ministerial applicants. The more people who complete the survey, and share in other information-gathering processes still ahead, the richer and more fully drawn our UUCP story will be.

We've kept the survey short. It should take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete, more if you spend some time considering and responding to the open-ended question at the end of the survey.

Those of you with an email address on file with the office will receive the survey as a link via email. When you click on the link to access the survey, you begin the confidential process of responding to the questions. We encourage all members of the household, including Youth Group members and computer-savvy younger kids, to participate.

There is an open-ended question at the end of the survey for you to write in any thoughts, ideas, and comments. Some of these may be shared anonymously with the ministerial candidates in addition to the aggregated data from the rest of the survey.

**We are asking for all surveys to be completed by February 28.** We hope that as many of you as possible complete the survey online. This will allow automatic tallying of the results and create a clear statistical analysis that we will share with you.

**Covenant Circle Brunch Celebrating Parents and Parents Count on February 7**

Parents Count is an anonymous, confidential support group designed to help parents prevent child abuse and neglect. The first group will be an Hispanic group and is scheduled to start in the Bronx on February 18, 2010.

In 2007 there were 2 million reports of child abuse and neglect. Intervention by child welfare agencies is too little and too late. Parents Count focuses on parents as the primary avenue for prevention and believes parents are the source of the creative changes that must take place for this situation to reverse itself. AA World Services granted permission to Parents Count to adapt its twelve step model.

Research has shown that social support, reciprocity, advocacy, empowerment and responsibility are all demonstrated mechanisms that effectively make significant changes in the lives of parents and therefore of their children.

**Joyce London Mohamoud**, a member of this congregation, introduced Parents Anonymous to New Jersey in 1976 with a budget of \$30,000. When she left Parents Anonymous in 1995, the annual budget was over \$600,000 and there were over two hundred volunteers. From 1980 to 1995, she represented parents around the country as president of Parents Anonymous, Inc., the National Office and then as a member of the U. S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect.



**SPRING SALE**

SAVE THE DATES –  
 MAY 2 (after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service) –  
 Thursday the May 6th – Bring in  
 your contributions  
 FRIDAY 6pm -- SUPPER AND SET-UP  
 – all ages  
 SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010  
 9am – DOORS OPEN

The Annual Spring Sale is the companion piece to the Fellowship Auction. Through these two events this congregation raises significant funds as our institutional contributions to local social justice agencies and to Unitarian Universalist denominational organizations, such as seminaries and retreat centers. 2010 will be the 51<sup>st</sup> Sale. We will keep the emphasis on GOING GREEN and RE-USING

Many people who have chaired various booths in the past have agreed to do so again. The following parts of the Spring Sale are in need of leadership teams:  
**Midway** – activities for children, supporting our goal to be age inclusive  
**Outdoor food** – barbecue grillers' delight  
**Sports equipment** – a super place for reusing items

~Carol Haag

If you cannot complete the survey online, contact **Diana Gray (773) 972-9451** for an alternative method for your participation.

Please contact any members of the Search Committee at any time with questions:  
**Kathy Lehmann** (chair),  
**Linda Benson**, **Pete Gerster**,  
**Diana Gray**, **Carl Haag**,  
**Sharon McCrae**, and **Susan Sachs**.

## Grace Notes

**Buy-a-bell Program.** Our abundant thanks to the 9:15 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade class, which hosted brunch on January 3 with the goal of raising enough money to fund the purchase of at least one new handbell. Thanks to all who contributed and participated, we far surpassed our target, and are funding the purchase of *two* new bells! In exchange for our class's contribution, Thom Snell and Carol Haag visited our class on January 10. They taught us how a handbell choir works as a team, how to ring the bells to produce different tones, and how to care for the bells. By the end of the class, we were performing "Old McDonald" with harmony and in a variety of styles under Thom's able direction, practicing and enjoying all that we had learned. Now we have raised about \$2,400 on the way to the \$3,000 we need, so we're getting close. Anyone who wants to contribute should contact Marjorie at [marjmuse@optonline.net](mailto:marjmuse@optonline.net), or 609-924-1604, ext. 16.

**Sunday Serenades Continues.** Our next *Sunday Serenades* concert will be February 14, and in honor of Valentine's Day, our own Meg Barnhouse and Kiya Heartwood will present "Hearts on Fire – Stories and Songs," filling Channing Hall with the spirit of love. Tickets (\$15, or 2/\$25) will be available between services on Feb. 7 as well as on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and also will be available at the door on Sunday afternoon. Fill your heart with warmth and love, and help the Music Ministry at the same time. Pre-sold tickets are welcome.

### **Adult Choir Keeps Door Open**

We are still 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. All singers interested in participating are welcome, and invited to come and give it a try, or contact Marjorie for more information at [marjmuse@optonline.net](mailto:marjmuse@optonline.net).

Sunday Feb. 14, 3:00pm

**"Hearts on Fire –  
Stories and Songs"  
with Rev. Meg  
Barnhouse and Kiya  
Heartwood**

Channing Hall will rock with the power of love as expressed by this dynamic duo. Tickets \$15, 2/\$25 will be available at the door.



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

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| Sunday, Mar. 14,<br>3:00pm | <b>Mountain View</b> , stomping to blue grass and Country with John Wells and friends                        |
| Sunday, Apr. 11,<br>3:00pm | <b>Music Ministry Spring Concert:</b><br><b>Gospel Train: A Celebration of African-American Spirituality</b> |

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!

\* Tickets: \$15, or 5 for \$50. One for each of the five concerts, or use some or all of them for the same concert.

### **February Hymn of the Month**

This month our chosen hymn is # 299, "Make Channels for Streams of Love." And what a beauty it is!! The text, which eloquently extols the transforming power of love, is by Richard Chenevix Trench (1807-1886), a Dublin-born author and cleric who was a professor of divinity at King's College, Cambridge, as well as the Archbishop of Dublin. Trench's canon of writings includes historical, literary, philological and theological subjects. His text here is based on II Kings 4:1-7. The tune is an Appalachian folk melody, arranged by Annabel Morris Buchanan (1888-1983), a composer, author and folk music collector, whose contributions to the field collections of songs from Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee and elsewhere have made her a household name in early American folk music.

~Marjorie Herman



## Joys and Sorrows

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

**Bill Barnard** moved to be near his son and has recovered from pneumonia and is doing better. He moved from the independent living to assisted living. He is happy to hear from us and welcomes phone calls. His phone number is 410-661-2363.

**Chris Reed's** father Jeffie Lee Flowers, died on Christmas morning. She and her family gathered to be with him before Christmas and then mourned his death and celebrated his life together for several days after Christmas. Our sympathies are with Chris and her daughters Gabrielle, Alycia and Phoebe.

Our sincere condolences go to **Tammie Fischer**, whose mother Geraldine Carnes of Muskogee, OK died on December 12, 2009. Tammie greatly misses her beloved mother.

We've received news of the deaths of **Bob and Ruth Latimer**, former members of our congregation who moved several years ago to Florida. Bob died in March, 2008 and Ruth in August, 2009. Friends who remember them are invited to make a donation in lieu of flowers to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lake County, PO Box 1761, Eustis, FL 32727. Or contact their son, Alfred C. Latimer, 7801 S Woodridge Dr., Parkland, FL 33067.

**Michele Ochsner's** mother died after a long illness and a funeral was held in her home town in Mississippi. Our sympathies are with Michele.

**Jane Szathmary** has had some falls, but is doing all right at home with Helen, Andres and David.

**Mildred Luckhardt** fell on Jan. 14 and has a hairline break in her upper arm; she is recovering well at home, and welcomes calls or visits or notes from us. Joan Luckhardt (her daughter) and Bob Tucker live nearby and are helping her, as are her neighbors at Rossmoor. 609 409 5987.

## 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>



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| <p><b>FEB 7—TWO Services—9:15 &amp; 11:15</b><br/> <b>9:15 and 11:15—Teacher Check-in during</b><br/> <b>classes—Fabs Theatre</b><br/>                     10:20a-11:10a New Parent Orientation—Murray Room<br/>                     10:35a-11:30a Kids' Choral Rehearsal-Room 2<br/>                     11:00a-12:30p Morning Youth Group-Room 15<br/>                     11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Murray<br/>                     12:30p-2:00p Young Adults—Murray<br/>                     12:30p-2:00p Covenant Circle—Fabs Theatre<br/>                     5:00p-8:00p Evening Youth Group: Dinner + Worship—Founders, Fabs</p> | <p><b>FEB 1</b><br/>                     7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders</p> <p><b>FEB 8</b><br/>                     7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders</p>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>FEB 2</b><br/>                     7:00p-9:00p RE Council (1st Tue) - Founders Room</p> <p><b>FEB 9</b><br/>                     Noon-2:00—Men's Club Lunch—Founders<br/>                     7:00p-10:00p Board of Trustees meeting—Founders</p> | <p><b>FEB 3</b><br/>                     7:00p-9:00p Newcomers' Circle—Fabs Murray Room<br/>                     7:15p-9:00p Covenant Circle (1st Wed) - Channing Hall<br/>                     7:30p-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p> <p><b>FEB 10</b><br/>                     10:30-noon Aging &amp; Saging (2nd Wed)—Murray<br/>                     1:00p-3:00p OFFICE STAFF MEETING—Office closed from 1-3pm (2nd Wed) — Founders<br/>                     7:00p-9:30p e2 Covenant Circle (2nd Wed) - Murray<br/>                     7:30p-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p> | <p><b>FEB 4</b><br/>                     10:00a-Noon Women's Alliance Board Meeting—Founders</p> <p><b>FEB 11</b><br/>                     7:00-8:30p Scriptures Circle (2nd Thu)—Founders<br/>                     7:30p-9:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal—Channing</p> | <p><b>FEB 5</b></p>                                                                | <p><b>FEB 6</b><br/>                     10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Founders Room</p> <p><b>FEB 13</b><br/>                     8:30a-1:00p Pastoral Associates Meeting &amp; Training—Murray Room<br/>                     8:30a-3:00p Trenton-Habitat Work Day (2nd Sat)<br/>                     10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Founders Room</p> |
| <p><b>FEB 14—TWO Services—9:15 &amp; 11:15</b><br/>                     10:35a-11:30a Kids' Choral Rehearsal-Room 2<br/>                     11:00a-12:30p Morning Youth Group-Room 15<br/>                     11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Murray<br/>                     12:30p-1:30p UUCP Multicultural Affinity Group—Murray Room<br/>                     3:00p-5:00p Sunday Serenades Concert "Hears on Fire"—Channing</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p><b>FEB 15</b><br/>                     OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY<br/>                     7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders<br/>                     5:00p <i>Skylights</i><br/>                     MARCH 2010 ISSUE<br/>                     DEADLINE<br/> <a href="mailto:skylights@uuprinceton.org">skylights@uuprinceton.org</a></p> | <p><b>FEB 16</b><br/>                     7:00p-9:00p Committee on Ministry (3rd Tue) - Murray Room</p>                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>FEB 17</b><br/>                     7:00p-8:00p Music Committee—Robinson Lounge<br/>                     7:00p-9:00p Newcomers' Circle—Fabs<br/>                     7:15p-9:00p Membership Committee (3rd Wed)—Murray<br/>                     7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>FEB 18</b><br/>                     11:45a-2:00p Women's Alliance Luncheon Meeting—Robinson, Founders, Channing<br/>                     7:00-8:30p Circle Leaders' Meeting—Murray</p>                                                                      | <p><b>FEB 19</b></p>                                                               | <p><b>FEB 20</b><br/>                     10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Founders Room<br/>                     5:00p-8:00p FELLOWSHIP AUCTION—Channing</p>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>FEB 21—TWO Services—9:15 &amp; 11:15</b><br/>                     10:35a-11:30a Kids' Choral Rehearsal-Room 2<br/>                     11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Murray<br/>                     12:45p-3:45p Great Books Circle—Room 7</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>FEB 22</b><br/>                     7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p><b>FEB 23</b><br/>                     7:00p-9:00p Leadership Council (4th Tues) - Minister's Office</p>                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>FEB 24</b><br/>                     10:30-noon Aging &amp; Saging (4th Wed)—Murray<br/>                     7:00p-9:00p e2 Covenant Circle (4th Wed) - Murray<br/>                     7:30-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>FEB 25</b><br/>                     7:00-8:30p Scriptures Circle (4th Thu)—Founders</p>                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>FEB 26</b><br/>                     7:00p CUUPS Full Moon Circle—Room 15</p> | <p><b>FEB 27</b><br/>                     10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>Full Moon ☉<br/> <b>FEB 28—TWO Services—9:15 &amp; 11:15</b><br/> <b>CELEBRATION SUNDAY</b><br/>                     Stewardship Branch sponsored by the Board of Trustees<br/>                     10:35a-11:30a Kids' Choral Rehearsal-Room 2<br/>                     11:00a-12:30p Morning Youth Group-Room 15<br/>                     11:15a-12:30p A Course in Miracles—Murray<br/>                     1:00p Special Congregational Meeting—Channing</p>                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b>MAR 1</b><br/>                     7:00p-9:00p Ministerial Search Committee—Founders</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p><b>MAR 2</b><br/>                     7:00p-9:00p RE Council (1st Tue) - Founders Room</p>                                                                                                                                                           | <p><b>MAR 3</b><br/>                     7:00p-9:00p Newcomers' Circle—Fabs Murray Room<br/>                     7:15p-9:00p Covenant Circle (1st Wed) - Murray Room<br/>                     7:30p-9:00p Adult Choir Practice—Channing Hall</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p><b>MAR 4</b><br/>                     10:00a-Noon Women's Alliance Board Meeting—Founders</p>                                                                                                                                                                  | <p><b>MAR 5</b></p>                                                                | <p><b>MAR 6</b><br/>                     10:00a Gentle Yoga Class—Founders Room</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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