



# The UUCG beacon

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

**June 3**

*Soul Food*

**Rev Frieda Gillespie**

**June 10**

*Sharper than the  
Sword*

**Rev Frieda Gillespie**

**June 17**

*The Importance of  
Fathers*

**Rev Frieda Gillespie**

**June 24**

*To Be Announced*

Children's activities are available  
each Sunday.

## **President's Notes:**

### **Looking Back – and Forward**

As we near the end of our year, it is good to look back. We accomplished much, but had much more I hoped to do. We successfully hired Frieda as our Interim Minister, and have called Ann Marie as our settled Minister. Those are certainly major accomplishments, and we owe our gratitude to those who worked very hard to make that possible. Frieda has helped us look at ourselves from an outside perspective and to grow. I'm confident Ann Marie will continue our growth.

While membership numbers are the easiest way to measure growth, I think the strength of our RE program is a more important measure of how we grew. Both Youth and Adult RE have strengthened this year. We have also started a young adult group, which will help us better meet the needs of some current and many potential members.

Our Worship services and Social Action continued to be opportunities for our members to grow spiritually through thought and action. Our services were varied and stimulating. We thank Mort (and Eli and Brenda) for providing music for the service. We never got a choir or other music program started, however. While we continued a strong Social Action Program, I feel we missed opportunities to grow even more. We have an influence far greater than our numbers indicate, but we can do still more.

Two areas I feel we need to focus on are finances and long range planning. We increased our pledges by 12% for next year, and many members even exceeded that. We still did not get enough pledges to fund the programs we say are important to us. We held only one fundraising event this year. That one event was very successful and raised almost the entire amount we budgeted for this year. We need to plan several events next year, and find ways to raise money from outside the Congregation. We also need to take more action on finding a new building. It will take years to fund and build or buy a new place. We need to start now.

We are trying to provide the resources and structure for who we want to be, not just who we are now. Overall, I think we can be proud of what we accomplished this year. That doesn't mean there isn't much more we could have done. Maybe next year.....

--Feryl Masters

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# Reflections

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REFLECTIONS . . . of Rev Frieda Gillespie

## Notes from the Interim

First of all CONGRATULATIONS for finding and calling Rev. Ann Marie Alderman! This is the beginning of a new phase of the journey for UUCG. I'm happy for you!

I'm sure you are anxious to begin this next step and it is still three months away, a long and a short time. I know that I want to savor the remaining time with you whether in worship services, meetings, meals, visits, counseling or the Adult RE class I'll give during the Harry Potter Camp. This year has been rich with meaning and learning for me. I will talk about this in more detail in my last service which will be August 19th. I feel a sense of greater relaxation knowing that you are set for next year and on your way. I hope that you do too.

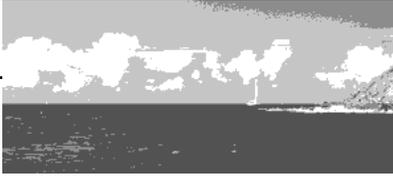
Still to come is the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Leadership Orientation for new and old Board members and Committee chairs to speak about lessons learned and the year ahead. I think you have a strong Board assembled again for next year and some great new and returning Committee Chairs. One of UUCG's great strengths is your willingness to share leadership with newer members of the church. Having some long time Board members continue for a time will ensure continuity; that troublesome question, "why did you do it that way??" can be answered well by these folks. And

there are plenty of newcomers to ask that important (even if troubling) question and to offer the benefit of their fresh perspective—a nice balance indeed.

Still needed is for people to step up to support the church financially going forward. Many of you increased your pledges this year and that is a great sign of faith that you have in yourselves. It is well-placed. Still you've approved a deficit budget and it will be up to you to make up the deficit throughout the year. This is the time to start planning serious fund-raising efforts and to be ready to put them into action in the Fall.

But first, take a deep breath! You've been working full out this year with great success. Take the time to congratulate the Search Committee: Don English (chair), Terry Shank, Jan Salstrom, Patrice Alexander, Joanie DeGroot, and Marcia Fletcher, the Stewardship Committee: Feryl Masters (chair), Terry Shank, Toni Britt, Sue Foreman, and Brenda Stewart and the Nominating Committee: Terry Shank, Brenda Stewart and Larry Spell. They deserve high praise for their efforts. And so do the rest of you for responding and keeping the rest of the functions of the church going while all of these efforts were going on.

See you on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Frieda



# On The Horizon

## Leadership Orientation June 2nd

In place of the June Program Council Meeting, there will be a Leadership Orientation on Saturday, June 2nd from 9am to noon. Lunch will be served.

All Board Members and Committee Chairs, both for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 terms are asked to attend. Others who are interested in future leadership positions or just to better understand the workings of the congregation are also invited and welcome.

During the Orientation, we will review the structure of governance and the responsibilities of the Board and the various committees. We will discuss procedures relating to recruiting committee members, delegation of tasks, goal setting, budgets, and reimbursements procedures. We will also hold an actual Program Council meeting during the Orientation, so current chairs who are unable to attend are asked to send someone to represent their committee and report on its activities.

Because we will be serving lunch, we ask that anyone planning to attend please RSVP to Vice-President Rich Elkins by email at [webmaster@uugreenvillenc.org](mailto:webmaster@uugreenvillenc.org) or by calling his number listed in the church directory. Please do not let failure to RSVP prevent you from attending, as we always plan for extras and really want you to attend.

--Rich Elkins

## UU Young Adults

The young adults group will meet on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 for a pot luck discussion. We will continue our discussion of the 7 principles. This month we will be discussing the second principle "Justice, Equity and Compassion in Human Relations." If you are in your 20's and 30's come and join the fun!

--Tracy Donohue-Stine

## Operation InAsMuch (OIAM)

OIAM is a day devoted to helping people at their points of need. We reach out to strangers with love and understanding. We foster harmony through working together. OIAM is an opportunity to have a "surge" in spiritual growth. It is a way to discover how your personal gifts can be used in helping others.

The concept of Operation InAsMuch began with the Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville, NC in 1996. OIAM has been in Greenville since 1999.

OIAM brings together churches, fellowships, local groups for a day of hands-on work. The work meets the needs of people and agencies in Pitt County.

*Operation InAsMuch will be held in Greenville on Saturday, October 13, 2007.* First Christian Church will be the host church and kickoff site.

To sign up for OIAM projects please contact Toni Britt Tyer. The official sign up is September 16-October 7.

--Ruel Tyer

# News, Notes and Other Stuff

## Religious Education

RE is kicking off the summer with a pool party June 10th for children 7 years and up. We will be traveling after the service to the home of Janet Doig's daughter, 115 Fort Sumpter Drive. Hot dogs, drinks, and chips will be provided. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.** We hope to see you there.

The Tweens are finishing their Time Traveling unit. In their time machine, they have traveled back to the establishment of the First Unitarian Church and met the famous UU founder, Joseph Priestley. On another trip they met another famous UU humanitarian, Dorothea Dix.

The Teens are completing their UUville curriculum. So far, they have applied the seven UU principles at a UU school, a UU city, a UU county and a UU nation. They have enjoyed role-playing the characters in these settings.

The Teens are planning a new social action/fundraising project under the guidance of Marta Dominquez. They will be selling green light bulbs, so expect to hear from them soon.

The next Teen movie night is June 16<sup>th</sup>. There is always plenty of pizza and fun for all.

Many thanks to all the volunteers in RE.

--Patty Gade

## New Address for Carol Weil

Kelly Kurz has been in contact with Carol since she moved to Indiana. Please contact Kelly for Carol's new address. --Kelly Kurz

## First Born Food Distribution

Please join us at First Born Holy Church on Saturday (June 23rd) to assist with the food distribution. Please arrive between 8:00am and 8:30am to receive your assignments. The distribution begins at 9:00am and usually runs until 12:00pm. We distribute food packages, help with administrative work, pack food boxes and carry food boxes to cars for disabled folks.

UUCG collects plastic grocery bags for First Born. There is a large plastic, blue container in the library for the bags. I deliver the bags to First Born each month. The bags must be clean, dry and odor free. Please do not bring plastic bags with RED letters.

If you can provide a ride for other UUCG members please let me know. Some folks want to help but do not have transportation to Grimesland. If you need directions, please contact me at 252-916-5069 or email [toniebritt@clis.com](mailto:toniebritt@clis.com).

Thank you for your help.

--Toni Britt Tyer





Dates in gray indicate days that Frieda is in Framingham, MA.  
 To contact her call: 252-367-0103 or email: [minister@uugreenvillenc.org](mailto:minister@uugreenvillenc.org)

# JUNE 2007 in PREVIEW

| S                                                                                                    | M                                       | T                                                                            | W                                   | T  | F  | S                      |
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|                                                                                                      |                                         |                                                                              |                                     |    | 1  | 2                      |
| 3<br>9:30 Forum<br>10:30 Sermon --<br><i>Soul Food</i>                                               | 4                                       | 5<br>8:30 Breakfast @<br>Cracker Barrel<br><br>7:00 Universal<br>Health Care | 6<br>6:00 Dine Out @<br>Daily Grind | 7  | 8  | 9<br>9:00 Bldg & Grnds |
| 10<br>9:30 Forum<br>10:30 Sermon --<br><i>Sharper Than the<br/>Sword</i><br>12:30-4:30 pool<br>party | 11<br>7:00 Board Mtg                    | 12<br>8:30 Breakfast @<br>Cracker Barrel                                     | 13<br>6:00 Dine Out @<br>China 10   | 14 | 15 | 16                     |
| 17<br>9:30 Forum<br>10:30 Sermon --<br><i>The Importance of<br/>Fathers</i><br><br>Father's Day      | 18<br><br>Frieda to General<br>Assembly | 19<br>8:00 Beacon Dead-<br>line<br>8:30 Breakfast @<br>Cracker Barrel        | 20<br>6:00 Dine Out @<br>Logan's    | 21 | 22 | 23                     |
| 24<br>9:30 Forum<br>10:30 Sermon --<br><i>To Be Announced</i>                                        | 25<br>7:00 Book Club                    | 26<br>8:30 Breakfast @<br>Cracker Barrel                                     | 27<br>6:00 Dine Out @<br>Basil's    | 28 | 29 | 30<br>9:00 First Born  |

## Religious Education Schedule June 2007

|                          | Teens                                             | Tweens                                                                                           | Adult                         |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Friday, June 1</b>    |                                                   |                                                                                                  | Course in Miracles<br>7:00 pm |
| <b>Sunday, June 3</b>    | UUVille<br>Noon                                   | No Curriculum for<br>Tweens until September<br>We will provide<br>Nursery care<br>And activities | Forum<br>9:30 am-10:15 pm     |
| <b>Friday, June 8</b>    |                                                   |                                                                                                  | Course in Miracles<br>7:00    |
| <b>Sunday, June 10</b>   | UUVille<br>Noon<br>Last Teen RE<br>For the summer |                                                                                                  | Forum<br>9:30 am – 10:15 am   |
| <b>Friday, June 15</b>   |                                                   |                                                                                                  | Course in Miracles<br>7:00 pm |
| <b>Saturday, June 16</b> | Teen Movie Night<br>7:00 pm                       |                                                                                                  |                               |
| <b>Sunday June 17</b>    | Yoga<br>During Svc                                | Yoga<br>During service                                                                           | Forum<br>9:30 am – 10:15 am   |
| <b>Friday, June 22</b>   |                                                   |                                                                                                  | Course in Miracles<br>7:00 pm |
| <b>Sunday June 24</b>    |                                                   |                                                                                                  | Forum<br>9:30 am – 10:15 am   |
| <b>Friday, June 29</b>   |                                                   |                                                                                                  | Course in Miracles            |





### **Sunday Morning Fare** . . . by Frieda Gillespie

**June 3rd: Soul Food -- Rev Frieda Gillespie --** Thomas Moore in his book *Meditations: On the Monk Who Dwells In Everyday Life* talks about ways to learn from monastic life and incorporate "monkishness" in our own. Sound austere? Maybe it's more indulgent than you think! We will also have a Teacher Recognition Ceremony.

**June 10th: Sharper than the Sword -- Rev Frieda Gillespie --** Don English and the Search Committee purchased a sermon at the auction and this is it! Don asked for a sermon about gossiping. What motivates us when we speak about others? Can we find a way to know when our words will hurt or help?

**June 17th: The Importance of Fathers -- Rev Frieda Gillespie --** The changing role of men in parenting is wonderful to see. What does the new paradigm mean for children growing up now?

**June 24th: Topic To Be Announced -- To Be Announced**

### **Youth Pool Party**

There will be a pool party for the kids ages 7 and up on Sunday, June 10th from 12:30 to 4:30, at the home of Lisa Conner, Janet Doig's daughter. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided. The address is 115 Fort Sumpter Dr in Lynndale.

--Janet Doig

### **Membership**

Things have been busy of late with our church meeting and voting on our new minister. I believe we have taken a step forward. Storms will always come up in life, of that you can be certain. If you are in a sea worthy vessel, then you must remind yourself that you are capable of weathering the storms. I believe that our church is such a vessel, and our interim minister has and is a capable pilot.

Terri Shank picked up Edie and Carroll Weber on Thursday, May 23rd., after their return from California. We are glad to have them back in Greenville. If you wish to aid in there getting settled back in, don't just sit on the sidelines. They need us as much as we need them. Call me or Ruth Leggett for things to contribute.

We will be having our membership dinner on June 9th, at the church for those who joined the church six months ago. It will be at 6:00 pm on the 9th. All are welcome to join in on having a meal with the new members. Just let me know so I can add your name to the list. We'll need volunteers to help with the meal, so don't be shy. Let me know if you can attend.

--Ruel Tyer

Deadline for next month's **beacon** is Tuesday , June 19 2007 at 8:00am

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## UU Wednesday Dining Out Menu\*



June 6 -- **Daily Grind** --1909 E. Firetower Road -- 830-2233  
June 13 -- **China 10** -- 2516 E. 5th Street -- 830-2238  
June 20 -- **Logan's Roadhouse** -- 603 SE Greenville Blvd -- 439-4313  
June 27 -- **Basil's Restaurant** -- 1675 E. Fire Tower Rd -- 353-5800

### Let's Eat!

\* Wednesday dining out starts at 6:00 pm & is Dutch treat. Please let Sylvia English 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: Lee Wyman  
Communications: Don English  
Endowment: Bill Paulson  
Hospitality: Gail Butler & Marcia Sobel  
Membership: Ruel Tyer  
Religious Education: Patty Gade  
Social Action: Ray Sobel  
Worship: Bruce Maxwell

