

The UUCG Beacon

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Sunday Services -- 10:30 am

June 5
Annual Outdoor Service
Rev. Ann Marie

June 12
What's In A Name?
Rev. Ann Marie

June 19
Father's Day
Rev. Ann Marie

June 26
Worship Service from General Assembly



Children's activities are available each Sunday.



President's Notes

As the academic year is drawing to a close you can sense the energy in our community shifting to the great outdoors and the greater community. It is a focus that has been growing at UUCG for the last couple years. As we look at the outreach that our congregation is engaged in, whether it is providing space for groups like the

Sierra Club and the Coffee Party, being the genesis for the first Gilda's Clubhouse in North Carolina, providing support to the Community Shelter and First Born, or being a venue for local artists we are a congregation of doers who are committed to making our communities the best that they can be. I am so proud to be a member of UUCG and as the end of my term as President approaches, I want to express my thanks to the congregation for the opportunity to serve.

On Sunday, May 22nd, we had our Annual Congregational Meeting. The officers and members of the Board of Trustees were elected and our 2011-2012 budget was approved by the congregation. Also approved was a resolution on the District name change and administrative bylaws correction which was the result of the action taken at the Annual Meeting of the Thomas Jefferson District to change the name of the district. Effective immediately, the name of our District will be the Southeast District. Two UUCG members were presented with awards. The Flaming Chalice, which is designated for someone who makes a significant impact on the congregation and community, was presented to Pat Anderson. The Unsung Hero award for significant dedication to church work was presented to for Bob Franke.

On June 3, Bev Harju and Tom Long will be hosting an Appreciation Dinner for all of our Children's RE teachers and volunteers this year. We are getting very excited about the upcoming Hogwarts Academy that will be the basis of our Children's RE curriculum this summer.

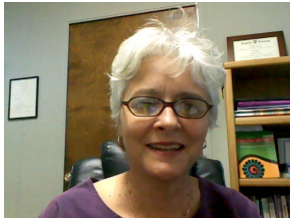
A number of our members are planning to attend the upcoming UUA General Assembly in Charlotte, June 22-26th. Several of us will be volunteering to help the District meet its goal of having the best General Assembly ever. At our May Board Meeting the Board selected Bev Harju and Tom Thielen as our delegates and Judi Hickson and Patrice Alexander as alternates.

We are still recruiting for members to help on several of our 2011-2012 committees. Each one of us has much to share This is an exciting time here at UUCG and we need everyone's contributions of time, and talent in order to continue our efforts to have a significant impact on those that are in need in our communities. Please talk to Board members or Ann Marie about where your talents can be best used as we move forward.

In Gratitude and Covenant,
Patrice Alexander,
President UUCG Board of Trustees, 2010-2011

Reflections

... of Reverend Ann Marie Alderman



June. It's the month when we either go on vacation or wish we were on vacation! It's the month when we get used to being a lot warmer. It's the month when UUCG goes to River Park North for a short worship service and a long potluck! (Remember to bring your dish, your body and spirit... and to arrive by 11 am on June 5th. We'll gather in the covered pavilion closest to the parking lot.) It's also the month when UU's get together for our annual General Assembly. This year, as I am sure you have heard already, we are meeting close by in Charlotte. Those of us going will be studying all things UU and celebrating 50 years as U's and U's together! You don't have to drive to Charlotte to join in the "we are gathered together" experience, though! Just come to UUCG on Sunday, June 26th at the usual 10:30 am time and watch the 2011 General Assembly Sunday Worship Service from Charlotte on our big screen! There are some things great about new technology!There are many, many things great about being UU!

Ann Marie

2011 UUCG Annual Congregational Meeting

The meeting on May 22, 2011 was called to order at 12:06 pm by Patrice Alexander, President.

There were seven items of business.

1. Patrice asked if there was a quorum and Rev. Ann Marie answered affirmatively [61 out of 105 members were either present or represented by proxy]. Ray Sobel moved and Alice Arnold seconded that we have a quorum and could conduct business. The motion passed.
2. Two UUCG members were presented with awards. The Flaming Chalice, which is designated for someone who makes a significant impact on the congregation and community, was presented to Pat Anderson. The Unsung Hero award for significant dedication to church work was presented to Bob Franke.

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Staff

Minister: Rev. Ann Marie Alderman
Youth Religious Education Director: Kimberly Scholl
Music Director: Mort Stine
Choir Director: Stephen Brand
Office Administrator: Michelle Covi

Board of Trustees

President: Patrice Alexander
Vice President: Bev Harju
Secretary: Susan Foreman
Treasurer: Brenda Stewart
At-Large: Alan Bailey
At-Large: Judi Hickson
At-Large: Tom Thielen

Committee Chairs

Ambiance: Terry Shank
Building Maintenance: Feryl Masters, & Pat Tesh
Communication: Rich Elkins
Endowment: Bill Paulson
Finance: Paul Alston
Fundraising: Feryl Masters
Hospitality: Lynn Caverly & Pat Dix
Membership: Bud & Phyllis Hazel
Youth Religious Education: Jennifer Thielen
Stewardship: Feryl Masters
Social Action: Tom Long & Pat Anderson
Worship: Gladie Hamilton

Social Action

Social Action Report From Tom Long

Thanks to Hank Foster, Helen Foster, Bob Franke and Tom Long for helping with the First Born Food Distribution Program on Saturday, April 23. Toni and Ruel Tyer also helped the Program on days other than the 23rd.

Our Mothers' Day cards and roses gifts for the Shelter women residents and the staff went extremely well. We received a complimentary note from GCS Executive Director Lynne about our efforts.

We now have six completed Volunteer Application forms qualifying us to participate in the Shelter "Check In" process, as soon as the six of us are able to schedule the special orientation session. Our six volunteers are Pat Dix, Gladie Hamilton, Ruth Leggett, Tom Long, Tom Thielen and Ray Sobel. We hope to add more in the future.

What's in A Name?

On April 30, 2011, congregations in the Thomas Jefferson District (our district) of the UUA voted to change the district's name to "The Southeast District of the Unitarian Universalist Association". Delegates from the 40 congregations passed the amendment by an overwhelming vote. This is the fourth time in the history of the district that a vote on the name was taken. For more information, see the district website: [Southeast District \(http://tjdistrict.org/\)](http://tjdistrict.org/)

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Give Cancer a Noogie Returns

Our effort to start a Cancer Support Community in Greenville is moving along very well. We are now an affiliate of the international Cancer Support Community. The name of our club will be Cancer Support Community Eastern NC, Inc. CSC Eastern NC will include Gilda's Clubhouse and a program of support and education for men, women, and children who have cancer, their families, and close friends.



Support from the community has left us with no doubt that this is something people want. Although we started just last November, we have already raised over \$138,000! **Our next fundraiser, Give Cancer A Noogie!, will be Tuesday, June 7th 5:30-6:30 PM at UUCG. We will have refreshments, learn more about CSC, and hear from people who have been touched by cancer. There is no charge for the event. We will ask for donations, but there is no minimum and no maximum required.**

Please come and bring your family and friends, who are interested in what we are doing. Due to limited space, we request that you make a reservation by calling Bev Harju at (252) 258-1212 or gilda2014@gmail.com.

For more information, contact Pat Anderson at (252) 414-9986 or patanderson@suddenlink.net

Religious Education

Youth Religious Education Report

Did you know that our little garden is already feeding the some in our community? Of course, we had intended to harvest our bounty to donate, but some rather hungry wildlife has already found our little garden and had what must of been a lovely meal as all our food plants have been eaten down to the ground (they left the marigolds)! We'll be replanting as soon as some organic repellent arrives, so expect gardening to still be part of our activities this summer!

We're very excited about how things are progressing with Youth Religious Education, both in terms of our upcoming UU Hogwarts summer session and in terms of attendance. We've had some new and returning families bring their children, and we are very excited about having so many new and returning friends join us for fellowship and exploration. With such a wonderful group of children we should have a very exciting time as we dive into the magical world of Hogwarts this summer. If you have an interest in joining us as we learn about Potions, the Care of Magical Creatures, Herbology or one of our many other topics please contact me or our Director of Religious Education, Kimberly Scholl. We will be meeting soon to go over more details, so stay tuned!


In Service,
Jennifer Thielen
Chair, YRE

2011 UUCG Annual Congregational Meeting

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3. Patrice reviewed the Proposed Budget for 2011-12 using power point slides. Rich Elkin and Terry Shank moved to accept the proposed budget; the motion was approved.
4. Nominations for the Board were reviewed by Patrice. Judi Hickson and Ann Eleanor moved to accept the Board nominations by acclamation; the motion was approved. The Nominating Committee, which is composed of three members, was presented. Ann Eleanor and Claudia Sundman moved to accept the nominees by acclimation; the motion was approved.
The list of Committee Chairs identified by the Nominating Committee and Board was presented for informational purposes [p. 4]. Co-chairs for Stewardship and Fellowship remain unfilled. Attendees were asked to consider volunteering to be co-chairs or committee members. The Committee Chairs will be approved by the Board at its June meeting.
5. A resolution to revise the UCG bylaws was presented. This change reflects an action taken at the District Meeting in April and involved changing the name of our Thomas Jefferson District to the newly elected name, the Southeast District. The resolution on the District name change and administrative bylaws correction was a standing motion from the Board and thereby did not require a motion or second from the floor. The motion carried.
6. Patrice asked if there was any New Business. Hearing none, Feryl Masters and Sean Stayton moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Harju

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3p-5p Minister's Office Hours 7p-8:30p Adult RE-Practices to Connect Earth and Spirit 7p-8p Choir Practice	2	3 7p-9p First Friday Fun Night	4
5 11a-12p Annual Outdoor Service 12p-1p Lunch Group	6 2:30p-9p Gilda event set up 5:15p-6:15p Worship Committee meeting	7 8a-9a Breakfast Group 12p-1p Greenville Ministers meeting 3p-5p Minister's office hours 5:30p-6:30p Give Cancer a Noogie 7:30p-8:45p KTC Buddhist Meditation	8 3p-5p Minister's Office Hours 7p-8:30p Adult RE-Practices to Connect Earth and Spirit 7p-8p Choir Practice	9 7p-8p Social Action Committee Meeting 7p-9p Sierra Club Outings Leaders meeting	10 1p-2p Women's Lunch Group 6p-7p Celebration of Life	11
12 10:30a-11:30a What's in a Name? 10:40a-11:40a YRE/Hogwarts 12p-1p Lunch Group 12:30p-2:30p Council Meeting	13	14 8a-9a Breakfast Group 3p-5p Minister's office hours 7p-8:30p Gilda's Organizers/All Teams 7:30p-8:45p KTC Buddhist Meditation	15 3p-5p Minister's Office Hours 7p-8:30p Adult RE-Practices to Connect Earth and Spirit	16	17	18
19 10:30a-11:30a Fathers Day Celebration 10:40a-11:40a YRE/Hogwarts 12p-1p Lunch Group	20 8a-8a rental 7p-8:30p Board of Trustees Meeting	21 rental 8a-9a Breakfast Group 7:30p-8:45p KTC Buddhist Meditation	22 rental 7p-8:30p Adult RE-Practices to Connect Earth and Spirit	23 rental 7p-8p UU Men's Group	24 rental 1p-2p Women's Lunch Group	25 8:30a-10:30a First Born Food Distribution
26 10:30a-11:30a Worship Live from General Assembly in Charlotte 10:40a-11:40a YRE/Hogwarts 12p-1p Lunch Group	27 8a-8a rental 7p-8:30p Book Club	28 rental 8a-9a Breakfast Group 3p-4p Caring Committee Meeting 7:30p-8:45p KTC Buddhist Meditation	29 rental	30 rental		

Connect to the UUA General Assembly

General Assembly (GA) 2011 in Charlotte will mark the [50th anniversary](#) of the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America. You become a fan on [Facebook](#) or read the GA [Blog](#)

RE Teacher Appreciation Night

Friday, **June 3rd** at 6 pm Teacher Appreciation Dinner. All RE teachers are invited to a Teacher Appreciation Dinner at the church on Friday, June 3rd at 6 pm. Dinner will be provided by Tom Long and Bev Harju. Anyone else who would also like to show their appreciation is invited to bring a potluck item and join us. The monthly Friday Fun Night begins around 7 pm.

Happy Birthday to UUs this June

- June 1 –Susan Foreman
- June 14 –Lynda Lane
- June 15 – Ruth Leggett
- June 18 –Jean Thatcher
- June 20 –Toni Tyer



Deadline for next month's *beacon* is Tuesday, **June 21 at 8:00 pm**

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