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Sunday Services

February 7

Sunday Brunch Question and Answer session with the ministerial candidate.

This service will follow our 1st Sunday brunch.

February 14

This Side of the Walls: How Prisons Shape Families Ashley Lucas

Ashley Lucas' father went to prison when she was fifteen years old. Nine years later when she was a graduate student, Lucas began interviewing others who have family in prison and developed a one-woman play about the families of prisoners. Her work as an activist and an artist focuses on the ways in which prisons disrupt families and other communities of people who have not been convicted of any crime.

February 21

Talking Circle Who Are We? William

The "Talking Circle" is where the and talk. It is a time when nothing share. Bill Rasor would like to invite "Talking Circle". A time and place and feel free to share as you like. En-coffee and socializing.



Rasor

"tribe" or "family" get together to share matters but you and what you have to you to our UUCH Native American where you are important. Please come joy the time afterwards to partake in

February 28

Our Seven Principles Rev. Patty Hanneman

Our Seven Principles: how they shape our ministry to the world. Unitarian Universalists have long held that when it comes to expressions of faith, actions speak louder than words. So we know we have to do more than just speak about our Principles. Turning words like truth, dignity, democratic process and equity into action is what makes them real.

March 7

Sunday Brunch Our Secret Pals, RE Committee

Our Children and Youth will reflect on why having Secret Pals at UUCH each spring is such an awesome experience. This service will follow our 1st Sunday Brunch.

Committee of the Whole (COW) Meeting

There will be a COW on Sunday February 28th after the coffee hour.

The COW agenda will be:

- **To consider the proposal to call the Reverend Patty J. Hanneman as the settled Parish Minister of the congregation.**

Minister's Mutterings

The ministry in any congregation is not about the minister.

It is not about whether I want to be a minister or not. It is not about whether I want to be *your* minister or not. It is not about advancing my career. Ministry is about serving that which is larger than ourselves by serving one another. Parish ministers choose to do that by working within the congregation they serve and in the community surrounding that congregation. In fact the word "parish" refers to a congregation and to the area within which it resides and is a particularly apt term for what we are called to do.

The ways in which each congregation feels called to "serve that which is larger than ourselves by serving one another" is its mission. It is what sets us apart from other organizations Where we could commit our time and talents. It is what sets us apart as a congregation rather than simply being a collection of religiously concerned individuals. It is that "glowing coal" that gives us direction and gives us the energy with which to move forward.

When a congregation is in search for a new minister, one of the questions they are asked to answer for a prospective candidate is this: "Does the congregation have a mission – not a mission statement, but a glowing coal at its center – and if so, what is it?" When I reviewed this congregation's packet of information provided to me by the Ministerial Search Committee, I noted that based on the congregation's survey results, the Committee was unable to determine what that might be.

In the *Harvest the Power* curriculum we've been studying this year, the authors suggest that in order to discover what that "glowing coal" is for your congregation, you consider these three questions: Who are we? What are we here to do? and Who is our neighbor? The Committee on Ministry feels it is important to engage the members and friends of UUCH with these questions in order to articulate a clearer vision of why we gather as a community. The first layer of these conversations will take place during our Sunday morning services. Bill Rasor has agreed to use these questions as the themes for three Talking Circles, scheduled for February 21st, April 25th, and June 13th. We hope you'll join us for these conversations and continue them during coffee hours, committee meetings, and over dinner with your families.

Because ministry is about the work we all choose to do together.

Rev. Patty Hanneman

WHERE IS THE MINISTER?

Saturday through Tuesday - afternoons and evenings at I'm at Duke Hospital. Wednesday - at home, writing, study, preparation, Thursday - members and friends appointments, 1-5 p.m. Friday - my day off, I'm available for

MINISTERS' OFFICE HOURS

Minister's office hours are available by appointment, just phone (919-477-7174), or email (hanne001@earthlink.net).

RE Secret Pal

The RE Committee is sponsoring the "Secret Pal" event again this year, in hopes of developing connections between adults and children in our congregation. "Secret Pals" will run from February 14 through March 7.

Children may sign up to get a "Secret Pal" soon. We need adults who are interested in being "Secret Pals" to our children; a sign up sheet will be posted and we will meet briefly with adult "pals" on February 7. The children will create paper bag "mailboxes" which will be hung in the Community Room for exchange of notes and small items between "pals".

Children will discover the identities of their "Secret Pals" at the March 7th first Sunday Brunch, where there will be an area for "Secret Pals" to dine together. Come help us build community at UUCH!

February 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Black History Month	1 National Freedom Day	2 Groundhog Day Candlemas	3 Committee on Ministry 7 p.m. Finance Committee 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6
7 Sunday Brunch Question and Answer session with the ministerial candidate. 10:30 a.m. Super Bowl Sunday	8 Boy Scout Day - Celebrate 100 Years of Scouting!	9	10 Coordinating Council 7:30 p.m. Chinese New Year	11	12 UUCH GLBT Game Night. 7:30 p.m.	13
14 This Side of the Walls: How Prisons Shape Families 10:30 a.m. BGLT Task Force 9 a.m. Building & Grounds 12 noon Program Committee 12 noon Valentine's Day National Standing on the Side of Love Day	15 Presidents Day	16 Fat Tuesday/ Mardi Gras	17 Community Action Committee 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday	18 Membership Committee 7:30 p.m.	19	20
21 Talking Circle Who Are We? 10:30 a.m. Religious Education Committee 9 a.m.	22	23	24	25	26 MSC reception for Patty with wine, cheese and other finger foods 7-9 p.m.	27 MSC gathering primarily for families with children 5-7 p.m.
28 Our Seven Principles 10:30 a.m. COW Green Sanctuary Committee 9 a.m. Purim	American Heart Month National Dental Month	Chocolate Lover's Month National Bird Feeding Month		OCIM Food of the Month Fruit & Applesauce (Regular/low sugar) OCIM "Just for Kid's" Food of the Month Soup—your favorite kind		

NOTE:

This calendar is used for letting members and friends know what is happening at UUCH, i.e. committee meetings, COWs, and services. To rent/reserve a space at UUCH or see what space is available to be rented go to this link: <http://www.uuchnc.org/rentals.html>.



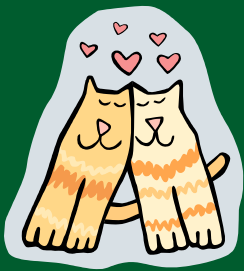
Love is good above all others,
which alone maketh every
burden light.

Love is watchful and
whilst sleeping still keeps
watch; though fatigued is
not weary; though pressed
is not forced.

Love is sincere, gentle,
strong, patient, faithful,
prudent, long-suffering,
manly.

Love is circumspect, humble,
upright; not weary, not
fickle, nor intent on vain
things; sober, chaste,
steadfast, quite, and
guarded in all the senses.

Thomas Kempis



Inscription on a Sundial
Time flies,
Suns rise,
And shadows fall
Let time go by.
Love is forever over all.

Author Unknown

Spotlight

Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) Search Successful!

The Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) is delighted to present the Reverend Patty J. Hanneman as the candidate for Parish Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Hillsborough. A series of meetings and events will occur to allow members and friends of the congregation to interact with Patty. Here is the schedule:

Sunday February 7 - At the brunch service, members and friends will have the opportunity to ask questions of Patty and the MSC

January and February - Patty will schedule meetings with the various committees and other groups at mutually agreeable times.

- **Friday February 26 7-9 p.m.** - The MSC will host a reception for Patty with wine, cheese and other finger foods.
- **Saturday February 27 5-7 p.m.** - The MSC will host a gathering primarily for families with children.
- **Sunday February 28** - Patty will present the service followed by an extended coffee hour.
- **Sunday February 28** - After the coffee hour, the Committee of the Whole (COW) will convene to consider the proposal to call the Reverend Patty J Hanneman as the settled Parish Minister of the congregation.

All of this is the culmination of the efforts of the Ministerial Search Committee appointed by the COW in August 2009. The five members of this committee, Mary Des Harnais, Joanne Dobbs, Dick Merritt, Lynne Millies and Nancy Wildermann have met weekly since September to carefully follow the steps prescribed for ministerial search within the Unitarian Universalist Association.

After conducting the congregational survey, they updated the draft congregational packet and created a congregational record. Rev. Hanneman's application was carefully considered. The MSC reviewed her ministerial packet and contacted her references. They worked out what questions to ask and interviewed the applicant.

At this point, the committee was convinced and went on to the penultimate step, negotiating a letter of agreement between the congregation and the minister. Several models and the guidance of the UU Ministers Association were reviewed and a proposed draft Letter of Agreement submitted to Patty. Her suggestions were considered in a negotiating session and a final draft emerged.

The MSC presented the candidate to the Coordinating council at the January 13 meeting. This allowed the end of the search effort to be a consideration in the final budgeting process for 2010.

The members of the MSC are proud to have had this opportunity to serve UUCH. But, they are also glad to have their Tuesday evening back.

If you have any questions or concerns contact [Dick Merritt](#).

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds

I put out the recycling material as usual and brought home the trash to burn.

I also fixed the back door so it would close better and put a handle on the inside so it can be pulled shut.

I also put a tape on the "hold" button on the thermostat saying "Do not push" to stop people from putting the system on hold -- which only maintains the current temperature instead of raising (or lowering) it as desired, and also overrides the scheduled changes in the temperature settings. Pal

Once again our committee had an unusually large attendance – at least 3 dozen people. We removed and put away (or sent home) all the Auction decorations as well as the Christmas decorations.

We do recommend that if committees or groups are going to put up decorations they plan in advance how and when those decorations will be removed. A general announcement in the newsletter and/or bulletin could state the time/date and ask for people to help. Brydie

Committee on Ministry

As a committee we are in the process of reconstituting ourselves with the intention of better serving the congregation. We have been looking at how our community manages it work but with no means of passing on our thoughts.

We want to function in an advisory capacity to the CoCo and committees without any formal authority. That is, we would expect to make recommendations to the CoCo and/or committees.

We want to increase our membership to five people plus the minister as a consulting member. Our hope is to have people who serve a three year term rotating off and bringing in new members.

The COM would be made up of members who have been UUs for at least three years, and members of UUCH for at least two years. We feel that regular attendance at monthly meetings would be a requirement of membership with possible extra meetings required, thus the commitment needs to be firm.

We plan to write a set of guidelines for our work to include confidentiality but not secrecy. Brydie Palmore

Community Action Committee

Liaison Reports:

BGLT – The Welcoming Congregation Committee will now be called the BGLT task force. Attendance at the November game night was 5 and at the December night was 9. Publicity has been sent to Spectrum, the BGLT group at Elon University. Peg will work to set up publicity with other area UU congregations, UCCs, and the UU cluster meeting (Dick Merritt or Kevin), and Maddy Goss. The BGLT task force will view the film "Through My Eyes" and a PBS special "A Class Divided" at 7:30 p.m. on January 11 at Jean-Michel's home; everyone on Community Action Committee is invited.

Green Sanctuary – No report.

Habitat – No report.

Highway Clean Up – No report.

OCIM – Nancy Wildermann reported that double the number of pudding packs were collected for Meals on Wheels Christmas delivery.

Prison Ministry – Mary has purchased the DVD "Love Lived on Death Row" for private viewing and would like the DVD to be passed around for viewing. We discussed possible sources for grants to support the documentary that Alan Julich is developing on re-entry. Programs that were brainstormed were: the Veech Program (UU), the Steward Fund, and Triangle Foundation.

Religious Education – Barbara Cain reported that the children raised about \$300 and bought and wrapped presents for a family through the Christmas Cheer program in Burlington

Mission Statement

As a congregation, we covenant to serve others and to work together for peace, justice, and understanding in our community and the world. To support the commitment, the Community Action Committee will:

Coordinate congregational efforts in support of community service projects,

Maintain communication and awareness of social justice issues in the community,

Allocate the congregation's financial support to peace and justice organizations in our community and nation, and encourage members to contribute to these organizations,

Complete a major community action project annually that involves a visible, measurable contribution of time, effort, and money on the part of the congregation.

We also reviewed and accepted the "Guidelines for Representing UUCH in a Community Action Project or Activity."

Guidelines for Representing UUCH in a Community Action Project or Activity

When a UUCH member or friend desires to serve as a UUCH representative or liaison with a community action project or activity, that person must request an endorsement from the Community Action Committee. The Community Action Committee will endorse the representative/liasion based on how well the project or activity's goals and practices reflect UU principles.

Community Action Committee (con't)

The Community Action Committee as such is not responsible for the project or activity. The representative or liaison is responsible for any recruitment of volunteers. If funds are needed, such as for membership, the liaison will request monies from the Community Action Committee.

The Community Action Committee will assure that any endorsements and the name(s) of the representative or liaison be published the following month in the UUCH newsletter. At least annually the Community Action Committee will inform the congregation of all projects and activities that have been funded during the year.

Publicity re UUCH Values

The responsibility for Last Friday and Hog Day is being transferred from the BGLT task force to the Community Action Committee as a whole to broaden the scope of its presentation. Dick and Ricky Carver will work on the display board. Terry will draft the presentation for the board. At our February meeting we will review which pamphlets we want to display.

Denominational Affairs

As members and friends of UUCH we also belong to a wider movement. The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) has a web site (<http://www.uua.org/>) full of information about what the denomination stands for and how we are putting our values into action. We are part of the Thomas Jefferson District (TJD) which (surprise! surprise!) also has a website (<http://www.tjdistrict.org/>) full of information about what is going on close to home.

By the end of January every year we certify to the UUA how many members we have. Based on the number of members, we pay dues to the UUA of \$58 per member and TJD of \$23 per member. By certifying, we also acquire voting rights at General Assembly which is held every year in June to conduct the business of the denomination, including electing officers and setting our social action priorities.

While you are on the UUA web site, check out all of the email notices you can sign up for to help you stay in touch. I highly recommend the UUA-I and the TJD-I. The volume is not high but the amount of interesting news is high. Go to the 'Members' link (but you do not have to actually be a member). Then go to 'Email lists.'

You will enjoy becoming a more informed UU. Aimee Tattersall

Finance Committee

Pledges Received from Members & Friends

The CoCo thanks the following individuals for supporting the mission of UUCH through a 2010 financial pledge. Pledges allow the CoCo to develop an annual budget for approval by the membership and allow committees to plan activities for the coming year.

Pledges received as of January 13, 2010

Lance Brown	Alan Julich and Clare Steece-Julich	Andrea Selch and Anita Mills
Cynthia Campbell	Rachel and Chris Larsen	Marilyn Shenk
Katie and Michael Cheek	Holly and Kevin Lux-Sullivan	Cliff and Nancy Staton
Richard Cooper and Susan Griffith	AJ Mayhew and Jean-Michel Margot	Aimee Tattersall
Matt and Sarah Davies	Dick Merritt and Barbara Green	Ken Trayham and Trish Payne
Mary and Gabriel DesHarnais	Elizabeth Millar and Eric Moore	Margaret Trisolini
Kira Dirlik	Jerry Morris	Jack and Angela Volcsko
Joanne Dobbs	Pal and Brydie Palmore	Kristi Wiggins
Lorri Drozdyk	Diana Phillips	Nancy Wildermann
Bruce Garmon	Bill Rasor	Peg Wolfe
Mike Garner and Lynne Millies	Carolyn Rhode	Tim and Sherry Woody
El and Evelyn Giefer	John Rhodes	David and Cindy Yelton
Jennifer Hancock	Val Rosado	
Patty Hanneman	Shauna Saunders	
Rodney Jones	Terry Schneider	

If you would like to make a pledge for 2010, and have not yet done so, please contact Dick Merritt, Carolyn Rhode or Peg Wolfe.

How to donate to UUCH

Bill Pay – Most checking accounts allow you to schedule regular check payments to UUCH through their online account management site. You should send your payment to Unitarian Universalist Congregation of

Finance Committee (con't)

Hillsborough, PO Box 275, Hillsborough, NC 27278. Enter your name as the account number. If you do not have a PayPal account, you will be asked the details about your credit/debit card. If you are going to make more than one PayPal payment, it is easier to establish an account. Send your payment to finance@uuchnc.org. Fill in the amount in US dollars. You will be given a chance to verify your payment and then send it.

PayPal – You do not have to have a PayPal account to make PayPal payments. However, if you wish to establish regular automatic payments, you do. In spite of all the urban legends, PayPal is a safe way to pay with a credit or debit card.

- If you have a PayPal account, log into PayPal and click “Send Money”. Send your payment to finance@uuchnc.org. Fill in the amount in US dollars, click personal and gift. Click “Continue” and verify transaction. Click on “Send Money” and away it goes. UUCH will get an email announcing your donation.
- If you do not have a PayPal account, you will be asked the details about your credit/debit card. If you are going to make more than one PayPal payment, it is easier to establish an account. Send your payment to finance@uuchnc.org. Fill in the amount in US dollars. You will be given a chance to verify your payment and then send it.

ACH/EFT – If your bank allows electronic funds transfers from your account, you can set up or ask them to set up a regular payment. Not all banks will do this. Your bank will need these numbers:

- ACH transit number – 061000104
- Account number – 000036853785

Any Questions contact [Dick Merritt](#)

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee did not meet in December. Our next meeting is not scheduled at this time. We have been communicating via email, regarding 2010 budget and ideas to raise funds.

During our recent meetings, we reviewed membership list, including the following definitions: 1) Active Member, 2) Inactive Member, 3) Former Member, 4) Friend of UUCH (both active and inactive).

We are putting together a policy/protocol for keeping in touch with potential “Inactive Members”, by sending them a friendly notice, inquiring about their intent to remain with UUCH (letter in development).

Budget Cuts:

Committee's request is for \$500 with portions to cover pastoral care training. This could be put off for another year, if necessary.

Fundraising Ideas:

Patty was meeting with the UU ministers from Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Durham and was going to ask them about ideas for "cluster" fundraising.

1. Broaden membership, which means actively recruiting people to join and grow membership from it's current 60 or so to perhaps 100. Of course, this would incur additional expenses, associated with growth. But, it may be our best LONG TERM chance at avoiding this annual financial crisis.
2. Last Friday's Proposed by Terry, this venue could be used to sell a variety of products. Chris and Rachel Larsen have offered their Phd products at a reduced cost (www.livelovecatch.com). Other options: bottled water or lemon-aide, as it is often HOT during Last Friday's.
3. Last Friday's Lawn Chair Rental: Another option is to lease lawn chairs at Last Friday's. Often, people stand around and have no where to sit. Local rental company cost for chairs is \$1.25 each.
4. Annual UUCH Vegetarian Dinner Something unique for the community....to set ourselves apart from the crowd of chicken-dinner-churches, that do this today. We have the facilities; raise money, while attracting new potential members.

Program Committee

Sunday worship services are on going. We're looking forward to the two Saturdays retreats, January 30 and February 13. Jean-Michel Margot plans to offer a workshop about our seven principles, on Tuesday evenings, beginning March 7.

RE Committee

The RE Committee last met on November 15, 2009. We discussed staffing (and nonviolent communication curriculum) of the older children's RE class and the Nursery, plans for the Dec. 6 holiday pageant, December service work for the children (including sponsoring a family through the “Christmas Cheer” program), youth activities (Movie night), and children's activities for the Auction.

Sherri Woody has recently agreed to serve as RE Committee chair.

We are in need of volunteers to sign up for our children's religious education program and nursery help. You do not need to teach, you only need to be a helper in either room. If you are interested, please see the sign up sheet outside of the nursery or RE door.



WORSHIP AND ADULT RE RETREATS
THE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES ARE CENTRAL TO UUCH'S LIFE. THE LAST BRAINSTORMING "RE" RETREATS WERE SO SUCCESSFUL THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT THE SAME EXPERIENCE AND BRAINSTORM FOR TWO SATURDAY MORNINGS (ONE OF WHICH WAS ON JANUARY. 30TH) ABOUT THE WORSHIP SERVICES AND THE ADULT RE ACTIVITIES.
THE SECOND RETREAT WILL BE HELD:
✿ FEBRUARY 13, 2010
✿ SATURDAY FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AT UUCH.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT [JEAN MICHEL MARGOT](#).

Habitat Build Starting in February

The coming Habitat house build with the United Church of Christ and the other "Apostles" is scheduled to start in February. We will be building a house for Lu Pu and San Mu and their three children. Stay tuned for further information on which Saturday we'll start building. Pal Palmore, coordinator

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the March newsletter is February 18th at 5 p.m.

When you send an article for the newsletter, type it with no special formatting, i.e. special fonts, extra paragraph returns, boldface text, all caps. I'll do the formatting when I place it in the newsletter.

If your article arrives after the deadline it will not be put in the newsletter.

The Deadline is the Deadline! Thanks. Nancy Staton

Editor's Ramblings

Did You Know?

Prior to 1920, most Americans couldn't even imagine that voices and music could com into their homes over air. In 1920, 5,000 homes had a radio set; in 1924 the number had grown to more than 2.5 million sets.

The first broadcast of the Rose Bowl game was in 1927. In 1929, when Charles Lindbergh made his historic transatlantic flight, six million radio sets were in homes.

Television was introduced at the 1939 World's Fair in New York City. Visitors to the fair could see the new invention, and they were given cards to carry in their wallets to prove they had been "televised". After World War II began, research into television was halted until after the war.

In the mid-1930's , an engineer at the Bendix Aviation Corporation invented a machine that washed, rinsed, and extracted water from clothes in one single operation. In 1946 the first electric clothes dryer was marketed. The first top-loading automatic washer was introduced in 1947. Housewives were, at last, free on Monday mornings.

TJD News

A sensational Anti-Racism Conference has been planned for you. Don't miss it!

Date: **February 5 - 7**

Place: **First UU Church of Richmond**

Theme: "***Building the World We Want: Race, Place and Community***"

Registration fee: \$55 until January 18 (Note: deadline has been extended!); \$70 thereafter.

Register now and save!

To register, go to [Anti-Racism Conference registration](#).

A number of distinguished speakers have been lined up for your enjoyment and edification. The keynote speaker is Professor John A. Powell, J.D., Executive Director of the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity and Williams Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Moritz College of Law.

- Dr. Leon Spencer and Rev. Leslie Takahashi-Morris will discuss their recently published book that details the history of UU anti-racism work, *The Arc of the Universe is Long*, at lunch on Saturday.
- Well-known UU leader, Paula Cole Jones, will conduct the plenary session.

In addition, these workshops will be offered:

- Race and Place - Dr. Andrea Simpson and Dr. Paul Achter, University of Richmond
- District Name Change - Jim Key, President, TJ District of the UUA
- UUA Tools for Multiculturalism and Diversity - Dr. Leon Spencer, Paula Cole Jones, Dr. Mark Hicks, and Bob Gross
- **Language and Dismantling Racism** - Dr. John V. Moeser

On Saturday evening, those who are able to stay will be treated to a special screening of a PBS video, ***Locked Out: The Fall of Massive Resistance***, and to the dialogue which will follow. "Locked Out" is the story of the fall of Massive Resistance and the desegregation of public schools told by the students who lived through it. The one-hour documentary produced by WCVE PBS in partnership with the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia, tells the stories of many of the students who, at a young age, found themselves on the front lines of the fight against Massive Resistance and whose lives were indelibly altered by Virginia's refusal to integrate the state's public schools. "Locked Out" offers first-hand accounts of the negative effects of this concerted abuse of public power and yet tells how it also paved the way for future progress. In 1989, thirty years after the fall of Massive Resistance, Virginia would become the first state to elect an African-American governor. In 2008, exactly fifty years after the first Virginia school was closed, Barack Obama carried the Commonwealth in the presidential election.

All are invited to worship with **First UU Church of Richmond** on Sunday morning.

Please see [Conference information](#) for additional information. And **please register** at: [Anti-Racism Conference registration](#).

TJD Annual Spring Faith Development Training

Faith Development professionals and volunteer leaders will gather in March for their annual Faith Development training.

When: March 12 - 14, Friday 6:30 p.m. - Sunday 1 p.m.

Where: The Summit Conference Center, Haw River State Park, Browns Summit, NC (near Greensboro)

Cost: Registration fee (if registered and paid by February 10, 2010) - \$250

Late registration fee (**after 2/10/10**) - \$300

Scholarships are available.

Please [Register here](#).

Workshop A: Teacher Development Renaissance Module

Facilitators: Nancy Combs-Morgan, Faith Development Director in the Heartland District of the UUA and Kate Beasley, who served 3 years as Director of Religious Education in a small congregation and 10 years as DRE at the Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Durham, NC.

Workshop B: Nurturing and Supporting Adult Faith Development in Congregations

Facilitator: Gail Forsyth-Vail, a master's level credentialed religious educator, is the Adult Programs Director in the Lifespan Faith Development staff group. She holds a M.A. from Rivier College. Gail is the 2007 recipient of the Angus MacLean Award for Excellence in Religious Education.

TJD News (con't)

Workshop C: Campus Ministry - Why and How

Facilitators: Sue Sinnamon, TJD Director of Faith Development and Marion Hirsch, DRE for The Community Church of Chapel Hill UU, NC and facilitator of their Campus Ministry.

Let's Shower April With Song!

Choristers throughout the Thomas Jefferson District are urged to gather at the **UU Fellowship of Winston-Salem on April 10 and 11** for the annual **TJD District Choir Fest**.

Theme: *Music Appropriate for a Water Service.*

A combined choir will rehearse five pieces on Saturday and perform them on Sunday morning, directed by UUF Winston-Salem's music director, Mignon Dobbins. Participating choirs are invited to present individually prepared pieces on Saturday night. Home hospitality is offered; [Registration](#) is available online.

Check out the music and the tentative schedule by clicking on: [Choir Fest info](#)

Sunday, February 14th, 2010, will be
"National Standing on the Side of Love Day".

Congregations across the nation will participate in a day of worship, faith outreach, and partnership with inter-faith partners and/or community organizations. National Standing on the Side of Love Day allows each congregation to take action on issues that matter locally, and to pursue strategies that are effective and meaningful to them. Events will be tied together by central messaging, materials and support. We fully recognize and affirm that many congregations already have wonderful plans for Valentine's Day and that you are unable to change course. But for those of you who would like to take part or to modify existing plans you can find more information at [Standing on the Side of Love](#).

Community Activities

GLBT Game Nights

Every month UUCH will be hosting GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender) Game Nights. These game nights are adult only and will always be on the second Friday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m. Similar game nights in Raleigh and Durham usually run until 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. These nights give those in the GLBT communities an opportunity for a smoke-free, drug-free, and alcohol-free social evening as an alternative to the bar scene. Board games, dominos, and other multiple participant games will predominate. Participants are encouraged to bring snacks. A dollar donation for expenses is being asked for but not required. Allies and advocates of GLBTs are also welcome. It is hoped that we can encourage those GLBT people living in the general Durham, Orange, Alamance, Chatham, Person county area to participate since there seems to be a scarcity of social opportunities other than bars.

Mindful Ecotherapy Retreat

Mindful Ecotherapy Retreat @ The Mountain, Highlands NC, on April 3-4, 2010. There are still a limited number of spaces left! Register before January. 31 to reserve a space!

Mindful Ecotherapy combines Mindfulness and Ecotherapy in a program to help students and practitioners achieve a less stressful and happier lifestyle. Join Chuck Hall, MMFT, LMFT-I, Executive Director of the Mindful Ecotherapy Organization (www.mindfulecotherapy.org), for a weekend of reconnecting with nature, reconnecting with your family, and reconnecting with yourself. Mindful Ecotherapy uses nature to help facilitate mindful states and help you live in your True Self.

The weekend includes a room at the Mountain, meals, and two days of workshops on Mindful Ecotherapy. We'll also have a drumming circle, so if you have a drum, feel free to bring it!

The weekend is \$250 per person. Special discounts available for groups of ten or more people. Must register by January. 31, 2010.

Register online at: <http://www.mindfulecotherapy.org/Programs/The%20Mountain/Mountain%20April%202010.htm>

NOTE:

As of January 11th, we have ten spaces left. If any of those ten are still left after January. 31, you can register after that time, up until February 28. It's just a question of whether those spaces are still available after January. 31. Thanks! Chuck Hall

The 7 Principles of Unitarian Universalism

UUs have no creed, but we try to live our lives according to our Seven UU Principles. What are they? How old are they? Do we have them forever? Might these principles be considered a creed?



This Spring, Jean-Michel Margot will lead an eight-session workshop series to study, discuss, and sometimes question our principles

Tuesdays evenings at UUCH

7:30 p.m.

First session: March 2, 2010

We will use the book "With Purpose and Principle — Essays about the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism," edited by Edward A. Frost

Contact Jean-Michel before February 28 at jmmargot@mindspring.com or 644-7327 if you are interested.

Donate To Haiti Relief Through UUSC

If you'd like to donate to help in the relief effort and be sure that your money will be efficiently used for those who need it most, go to the UUSC website (UUSC.org) and click on "donate to the relief effort." A secure page will appear on which you can make a donation via your credit card.

Thanks, Pal Palmore, UUSC Representative

Communications

Bulletin

Deadline is Wednesday at 9 p.m. Please put "Bulletin" in the subject line, and e-mail as plain text to). Terry Schneider at UUCH@lambda76.us

Newsletter

Deadline is the 18th of the month. Please put "newsletter article" in the subject line, and e-mail as plain text to Nancy Staton maxiecat@verizon.net.

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