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Sunday Services -- 10:30 am

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*Time to Talk-Renewing
Dialogue I*

Rev Karen Day

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*Followed by Father's Day Picnic
at Elm St Park*

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Viva Anarchy
Mort Stine

Children's activities are available
each Sunday.

President's Notes:

My first horse was a pony named Smoky. He was 25 years old, missing an eye, and short enough for me to run at him from behind and "leaf frog" on to his back. I was 7 and he was my best friend. Smokey felt it was his job to prepare me for the world. He was kind to me, never kicking or biting. I could crawl under him, sit on him backwards and ride around the pasture with out the aide of a saddle or a bridle. I knew he had studied from the book of joy, kindness and perseverance. His mood changed when I put on his little brittle and his well worn bareback pad. A slight frown came over his face and as I climbed on his stubborn, crabby disposition was palatable. Just as my right leg swung over his back he took off at a full pony gallop toward the lowest tree branch in our yard. I leaned forward and hugged his neck praying that the tree branch had not lowered it self in the night. After that first test of endurance he would slow to a walk, seeming down right joyful. We walked though the woods in peace, communing with each other and nature until Smokey decided he wanted to go home. Subtlety was not his middle name. He would jump to the right and run toward the nearest tree brushing his side against it and successfully rubbing me off of him. Satisfied that I was safely on the ground he turned and bolted for home. Back at the pasture he was already inside the fence eating grass. He would lift his head and give me a little nuzzle. No hard feelings. I am so thankful for his joy, his sense of humor and his ability to show me that if the world gets tough "home" will be waiting for me.



This and every year at UUCG reminds me that "home" can be found in some unusual places. We are lucky to have each other.

Randi Finley

Reflections

REFLECTIONS . . . of Rev. Karen Day

U-U-C-G *Love is what you mean to me*
C-G-U-U *Now I try to live that too*
U-U-C-G *Search for truth will set us free*
C-G-U-U *Web of life will hold us true*

YEA!!!

Before the annual meeting had even begun we were cheering ourselves on. And all of you deserved the recognitions and pats on the back. You have worked hard to keep our congregation a loving, warm, intimate and fun place as we also improve our organization, education and worship.

We have strong leaders. Randi Finley has done a great job as President this year, serving with humor, sensitivity and courage. Feryl Masters took on the new role of Coordinator of the Committee Council and was able to forge that path by listening and responding to the needs of our committee chairs. The Board, no longer comprised of committee chairs, was able to tackle policy issues and look to our future. They held quarterly congregational meetings to create conversations and listen to your direction. The Committee Chairs, free from their Board responsibilities, have accomplished so much and kept everything running smoothly.

We have enthusiastic participants. One year the Committee on Ministry began planning a volunteer recognition party. When

the list of congregational volunteers was drawn up, we realized that almost every member and many friends of the congregation were on it. Again and again you step up to make old and new programs possible. The pool of greeters and refreshment providers expands. Ideas abound. If you want to be more involved, please let me know. We need everyone. We're especially grateful to this year's award recipients-Mort Stine-Chalice Lighter and Gail Butler-Unsung UU.

We forge deep connections. This year we have made good use of District services and Cluster meetings. We sent Board members to the Small Congregation Workshop and the Annual Meeting. We presented at the Eastern Cluster meeting. We welcomed district facilitators for a Board and an RE retreat. We consulted with the district staff and referred often to recommendations from our own Strategic Plan. Here in town we continue to share in the Interfaith Alliance, the Greenville clergy group and with the Winterville Christian Church. Our social action work connects us to others all across the county. We recognize that our congregation stretches far beyond these walls.

In my fourth year with you it remains an honor to serve you, a congregation with such a strong history and a willingness to move into the future. Thank you for calling me to walk this path as companions.

--Karen



On The Horizon

Sunday Morning Fare

. . . by Karen Day

Worship Services for June

June 5- *Time to Talk-Renewing Dialogue I* --
Rev. Karen Day

We will consider how important it is to converse respectfully with those who have other views. And we'll remind ourselves the variety of deeply held values right here in our midst. Special Music will be provided by the Chamber Singers from Eno River Fellowship in Durham, directed by Ken Langer.

June 12 *Time to Talk-Renewing Dialogue II* **Rev. Karen Day**

Continuing this important conversation we'll listen to and practice talking about "touchy" subjects like god, politics and the bible! Yes, we can do this, in fact we are the best place to start.

June 19 *Summer Solstice-Abundance*

Abundance will roll in from all four directions as we celebrate the beginning of summer led by Roger Robbins and a creative group of helpers. Our Annual Father's Day picnic will follow the service as we adjourn from the church to Elm Street Park (I'm hoping for another wicked croquet match.)

June 26 *Viva Anarchy* -- **Mort Stine**

I'll be talking about anarchism, and how we can profit from a little anarchy in our lives. I'm using sources all the way from "To the Finland Station" to "Tortilla Flat." We'll concentrate less on bomb-making and -throwing, and more on the Golden Rule.

motion passed unanimously. See the attached document for the slate of officers and the corrections.

By-law changes were presented by Feryl Masters. Rich Elkins moved that the changes be accepted, and Don English seconded. During the discussion, it was recommended that the next to the last sentence in Article VII be changed to read, "The Endowment Fund principal may not be spent." This was accepted as a friendly amendment, and the motion passed unanimously.

Building needs assessment was presented by Randi. Marcia Fletcher moved that the congregation instruct the Board to pursue the identification of suitable tracts of land, or building, and to authorize them to tell realtors that the congregation is ready to enter negotiations, and that the date of completion for any agreed upon step will be 09/01/05. Sylvia English seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Brenda Stewart made a motion that Scott Gade be elected chair of the Endowment Committee, and Ric Barnes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Feryl Masters made a motion to adjourn, and Rich Elkins seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

A pot luck dinner was then enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jackie Wyman

Hospitality

Following our regular services at the church on June 16th, we will adjourn to Elm Street Park for our annual Father's Day Picnic.

--Janet Doig

This Month's OOPS Award Goes to...

Brenda, who pointed out that we omitted the 15th on the calendar last month, and had that Sunday's info on the 22nd.

Thanks, Brenda!

On a Personal Note . . .

Karen Hall's surgery and procedures are now complete and she's doing well..

We hope and expect that **Lowell and Shareen Berkowitz** are settling well in their new Winterville house and home.

Carol Moore's brother Bryan died.

On a recent Sunday it was a joy to see **Judy Hepler** here from Durham and see that she's doing well after that kidney transplant. and less dramatic sounding ills.

Marcia Fletcher will be missing the next couple of Sundays as I write (But probably past Sundays as you read.) Think about her enjoying family time at the beach.

NOTE WORTHY

The Camp Fire USA group which meets at the UU building won two first prize trophies at this year's Un-natural Resources Fair. The older kids (Lilani Masters and Amber Brown) won for their project on recycling juice can lids (they made garden row markers, keychains, and wind chimes) and old cds (picture frames and ornaments.) The whole group (all of the kids, ages 5-14) won for a project in which they made paper and then made the paper into books.

Gail Butler

Board TidBits

The Board of Trustees rejoiced in the positive feedback that we received following the Annual Meeting, and then got to work planning for the beginning of the new year. There will be a committee chairperson (Program Council) orientation in July followed by the Board Retreat in August, and then another terrific year will be well underway. Until next month.

Jackie Wyman

Social Action...

The Social Action committee is going to build soccer goals for the migrant's at a local farm on Saturday, June 4. Anyone who is interested in helping with this project should contact Joan Sachtjen.

Joan Sachtjen

Political Action-farmworker project with social action committee

In June everyone has the opportunity to sign up for groups, which will re-form in August or September. Here's what covenant groups are: A **circle** where we get to know each other through shared interests, a **format** of chalice lighting, conversation and closing, a **service** to the congregation and community, a place where newcomers are welcome to commit to the covenant.

If you are interested fill out a card on June 5 or sign up on the large sheet which will be displayed by the social action table. Just indicate your name and area of interest. When we determine which groups have enough interest we'll train leaders and they'll contact the group for a first meeting. Consider committing to a group for this round of exploration, caring and fun.

Karen



THE MONTH in PREVIEW

Church Calendar for JUNE

- 1 6:30 Eat out at Dragon Fly
- 6 10:30 *Time to Talk-Renewing Dialogue I*
-- Rev Karen Day
7pm Worship Committee
- 7 8:30am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- 8 6:00pm Eat Out at Ragazzi's
- 11 9:00am Work Day at UUCG
- 12 10:30 *Time to Talk-Renewing Dialogue I*
-- Rev Karen Day
- 14 8:30am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
7pm Committee on Ministry
- 15 6:00pm Eat Out at Chili's
- 19 10:30 Summer Solstice -- Abundance
Father's Day Picnic at Elm St Park
- 20 7pm Board Meeting
- 21 8:30am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- 21-27 Karen will be attending General Assembly
in Forth Worth
- 22 6:00pm Eat Out at Olive Grove
- 26 10:30 *Viva Anarchy* -- Mort Stine
- 28 8:30am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- 29 6:00pm Eat Out at Staccato's

Annual Meeting of the Unitarian-Universalist Congregational of Greenville May 15, 2005

The meeting was opened by President Randi Finley. A quorum of the membership was present.

Congregational accomplishments in the areas of communication (Beacon, website, and quarterly meetings) and congregational accommodations (new chairs, map of membership, and land research) were presented.

Recognition was made of the following: Lisa Brenner for the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Jan Salstrom for the Committee on Ministry, Peter Sachtjen (along with Scott Gade, Ray Sobel, Toni Britt, and Susan Foreman) for the Finance Committee and its Subcommittees, Janet Doig for the Hospitality Committee, Kendall Garing and Jackie Wyman for the Membership Committee (along with Sue Daughtry for the Caring Subcommittee), Cindy Fanning (along with Gail Butler and Tina Baldrige) for the Religious Education Committee, Joan Sachtjen for the Social Action Committee, Roger Robbins for the Worship Committee, and Don English was recognized for his work on the Beacon. This year's award winners are Mort Stine (Chalice Lighter) and Gail Butler (Unsung UU).

Brenda Stewart presented the budget for 2005-2006. Sylvia English moved that the budget be accepted as presented, and Rich Elkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The slate of officers for 2005-2006 was presented. Ed Day made a motion to accept the slate with corrections; Sylvia English seconded. The

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

UU Wednesday Dining Out Menu*



Let's Eat!

June 1 -- **Dragon Fly** -- 3150 S. Evans Street -- 215-8893

June 8-- **Ragazzi's** -- 109 SE Greenville Blvd -- 321-1976

June 15 -- **Chili's Grill & Bar** -- 3050 S. Evans Street -- 355-7449

June 22 -- **Olive Grove** -- 912 Moye Blvd -- 757-0600

June 29 -- **Staccato Cafe & Grille** -- 511-G Red Banks Rd -- 321-0064

* 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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Committee Chairs

Building and Grounds: Lisa Brenner, 329-8130
Committee on Ministry: Jan Salstrom 752-3991
Communications: Don English, 756-7010
Finance: Peter Satchjen, 353-5447
Hospitality: Janet Doig, 355-1822
Membership: Kendall Garing, 752-2133
Religious Education: Cindy Fanning, 321-6249
Social Action: Joan Sachtjen, 353-5447
Worship: Roger Robbins, 551-9072



Addendum to June 2005 Beacon:

The minutes of the annual meeting (starting on page 5 and continuing on page 3) did not include the Slate of Officers voted upon as it stated.

Here is the Slate of Officers which was approved at the meeting.

Slate of Officers

President	Feryl Masters	One year
Vice President	Rich Elkins	One year
Treasurer	Brenda Stewart	Two years
At Large Board Member Filling Rich Elkins last year of a Two year term	Toni Britt	One year
Secretary filling the last year of a two year term	Jackie Wyman	One year
At Large Board Member	Sue Farris	Two years
Religious Education Chair filling the last year of a two year term	Shareen Berkowitz	One year
Communications Chair	Don English	One year
Finance Chair	Mark Barnes	Two years
Long Range Planning Committee	Lee Wyman Bruce Wilhelmsen	Two years
Membership Chair	Karen Hall	Two Years
Social Action Chair	Joan Sachtjen	One year
Endowment Chair	Scott Gade	Two years
Endowment Member	Alice Arnold	Two years
Nominating Committee	Janice Schreiber Larry Spell	