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Sunday Services -- 10:30 am

June 7

*Outdoor Service & Potluck*  
River Park North @ 11:00am

June 14

*The Pain Body: A Reflection*  
on Eckhart Tolle  
Rev. Ann Marie

June 21

*Summer Solstice*  
CUUPS

June 28

*This I Believe*  
Bob Franke

Children's activities are  
available each Sunday.

*Reflections*

*...of Rev Ann Marie Alderman*

The Nominating Committee and I have been studying the membership list in order to find folks to fill leadership positions for the upcoming church year. Thanks are due to Tracy Donohue for her persistence! As some new folks come in and some same folks shift around in their areas of responsibility, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who have served UUCG this year. Claudia Sundman and Feryl Masters are both coming to the end their time on the UUCG Board. Feryl has consistently offered a grounded perspective on UUCG's history and a broad vision for its future potential. Claudia gave countless hours as UUCG's Treasurer, accurately and reliably keeping the books straight.

Committee leaders who are "retiring" from their current positions include Terry Shank, who took on the very large job of overseeing all of the responsibilities of the Building and Grounds Committee. UUCG's facilities are clean, comfortable and aesthetically pleasing because of her efforts either to do what was needed or recruit a legion of helpers. Bette Nelson and Kay Alston have done a fantastic job as Membership Committee co-chairs, welcoming and orienting our many visitors and new members. Patty Gade has gone above and beyond in her dedication to the Youth Religious Education program. Gail Butler has reliably and consistently attended to UUCG's hospitality needs. Susan Foreman and Terry Shank deserve our appreciation for their efforts organizing a successful pledge campaign. Jennifer Barr provided a fun and successful Service Auction as UUCG's primary fundraising effort last fall. Thank you all for a job well done!

# Promoting a free and responsible search for truth & meaning

## Worship Committee

Due to Summer schedules, the Worship Committee will not meet at the church but will have two Email and phone call exchanges. We are pleased to report that the This I Believe series will include the following speakers: Bob Franke, Feryl Masters, a panel led by Joanie DeGroot, Susan Foremen, and Tom Thielen. WC Members are encouraged to meet informally and eat on Monday, June 8th at McCallister's [corner of Charles and Greenville Blvd. along with other UU's.

—Bev Harju



## Summer Solstice

## Plan for Growth: Summary of Town Hall Meeting

Board members led five groups in some very innovative discussions on how the church can support congregational growth until we can put into action a new building project. Some suggestions can be implemented immediately. For example, some of the front spaces can be designated as "Sunday Visitor Parking." Secondly, members can be encouraged to sit up front or in the inner seats so that newcomers will have more comfortable, easier seating access. Thirdly, new visitors will be given clip boards to fill out their name tags and contact information. The entry area can be modified for easier entry flow.

Other topics will require further exploration. The RE Director and teachers can meet to decide which additional classroom space options [library, Gold's Gym, movable storage space, etc.] might be useful down the road. The use of the worship area space can be explored through the use of mechanical drawing programs in order to experiment with different space arrangements. The library could be redesigned as an entry area and meeting room. Modifying coffee services is another option. Visitors might be referred during coffee hour discussions to other members who have mutual interests.

Finally, we will provide a survey sometime in the next year to determine what times and types of alternate, second service would be most popular as well as how the Youth RE program is scheduled. Alternate services, for example, could include different faith practices, informal or inter-generational services. We will maintain our traditional service. Ways to develop younger members as leaders can be explored.

—Bev Harju

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# June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><u>01</u></p> <p>6pm» <a href="#">Girl Scouts</a></p>	<p><u>02</u></p> <p>8:30am» <a href="#">Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</a></p> <p>7pm» <a href="#">KTC Buddhist Group</a></p>	<u>03</u>	<p><u>04</u></p> <p>7pm» <a href="#">Women's In Service Group</a></p>	<p><u>05</u></p> <p>10am» <a href="#">Building cleaning</a></p>	<u>06</u>
<p><u>07</u></p> <p>9:30am» <a href="#">The Forum meets in the teen room</a></p> <p>11am» <a href="#">Outdoor Worship Service</a></p>	<u>08</u>	<p><u>09</u></p> <p>8:30am» <a href="#">Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</a></p> <p>6:30pm» <a href="#">Social Action Committee Mtg</a></p> <p>7pm» <a href="#">KTC Buddhist Group</a></p>	<u>10</u>	<p><u>11</u></p> <p>6pm» <a href="#">Girl Scout Leader Meeting</a></p>	<p><u>12</u></p> <p>10am» <a href="#">Building cleaning</a></p>	<p><u>13</u></p> <p>9am» <a href="#">Building &amp; Grounds Work-day</a></p> <p>7pm» <a href="#">Teen Night (Kitchen and RE rooms)</a></p>
<p><u>14</u></p> <p>9:30am» <a href="#">The Forum meets in the teen room</a></p> <p>10:30am» <a href="#">Worship Service</a></p>	<p><u>15</u></p> <p>6pm» <a href="#">Girl Scouts</a></p> <p>7pm» <a href="#">Board Meeting</a></p>	<p><u>16</u></p> <p>8:30am» <a href="#">Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</a></p> <p>7pm» <a href="#">KTC Buddhist Group</a></p>	<u>17</u>	<p><u>18</u></p> <p>7pm» <a href="#">Women's In Service Group</a></p>	<p><u>19</u></p> <p>10am» <a href="#">Building cleaning</a></p>	<p><u>20</u></p> <p>1pm» <a href="#">EDS Support Group in Library</a></p>
<p><u>21</u></p> <p>9:30am» <a href="#">The Forum meets in the teen room</a></p> <p>10:30am» <a href="#">Worship Service</a></p> <p>5pm» <a href="#">Vegetarian Pot Luck</a></p> <p>7pm» <a href="#">UU Meditation Group</a></p> <p>7pm» <a href="#">Greenweavers CUUPS monthly meeting</a></p>	<u>22</u>	<p><u>23</u></p> <p>8:30am» <a href="#">Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</a></p> <p>7pm» <a href="#">KTC Buddhist Group</a></p>	<u>24</u>	<p><u>25</u></p> <p>6pm» <a href="#">Girl Scout Leader Meeting</a></p> <p>7:30pm» <a href="#">UU Men's Group</a></p>	<p><u>26</u></p> <p>10am» <a href="#">Building cleaning</a></p>	<p><u>27</u></p> <p>9am» <a href="#">First Born Food Distribution</a></p>
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# Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregation

## Ann Marie on Study Leave & to GA

Rev. Ann Marie on will be on Study Leave or in Salt Lake City for General Assembly from June 16 – July 6. She will be reachable by email or phone during this three week period for pastoral conversation or administrative consultation!

## Fund Raising Committee Report

The Funraising Committee met in June to plan our events for next year. Our first event is to raffle a time share at Williamsburg for 6/28 through July 2. See Claudia or Feryl for tickets (\$5 each, 6 for \$20). Thanks to Charles Gunther for donating the week.

Our next scheduled event is a car wash/grill/bake sale/raffle/??? on August 25. We raised \$828 in May, we hope to better that. In October, we will hold our service auction. Be thinking of what you can offer. We are also planning a gift wrapping session, another raffle, a plant or bulb sale, and a Spring Car Wash. We had lots of other ideas, but wanted to give time to rest between fundraising events.

If you are interested in helping with any of these events, or joining the Funraising Committee, contact Claudia or Feryl.

## UUCG PICNIC

Come enjoy the paddleboats, volleyball, walking trails, horseshoes and UU fellowship at the UUCG PICNIC on Sunday, June 7th at River Park North. A brief Worship Service will start at 11am, followed by a potluck. Drinks and ice will be provided. Please bring your food ready to serve. Help will be provided for those needing help to get down to the picnic area. Bring your wagon if you own one.

--Patty Gade

## News from the RE

I am well into my third year as RE chairperson and I find myself greatly in need of a rest. May is to be my last month as RE chair, and I whole-heartedly welcome Jennifer Theilen to the role.

When I was asked to be RE chair, I remember thinking, "This is not my thing. What do I know about children?" I had two of my own, but that did not qualify me to understand the needs of other people's children. I feared that I would bomb, but I also felt strongly that it was my turn to serve the church. At the time there was no RE chair, so my mantra became, "Well, I'm better than nobody." I have come a long way since then.

The UU children are the "open hearts and open minds" of the future and it has been my honor and joy to get to know them. I hope Jennifer finds her service just as rewarding.

At this time of the year we like to thank our teachers and volunteers. Toni Brit, Kim Smith, Tom Theilen and Mary Brown really stepped up to help RE and became lead teachers. Don English provided youth Yoga once every month. We are especially grateful for these folks. All the second adults, story tellers, and committee members are also appreciated. Youth RE would not happen without a lot of donated time and energy.

The next Teen night is Saturday, June 13th at 7pm at the church. Don't forget the UUCG picnic is Sunday, June 7th at River Park North--volleyball, paddleboats, walking trails and plenty of UU fellowship. The only June birthday belongs to Blaise Smith—she turns 11 years old on June 1st.

--Patty Gade

## Affirming the goal of world community & peace, liberty and justice for all

**Reflections** (continued from page 1)

With congregational approval, Rich Elkins will continue to offer his calm and thoughtful perspective as he shifts from President to Past President. Patrice Alexander will step up from Vice President to become the next President. In her role as VP she has provided organizational leadership for the Council and deserves appreciation for calling together a Strategic Long Range Planning Committee that is enthusiastically planning for UUCG's future. Brenda Stewart will move from her At Large position on the Board to become the new Treasurer, a job she has held before and has graciously offered to hold again. Pat Anderson will help out as Assistant Treasurer. Susan Foreman will continue as Board Secretary and Bev Harju as an At Large member. Judi Hickson and Teresa Sparrow will be welcomed as new Board members.

As for committee leadership, Terry Shank will continue to oversee Building and Grounds aesthetics, while Feryl Masters takes on the role of supervising Building Repairs and Maintenance. April and Richard Weir will chair the new Building Cleaning Committee. Alan Bailey will become the new Membership Chair. Jackie Wyman will revive the Fellowship Committee. Claudia Sundman and Feryl Masters will co-chair Fundraising. Jennifer Thielen will chair the Youth Religious Education Committee. Kathy Weigel will take over Hospitality. Tom Thielen will assume the Pledge Campaign Committee leadership role. Tom Long will co-chair

Social Action along with Pat Tesh. Paul Alston will continue as Finance Chair. Janet Doig and Ruth Leggett are continuing as the Caring Committee co-chairs. Bill Paulson will continue coordinating Greeters and chairing the Endowment Committee. Lynn Caverly has already begun to coordinate our Campus Ministry efforts at ECU and PCC. Bev Harju continues to chair the Worship Committee. Rich Elkins will revive the Communications Committee and Don English will continue editing and publishing the Beacon. The Committee on Ministry continues to consist of Don English, Jan Salstrom and Paul Alston.

Thanks to all those who have been and will continue to be active members of all these committees and all the special task force projects that keep UUCG going! Many, many thanks to every teacher and helper within our Youth Religious Education program who give of their time and attention to our children and teens. And gratefulness also goes to those who have led our special interest groups such as The Forum, CUUPS, WISG, the Book Club, and the Men's Group. Finally, UUCG's "staff", Victoria Brown as Director of Religious Education, Michelle Covi as Administrator, John Griffin as Administrative Assistant, Mort Stine as Pianist and Music Director, Stephen Brand as Choir Director and Jenny Weigel who serves as our primary childcare provider; deserve our gratitude.

You are an amazing congregation! It is an absolute pleasure to know and to love each and every one of you!

--Ann Marie

# Respecting the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

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## Committee Chairs

Building and Grounds: Terry Shank  
Endowment: Bill Paulson  
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Hospitality: Gail Butler  
Membership: Bette Nelson & Kay Alston  
Religious Education: Patty Gade  
Social Action: Pat Tesh  
Worship: Bev Harju

