



The UUCG beacon

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Sunday Services -- 10:30 am

June 6
Volunteer Appreciation Celebration
Rev. Ann Marie

June 13
Annual Outdoor Service
Rev. Ann Marie

June 20
Father's Day
Rev. Ann Marie

June 27
Spirit on the Move: Summer Solstice
CUUPS

Children's activities are available each Sunday.

President's Notes

The end of May is fast approaching and it has been a busy month of for completing efforts and planning for new beginnings. ECU's spring semester ended and summer school has already begun. Daughter of member Kathy Weigel, and our long time Childcare Provider, Jenny Weigel, graduated from ECU and is planning her move to Maryland. She will be missed and we thank her for all the love and care she provided to our youngest members.

Our Annual Meeting, which signals the coming end of our congregational and fiscal year, took place on Sunday, May 23rd. The Flaming Chalice Award was presented to Feryl Masters in appreciation for his work in many areas of our congregation. The Unsung UU Award was presented to Helen and Hank Foster in thanks for their many years of landscaping efforts that have kept us looking good year round. The Budget for 2010-2011 was approved as published in the April Beacon with one amendment. Elections were held and the following Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee Members will serve in 2010-2011:

President	Patrice Alexander
Vice President	Bev Harju
Secretary	Susan Foreman
Treasurer	Brenda Stewart *
Members at Large	Alan Bailey
	Judi Hickson *
	Tom Thielen

*= continuing term

Nominating Committee: Rich Elkins, Billie Mallison, Feryl Masters

The Strategic Long Range Plan's Vision and Strategic Goals were approved and they will guide us as we move forward over the next several years.

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Reflections

. . . of Rev Ann Marie Alderman

It has been another great year for UUCG! Although we haven't grown much in terms of numbers of members, (we currently stand at 98), my sense is that we are "maturing" in terms of the depth of our commitment to share with and care for each other. The pledge drive including an impressive increase in dollars from those who pledged, the many successful fundraisers, the enthusiastic singing during worship, the incredibly honest and deep sharing during Adult Religious Education, our enthusiastic children, and the growing percentage of active leaders within UUCG are all signs of growth!

And this "church" year also brought our coming together with so many others in our wider community to grieve the loss of two beloved long time members. The fact that both Edie Webber

and Sylvia English left us and the greater Greenville community with outstanding legacies of what it means to "get" the transformative message of Unitarian Universalism and make a real difference in people's lives couldn't be missed.

We've matured in our commitment to care for each other in times of loss and transitions and we've grown in enthusiastic participation within the life of this congregation. I have a good feeling that our next growing edge will be in terms of boldness and, perhaps even a sense of urgency, about widening our efforts to be visible, findable and known as a congregation that makes a significant difference in the lives of others beyond our doors.

It is a continued pleasure to serve you in ministry,

—Rev. Ann Marie

Annual Outdoor Service

UUCG's Annual OUTDOOR service will again take place at River Park North (1100 Mumford Rd) beginning at 11 am on Sunday, June 13.

An interactive/intergenerational worship service will be followed by a potluck! Please bring food to share. You'll find us in the shelter closest to the parking lot!

Forum Through the Summer

The FORUM (a discussion group usually meeting just before the Sunday Services) has been discontinued for the summer!

Deadline for next month's **beacon** is Tuesday, June 22nd at 8:00 pm

Promoting a free and responsible search for truth & meaning

PREZ NOTES (continued from page 1)

VISION:

We will be recognized by our community as a Unitarian Universalist congregation where spiritual freedom and conscience connect. Guided by our seven principles, we will promote spiritual exploration, ethical decision-making and social justice in a safe and nurturing environment.

STRATEGIC GOAL 1: SUNDAY SERVICES AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Strengthen and expand worship and religious education (RE) opportunities to appeal to a wide range of people.

STRATEGIC GOAL 2: CONNECTIONS (INTERNAL)

Build a supportive and trusting community of people who care for and share with each other.

STRATEGIC GOAL 3: CONNECTIONS (EXTERNAL)

Be a visible and findable presence recognized as a force for good as we work in partnership with others in service to our wider community.

STRATEGIC GOAL 4: SOCIAL JUSTICE

Become known for our significant work on two or three social action initiatives.

The Nominating Committee presented the list of Committee Chairs for 2010-2011 that they will be taking to the Board for approval and appointment in June. Both the current and incoming Committee Chairs will be attending the next Program Council Meeting on Thursday, June 3rd, at 7:00 at UUCG. All members and friends are encouraged to join one or more committees. Our Congregational Committees will be implementing the Strategic Long Range

Plan and the opportunities for creativity and growth will be great...also fun and fellowship! At the Thomas Jefferson District Meeting, held April 30th-May 1st, in a narrow decision the delegates voted not to consider changing the name of the District. Patrice Alexander and Judi Hickson were the UUCG delegates. Reverend Ann Marie was elected to serve a three year term on the District Board.

At the May Board Meeting the results of the three part Ministerial Evaluation were discussed and accepted. They will be attached to the minutes.

Each member of the UUCG Board has committed to making a contribution to the UUA 2010 Tennessee/Kentucky Relief Fund to assist the four UU Congregations whose members have been affected by the recent flooding. We would like to encourage all of our members and friends who can to do the same. The easiest way you can contribute is to make your check out to UUCG, write Nashville Flood Relief on the memo line, and put your check in the collection basket on any of the next few Sundays. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Our Annual Outdoor Service will take place on June 13th at River Park North and will begin at 11:00. A delicious potluck lunch will take place after the service and families are invited.

Several of our members will be making plans to attend General Assembly in June which will be taking place in Minneapolis. They will be taking lots of notes since next year's GA will be taking place in Charlotte and all District Congregations will be asked to assist. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet UUs from across the country.

In Gratitude and Covenant,

Patrice Alexander

Patrice Alexander, President
UUCG Board of Trustees, 2009-2010



June 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1-Jun	2	3	4	5
8:30 Breakfast Group	3p Office Open			
5:15p Worship Committee		7p Council Meeting		
7:30p Rental/ Buddhist Meditation				

6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:30 Rev. Ann Marie: Volunteer Appreciation Celebration!	1:30p Caring Committee Meeting	8:30 Breakfast Group	3p Office Open		1p Women's Group	9 Grounds Work Day
12p Lunch Group				6:30p Social Action Committee Meeting		

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
11 Annual Outdoor Service		8:30 Breakfast Group	3p Office Open			
12p Lunch Group						

20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:30 Rev. Ann Marie: Father's Day	1:30p Caring Committee	8:30 Breakfast Group			1p Women's Group	8:30 First Born Food Distribution
12p Lunch Group	7p Board of Trustees Meeting			7p UU Men's Group		

27	28	29	30
10:30 Spirit on the Move: Solstice Celebration	7p Book Club	8:30 Breakfast Group	
12p Lunch Group		7:30p Rental/ Buddhist Meditation	

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



Warm Fuzzy Feelings: Father's Day

Kid's Yoga

As usual the Kid's Yoga program will be on the 2nd Sunday of the month. If your daughter or son will be participating, please remember that they dress appropriately: Pants that they can move comfortably in, and a T-shirt would be work nicely.



RE News

The school year is almost over and we will be wrapping up our current themes of study with our Youth Religious Education program in just a few short weeks. I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has volunteered throughout the past year. Our volunteers' contributions are why we can keep our YRE program going, and why it has had the success that it has. This summer we will have a combined age group class and we will be working with nature-based themes. The children will continue to work in the vegetable garden and I hope we have a good harvest that we can share within the church community as well as the community at large. We still need volunteers to help out with the summer classes, so if you have a personal interest in a nature-based theme and would like to share your enthusiasm with the children, please contact myself or Kimberly Scholl .

As many of you already know our long-time nursery provider, Jenny, has graduated and will have moved on as of the publication of this month's bulletin. She has been a wonderful influence on our children, and we will miss her. Join me in wishing that she finds all the best in her new ventures!

In Service,

Jennifer Thielen

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

Social Action Committee Report

Our Oakmont Drive Cleanup was held on Sunday, May 2, 2010. Many thanks to the following participants who withstood that hot noontime effort: Tammy Atkinson, Pat Dix, Bob Franke, Bud Hazel, Phyllis Hazel, Billie Mallison, Bill Proctor Pat Tesh and Tom Long.

The First Born Program: We greatly appreciate the ongoing and long time work of Toni Britt-Tyer for her administrative help, non-perishable food collection organizing efforts and work to gather other items needed by the First Born Food Distribution Program. She is the contact person for those wanting to contribute to the Program's needs, so call her if you wish to be of help.

Thanks to those volunteers who participated in First Born's Saturday April 28 distribution efforts: Helen Foster, Beverly Harju, Ruth Leggett, Al Matinale and Tom Long.

The next Saturday morning First Born Food Distribution Program for which we provide volunteers is May 22.



Summer Worship Services: "Spirit on the Move"

The Worship Committee, inspired by the Adult Religious Education curriculum entitled "UU Spiritual Practice" is pleased to present to you a summer service series entitled "Spirit on the Move." It is our hope that the variety of these worship forms will not only enlighten us, but get us moving! We are indebted to the talented people below who have agreed to prepare and lead these services, and to the members of the Worship Committee who will serve as coordinators. We're enthusiastic about trying something new and hope you will be moved to come and join in as often as you can! Bev Harju

Summer Schedule at a Glance

- June 27 Summer Solstice Ritual led by UUCG's Greenweavers' CUUPS
- July 4 Yoga: Accessing the Spirit through the Body: Don English, UUCG Coordinator: Bev Harju
- July 11 Belly Dancing & Drumming: Michelle Jenkins, UUCG Coordinator: Michelle Covi
- July 18 Sufi Dances for Peace: Farrunnissa Lila Rosa, UUCG Coordinator: Gladie Hamilton
- July 25 The Spirit's in the Wood: Judi Hickson, UUCG Coordinator: Jackie Wyman
- Aug 1 The Hymns We Used to Sing: Mort Stine, UUCG Coordinator: Bev Harju
- Aug 8 QiQong, the Movement of Taoism: Jan Salstrom, UUCG Coordinator: Gladie Hamilton
- Aug 15 Rev. Ann Marie Alderman returns to the pulpit!

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

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