



# The UUCG beacon

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**Sunday Services -- 10:30 am**

**February 5**

*Important As Hell*  
**Ed Day**

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*No Proof Necessary*  
**Ed Day & Others**

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*Nothing*  
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*To Be Announced*  
**Roger Robbins**

Children's activities are available  
each Sunday.

## President's Notes:

### Rules

Often we forget that we are part of a larger organization. We are part of an informal "Cluster" which includes North Carolina east of I-95. We are hosting a Cluster meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be a chance to meet with fellow UUs and share ideas and experiences. Everyone is welcome to come. We also belong to the Thomas Jefferson District, which includes all or part of several states. And of course, we belong to the UUA. We get support, advice, and access to resources from both our district and the UUA. They have been a great help to our Congregation.

One of the inevitable results of belonging to groups and organizations is the need for rules. Some rules are clear and formal such as the requirement that we send an annual report to the UUA. A copy is posted on the bulletin board. Some rules are unwritten and flexible such as announcements before the service.

By nature, UUs tend to dislike rules. We reject creeds and rigid structures. Unfortunately rules become necessary as organizations get larger. Because of the importance and influence a minister has, the departure and selection of a minister has many rules. As much as we wanted her guidance, ethics forbade Karen from recommending a replacement, or even providing us with a list of possibilities. Departing ministers and their families "are strongly encouraged to play no part in congregational life during an interim ministry." Much as we may miss her, for the next year or two, Karen is supposed to stay away. I'm reminded of a recent quote by Lew Leming of the Aurora Town Council. "...sometimes the heart says this is the right thing to do, but the law says you do it this way – that's a hard pill to swallow."

--Feryl Masters

# Reflections

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REFLECTIONS

... of Ed Day

So many famous people were born in February: Washington and Lincoln of course, but also Copernicus, Dickens, Darwin, Chopin, Susan B Anthony and Langston Hughes.

In more recent times we have Paris Hilton, Ice T, and Drew Barrimore,

Well, that's progress.

I saw recently an article in which some well know scientists were asked the question, "what do you really believe, but can't prove?" This sounded like a great question to ask UUs. So, I'm asking!! Please write a little note listing your belief. You can write

a short explanation if you wish. I'll assemble your responses and we'll use them in the service, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, the second Sunday of the month.

It was nice to have Calvin Mercer speak to us last month, He always has something provocative to say, and his suggestion (or warning?) that it may soon be possible to lengthen the human life span considerably raises many ethical and religious questions that we'll have to pursue further.

As to living forever – that is a blockbuster.

--Ed Day

## Words of Wisdom

I've learned that deciding whom you marry is the most important decision you'll ever make.--  
Age 95

I've learned that when you remodel, everything costs twice as much and takes twice as long as you think it will.--Age 48

I've learned that you can't hide a piece of broccoli in your glass of milk.--Age 7

I've learned that most of the things I worry about never happen.--Age 64

I've learned that if someone says something unkind bout me, I must live so that no one will believe it.-- Age 39

Live and Learn and Pass It On  
Written & Compiled  
By H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



# On The Horizon

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## Sunday Morning Fare

... by Ed Day

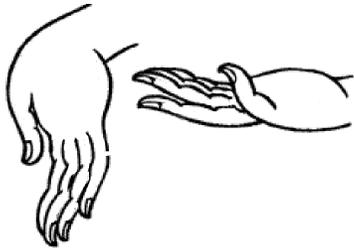
### Worship Services for February

**February 5 - *Important As Hell* - Ed Day** - A special service for the hell raisers in the congregation

**February 12 - *No Proof Necessary* - Ed Day & Others** - What I really believe but can't prove.

**February 19 - *Nothing* - Ed Day** - It's more important than you think

**February 26 - *To Be Announced* - Roger Robbins**



## New UU Life Coaching Network

Join the UU Coaching Network!

UUCN is growing and invites you to join! This non-profit association is a community of professionally trained life coaches anchored in the UU principles of compassion, integrity and inclusion.

To learn of its mission and ! how you can Benefit from membership, please visit [www.uucoachingnetwork.org](http://www.uucoachingnetwork.org). if you are considering hiring a coach, UUCN is also a resource to find the right coach for you.

## Social Action...

The Social Action committee counted the money in the social action can and it contained \$61.64. The committee decided to buy two honeybee hives from Heifer International for \$60 to benefit two needy families.

Also, the committee has decided to donate \$300 to the UUA-UUSC South Asia Earthquake Relief Fund. This area has suffered greatly from the initial disaster in the fall, and suffering will increase when winter's impact is felt. If anyone else is interested in helping, donations can be put in the social action can on the social action table. These will be forwarded to the Relief Fund by the committee.

Your contributions to the can throughout the year are used to help finance worthy projects, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

--Joan Sachtjen

Lisa Martelli  
UUCN Board of Trustee



# News, Notes and Other Stuff

# February in Preview

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> <b>6:00</b> Eat Out @ Ruby Tuesday	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>9:00</b> Bldg Cleanup
<b>5</b> <b>10:30</b> <i>Important As Hell</i> - <b>Ed Day</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>8:30</b> Break- fast@ Cracker Barrel	<b>8</b> <b>6:00</b> Eat Out @ Chico's Down- town	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>9:30-10:30</b> Social/Political Covenant Group
<b>12</b> <b>10:30</b> <i>No Proof</i> <i>Necessary</i> - <b>Ed</b> <b>Day</b> <b>12:00</b> Sacred Text Covenant <b>7:00</b> Earth- Based Cove- nant <b>7:00</b> Meditation Covenant @	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>8:30</b> Break- fast@ Cracker Barrel	<b>15</b> <b>6:00</b> Eat Out @ Dragonfly	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>10:30</b> <i>Nothing</i> - <b>Ed Day</b> <b>7:00</b> Sacred Text Covenant Group	<b>20</b> <b>7:30</b> Board Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>8:30</b> Break- fast@ Cracker Barrel	<b>22</b> <b>6:00</b> Eat Out @ a Tavola	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b> <b>9:00</b> First Born
<b>26</b> <b>10:30</b> <i>To Be</i> <i>Announced</i> -- <b>Roger Robbins</b>	<b>27</b> <b>7:00</b> Interfaith Prayers for Peace	<b>28</b> <b>8:30</b> Break- fast@ Cracker Barrel				

## The Work of the Committees



### Member of the Month

This month, a new series is starting. For each month, we will pick the name of a UUCG member "out of a hat;" someone will interview the person and write it up for us. Please enjoy finding out more about your fellow congregation members.

- Kendall Garing

### Hospitality

Sixteen of us enjoyed the food and conversation at the January Food and Sharing. Due to this positive response and the request that this continue during the winter months, we are scheduling this event for Feb 15th and March 15th at 6:00pm.

-- Janet Doig

### More Hospitality

Things did not go well for HOSPITALITY on 1-15. The decaf coffee did not perk and the Feb. refreshment list was not signed by anyone. Will try to circulate it again on 1-22. The Service was the best tribute to Martin Luther King in his own words read by the many participants. Thank you, Ed Day.

Saturday, Feb. 18th will be Dinner for Eight. Kay Alston will have a sign-up sheet posted at the beginning of the month.

--Janet Doig

## Religious Education

Based Spirituality under the direction of Rich Elkins. The Teen and Tween groups combined because of the high interest in the topic. In February they will continue to delve into Earth based spirituality as they explore the Native American aspect of it.

On January 14 they had "Dinner and a Movie Night." They ate lots of pizza and watched **Young Frankenstein**. Teen movie night will continue on the second Saturday of each month. Next month's movie will be **I Robot** and be held on February 11 at 7:00 pm.

Richard Weir resigned from his position of working with the Teens due to his new job. We sincerely appreciate all the work that he gave to the Teens and the Religious Education Department. We wish him luck and congratulations on his new job.

The RE Department still needs enthusiastic and animated people to read the stories at story time during our service. This is a fun job. We have the books picked out for the reader. If you are interested please contact Victoria at 252-747-7785.

--Victoria Brown

### Happy February Birthdays to:

Feb 5 -- Sondra Haynes

Feb 8 -- Carole Weil

Feb 9 -- Shannon Terry

Feb 16 -- Shirley Day

Feb 25 -- Diane Horton

Feb 26 -- Lowell Berkowitz

-- Janet Doig



## ***On a Personal Note . . .***

Half a dozen UUs -- Bob Franke, Ray Sobel, Bruce Berberich, Diane Mackenroth, Carroll and Edith Webber -- carried and/or followed our banner in the Martin Luther King Jr. march on January 16. Ray took a good many pictures.. We hear that our councilman, Larry Spell, attended the breakfast that morning

Eli Stine won the right to compete for a seat in the State Band. That's nice, but on a more selfish note, we are grateful to have him swelling our choir on Sunday mornings. And on January 15th that choir, led by Larry Spell, began its run.

Sean Stayton has finished a week at ECU after being away from school for 13 years as of mid-January. Cheers and good luck for the next years.

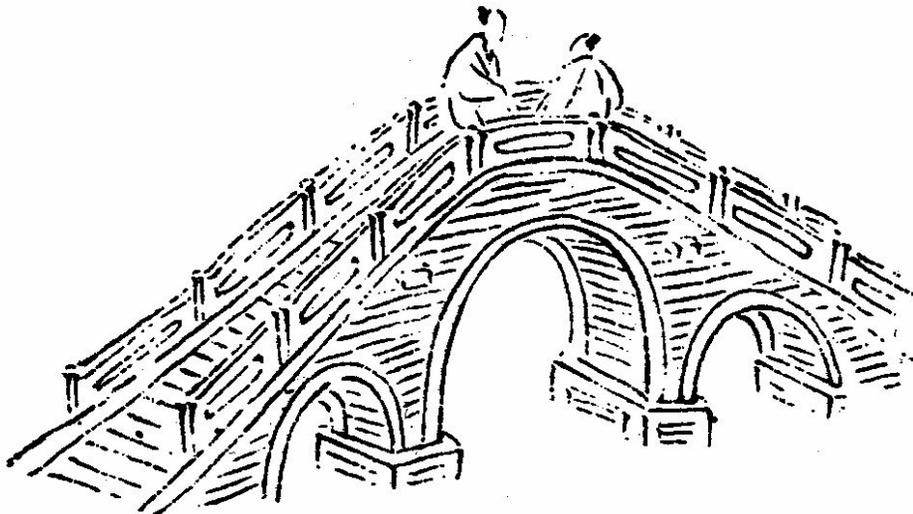
Dianne and Hooker Horton's son has gotten a job in Raleigh. Congratulations and all good wishes to him. But the bad news is that Hooker and Dianne plan to move to Raleigh. Oh, well, it won't be tomorrow -- likely not for a long time, they say.

International romance: Janet Doig's granddaughter is engaged to marry a Korean dentist. She was in Korea with the Peace Corps (?) and he is in the USA as a student now.

Kelly Kurz's father died around Christmas after an illness that we've noted in the Beacon several times.

Brenda Stewart's cousin died in an automobile accident.

--Edith Webber





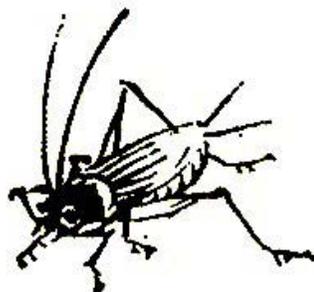
## Getting to Know Our Members

Joanie deGroot Miller comes to us from California. Born in Los Angeles (before the days of smog, she says), she moved to the desert when she got married. Two kids, two husbands and “a lot of living” later, she moved to Greenville in 2004 to be near her son, Christopher, a local psychiatrist. Her daughter-in-law, Diane, is familiar to UUCG members who see her teaching yoga here. The other son is chief of research and development for Zygo Corp in Connecticut.

Part of the “lot of living” for Joanie was going back to school in her 40s to get a Masters in Education – followed by teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She has, since retiring from teaching, tutored ESL, opened a small business with hand-made jewelry, and become a quilter. In Greenville, she has also taken up horseback riding, joining Joan Sachtjen in the therapeutic riding classes at Rocking Horse Ranch.

When asked what she’d like for UUCG to know about her, Joanie replied, “the most important thing in your life are friends & family, not things.” We are all glad that Joanie now includes us among her friends!

--Brenda Stewart



## MARCH FOR PEACE

The Political, Social and Economic Covenant Group will be headed to Fayetteville, NC on March 18<sup>th</sup>. We will attend the March, Rally, and Concert for Peace & Justice to Memorialize the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of the War and Occupation in Iraq. If you are interested in joining us, see Ray Sobel, facilitator of the Covenant Group.

--Patti Gade

## UUCG Hosts Cluster Meeting

Our congregation will host an all-day Cluster Meeting for UU societies east of I-95 on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>. Besides time set aside for them to get better acquainted, those attending will choose from sessions including putting on successful services, youth involvement, TJ District resources, welcoming first-comers, money matters, getting the word out, congregation activities, and our values and our future.

--Carroll Webber

## Building & Grounds Work Day

Work day at UUCG begins at 9:00am Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Actually it’s not a work day, it’s only a couple of hours. Come join us. You’ll get good feelings from helping out, and the church will look great.

-- Lisa Brenner

Deadline for next month's **beacon** is Tuesday 12 noon, February 21st

## UU Wednesday Dining Out Menu\*



February 1 -- **Ruby Tuesday's** -- 3510 S. Memorial Dr -- 355-4060  
February 8 -- **Chico's Mexican Restaurant** -- 521 Cotanche St., 757-1666  
February 15 - **Dragon Fly** -- 3150 Evans Street -- 215-8893  
February 22 - **a Tavola** -- 620 Red Banks Road 321-5535

### Let's Eat!

\* Wednesday dining out starts at 6:00 pm & is Dutch treat. Please let Ed Day (355-0652) know if you plan to come so that an appropriate number of places can be made available at the restaurant.

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