

The UUCG Beacon

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Sunday Services -- 10:30 am

July 3

UUs with Military Service
UUCG members

July 10

Generational Perspectives
UUCG members

July 17

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UUCG members

July 24

Generational Perspectives
Rev. Ann Marie

July 31

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Children's activities are available each Sunday.



President's Notes

It has been a busy year and for about sixteen of us the next week will be busier as we attend the upcoming UUA General Assembly in Charlotte. It promises to be an exciting and inspiring time. Bev Harju and Tom Thielen will be our congregational delegates and Judi Hickson and Patrice Alexander will serve as alternates. I am sure that we will have much to share when we return.

On June 3 Bev Harju and Tom Long hosted an Appreciation Dinner for all of our Children's RE teachers and volunteers this year. It was festive well attended tasty event and after the dinner we decorated the RE room for the Hogwarts Academy that began on June 12th. It has been very successful – we are averaging around twenty participants each Sunday.

After the June 12th Service the last Program Council meeting of the congregational year was held. There was a lot of brainstorming about various opportunities to help our committees work together to make UUCG the most welcoming and supportive congregation possible. One idea that was passed on to the Board was that of identifying nametags so that visitors could tell at a glance which members were Committee Chairs and Board members. The Board liked the idea and Michelle Covi has agreed to work to make it so.

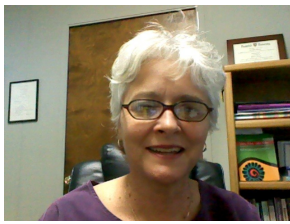
We are still recruiting for members to help on several of our 2011-2012 committees. Our Fellowship Committee still needs a chair or a couple of co-chairs. Each one of us has much to share This is an exciting time here at UUCG and we need everyone's contributions of time, and talent in order to continue our efforts to have a significant impact on those that are in need in our communities. Please talk to a Board member or Ann Marie about where your talents can be best used and where you will have the most fun!

Due to some scheduling conflicts our July meeting will take place on Thursday, July 21st at 7:00.

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

Reflections

... of Reverend Ann Marie Alderman



As I sit here in my hotel room in downtown Charlotte after a very long day, I am thinking how great it is that so many of our members are here at the UU General Assembly with me... and over 4000 other UUs. I expect all of us UUCG'ers will be bringing the great energy we are soaking up back to distribute around to Greenville and beyond. Among all the great things that happened today, the very best was the young people sharing during the opening ceremony what they expect UUism to be like 50 years from now....easy to become a part of, easy to know about, committed to diversity, committed to love and justice and turning the world around.... I am so proud that we've already started.

I will be on Study Leave for the first three weeks of July. Look for me when I am back with you for worship on Sunday, July 24 and 31st. In the meantime, I hope you will come to hear from UU's with Military Service on July 3rd and after that for panels of UUCG members sharing "generational perspectives" for the summer worship series!

Ann Marie

Social Action Report From Tom Long

First Born Community Development Center:

We continue our longstanding support for the First Born Community Development Center. This Center provides, among other things, food distribution help to large numbers of citizens in need in the eastern part of rural Pitt County. Located in the First Born Holy Church, just south of Grimesland on the Grimesland-Blackjack road, the Center is administered by Executive Director Carolyn Spencer and her staff.

On the fourth Saturday of May, the 28th, the following members of our congregation provided volunteer help for the food distribution program: Hank Foster, Helen Foster, Tom Long and Bette Nelson. Our next scheduled fourth Saturday for volunteer help is July 23, 2011.

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Social Action: Tom Long & Pat Anderson
Worship: Gladie Hamilton

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Rev. Ann Marie on Study Leave	2 Rev. Ann Marie on Study Leave
3 Rev. Ann Marie on Study Leave 10:30a-11:30a UU's with Military Service 10:30a-11:30a YRE/Hogwarts 12p-1p Lunch Group	4 Rev. Ann Marie on Study Leave	5 Rev. Ann Marie on Study Leave 8a-9a Breakfast Group 7:30p-8:45p KTC Buddhist Meditation	6 Rev. Ann Marie on Study Leave 7p-8p Choir Practice	7 Rev. Ann Marie on Study Leave	8 Rev. Ann Marie on Study Leave 1p-2p Women's Lunch Group	9 Rev. Ann Marie on Study Leave
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UUCGreenville Community Shelter Action Group:

We delivered our fourth basket overloaded with "Daily Needs" items to the Shelter on Tuesday, June 14, 2011. In that week the Shelter's executive Director, Lynne James, also received our UUCG check for 701 dollars, the remarkable amount given by our congregation for the Fifth Sunday collection in May

We are now scheduling our eight volunteers for work during the daily evening "Check In" process for residents of the Shelter. Our volunteers will work in units of two per evening from 6:00 until 9:00PM according to the needs of the Shelter program. The eight currently certified for this work are: Ruth Abramson, Pat Dix, Gladie Hamilton, Ruth Leggett, Tom Long, Ray Sobel, Pat Tesh and Tom Thielen, all members of the UUCG Greenville Community Shelter Action Group. Other volunteers are welcome to join in this interesting and needed work.

The next meeting of the Shelter Action Group is scheduled for the third Thursday of July, the 21st at 7:00 PM in the UUCG Library.

UUCG Social Action Committee Co-Chair Tom Long

**Happy Birthday to
UUs this July**

- July 2 –Terry Shank
- July 4 –David Nelson
- July 5 – Joanie De Groot
- July 5 –April Weir
- July 7 –Ruel Tyer
- July 10– Mort Stine
- July 13– Diane MacKenroth
- July 15– Tim Kelley
- July 27– Bill Paulson
- July 27– Tom Long
- July 27– Lowell Berkowitz
- July 28– Bee Behr



Deadline for next month's *beacon* is Tuesday, July 26 at 8:00 pm

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