

# The UUCG Beacon

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## President's Notes

*An increasing number of congregations are interested in doing "developmental ministry"... This is most useful for congregations that have a long-term issue they've not*

*been able to successfully address. Members know the congregation probably can't resolve this issue in a normal twelve- or even eighteen-month interim period. So we help them find a minister who would be particularly good at helping them address their problem. Then, after three to five years they'd have the option of calling this minister if things went really well.* [The above excerpt is from a March 1, 2012 article on the UUA website that I would encourage everyone to read--<http://www.uua.org/interconnections/interconnections/198411.shtml>]

Keith Kron, Transitions Director, UUA

Didn't we just hire an interim minister? Isn't Rev. Rod Thompson helping us to identify and work through our congregational issues? Aren't we working toward a search committee tasked with the process of identifying and calling the next minister? I would answer each of those questions with an emphatic YES!

Why then, are we discussing Developmental Ministry? I think the answer is at least two fold. First, we as a congregation have identified issues that will likely take longer than the remaining interim period to work through. Meeting our physical space needs may be an example of one such issue. Growing our membership, fellowship, adult RE, and stewardship may be another. These issues take time to be done well. Second, we frankly don't anticipate the funds to conduct a proper called ministry search. By all accounts, a ministerial search is a process that will require a financial investment we just can't afford right now. Not without a significant and devastating cut to our current programs, or a significant and unexpected boost in income from pledges, rentals, donations, fundraising efforts, etc. While we still have the time and infrastructure in place to conduct the search if we choose to, my feeling is that it is not currently financially responsible to do so.

The process of obtaining a developmental minister is similar to the process in which we found our current interim. It involves application to the UUA transition office via an online system. The identified minister (s) would obviously be interviewed and goals of the process would be shared by each side. When the right candidate is identified and accepts our offer, they would come for a 3-5 year developmental ministry period, at the end of which they may move on, but would have the option of continuing on as a called minister, should it be agreed upon by both parties. In some ways, it is like an extended, on-the-job interview by both parties, conducted while we address our congregational issues together.

The Developmental Ministry process, our proposed annual budget, and the products of the Identity Statement Workshop and the Right Relations Covenant Workshop will be discussed in more detail at the Annual Congregational Business Meeting, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon. I hope to see you all there.

Tom Thielen  
President, UUCG Board of Trustees

## Worship Services

June 2      **To Be Announced-** a Lay Led Service

June 9      **“Hurry Up and Rest”**

**Led by Rev. Rod Thompson, Interim Minister**

A lot of the people I know, especially at this time of the year, are tired – a demanding job, family responsibilities, friends, civic, community, and cultural activities – no wonder almost everyone is tired! So, on this Sunday I will offer something to counteract the command to “hurry up and rest.” Come and relax in church.

June 16      **Annual Outdoor Picnic and Father’s Day**

We return to River Park North this year with our annual picnic—this year on Father’s Day. We will start with a short service at **11:00 AM**. Please bring a dish to pass, your family and friends and anything you need to have fun at the Park.

June 23      **Summer Solstice**

**Led by Greenweavers CUUPS**

Celebrate the beginning of summer with this intergenerational service to greet the season and the longest day of the year.

June 30      **“Music Inspires our Spirit”** a Lay Led Service

This service will feature some of the musicians in our congregation sharing with us how music inspires and moves them.

### UUCG Annual Congregational Business Meeting

Immediately after the service. It has traditionally been a pot luck affair with business starting promptly at 12:30 PM. On the agenda for the meeting will be several important issues regarding our next fiscal year, our Board of Trustees docket, our ministerial search committee and our work with identity and right relations workshops. As the meeting requires a quorum to conduct business, it is vital for all members to attend.

### Mindfulness Meditation Group

Sunday, May 26 will be the last mindfulness group meeting until August. The room we are using is needed by 10 AM by the young people. This will not give the group long enough for discussion and meditation.

## Staff

Interim Minister: Rev. Rod  
Thompson

Youth Religious Education

Director: Kimberly Scholl

Music Director: Mort Stine

Choir Director: Stephen Brand

Office Administrator:

Michelle Covi

## Board of Trustees

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Finance: Paul Alston

Fundraising: Feryl Masters

Hospitality: Louise Sharpless, Judy

Drum & Ann Eleanor

Membership: Bud & Phyllis Hazel

Youth Religious Education:

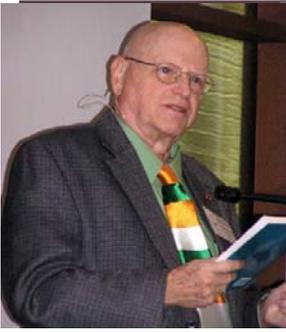
Jennifer Thielen

Stewardship: Patrice Alexander

Social Action: Pat Tesh &

Pat Dix

Worship: Paul Kurmas



# Rod's Ruminations

Regardless of what the current temperatures and humidity are, June is the start of **summer** for me. It always has been. The end of school. Doing yard work. The beginning of summer jobs and folk festivals. And once I got into the Unitarian Universalist ministry June also meant the end of the "normal" schedule, the end of the regular Religious Education Program, shorter office hours, fewer activities, vacations, and planning for the church season to come.

Well, we're going to do some of that here beginning in June. Your Worship Committee is busily planning the Sunday Services; and, once again, the Summer Religious Education Program will focus around *Hogwarts*. We expect that there will be coffee service and probably other goodies after the Service.

Just because these are Summer Services this doesn't mean that you'll have light weight services. We're planning services that range from Music and Art to Acceptance and Nature; all focusing on that which inspires and moves us. If you are in town, don't miss any of these wonderful services. The whole summer will be like this!

Unfortunately Mary and I will miss a lot of the summer programs. By June 13th we'll be on the road to our home in Ohio and then immediately on to Louisville, KY, for the Ministers Days, at which I will help lead a Collegial Conversation on Interim Ministry, and then for the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations along with some of you as Delegates. From there Mary and I will be at our home on vacation, where we'll see a lot of our children and grandchildren. We'll see you again in August.

Of course if there is a pastoral emergency the Staff, the Board, and the Transition Team will all know how to get in touch with me. Have a great summer in North Carolina or wherever your travels take you!

## News from Youth Religious Education

Greetings from RE!

Summer is on it's way, and for the Youth Religious Education program here at the UUCG that means the return of Hogwarts summer classes. For the past few summers all of our students have been allowed to attend classes as Honorary Gryffindors. However, we have progressed to the point where Headmistress McGonagall feels it is time for our students to have their own houses. The Tweens class is currently working on selecting native North Carolina animals to represent each of the three houses, and will also be designing each house crest, all subject to approval from Hogwarts and the Ministry of Magic, of course.

June 2nd will be the first day of this summer's Hogwarts curriculum. **All students will be sorted into their houses on June 2nd, so attendance will be very important.** If there is a student who plans on attending any of the Hogwarts classes this summer who can not attend the Sorting, please let our local headmistress, Kimberly Scholl, know so we can ask the Sorting Hat to choose a house for the student in their absence. We want to make sure that no one is left out!

As the summer progresses we will be looking towards the selection of next fall's curriculum. We try to make sure that the lessons are properly catered to the attending children's ages and behavioral & emotional maturity levels. In order to have a better idea as to what will be required for next year's curriculum we will be asking that all attending children have updated RE Registration forms on file. We will be starting our registration drive soon, and would appreciate participation from all those with children who attend any of the Youth Religious Education classes, even if attendance is only occasional.

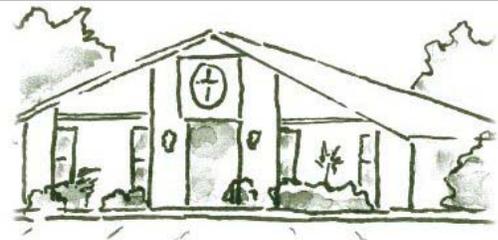
We're looking forward to a great summer!

Jennifer Thielen, Chair, YRE Committee

# Annual Congregational Budget

		<b>Projected Actual 2012-13</b>	<b>2012-13 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2013-14</b>
<b>Income</b>				
	Fifth Sunday/Social Action Share the Plate	3,165.55	1,500.00	3,000.00
	Fundraising	7,195.07	7,000.00	8,000.00
	Interest Income	0.47		
	Non-Pledge Contributions	6,606.42	5,000.00	6,500.00
	Pledge Contributions	83,674.80	88,785.00	82,000.00
	Rental Income	3,190.80	1,200.00	3,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>103,833.11</b>	<b>103,485.00</b>	<b>102,500.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
	Building & Grounds	4,272.15	5,300.00	5,870.00
	Childcare	1,598.70	1,100.00	1,500.00
	Communications	524.05	300.00	350.00
	Contingencies		19.00	
	Denominational Affairs	8,512.80	8,564.00	4,452.00
	General Operations	9,587.82	9,050.00	10,500.00
	Fellowship			100.00
	Hospitality	100.49	125.00	150.00
	Membership	105.20	150.00	150.00
	Professional Ministry	64,705.00	64,705.00	66,000.00
	Ministerial Search			0.00
	Youth Religious Education Director	7,460.14	7,797.00	7,958.00
	Youth Religious Education	1,046.91	950.00	950.00
	Social Action/Share the Plate	3,165.55	1,500.00	3,000.00
	Stewardship			100.00
	Worship & Choir Director	4,082.84	3,925.00	4,285.00
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>105,161.65</b>	<b>103,485.00</b>	<b>105,365.00</b>

**Affirming the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large**

~ June 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
First Born Community Ministries Half Share						<b>1</b> 10a-11a Brand Helvig Music and Wellness
<b>2</b> 10:30a-11:30a Worship Service 12p-1p Congregational Meeting 12p-1p Lunch Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8a-9a Breakfast Group 7:30p-8:45p KTC Buddhist Meditation	<b>5</b> 7p-8p Choir Practice	<b>6</b> 6:30p-7:30p Brand Helvig Music and Wellness	<b>7</b> 1p-2p Women's Lunch Group	<b>8</b> 10a-11a Brand Helvig Music and Wellness 7p-8p Hymphony-Fundraiser
<b>9</b> 10:30a-11:30a Hurry Up and Rest/New Members 12p-1p Lunch Group	<b>10</b> 5:30p-6:30p Worship Committee Meeting	<b>11</b> 8a-9a Breakfast Group 7:30p-8:45p KTC Buddhist Meditation	<b>12</b> 7p-8p Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 6:30p-7:30p Brand Helvig Music and Wellness 7p-8:30p Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10a-11a Brand Helvig Music and Wellness
<b>16</b> 11a-12p Annual Picnic and Father's Day 5p-7p Vegetarians in Pitt County potluck	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8a-9a Breakfast Group 7:30p-8:45p KTC Buddhist Meditation	<b>19</b> 7p-8p Choir Practice	<b>20</b> 6:30p-7:30p Brand Helvig Music and Wellness	<b>21</b> 1p-2p Women's Lunch Group 7p-10p Classic GLBT Movie Night	<b>22</b> 8:30a-10:30a First Born Food Distribution 10a-11a Brand Helvig Music and Wellness
<b>23</b> 10:30a-11:30a Summer Solstice Service 12p-1p Lunch Group 12p-1p Shelter Action Group Meeting	<b>24</b> 7p-8:30p Book Club	<b>25</b> 8a-9a Breakfast Group 4p-5p Caring Committee Meeting 6p-8p Democracy NC 7:30p-8:45p KTC Buddhist Meditation	<b>26</b> 7p-8p Choir Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10a-11a Brand Helvig Music and Wellness
<b>30</b> 10:30a-11:30a Music Inspires Us 12p-1p Lunch Group						

### Hymnphony

The 2013 UUCG "Hymnphony" will be the evening of June 8 at UUCG. The Hymnphony is a fundraiser for the music program and features people you hear every Sunday and some people you have never heard before. If you want to donate your talent and enthusiasm (it could be spelled "Hymn-Fun-y"), see Mort of Stephen. It doesn't have to be music, any kind of performance is encouraged. UUCG is always a good audience. Come out and show what you can do!

### Funraising

We had a great Funraising year. Despite a couple of snow days and rain for part of the Car Wash, we exceeded our budget. I don't have the final numbers yet, but it appears we raised about \$1,000 more than budgeted. Just as importantly, we had lots of fun doing it (and lots of work by many people). The Funraising Team is working on some new ideas for Funraising next year. We'll keep you posted. If you have an idea for a Funraising project you'd like to help with, let us know at [oferyl@gmail.com](mailto:oferyl@gmail.com)

### Happy Birthday to UUs this June

- June 1– Susan Foreman
- June 7- Teresa Vandiver
- June 15– Richard Baltaro
- June 15– Ruth Leggett
- June 18– Jean Thatcher
- June 20– Toni Tyer
- June 28– Louise Sharpless



Deadline for next month's **Beacon** is Tuesday, June 25 at 8:00 pm

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