

The UUCG Beacon

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Sunday Services -- 10:30 am

June 3

Annual Outdoor Service
Rev. Ann Marie Alderman
(11 AM at Greensprings Park)

June 10

We All Need a Little Magic
Rev. Ann Marie Alderman

June 17

Summer Solstice
Green Weavers CUUPS

June 24

Give Me Justice!
Rev. Ann Marie Alderman

Children's activities are available each Sunday.



President's Notes

Church cannot be a place where we...come together once a week and enjoy our doctrine and congratulate ourselves that we have a faith free from superstition. We must do something for others, as well as for ourselves. And the more we have done for others, the more in the end, we shall find we have done for ourselves.

--Caroline Bartlett Crane (Unitarian, minister, social reformer, club-woman)

The quotation above really emphasizes for me why "service is our prayer" is included in our unison affirmation during Sunday services. It underscores the importance of working to make the world a better place for others, and the spiritual nurturing that work provides. While it is tempting to become discouraged with the passage of North Carolina's constitutional amendment, it is important to remember the lasting impact our efforts have had in shaping the national discussion, perhaps including the "evolution" of president's Obama's opinion on same-sex marriage. Thank you to all members who have worked, and continue to work, in this social justice arena.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting was held on May 20th. We had 54 of 105 members present or voting by proxy, barely meeting the requirements for a quorum. We enjoyed a short video clip and update on CNCENC. The proposed slate of nominees to the Board of Trustees was confirmed. The proposed slate of committee chairs was reviewed and discussed. The annual budget was approved.

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations is holding its General Assembly June 20th-24th this year in Phoenix, AZ. It has been designated as a special Justice GA, designed to maximize justice work and social action, while keeping the plenary sessions to a bare minimum. As it is being held in Phoenix, a particular focus will be on immigration justice. If you would like more information, or plan on attending and would be willing to represent UUCG as a delegate at this national meeting, please touch base with a board member.

I hope to see all of you at **our outdoor service and pot luck at 11am on June 3rd. This year, it is being held at Greensprings Park.** Don't miss this great opportunity to commune with nature while enjoying food and fellowship.

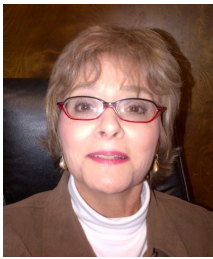
In closing, being involved in the work of the church, both within the congregation and on a national level, not only serves others, but contributes to our own personal and spiritual growth, and perpetuates the process of improving the world around us. Whether working with a national convention, participating in peaceful protest, caring for others, or just having a cup of coffee and conversation, your efforts make a difference. Thank you and keep up the good works.

Tom Thielen

President
Board of Trustees, UUCG

Reflections

... of Reverend Ann Marie Alderman



As the 2011/12 "church" year draws to a close I'm reflecting on what a year full of changes it has been. We started Candles of Community last September. I started my fifth year with you and by mid- year you surrounded me with love and support while I was going through a tough transition in my personal life. We had a Board President, Bev Harju, and her husband Tom Long, one of the Social Action Committee Co-chairs, both move out of state months before their terms were over. Soon the other Social Action Committee Co-chair, Pat Anderson, will also move to another location with her husband. Two committee members have already stepped up to take over the leadership of the Social Action Committee.

Pat, as many of you know, has been *the* dynamic force leading the way on UUCG's project to bring a Gilda's Club to Greenville. Taking on the new name of the Cancer Support Community of Eastern North Carolina, the project has garnered support way beyond UUCG, thank goodness! Even though I feel very confident that it will be a successful project eventually, I know everyone is sad to lose Pat, just as we were to lose Tom and Bev. But as Pat often reminds the current board of CSCENC, which includes me and UUCG member Betty Greer, most Gilda's Club projects take 5 years to open their doors. And, we've only been at this for a year and a half!

After a good ¾'s of a year's experience, Tom Thielen has done a great job stepping into the role of Acting President of the UUCG Board and he'll soon officially take the reins as the 2012/13 President. The current UUCG board members; Susan Foreman, Brenda Stewart, Judi Hickson and Patrice Alexander will all remain. Joining them will be two new members, Tammie Atchison and Shannon Terry. Please thank Alan Bailey who has served his term and is moving on to other ways to serve.

There are always lots of changes, moving around, and sometimes jarring transitions in congregational life. This year it has sometimes felt like there has been more than the usual, though. But it also feels like we have dealt all of these changes in a very healthy, and mostly happy fashion. And, that feels good! And, I think it means we might be learning something useful for life! And that's what church is for, isn't it?

Rev. Ann Marie

Staff

Minister: [Rev. Ann Marie Alderman](#)

Youth Religious Education

Director: [Kimberly Scholl](#)

Music Director: Mort Stine

Choir Director: Stephen Brand

Office Administrator:

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At-Large: [Patrice Alexander](#)

Committee Chairs (incoming)

Ambiance: [Terry Shank](#)

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Fundraising: [Feryl Masters](#)

Hospitality: [Louise Sharpless](#), [Judy](#)

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Stewardship: [Patrice Alexander](#)

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[Pat Dix](#)

Worship: [Lynn Caverly](#) &

[Paul Kumas](#)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 11a-12p Annual Outdoor Service at Greensprings Park 12p-1p Lunch Group	4	5 8a-9a Breakfast Group 1p-3p Minister's Office Hours 7:30p-8:45p KTC Buddhist Meditation	6 3p-5p Minister's Office Hours 7p-8p Choir Practice	7 6:30p-8:30p Occupy Greenville GA	8 1p-2p Women's Lunch Group	9
10 9:45a-10:25a Mindfulness Group 10:30a-11:30a We All Need a Little Magic, Rev. Ann Marie 12p-1p Lunch Group	11 5:30p-6:30p Worship Committee Meeting 7:30p-9:30p Sierra Club meeting	12 8a-9a Breakfast Group 7p-8:30p Gilda's Gang 7:30p-8:45p KTC Buddhist Meditation	13 3p-5p Minister's Office Hours 7p-8p Choir Practice	14 6:30p-8:30p Occupy Greenville GA	15 7p-10p Classic GLBT Movie Night	16
17 9:45a-10:25a Mindfulness Group 10:30a-11:30a Summer Solstice Celebration 12p-1p Lunch Group 12p-1p Shelter Action Group meeting 5p-7p Vegetarians in Pitt County	18 7p-8:30p Board of Trustees Meeting	19 8a-9a Breakfast Group 7p-9p Coffee Party meeting 7:30p-8:45p KTC Buddhist Meditation	20 3p-5p Minister's Office Hours 7p-8p Choir Practice	21 6:30p-8:30p Occupy Greenville GA	22 1p-2p Women's Lunch Group	23 8:30a-10:30a First Born Food Distribution 10a-7p Private Event
24 9:45a-10:25a Mindfulness Group 10:30a-11:30a Give Me Justice! Rev. Ann Marie 12p-1p Lunch Group	25 7p-8:30p Book Club	26 8a-9a Breakfast Group 3p-4p Caring Committee Meeting 6p-8p Democracy NC 7:30p-8:45p KTC Buddhist Meditation	27 3p-5p Minister's Office Hours 7p-8p Choir Practice	28 6:30p-8:30p Occupy Greenville GA	29	30 

Our final **Funraiser** for this year is a big one. We normally do a car wash in the Spring. I've also received several requests for a Yard Sale. On **Saturday, June 16th**, we're going to do both. We'll also sell baked goods.



Come and help recycle our still usable items and make Greenville cleaner (at least the cars). We'll need washers and dryers, people to set up and take down, and monitor the sale our goods. No matter what your skills, we have a job for you. It's a chance to raise money for our congregation, spend time with some great people, and maybe find just that item you've been looking for.

Contact Feryl Masters at oferyl@gmail.com, or Claudia Sundman to volunteer your time. More information will be provided as the date approaches.



Happy Birthday to UUs this June

- June 1– Susan Foreman
- June 4– Richard Becker
- June 7– Teresa Van Diver
- June 15– Ruth Leggett
- June 18– Jean Thatcher
- June 20– Toni Tyer
- June 28 - Louise Sharpless



Deadline for next month's **beacon** is Tuesday, **June 19 at 8:00 pm**

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