



The UUCG beacon

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Sunday Services -- 10:30 am

August 1
*Spirit on the Move: Hymns We
used to Sing*
Mort Stein

August 8
Spirit on the Move: Qigong
Jan Salstrom

August 15
*What they Dreamed: 50 yrs of
UUism*
Rev. Ann Marie

August 22
Social Action Sunday
Social Action Committee

August 29
Fifth Sunday
FROGS

Children's activities are
available each Sunday.

Reflections

At this year's Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assembly (GA), UUCG was represented by Claudia Sundman and by me. (Most of us know that Claudia will travel anywhere, anytime...just for the adventure.) And, GA was quite the adventure this year! Held in the beautiful city of Minneapolis, GA was full of worship, workshops, familiar faces, public witness and controversy! Sporting their UU name badges, buttons and ribbons delegates spilled out of their hotels and the convention center onto the very walk able downtown streets looking for food and beverage providing plenty of public witness to the city's citizens who thought they were having a heat wave during the 80+ degree days. (I thought it was wonderfully "cool"!)

On Saturday, a huge number of us walked together from the convention center to Loring Park, to the Twin Cities Pride Festival. Onlookers couldn't miss our bright yellow Standing on the Side of Love t-shirts, banners and our message of marriage equality. Now, that *was* cool! Inside the convention center attendees had a choice of many different workshops, or just hanging out with UU's. I did that, and I saw Claudia making new friends everywhere! We all gathered for the plenary sessions, led by our very able moderator, Gini Courter <http://www.uua.org/aboutus/governance/officers/moderator/> for hours and hours of debate and voting.

"Creating Peace" after revisions to satisfy nearly everyone passed as our 2010 Statement of Conscience. <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/socialjustice/statements/13394.shtml>.

We raised our green delegate cards again to also pass "Immigration as a Moral Issue" as our 2011-14 Congregational Study Action Issue. <http://www.uuworld.org/news/articles/168672.shtml>

We voted to make the 2012 GA in Phoenix less about conducting the Associations' business and more about engaging in public witness.

Affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person

REFLECTIONS (continued FROM page 1)

Next year we won't have to travel so far as GA 2011 will be in Charlotte June 22-26, where we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Unitarian Universalism. (The American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America merged to form the Unitarian Universalist Association in May of 1961!)

I hope many of you will join in the adventure as we make the UUA our UUA! Volunteering to help during the 2011 GA will bring a significant reduction in registration fees! Let's do it together!

—Rev Ann Marie



Returning from Vacation/Study Leave

Rev. Ann Marie returns from vacation/study leave on August 10th. Her open office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 3-5pm, or any other time more convenient for you by appointment! Call her at 414-4076 or email amalderman@uuma.org.

Birthdays

8/1 Kathy Weigel
8/5 Jackie Wyman
8/6 Michelle Simko
8/8 Bruce Berberich
8/12 Kurt Powers
8/22 Brenda Stewart
8/24 Patrice Alexander
8/26 Nathan Jenkins
8/29 Victoria Brown



Deadline for next month's **beacon** is Tuesday, **August 24th at 8:00 pm**



August 2010

UU Congregation Greenville NC, UUCG Worship Calendar

Aug 2010 (Eastern Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30am - Spirit on 12pm - Lunch Group	2	3 8:30am - Breakfast 5pm - Worship 7:30pm - Rental/Bud	4	5	6 1pm - Women's	7
8 10:30am - Spirit on 12pm - Lunch Group	9	10 8:30am - Breakfast 3pm - Minister's 7:30pm - Rental/Bud	11 3pm - Minister's	12 7pm - Social Action	13	14
15 10:30am - What 12pm - Lunch Group 5pm - Rental/Vegeta	16 7pm - Board of	17 8:30am - Breakfast 3pm - Minister's 7:30pm - Rental/Bud	18 3pm - Minister's	19	20 1pm - Women's	21
22 10:30am - Social 12pm - Lunch Group	23 1:30pm - Carina 7pm - Book Club @	24 8:30am - Breakfast 3pm - Minister's 7:30pm - Rental/Bud 8pm - Newsletter	25 3pm - Minister's	26 7pm - UU Men's 7pm - UUCG Council	27	28 8:30am - First Born
29 10:30am - Fifth 12pm - Lunch Group	30	31 8:30am - Breakfast 3pm - Minister's 7:30pm - Rental/Bud	1 3pm - Minister's	2	3 1pm - Women's	4

**Acceptance of one another and encouragement of
spiritual growth in our congregation**

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Affirming the goal of world community & peace, liberty and justice for all

Youth Religious Education

It has been hot! The combination of very warm, humid days and the nightly showers, may not seem very comfortable to us but it has been great for our vegetable garden. The children have grown and harvested tomatoes, peppers and zucchinis to donate to the First Born Food Bank. This has been a great way to foster a connectivity with the Living Earth while also promoting the idea of Service to others. I hope tending to the garden can be something our children to do each year.

We've had some fun indoors as well. Our new nursery attendant, Sarah, has been great with the children and they have taken to her quite well. We've been looking at the natural world this summer so the children can gain a greater respect and understanding of the interconnected web of life, in accordance with our 7th Principle as Unitarian Universalists. They have already learned more about the layers of the Earth as well as doing a section on Spiders. We have upcoming lessons on Insects and Trees before wrapping up our summer session and starting the next school year's curriculum.

Does anyone else feel like the summer is flying by? It seems like we just got out of school, and it is already time to begin thinking about the next school year, and what our UU children will be learning in Religious Education classes. Kimberly has been organizing and sorting through the available curriculum and we hope to make the final choices soon. Please join us on Sunday August 8th after services for an RE Council meeting. You don't have to be "on" the council to come make your voices heard! We particularly want to hear feedback from those of you who with children in the program as well as those who have, or would like to, volunteer.

In Service,

—Jennifer Thielen
Chair, Youth Religious Education

Social Action Committee Reports

Thanks for the volunteer group that showed up for the First Born Food Distribution Program on Saturday, May 22; 2010. That included Hank Foster, Helen Foster, Beverly Harju, Ruth Leggett, Tom Long and Al Matinale.

Kimberly Scholl and Jennifer Thielen's RE children's garden project sent their first home grown produce delivery to the First Born Program on Saturday, June 26. That Sunday our volunteer group included Pat Anderson, Hank Foster, Helen Foster and Tom Long.

July's volunteer date is Saturday, July 24, and this month's is August 28th. See you there!

—Tom Long

Respecting the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

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