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July 3

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Karen Day & Feryl Masters

July 10

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Nature*
Mark Barnes

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Victoria Leo

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Children's activities are available
each Sunday.

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Our theme for the summer season is abundance and we enjoyed an abundance of talent at the summer solstice worship service when the youth enacted the mythic tale of *The Musicians of the Sun*. Rebekah and Aaron Gade, Lilani Masters and Eli Stine brought great enthusiasm to planning, discovering props and making costumes. Rebekah, Aaron, and Lilani were joined by Bradley and Cameron Baker in bringing the story to life. Thank you all.

Right now I'm remembering the winter simplicity theme and want to share a small success story. After listening to several reflections on simplicity one person was inspired to make changes-me! Well, if you can't inspire yourself, who can you expect to touch? After considering how much of our precious energy resources go into maintaining our house, McCabe and I have decided to put in on the market. We'd like to find something smaller and more efficient if (or when) our house sells. We are realizing that we can be satisfied with less space, less stuff and less air conditioning! We hope this change will make our "footprint" on the earth a bit smaller.

I'm preparing to go to General Assembly in Fort Worth as I write this, but I will return before you receive your Beacon. Feryl, Gail and Lilani will also be in Fort Worth so I'm sure we will have a lot to share when we return. This is an annual meeting of delegates from the congregations that make up our association. Business is conducted, statements of

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Reflections

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conscience and action are voted on, and many, many workshops are offered. There is also a two day professionals meeting before the opening session for the general meeting. For an introvert like me it's exhausting, but it always provides so much information and so many resources for our congregation that it is well worth it.

After the service on July 3 when we'll share General Assembly reflections, I will be leaving for vacation and study time. McCabe and I will spend a couple of weeks in a tiny cabin off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Floyd, Virginia. We've discovered this area as a wonderful retreat and musician's paradise. We will be hiking, gazing, listening and taking it easy. We are also planning to do some camping

in our VW bus, travelling north to the end of the Parkway. I'm hoping Nature Girl will have some tales to share when we return!

I will also spend one week at the Shalem Clergy Leadership program. This program has provided structure for me to study and practice spiritual disciplines and contemplation. It has been a very helpful process and I look forward to this retreat.

And I'll be back in the office on August 1. I hope you can carve some time out for fun, fresh food, exercise and all the summer pleasures that make for abundance in this season.

-- Blessings, Karen

Hello First Born Volunteers!

First Born Food distribution is this SAT. JUNE 25th! They usually expect at least 8 UU's to help out. But, this Sat. I don't expect our usual turn-out. I'll be out of town and I think some of our usuals will be unavailable, too.

So, even if you haven't volunteered before, please consider volunteering this Sat. They need both box carriers and people to sit at the desk and do paperwork. Arrive between 9:00- 10:00. The distribution starts at 10:00 and ends at noon (often earlier).

To get to First Born Church from G'ville: Go EAST on 33 to Grimesland. In Grimesland, turn RIGHT on Chicod St. Go around a mile. First Born is on the right hand side of the road.

If you plan to volunteer, please let me know. Either phone: 758-0693 or e-mail me at donohuet@mail.ecu.edu. But, if you wake up on Sat. and feel inspired to volunteer, come on down! We can use you!

-- Tracie Donohue



On The Horizon

Sunday Morning Fare . . . by Karen Day

Worship Services for July

July 3- *Report from General Assembly*
-Rev. Karen Day with Feryl Masters

We will just be returning from this gathering of thousands of Unitarian Universalists. Come find out what is happening at a continental level.

July 10 -- *The Artistic Abundance of Nature*
-- Mark Barnes

July 17 *Too Much Abundance?* Stress Management workshop will follow the service
-- Victoria Leo

July 24 *God is Everything* -- Ed Day

July 31 *Celebrating Abundance: Earth-Based Spirituality* -- Frances Roebuck & Richard Weir

August 28th -- *Water Ceremony*

Don't forget to collect water from someplace where you experience abundance this summer. We will all bring our drops of water together in August in a ceremony

Women's Covenant Group Delivers

Thanks to wonderful cooperation from the UUCG members and the Women's Covenant Group the Women's Shelter has a full storage house of hurricane supplies for the 2005 season. The water, flashlights and batteries were delivered on the first week-end of June. All members of the group, Janet Doig, Cindy Fanning, Sondra Haynes, Diane Mackenroth, Joan Sachtjen, Terry Shank and Chair Sylvia English appreciate the support of the congregation in making our community service project a success.

-- Sylvia English

Fourth of July Social...

Members and friends of UUCG are invited to a potluck social at the Maxwell farm in Stokes on Monday, July 4th from 2-6ish pm. We will have games, food and friendship on our back lawn. Bring the kids to see the animals and play in the pool. Test your skills at croquet or horseshoes. Please bring a dish to share and pick up a map at the Church.

Call from more info Bruce & Carol Maxwell, 355-4538.

Social Action...

The social action committee wants to thank Don English, Luca Masters, Paul Alston, Charles Gunther and Peter Sachtjen for building the soccer goals for the migrant workers on the King farm outside of Farmville. Steve Davis of the Snow Hill Clinic said that the goals were a consistent wish of the migrants, so we are glad this was fulfilled.

Also, seven people from our congregation have agreed to drive migrant workers to their monthly FLOC labor meetings. They are: Karen Day, Dianne Horton, Don English, Jeanne Stone, Richard Weir, April Weir and Lezah Pagels. They will be driving in various months, from June through October, on the fourth Sunday of the month. The Social Action committee wants to thank all of them for their help with this project. If anyone else wants to participate, they should contact Joan Sachtjen for the details.

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On a Personal Note . . .

The Proboluses write: We've been in Greenville for the past three years, and we are moving once again. We will miss all of the new friends we have made, and all of our family and friends on the East Coast. We hope that many of you will visit us in California! Here is our new address and phone number as of June 27th. 1740 Robinson Avenue, Apt. 21, San Diego, CA 92103; (619)546-8673 We will still have the same email address. Love, Shell, Andy, Zach and Henry.

I suppose there are good things to be found in that move, but we don't have to scrounge around for reasons to be happy about the Sobels' planned mid-July move to Greenville. Not that Kinston isn't a fine place to live -- it's just too long a commute.

We're all indebted to our monthly Work Saturday crews, keeping our building and grounds smart and lovely. Bee Behr, Sylvia English, Bob Franke, Bruce & Marli Baker, Lee Wyman, Mark Barnes, Cindy Fanning, Helen & Hank Foster, Feryl Masters, Terry Shank, Edith Webber, & Patti Whitehurst have come, but (alas) not all at once, and B & G Chair Lisa Brenner says More Hands would make Lighter Work.

Our thoughts are with Todd Finley as his father suffers painfully and it seems finally.

We are happy for our members who will be attending the General Assembly this year: Karen Day, Feryl Masters, Gail Butler, and Lilani Butler Masters. They join a history of representation of our congregation at General Assembly dating back at least to 1970.

On the "got well" list: Ben Thomas and Ray Sobel. Welcome back! Keep up the good work. And welcome back to you too, Marcia.

Bradley Baker finished the school year with a "Terrific Kid" and more other awards than any kid -- terrific or not -- is expected to earn. New graduates recognized on June 5 were: Jennie Weigel -- Rose High, Jennifer Allen -- Orange High, Joshua Anderson -- Kinston High, Luca Masters -- East Carolina University.

Alice Arnold is home again after a whirlwind trip to Japan. Ask her about it.

Fred Becker's daughter Dusty and son-in-law Tony were visiting over Father's Day.

We will all miss Skeeter Boyd when she moves to Canada to be married, but especially Fred and Richard Becker for whom she has been cooking.

Sylvia English reports that the women's covenant group (with help from other members of the congregation, probably) has finished their project of stocking the emergency hurricane supplies of the women's shelter.

The Albrechts are moving to Pinehurst, NC with hopes, Malaika writes, that "being closer to Greenville means I will see you all a little more frequently."

Brenda Stewart enjoyed a family reunion on Father's Day.

Larry Spell is marrying longtime girl friend, Cindy, initiating this Summer of Weddings.

Carroll and I just had a visit by our Vermont daughter.

--Edie Webber

Congregational Leadership Meetings

There will be a Board Retreat Friday September 9th from 6pm-9pm (Dinner provided) at Karen's house. A Council and Board retreat will take place on Saturday September 19th from 9am-4pm(Lunch and snacks provided) at UUCG

Please review the policy manual and committee hand book (47 pages) on line or ask for a hard copy from any Board member or Karen. The Board would like your input in the form of written suggestions soon so that they can vote at the council meeting on July 24th.

-- Randi Finley



THE MONTH in PREVIEW

Church Calendar for July

- 3** 10:30 *Report on General Assembly*
-- **Karen Day & Feryl Masters**
- 5** 8:30am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- 6** 6:00pm Eat Out at Ruby Tuesday
- 9** 9:00am Workday
- 10** 10:30 *The Artistic Abundance of Nature*
-- **Mark Barnes**
- 12** 8:30am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- 13** 6:00pm Eat Out at Outback Steakhouse
- 17** 10:30am *Too Much Abundance?*
-- **Victoria Leo**
- 18** 7:00pm Board meeting
- 19** 8:30am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- 20** 6:00pm Eat Out at Lemongrass
- 24** 10:30am *God is Everything* -- **Ed Day**
12-4:00pm **Committee Chair Council**
- 25** 9:00am First Born
- 26** 8:30am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- 27** 6:00pm Eat Out at CPW's
- 31** 10:30am *Celebrating Abundance: Earth-Based Spirituality* -- **Frances Roebuck & Richard Weir**

New Board & Chair Positions Filled

President--*Feryl Masters*--One year
Vice President--*Rich Elkins*--One year
Treasurer--*Brenda Stewart*--Two years
At Large Board Member Filling Rich Elkins last year of a Two year term--
Toni Britt--One year
Secretary filling the last year of a two year term--*Jackie Wyman*--One year
At Large Board Member --*Sue Farris*
 --Two years
Religious Education Chair filling the last year of a two year term *Shareen Berkowitz*--One year
Communications Chair--*Don English*
 --One year
Finance Chair *Mark Barnes* Two years
Long Range Planning Committee
 --*Lee Wyman & Bruce Wilhelmsen*
 --Two years
Membership Chair --*Karen Hall*
 --Two Years
Social Action Chair *Joan Sachtjen*
 --One year
Endowment -- Chair *Scott Gade* --
 Two years
Endowment Member --*Alice Arnold*
 --Two years
Nominating Committee --*Janice Schreiber & Larry Spell* --

Hospitality: Sunday Refreshments

In July and August we will alternate between cookies and fruit.
 July 3 --**Cookies:** Edith Webber & Billie Mallison
 Jul 10 --**Fruit:** Marcia Fletcher & Sue Farris
 Jul 17 --**Cookies:** Patty Gade
 Jul 24 --**Fruit:** Cindy Fanning
 Jul 31 --**Cookies:** Roger & Kendall
 Hospitality is planning Dinners for Eight in August. For the date, see the sign-up sheet posted in late July. Thanks to all the volunteers who help in this service.

-- Janet Doig

Deadline for next month's **beacon** is Tuesday 12 noon, July 19th

UU Wednesday Dining Out Menu*



July 6 -- **Ruby Tuesday** -- 3510 S. Memorial Drive -- 355-4060
July 13 -- **Outback Steakhouse** -- 606 SW Greenville Blvd -- 321-8444
July 20 -- **Lemongrass** -- 650 E. Firetower Road -- 758-7878
July 27 -- **Carolina Pasta Works** -- 2422 Stanton Squ -- 757-7756

Let's Eat!

* Wednesday dining out starts at 6:00 pm & is Dutch treat. Please let Ed Day (355-0652) know if you plan to come so that an appropriate number of places can be made available at the restaurant.

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