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Sunday Services -- 10:30 am

June 4

Journey to the Morningstar
- **Roger Robbins**

June 11th

The Words We Never Use
(*sin, salvation, God,*
Prayer)
- **Ed Day**

June 18th

Father's Day Picnic
- **Congregation**

June 25th

What is a
Religious Experience?
What is a Spiritual Action?
- **Ed Day**

Children's activities are available
each Sunday.

President's Notes:

Congratulations to all our newly elected officers. Thank you to all our outgoing officers for your help and contributions. And a special thanks to everyone continuing in office. While we don't join the Congregation to serve on a Board or to Chair a committee, every organization needs leaders and organizers.

It's important to remember that while chairs lead and organize, they are not supposed to do everything. If you can use help, please don't hesitate to ask for it. I have found our members are generally happy to help. It is also important to break jobs down into small tasks so they don't seem so overwhelming.

An orientation is scheduled June 3rd for the Program Council (Committee Chairs). The Policy Manual has a lot of helpful information. Rich Elkins, who chairs the Program Council, the rest of the Board and I will be happy to help with questions or problems.

I encourage everyone to look around and see what interests you in the Congregation. Volunteer to help out. Work is always easier and more enjoyable as a team. I think one reason the entire Board volunteered to stay for another term is that we've worked together as a team. Working together and helping each other has made what could have been difficult or onerous fun.

We have accomplished a lot this year. The interim and settled minister searches are going well. Our RE Program is doing new things. We have a choir! We have continued to have services, social events, and refreshments. Our facility and finances are in good shape. We have continued to be active in Social and District issues. And, importantly, we have had lots of fun while doing all of these. Next year promises to be just as exciting. Come be a part of it.

--Feryl Masters

Reflections

Reflections . . . of Ed Day

The annual meeting is over, the budget has been approved and elective offices have been filled, so this is a good time to examine the results. First, we did not quite meet our budget goal. We certainly pledged a lot of money but if we really want a full time minister we have to do a little better. Remember, a full time minister would cost 65 to 79 thousand dollars a year. That's a lot of money and it leaves us still needing money for other expenses. Of course we are counting on the likelihood that a full time minister would help us to grow and enlarge our pledge base. Still it is something to think about.

The other half of the equation is the need for participation in running the church. None of the jobs and offices are backbreaking in themselves especially if we pull together and volunteer to help. Almost everyone can help in some way and if you ask anyone who has been involved, they will tell you that they get more out of service to the church than they have to put into it. So please consider volunteering in helping make the UUCG even better than it is today.

--Ed Day

News, Notes and Other Stuff

From the RE Director

The summer time is coming and there will be lots of exciting and fun activities available. First in June we will have our Teen Lock-in. We will show movies, build and eat delicious ice cream sundaes, and play games. We are really excited about this opportunity to have a great time with the teens. We hope to see all the teens on Friday, June 2, 7:00 pm with any board games they wish to play. Teens should be picked up Saturday morning by 9:00.

In July we are planning Harry Potter Magic School - Greenville Branch in which enrollment is open to all ages. We will serve supper to all participants at 6:30 pm. Classes for children through adults will begin at 7:30 pm. This fun filled week will be held July 10 - 14, 2006. We will need lots of volunteers so please contact Victoria (252-747-7785) if you are interested in helping.

Fun for the whole family is also scheduled in August with a Sensational Intergenerational Weekend at Shelter Neck. Our Congregation is leading the effort for this weekend inviting everyone that is a member of UCONCI to join us. The dates for the weekend are August 11-13. There will be more details in the coming months so please mark your calendars.

In May we held our Congregational Conversation on Youth Ministry. First, I would like to thank all who came and worked with us on what to improve in our RE department. We identified our strengths and our barriers to reaching our ideal youth ministry. We also strategized ways to improve and reach our goals. Some of our plans include more intergenerational activities, improved communication about our activities, and improving the Sunday School rooms by better use of space.

--Victoria Brown

On a Personal Note . . .

The Bosnian family that Bob Franke has been shepherding these many years has passed their citizenship tests. Congratulations.

Tracy's father, Michael Donohue, died April 17th after a long illness.

Dianne and Hooker Horton's going away is a Two Step -- one (now) to their son's house in Windsor. Two will be farther -- to Raleigh. While they've danced away from us (sigh), we're all invited to paddle in a canoe they gave to Tracy and Mort..

Roger Robbins, whom we are also about to lose, has good news -- no more diabetes. Now there's cause for rejoicing!!

Toni Britt and Ruel Tyer both have friends who are dealing with cancer.

Terry Shank recently returned from a visit to Cape Cod to spend time with her son. While there, she had an opportunity to explore the deep ocean in the submersible research vessel Alvin, but she chickened out.

Janet Day reported that 95 lunches were prepared at the Joy Soup Kitchen on one recent day.

Karen Hall has completed her Ph.D., and she is very, very happy to be finished.

Carole Weil participated in the Relay for Life.

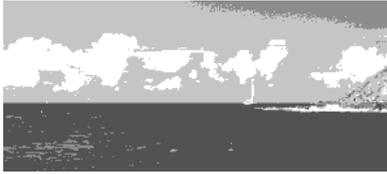
Lezah Pagels-McCarthy has finished medical school, and she and Michael will be moving to Winston-Salem where she will be a pathology resident at Wake Forest University Medical Center. They are also expecting a baby!

Bruce Baker has a new job! Congratulations! Unfortunately, he'll be commuting to RTP.

Carol Maxwell's art is going to be displayed at Starlight Cafe.

Kendall and Roger have found a house in Asheboro. That's happy for them but unhappy for the rest of us.

--Edie Webber & Jackie Wyman



On The Horizon

Sunday Morning Fare

... by Ed Day

Worship Services for March

June 4th - *Journey to the Morningstar* - **Roger Robbins** Protecting the outer environment to protect the inner -- one person can make a difference

June 11th - *The Words We Never Use (sin, salvation, God, Prayer)* - **Ed Day**

June 18th - *Father's Day Picnic - Congregation* -- Potluck held at Elm Street Park

June 25th - *What is a Religious Experience? What is a Spiritual Action?* - **Ed Day** A poll taken for Spirituality & Health produced these results: 91% Praying, 81% Going to church service, 67% Making love, 29% Cleaning!

A Father's Day Poem...

It's time to recognize good old dad
He's such a wonderful guy.
To miss the chance would be real bad
Let's praise him to the sky.
For he's the one who's always right
Perfection is his thing;
He's like a real King Arthur knight
So let our praises ring.
Now lest you think I overstate
Exaggerate perhaps
To show its true the way I rate
Just ask our UU chaps.

--Modestly submitted by an anonymous UU

Social Action...

The Social Action Committee will not meet this Sunday. The next meeting will be June 11, 2006.

--Joan Sachtjen

From the Grounds...

Come join us to clean up the church and grounds on Saturday, June 10th, at 9:00 am.

We're only asking that you contribute a couple of hours, less if that's all you can do. Remember the old saying, "Many hand make light work"? It's true, come see for yourself.

--Lisa Brenner

Children's RE June Schedule

*** Teen Lock In ****

June 2 - 7:00 Movies and Fun

June 4 - Story Teller - Feryl Masters

June 11 - Story Teller - Victoria Brown

RE Teacher Appreciation Lunch
after the Service at Dale's Indian
Cuisine

June 18 Yoga for All - Story Teller: Kristen Kenyon

June 25 Story Teller - Rich Elkins

--Victoria Brown

Hospitality

Names for June Refreshment providers are not available at this time.

Father's Day Picnic--June 18th, 11am to 3:00pm THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT CHURCH. We will all meet at ELM'S ST PARK to enjoy food, games and socialization. Drinks and settings will be supplied. Please bring your choice of picnic food. Look forward to seeing you there.

--Janet Doig

News, Notes and Other Stuff

Congregational Meeting May 21, 2006

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held Sunday May 21. At the meeting, revisions to the By-Laws were proposed. They eliminated the elected positions of Communications Chair and Long Range Planning Committee Chair. Communications would be included under Membership, and the Board would assume the Long Range Planning role. An ad hoc committee would be appointed periodically to maintain a current long range plan. Since the specific amendments had not been publicized, the amendments were tabled until the next meeting.

The budget was presented for approval. As presented, it covered a full time interim minister at fair compensation rates. All necessary costs were included, but some desired activities were reduced or eliminated. The Congregation voted to increase spending on RE to fully fund the RE Program and pay for 15 hours per week for the Director of Religious Education. This increased spending by \$4,000. The funds will come from unspent money for the present year. If additional income is received, other activities will be increased or added. The Board will try to get a "sense of the Congregation" as to which to add. Copies of the approved budget are available at the Church.

--Feryl Masters

Happy June birthdays to:

Susan Foreman	June 1st
Ruth Leggett	June 15th
Toni Britt	June 20th
Katy McFadden	June 23rd

New officers were elected.

President	- Feryl Masters (2 nd term)
Vice President	- Rich Elkins (2 nd term)
Secretary	- Randi Finley
Member at Large	- Jackie Wyman
Member at Large	- Toni Britt (2 nd term)
Building & Grounds	- Jeanne Stone
Endowment	- Bill Paulson
Hospitality	-Gail Butler & Marcia Sobel (co-chairs)
Membership	- Ruel Tyer
Religious Education	- Carol Maxwell
Social Action	- Ruth Leggette (1 yr)
Worship	- Bruce Maxwell

--Feryl Masters



May Board Highlights

At the May 15th Board of Trustees meeting, the normal business was conducted. The Treasurer reported that the pledges received only total \$57,778 (only 47 pledges out of 88 had been received). The Board decided to present a maintenance budget to the congregation. There was an update from the Interim Search Committee. They had received five names of prospective Interim Ministers from UUA, and would be calling them on May 17th. There was also a Religious Education update; that will be covered in Victoria's column. The Program Council (all of the committee chairs) will have their orientation on June 3rd. Until next month.....

--Jackie Wyman



JUNE in Preview

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2 7:00 Kid's RE- Movie & Fun	3
4 10:30 Journey to Morning- star - Roger Robbins	5	6 8:30 Breakfast@ Cracker Barrel	7 6:00 Eat Out @ Chico's Downtown	8	9	10 9:00 Bldg Cleanup 9:30-10:30 Social/Political Covenant Group
11 10:30 <i>The Words We Never Use</i> - Ed Day 12:00 RE Teacher Lunch 7:00 Medita- tion Covenant	12	13 8:30 Breakfast@ Cracker Barrel	14 6:00 Eat Out @ China 10	15	16	17
18 10:30 - <i>Father's Day Picnic</i> 7:00 Sacred Text Covenant	19 7:30 Board Meeting	20 8:30 Breakfast@ Cracker Barrel	21 6:00 Eat Out @ O'Charley's	22	23	24 9:00 First Born
25 10:30 <i>What is a Religious Experi- ence?</i> - Ed Day	26	27 8:30 Breakfast@ Cracker Barrel	28 6:00 Eat Out @ A Tavola	29	30	

Deadline for next month's **beacon** is Tuesday 12 noon, June 20th

UU Wednesday Dining Out Menu*



June 7 - **Chico's Mexican Restaurant** -- 521 Cotanche St., 757-1666.

June 14 - **China 10** -- 2516 E. 5th Street -- 830-2238

June 21 - **O'Charley's** -- 610 SE Greenville Blvd -- 756-8570

June 28 - **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 know if you plan to come so that an appropriate number of places can be made available at the restaurant.

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Communications: Don English
Finance: Mark Barnes
Hospitality: Janet Doig
Membership: Kendall Garing
Religious Education: Victoria Brown
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