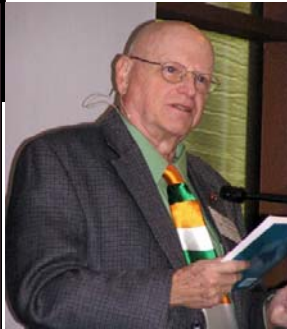




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Rod's Ruminations

Just a quick note to let you know that I am thinking about you, even while we are in Ohio. I hope you will find the Summer Services both enjoyable as well as inspiring and moving. If you are in town, please come and reconnect with your community and support those who are presenting to services. And, PLEASE, continue to take care of each other! That is the nature of being a congregation and a beloved community. Have a great summer!

Flaming Chalice: Symbol of Unitarian Universalist Faith

(from www.uua.org)

A flame within a chalice (a cup with a stem and foot), represents the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and is a symbol of the Unitarian Universalist faith.

"At the opening of Unitarian Universalist worship services, many congregations light a flame inside a chalice. This flaming chalice has become a well-known symbol of our denomination. It unites our members in worship and symbolizes the spirit of our work."

—Dan Hotchkiss

The lighting of the chalice is usually accompanied by a brief reading; please visit our [WorshipWeb](#) for sample chalice lighting words.

Hans Deutsch, an Austrian artist, first brought together the chalice and the flame as a Unitarian symbol during his work with the Unitarian Service Committee during World War II. To Deutsch, the image had connotations of sacrifice and love. Unitarian Universalists today have many different interpretations of the image.

Our current official UUA logo was designed to offer a visual representation of a modern and dynamic faith. Unitarian Universalist congregations are free to use the UUA's logo in their congregational work, but they are not required to do so. Because of this, you may see many different styles of flaming chalices and other images used by Unitarian Universalist congregations.

Surrounded by Art

The art exhibit, "Sharing Our Art" will adorn the walls of our Surround Gallery during July and August. If you would like to share your art work, please contact Kay Alston or Terry Shank by June 28. We may even get to know each other better through our taste in art!!

Worship Services

This Summer Rev. Rod is away and we have a great line-up of lay-led services centering on the theme of inspiration as we ask the question "What Inspires Your Spirit?"

We will hear from members and friends of UUCG about how they are inspired by literature and poetry, music, nature, love, travel and art. Come join us to learn more about each other and to become inspired yourself.. You never know.....

- ⇒ **July 7 Inspired by Music**
- ⇒ **July 14 Inspired by Love**
- ⇒ **July 21 Inspired by Art**
- ⇒ **July 28 Inspired by Nature**

See you on Sunday.

- Worship Committee Chairs Michael Betteken and Michelle Covi

General Assembly in Louisville, KY:

June 19-23, 2013

(from www.uua.org/ga)

We sought to create a General Assembly (GA) in 2013 to move our Association "From Promise to Commitment." Promises call us into relationship. The experience of making, breaking and remaking promises is the reality of our lived faith. We gathered in Louisville, KY, to examine and renew our covenant to our faith, one another, our congregations and the larger world.

UU World Coverage

UU World provided timely reports and articles on their GA Blog, illustrated by some striking selections from their Photostream on Flickr. UU World on Twitter sent up-to-the-minute news during major GA events.

On-Demand Video, Transcripts, and Workshop Handouts

Coverage includes on-demand video and transcripts for major events and handouts or other presentation materials for workshops.

Go to <http://www.uua.org/ga/2013/index.shtml>

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July 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|-----------|--|---------------------|--|--|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | 8am: Breakfast Group 7:30 pm: KTC Buddhists | 7pm: Choir Practice | Independence Day | 1pm: UU Women's Lunch | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 9:30 am Mindfulness Meditation 10:30 am Worship Service: Music Inspires Me 12 pm Lunch Group | | 8am: Breakfast Group 7:30 pm: KTC Buddhists | 7pm: Choir Practice | 6 pm Brand Helvig Music and Wellness 7 pm: Board of Trustees | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 9:30 am Mindfulness Meditation 10:30 am Worship Service: Love Inspires Me 12 pm Lunch Group | | 8am: Breakfast Group 7:30 pm: KTC Buddhists | 7pm: Choir Practice | 6 pm Brand Helvig Music and Wellness | 1pm: UU Women's Lunch 7pm: Classic GLBT Movie Night | 5:30pm: Inclusive Catholic Service-Mary Magdalene |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 9:30 am Mindfulness Meditation 10:30 am Worship Service: Art Inspires Me 12 pm Lunch Group 12pm: Council Meeting 5pm: Vegetarians in Pitt County | | 8am: Breakfast Group 4pm: Caring Committee 6pm Democracy Now 7:30 pm: KTC Buddhists | 7pm: Choir Practice | 6 pm Brand Helvig Music and Wellness | | 8:30 am: First Born Food Pantry |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  | | |
| 9:30 am Mindfulness Meditation 10:30 am Worship Service: Nature Inspires Me 12 pm Lunch Group 12pm: Shelter Action Group Meeting | | 8am: Breakfast Group 7:30 pm: KTC Buddhists | 7pm: Choir Practice | | | |

Looking Forward

Our Developmental Ministry Team will be reporting to you periodically as we meet, get our feet under us, and plan , among other things, events in which we hope you'll want to participate! To whet your appetite:

- ◇ Wine and Cheese, If You Please - Ann Eleanor
- ◇ Food for Thought - Cam Scales
- ◇ Das Bier Garten - Brenda Stewart
- ◇ Fingerfood and Our Future - Judi Hickson
- ◇ Ice Cream Social - Theresa Sparrow

That's just for starters. Sharpen your palates and your wits. More on these later.

- Developmental Ministry Team

Happy Birthday to UUs this July

- July 2- Terry Shank
- July 3- Bill Espy
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- July 4- David Nelson
- July 5- Joannie DeGroot
- July 6- Jennifer Schultz
- July 7- Ruel Tyer
- July 10- Mort Stine
- July 13- Diane MacKenroth
- July 15- Tim Kelley
- July 27- Lowell Berkowitz

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Deadline for next month's **Beacon** is Tuesday, July 23 at 8:00 pm

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