



The UUCG beacon

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Sunday Services -- 10:30 am

May 1

Jesus and Buddha -- Parallel

Wisdom

Paul Alston

May 8

Mothering

Rev Karen Day

May 15

Springing for Joy

**Rev Karen Day & Congre-
gational Meeting**

May 22

That Monstrous Lie

Brenda Stewart

May 29

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Children's activities are available
each Sunday.

President's Notes:

Annual UUCG Congregational Meeting May 15, 2005

Time: Following a short Service at 10:30am

Tentative Agenda

Budget/Brenda Stewart

Slate of Officers/Linda Dodds

These positions start July 05

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. President Feryl Masters | 7. Long Range Planning _____ |
| 2. Vice President _____ | 8. Membership Chair _____ |
| 3. Treasurer Brenda Stewart | 9. Social Action Chr Joan Sanchjen |
| 4. At Large Board _____ | 10. Endowment Mbr _____ |
| Member _____ | 11. Endowment Mbr _____ |
| 5. Communications _____ | 12. Board Secretary Jackie Wyman |
| Chair Don English | 13. Kids' RE Chair _____ |
| 6. Finance Chair _____ | |

The nominating committee is working to complete the slate before May 15th.

Bylaw Change-- Feryl Masters

Building Needs Assessment -- Randi Finley

Moving to a New Location

Building Needs Assessment Committee (BNAC)

A.) Pursue existing building structures for new location.

a. The Congregation agrees on a location parameters.

b. The Congregation votes to empower BNAC to pursue the availability of existing structures.

B.) Pursue land for new location.

a. The Congregation agrees on location parameters.

b. The congregation votes to empower the **board** to pursue mortgage approval up to \$130,000 dollars for the purchase of land. **(The congregation will always have the final vote on any land purchase)**

c. The congregation empowers the BNAC to evaluate potential architects and choose three pieces of land for the new building.

The congregation will set a deadline date for BNAC's actions.

REMEMBER UUCG FAMOUS POT LUCK following the meeting.

--Randi Finley
President UUCG

Reflections

Reflections . . . of Rev. Karen Day

The Low Road (excerpt)

Three people are a delegation,
a committee, a wedge. With four
you can play bridge and start an organization.
With six,
you can rent a whole house,
eat pie for dinner with no
seconds, and hold a fund raising party.
A dozen make a demonstration.
A hundred fill a hall....
It goes on one at a time,
it starts when you care
to act, it starts when you say We
and know who you mean, and each
day you mean one more. Marge Piercy

I love getting up on Tuesday mornings! It's time for breakfast at Cracker Barrel with anyone who shows up. And interesting folks always show up. The food is great - oatmeal is my favorite and sometimes a biscuit with sorghum and butter mixed together. Yum yum! And then there's the conversation. Or I should say conversations because there is never just one going on. At one end of the table is a passionate political tirade. At the other, proud talk of grandchildren. One end shifts to dissecting the latest episode of West Wing. The other considers healthy eating. It's fun to sit in the middle and get a little bit of every conversation. We notice who's missing and wonder where they are. We anticipate the latecomers. We include the newcomers, (I hope).

We often speak of our congregation as a community but really it's a bunch of communities. There are groups of three, four, a dozen and more, who share lives and dreams and cares. We gather in committees and covenant groups,

for breakfast or dinner, for classes or entertainment. We enjoy being together.

And we care to act. We act for the good of a friend in the congregation or an acquaintance or for the larger community. We send cards and make phone calls and cook meals and pass out sandwiches and boxes of food. We gather with people of other faiths for prayers for peace. These actions are what build community within and beyond these walls. **But this mix of communities can also be confusing and difficult. It's hard to stay connected to those we care for and keep expanding the circle. It's confusing to weigh the needs of the group against our own personal needs.**

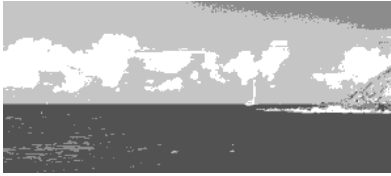
Who do you see when you say "We?" Who have you not seen yet? We keep expanding this community and recognizing our links with the larger community by considering who we have not yet seen, who we do not yet know. "It goes on one at a time." In this season of renewal, of congregational meeting, activities and outreach, let us each find the edges of our community and keep building. **See you on Tuesday morning?,**

--Karen

Announcements

Thank you so much to the Stewardship committee and to its fine co-chairs, Toni Britt and Susan Foreman and outstanding Pledge Dinner Committee. They did a great job with our canvass season and the final results are presented in this issue of the Beacon with the draft budget.

--Karen Day



On The Horizon

Sunday Morning Fare

. . . by Karen Day

Worship Services for May

May 1 *Jesus and Buddha-Parallel Wisdom* -- Paul Alston

Using a recent book about Jesus and Buddha, Paul will explore the teachings of these two religious leaders and their relevance today.

May 8 *Mothering* -- Rev. Karen Day Intergenerational Worship

We'll look at the tasks of mothering that everyone needs to do and everyone wants to receive.

May 15 *Springing for Joy* -- Rev. Karen Day & Congregational Meeting

This congregation brings joy to many, how do we keep renewing our ties to each other and to our community and denomination? After the service we will have a potluck lunch and the annual meeting.

May 22 *That Monstrous Lie* -- Brenda Stewart

Having grown up in North Carolina, Brenda will reflect on her experiences around race, using a new book about Oxford, NC in 1970.

May 29 *To Be Announced* --Come and be surprised!

FIRST BORN

Volunteers are very much needed this Saturday, 4/23! So far, we're the only group to volunteer. I've promised Vicki we could muster at least 8 people. They need both box carriers and desk workers. So, please, if you're available this Sat. you'll be very much needed.

If you can let me know you're volunteering, that would be great. But, if you don't tell me and feel like volunteering on Sat. morning, come on down!

If any teens want to participate and don't have transportation, let me know.

If you're new to volunteering at First Born, you need to arrive between 9:00 - 10:00 on Sat morning to get your assignment. The food distribution starts at 10:00 and ends at noon. To get to First Born, take Rt. 33 East to Grimesland. In the town of Grimesland, turn right on Chicod St.- Go around a mile and you'll see First Born on the right hand side of the road.

Thanks for your help!

--Tracy Donohue

Vacation & Help UUCG

Charles Gunther has donated his two condo's with the full price going toward church activities.

\$300.00 dollars for one week trip to Helen Georgia(A beautiful mountain village). All of the amenities of a deluxe resort.

May 21st to 28th. One bedroom Condo. \$300 dollars.

June 25th to July 2nd. 2 bedroom condo. \$500 dollars.

Please call Charles Gunther 258-2028 for more detail information.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2005 - 2006

| | Budget | Proposed | Percent |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | Change |
| Income | | | |
| Fundraising Income | 3,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 33% |
| Interest Income | 100.00 | 102.78 | 3% |
| Non-Pledge Income | 8,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 13% |
| Pledges | 69,719.00 | 70,000.00 | 0% |
| Rental Income | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 0% |
| Total Income | 83,819.00 | 86,102.78 | 3% |
| Expense | | | |
| Adult Religious Education | 300.00 | 330.00 | 10% |
| Building & Grounds | | | |
| Carpet Cleaning | 600.00 | 660.00 | 10% |
| Church Cleanup | 840.00 | 840.00 | 0% |
| Grounds Supplies | 250.00 | 250.00 | 0% |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 2,000.00 | 2,200.00 | 10% |
| Supplies | 310.00 | 310.00 | 0% |
| Total Building & Grounds | 4,000.00 | 4,260.00 | 7% |
| Communications | | | |
| Advertising | 600.00 | 700.00 | 17% |
| Beacon | 1,500.00 | 1,000.00 | -33% |
| Internet | 250.00 | 250.00 | 0% |
| Postage | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0% |
| Total Communications | 2,650.00 | 2,250.00 | -15% |
| Contingencies | 2,000.00 | 2,200.00 | 10% |
| Denominational Affairs | | | |
| Conferences | 1,200.00 | 1,320.00 | 10% |
| TJ District Dues | 1,584.00 | 1,710.00 | 8% |
| UUA Dues | 4,400.00 | 4,590.00 | 4% |
| UUCONCI | 88.00 | 90.00 | 2% |
| UUSC | 88.00 | 100.00 | 14% |
| Total Denominational Affairs | 7,360.00 | 7,810.00 | 6% |
| General Operations | | | |
| Building Fund Reserve | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 | 0% |
| Insurance | 1,650.00 | 1,950.00 | 18% |

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| Secretary | | | deleted |
| Telephone | 900.00 | 1,200.00 | 33% |
| Utilities | 3,500.00 | 4,000.00 | 14% |
| Total General Operations | 10,550.00 | 14,150.00 | 34% |
| Membership | | | |
| Anniversary Celebration | | | |
| Caring | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0% |
| Hospitality | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0% |
| Mbrship Supplies | 500.00 | 550.00 | 10% |
| Total Membership | 1,800.00 | 1,850.00 | 3% |
| Ministerial Package | | | |
| Health Insurance | 2,160.00 | 2,400.00 | 11% |
| Housing | 17,640.00 | 18,786.60 | 6% |
| Pension | 3,333.00 | 3,550.07 | 7% |
| Prof Expenses | 2,200.00 | 2,400.00 | 9% |
| Salary | 15,694.00 | 16,714.11 | 7% |
| Total Ministerial Package | 41,027.00 | 43,850.78 | 7% |
| Office Supplies | 600.00 | 600.00 | 0% |
| Pledge Campaign | 1,000.00 | 1,600.00 | 60% |
| Religious Education | | | |
| RE Director | 3,000.00 | 6,600.00 | 120% |
| Youth | 1,500.00 | 1,550.00 | 3% |
| Total Religious Education | 4,500.00 | 8,150.00 | 81% |
| Social Action | 1,676.00 | 1,822.00 | 9% |
| Strategic Planning | 150.00 | 150.00 | 0% |
| Worship | | | |
| Childcare | 1,040.00 | 1,040.00 | 0% |
| Other | 340.00 | 340.00 | 0% |
| Printing | 600.00 | 300.00 | -50% |
| Speakers | 600.00 | 400.00 | -33% |
| Total Worship | 2,580.00 | 2,080.00 | -19% |
| Total Expense | 80,193.00 | 88,602.78 | 10% |
| Net Oreinary Income | 3,626.00 | -2,500.00 | |
| Other Source of Funds | | 0.00 | |
| DRE Allocation Carryover | 6,400.00 | 2,500.00 | |
| Net Income | -2,774.00 | 0.00 | |

On a Personal Note . . .



Bruce Baker represented the family at Easter when **Marli, Cameron, and Bradley** were in Florida.

Also flitting off to Florida (a bit later) was **Tracy Donohue Stein** -- to celebrate her 50th birthday with her sisters on the beach.

Sarah Lincoln came down from Rhode Island to help celebrate the fifteenth birthday of her granddaughter, **Sarah McKenna**.

Welcome back to **Sondra Haynes** after a long period of poor health. We look forward to seeing **Ben Thomas** who is feeling enough better after his even longer period of poor health to be driving some and talking about getting back to meeting. Now, if Sienie Postma will just get off the sick list, , ,

Sylvia English's mother recently celebrated her 90th in Pennsylvania.

Chester Freeman was back last Sunday after an operation to remove the (small) benign tumor that returned after an earlier operation... Good news -- and may it continue.

The Webber's daughter **Alice Webber** and husband Stephen Tobias were in Greenville in March for, among other things, marking Edie's birthday.

Toni Britt's mother came out of the hospital safely after a "cardiac event".

Sienie Postma chalked up another year on March 30.

----Edith Webber

On a personal note: my order of worship for Easter has a small square of blue paper, suitable for folding into a peace crane if I knew how. It appeared at the same time the chains of cranes appeared at the front of the sanctuary. The cranes were folded by our UU children and youth.

Board Tid-Bits



The board reviewed and approved the minutes of the last meeting, reviewed the treasurer's report, and accepted the resignation of Cindy Fanning as Religious Education Chair.

The board went on to plan the agenda for the upcoming congregational annual meeting.

--Jackie Wyman



THE MONTH in PREVIEW

Church Calendar for May

- 1** 10:30am *Jesus & Buddha -- Parallel Wisdom* --Paul Alston
2:00pm Youth Group Mtg in RE Room
4:00pm Understanding the Bible
7:00pm Earth-based Spirituality Cvt Grup
- 3** 8:30am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- 4** 6:00pm Eat Out at Lone Star
- 8** 10:30am *Mothering* -- Rev Karen Day
4:00pm Understanding the Bible
- 10** 8:30am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- 11** 6:00pm Eat Out at A Tavola
- 14** 6:00pm Dinner & a Movie
- 17** 8:30am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
10:00am Women's Covenant Group
- 18** 6:00pm Eat Out at Red Lobster
- 22** 10:30am *Springing for Joy* Rev Karen Day & Congregational Meeting
7:00pm Earth-based Spirituality Cvt Grup
- 23** 7:00pm Interfaith Prayers for Peace -- St. James Methodist Church
- 24** 8:30am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- 25** 10:00am JOY Soup Kitchen -- Sandwiches
6:00pm Eat Out at Plum Tree
- 27** 7:00pm UUCG Youth Lock-In Party
- 29** 10:30am *To Be Announced*

Hospitality

For Sunday morning refreshments, Gail Butler will be in charge of making coffee and setting up after May 1st. Those who signed up for bringing goodies are:

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| May 1 | May 22 |
| Janet Doig | Janice Schreiber |
| Tracy Donohue | Jeanne Stone |

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| May 8 | May 29 |
| Sue Daughtry | Ray & Marcia Sobel |
| Fred Becker | Linda Dodds |

May 15
Women's Covenant Group

Next Dinner & Movie will be May 14th at 6:00pm. Film will be "Ironed Jawed Angels" starring Oscar winner Hilary Swank & Angelica Houston. This is a suffragette film, sponsored by the Women's Covenant Group, which both men and women will enjoy.

Elm St. Park has been reserved for Father's Day Picnic on June 19th. --Janet Doig

Earth Based Sprituality Covenant Group

We'll meet twice in May. First on May 1st at 7pm in the RE room. We will discuss Beltane, or May Day as it is better known. Next on May 22nd, at 7pm in the RE room, we will discuss Gnostic Christianity. These meetings are open to anyone with an interest in Earth Based Spirituality so feel free to bring a friend.

--Richard Weir

Women's Covenant Group

The group's service project, supplying the Women's Shelter's hurricane needs, is underway. See information in the back at church and donate what you can.

Come and join us for **Dinner & a Movie** Saturday, May 14th after a potluck dinner we will review the history of the suffragettes in *The Iron Jawed Angel*, with Angelica Houston.

Next meeting of the covenant group is Tuesday, May 17th where we will continue our discussion of *The Dance of the Dissident Daughter* by Sue Monk Kidd.

--Sylvia English

Deadline for next month's **beacon** is Tuesday 12 noon, May 2005

UU Wednesday Dining Out Menu*



May 4 -- **Lone Star** -- 500 SW Greenville Blvd -- 321-4900
May 11 -- **a Tavola** -- 620 Red Banks Road 321-5535
May 18 -- **Red Lobster** -- 3501 S. Memorial Drive 756-4000
May 25 -- **Plum Tree** -- 731 Red Banks -- 353-0088

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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