

# TJMC Bulletin

## “Building All Our Dreams” Canvass News Update

As I write this update, and with thanks to a great musical kick off event organized by Bob Gross and his many, many helpers, we have already received 124 pledges and reached \$275,000 towards our goal of a \$475,000. If you’ll recall, our financial goal was for at least a 9% increase over last years’ total but perhaps of greater import was asking for 100% participation from our membership, and inviting all pledgers to share their dreams for the church and place them on the beautiful “dream quilt” produced by Lynn Heath which can be found in the Social Hall.

It is your financial support that will help make these dreams a reality, be they for better facilities, the appointment of more than one new minister, funding for a social action, or any number of the many “dreams” we have already received and posted on the quilt. As you can tell, while we have made a solid start we have a long way to go, with over 200 member households still to send in their pledge card and a further \$200,000 to raise. Given the current daunting economic climate it may not seem surprising that we should question the challenge we have set ourselves. After all, one would have to be living in a cave not to recognize the difficulties we all face.

It was therefore uplifting to receive an email recently from the Stewardship Assistant Chair of All Souls UU Congregation in New London, Connecticut. Here are a few excerpts from that e-mail.

*“Our congregation is mid-way through our pledge drive for 2009-10. We are a congregation of 220 members with a budget of about \$464,000 located in Southeastern, CT. Our area has sustained heavy job losses. Several in our congregation have lost their jobs and almost everyone is saying they have suffered substantial losses of retirement accounts, etc. About four years ago we took on a substantial mortgage for the first time in many, many years in order to purchase and renovate a new building (we couldn’t all fit in our old building). This year we needed a (major) increase in pledges to keep our budget level because our capital campaign is phasing out and now we must have the annual campaign fully support our mortgage. Egad, what a year to need an increase. Results so far? We have slightly over half our pledges – ninety-six, and anticipate another eighty-six for a total of 182, up 18% from last year. Of those who have pledged, 70% have increased, seven have remained the same and eight have decreased due to job situations. So far we are running about 18% ahead of those same pledges last year, and if we include the thirteen new pledges we are about 26% ahead of last year!”*

WOW.....so it can be done, and with your help we can do the same at TJMC-UU and send an exciting e-mail back to Connecticut to give them the good news. Over the coming weeks you will hear more from our leadership, and from regular members of our congregation on their dreams, and why they support this church. And if you have not already pledged, you will soon be hearing from one of our trusty canvass callers!

Please, send in your pledge now, and let us all join together to build our dreams. You can use the pledge card sent to you in the mail, go to our web-site and make a pledge on-line at [uucharlottesville.org/pledge](http://uucharlottesville.org/pledge) or just send an email to us at [pledge@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:pledge@uucharlottesville.org).

Thank you for your support, today, yesterday, and tomorrow.  
Ian Sole & Adam Slate, Co-Chairs 2009-2010 Canvass Committee

## Sunday Services

### 9:15 + 11:15 AM Services

April 5

#### *Jesus’ Death: Who Is To Blame?*

Over the centuries scholars and religious leaders have debated the birth, life and death of Jesus of Nazareth. Some have used distorted facts to support their anti-Semitic views. In this sermon Rev. Dr. Morris Hudgins will try to give a more balanced view.

April 12

#### *Flower Celebration - Intergenerational*

The Flower Celebration, sometimes called “Flower Communion” or “Flower Festival” is a popular UU ritual. In this ritual everyone is invited to bring a flower to share. This tradition was developed by Norbert Capek, leader of the Czechoslovakian Unitarian Church. In case you can’t bring a flower, we will have plenty to share.

April 19

#### *Earth, Air, Fire, Water*

Four TJMC-UU environmentalists will lead this special Earth Day Celebration. See Page 7 *Happenings* for details.

April 26

#### *Searching for the Divine*

One of the oldest jokes about Unitarian Universalists is that we believe “in one God at most.” That one simple line says a lot about us. Yes, we have many different views of God. Rev. Dr. Morris Hudgins will share his beliefs and how he is more comfortable talking about the divine, or spirit of life, than about God.



## Vespers

Vespers is a pause for reflection and quiet in your week. Quiet gathering begins at 5:15 PM, with the service beginning at 5:30 PM and ending at 6:00 PM. Child care is provided with reservation by Monday.

Topics for April include:

- April 1 Laughing At Ourselves
- April 8 The Trip to Jerusalem
- April 15 TBA
- April 22 We Belong to the Earth
- April 29 The Path of Grace

# Morris' Musings

On February 28, I experienced my first ever hospital stay of more than one night. It was not what I expected. I expected a minor procedure, an overnight observation, and home the next day. My doctor said the procedure should take about an hour or two, but also added that their might be possible dangers. One of those dangers occurred and the procedure took five hours. I entered the hospital for an ablation to correct a ventricular arrhythmia. They entered the ventricle through the femoral artery in the leg to map the origins of the arrhythmia. They burned the spots causing the problem. Unfortunately, the AV node was close by and was traumatized. The AV node synchronizes the ventricle and the atrium. They installed a temporary pacemaker immediately and the next day a permanent one. That night I turned over in bed and one of the leads came loose from the heart. I felt it immediately. Soon I was taken to the lab for a reconnection. Then it was a day of rest and I was home on Sunday with a regular heart-beat and more energy than before the procedures.

One of my colleagues said before I went into the hospital, "This will be a good experience. You will see what others experience in the hospital." I could have done without the experience, but he was right. What did I learn?

- It *is* difficult to get quiet rest in a hospital.
- I was impressed by the dedicated staff, though it was sometimes difficult to get a nurse on weekends during a shift-change.
- I am an impatient patient, and like to do things myself. I had to be told many times, "We will take care of that."
- Regarding hospital visits, it is important to choose the right time. I appreciated visits before the surgery from Tony Perrino and Shirley Gordon. The day after the procedure I was very tired. The second day I was feeling better and appreciated a visit. A card with a goody-bag from the staff was appreciated.
- Noisy visitors there to see a roommate don't make you feel better.
- It was helpful to know many people were thinking about me. The Vesper Service led by Lynn Horwitz entitled "You Are Not Alone" was wonderful. Even my doctor had a patient that knew about me and said she was praying for

me. I also learned my step-daughter had put my name on Facebook asking for prayers.

- My doctor and his surgical team were especially compassionate. Calls were made to the Cleveland Clinic where my doctor had been a resident. This had never happened to him and he wanted to know if he should have done something differently. He wanted me to know that many doctors were looking into my case. My doctor and I connected personally after these incidents.
- I am very thankful I have insurance. It will be interesting to see the cost of the three procedures, a night in intensive care and three days in the hospital. It is good to be home, on the mend and back to work. See you in church.

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Rev. Morris Hudgins' office hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9-1 PM. Other times arranged by appointment.

# Perrino Ponderings



Last night I attended the monthly meeting of the Church's Board of Trustees, and was **very** impressed by the dedication and competency of its members. Among other matters they addressed was the thorny issue of what could be trimmed from the proposed budget *if*, in these difficult economic times, the annual pledge goal was not met. Which programs could be cut? It was finally decided that it would be premature to make decisions at this time (halfway through the pledge drive) and would continue the effort to reach our pledge goal before addressing the grim possibility of a failure to do so. So, I'm writing to express the belief that it is precisely because many of our members are experiencing financial stress, those of us who can - should **increase** our pledges. I remind you that what we do with our money is what we do with our lives. We can hoard it, spend it, or invest it in enterprises which serve the enduring values we believe in.

I, like most of you, support many worthy causes, but the one institution which encompasses and serves all of them is, I think, The Unitarian Universalist religious endeavor. Years ago, a family responded to an appeal for clothing for refugee children - by contributing a coat which their young daughter had outgrown. But, before they mailed the coat, they carefully cut off its buttons, apparently feeling that they might still have use for them. The story left me with the image of a young child shivering in the cold - because she couldn't button her coat.

All of which is simply to say: when you make your pledge to the Church, *don't cut the buttons off.*

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# Board Notes

At our March meeting, the Board of Trustees, after reviewing the overwhelmingly positive responses to the **Interim Ministry Survey Results**, voted unanimously to invite Rev. Dr. Morris Hudgins to serve a second year of interim ministry. He has accepted and will continue to help us through this next year of search for new settled ministry. Thanks to all those who filled out the survey and special thanks to the Interim Advisory Committee (Shelly Canterbury, Michael Manto, Ann Salamini, and Adam Slate) for conducting the survey and analyzing the results.

A Board of Trustees Task Force has completed its **review of our By Laws** and is proposing a number of changes. Copies of the By Laws with the revisions noted are available at the Church Office and by electronic file. Opportunities for discussion and comment are being scheduled. Please watch the Friday Email for further developments.

# Ministerial Search Committee Formed

Following the strong recommendation of the UUA Handbook for Ministerial Search, we held off structuring our search committee until after our retreat on March 13 and 14. Mary Grigolia, a UU minister working with congregations on transformations, helped us develop a well-balanced team and to identify strengths for key tasks in the search process. We emerged from the workshop fortified with information and with exciting news.

By unanimous vote, we elected Nick Laiacona as Committee Chair and Kirstin Fritz as Vice Chair. Lynn Heath will serve as Secretary, and Carrie Berger as Treasurer. Marlene Jones will take the lead on developing a congregational survey, our next major task. This survey will form the basis of the profile that serves to advertise our church's search for ministerial candidates. You

will be seeing more about that very soon.

At our March meeting (scheduled for after the TJMC-UU Monthly Bulletin deadline) we will be developing a timeline and identifying leaders for other search committee tasks. We hope you were able to attend the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop in late March. The Canvass Committee is passing along the dreams you are writing on your pledge cards and the Search Committee welcomes your additional input and questions. You can contact us by writing to [minsearch@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:minsearch@uucharlottesville.org) or by dropping a note in the Ministerial Search Committee mailbox. You can also contact any of the committee members individually. Watch for us in the Social Hall after services; we'll be wearing our blue name tags.

We hope you will walk with us along our path. Please fill out our survey and come to congregational conversations and cottage meetings as they are held. Read our monthly updates in the TJMC Bulletin and follow our progress on the website. We are committed to an open process, while maintaining complete confidentiality about our negotiations with candidates.

*Let us watch well our beginnings, and the results will manage themselves.*  
~Alexander Clark

## Sounds of Music



*"You're not here to become an entertainer, and you don't have to sell yourself. The truth is you don't have anything to sell; being a musician isn't about dispensing a product, like selling used Chevies. [A musician] is not an entertainer; ...but a lot closer to a paramedic, a firefighter, a rescue worker. You're here to become a sort of therapist for the human soul, a spiritual version of a chiropractor, physical therapist, someone who works with our insides to see if they get things to line up, to see if we can come into harmony with ourselves and be healthy and happy and well."*

This is a message and charge to musicians given by Carl Paulnack. This reflects my core beliefs of my purpose as your Director of Music. It is also the message I try to instill in the members of our choirs.

When the two children's choirs sang in March it was palpable how music can touch us and reach the core of our being. I witnessed the tears of several people as the little ones sang "With My Own Two Hands" and the joy expressed as the Treble Choir sang the "Tree Song". Not only is their singing amazing but the kids are a delight to be with. This year has been extremely successful with involving new children with music and

in keeping their interest and commitment. This is due to our wonderful team of volunteers and to the parents for their dedication in getting their children to rehearsals. It was especially apparent when the children arrived at 7:30 AM (8:30 DST) the Sunday they sang. I can't say often enough how much I/we appreciate the help of the volunteer teams – they are truly amazing and inspiring!

We are blessed to have wonderful musicians in our church community and beyond our walls. The month of April will bring us music by the Sacred Harp Singers, Voices of Community, the Charlottesville Women's Choir and the Chalice Chamber Singers.

Our Adult Choir, "Voices of Community", is now preparing music for Easter. We hope you'll join us for rehearsals Thursdays, March 25, April 2 and April 9 for this rousing selection. We're also beginning our work on the music for the All-Music Service. So please come and join us – we'd love to have you!

Wishes of harmony,  
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## Finance

We have now gone through eight months or two-thirds of the fiscal year. We have received \$365,013 in revenues, or about 65% of budgeted revenues. We have spent \$340,669 or 61% of budgeted expenses. So, our net income after eight months is \$24,344. Comparing this year to date to last year, our total revenues are lower this year (by about 9.3%) and our total expenses are higher this year (by about 3.1%) and thus our net income is about \$52,095 lower than last year.

My overall conclusion with respect to the budget is that financially we are doing OK and certainly better than a number of other UU Churches. However, all committees and councils should continue to monitor their expenses carefully and try to reduce them by all extents possible. There is a significant chance that we could end up the fiscal year with a deficit rather than a surplus.

Finally, we are in the process of drafting a budget for next year, and pledges account for about 75% of our total church revenues. Therefore, I urge our church members and friends to fill out their canvass pledge cards as soon as possible and to be as generous as they can.

Doug Webbink, Treasurer  
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# Nuts and Bolts

## Sunday Tabling

At its February, 2009 meeting the Community Life Council considered the issue of tabling in the Social Hall on Sunday mornings. The council members agreed that tabling is an important vehicle for communication between committees and groups and the congregation and should continue. However, the Council agreed that guidelines for space sharing would be useful.

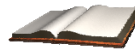
- Tables should be pushed back and lined up along the walls. Tables cannot block any door or entrance to the Social Hall.
- If all of the tables are in use, a group may set up an additional table as long as the table can be set up along the walls and the table is returned to the storage location when tabling is completed.
- If there is no room to put another table up along the wall, groups are asked to share table space.
- Tabling is primarily for church committees and groups. Outside groups participating are limited to those approved social action groups approved by the Social Action Council or those sponsored by a church committee or group.
- Groups are not allowed to collect money or request donations unless their fundraising activities have been previously approved by the Finance Committee.
- Those tabling are responsible for returning the room to its original set up when done.

The following are already established policies and practices that committees and group should consider when planning to set up a table on Sunday morning:

- Tabling (except for SCRIP) is not permitted during potlucks.
- During the annual Activity Fairs, groups must sign up ahead of time for table space.
- Vendors are permitted tabling access during December if prior approval by the Finance Committee has been obtained.

## Social Action Collections Applications Being Accepted

It is time to apply for Social Action Collections for July 2009 – June 2010. Social Action/Justice non-profit projects throughout the Charlottesville community which link to the TJMC-UU goals and principals are invited to apply to become a recipient of one of our monthly Social Action Collections next program year. One or more TJMC members should have direct participation in any organization applying and must take responsibility for organizing the collection and its publicity. Applications are available at [socialaction@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:socialaction@uucharlottesville.org) and are due by May 15.



## Book Sale Update

Our Fourth Annual Bodacious Book Sale brought in over \$4237.98 to support TJMC programs. The *Magnificent Monday Morning Pricing Crew* did an awesome job, making the work of sale coordinators Cathey Polly and Trudy Rohm easy. Special thanks to Janice and Stan Walker for sharing their expertise, to all the book donors, and to all the schleppers and cashiers who set up and worked the sale. Next year's sale is tentatively scheduled for March 19-20. Books may be donated along with your yard sale donations this summer or saved until collections begin again in January 2010.

## Expanded Scrip Program to Debut in April!!

Most of you are familiar with our Grocery Scrip Program, which has raised nearly \$150,000 over the years to support TJMC. Your scrip managers are excited to announce that we have partnered with the Great Lakes Scrip Center ([glscrip.com](http://glscrip.com)) to be able to offer you the opportunity to buy Scrip Gift Cards not just for grocery stores, but also for popular local and online merchants including Lowe's, Wal-Mart, Sam's, Barnes & Noble, Belk, Amazon.com, Best Buy, Panera Bread, Starbucks, and hundreds more.

The beauty of Scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. Just use Scrip GiftCards in place of cash, checks or credit cards for purchases you were going to make anyway, and you will earn money for our Church. Scrip can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, pharmacy items, home improvement supplies and gasoline...even dining out and ordering pizza in!

And to make it even more convenient, once registered as a TJMC-affiliated user (enrollment code 5BCFD27A2L439), you may order online via their web service [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com) 24/7. Beginning April 13, orders placed by midnight Sundays will

be available for pickup at the scrip table the following Sunday. If you elect to use their PrestoPay on-line payment service, you won't need to remember your checkbook, and for a small handling fee, we will even mail your scrip to you if you won't be at church. It just doesn't get any more convenient!

The average family spends as much as \$1000 per month on consumer purchases. Using Scrip Gift Cards for those purchases would equate to an annual contribution of about \$600 per family to the Church. We have 500 members... how much do you think we could raise if everyone regularly used Scrip? Are your finances tighter than normal this year? Were you unable to pledge as much money in the recent Canvass as you would have liked to? By using Scrip Gift Cards, you can, without spending a penny more than you normally would.

Go to our new, improved TJMC website at [uucharlottesville.org](http://uucharlottesville.org) for much more information about Scrip Gift Cards and our partnership with GLCS. We will offer website demonstrations and ShopWithScrip registration at the scrip table on Sundays in April.

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# TJMC-UUs New Website

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When my then 7-year old son said, "They want me to believe the earth was created in six days by God, who they can't prove exists." I knew it was time to find a new place to spend Sunday mornings. So we stopped going to church, and for the next couple of years, we whiled away Sunday mornings reading the Sunday paper as we felt twangs of guilt each time our children asked, "When are we going back to church?" Upon hearing this I would run to my office and Google the TJMC-UU website - it was the public face of a community I thought we might join. The website allowed us to become comfortable with a group of people we had yet to meet.

This was all made possible through the hard work of the TJMC-UU Web Committee. The website, which was my Sunday companion for many months, has now become even easier to use. Amy Marshall, Chair of the Web Committee, explained that many people have contributed countless hours of time and endless amounts of energy to make the

TJMC website friendly for new visitors seeking general information about our community, and for TJMC-UU members and friends who want to access more specific information about TJMC-UU happenings and governance through their Commonsplaces accounts. There are many to thank for the new website designers, however, Amy Marshall wanted to give special thanks to Marlene Jones and Chip Bumgardner for the amazing amount of time, work and expertise they have contributed to this project. She also noted the hard work and support of Christine Gresser, Josie Loyd, Emily Nolte-Shotwell, Patti Wallace, Holly Dilatush and the entire Communications Council members over the last two years. And, many thanks to Mark Judsen-Ebbets, the original designer and webmaster of the site, whose efforts for several years prior to the establishment of the committee must be honored.

You may check out their work at the website [uucharlottesville.org](http://uucharlottesville.org). To share and access committee, council, and other

small group documents internal to the church, sign up for a Commonsplaces account.

If you belong to a group that may need to add regular postings to the website, you may contact the Committee at [web@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:web@uucharlottesville.org) to obtain training and access. The Committee is also looking for photographs to add to the website, and for folks who would like to join this web team. Amy Marshall assures me you shouldn't be intimidated by the technology or lack of experience, because it is easy to use, and they really would like to find volunteers interested in writing or editing.

Please join us on April 5 between services in the Social Hall for a celebration of the web team's hard work in launching this project. The new website is a great way to introduce TJMC-UU to the wider community. Thanks for all the hard work.

Kim Colley  
Volunteer Coordinating Committee

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## A Life in Faith



### **Clear Spring Buddhist Fellowship Meditation**

Wednesdays, 7 PM, Blue Room

All welcome! For more information, contact Marian Morgan at [mdm5f@yahoo.com](mailto:mdm5f@yahoo.com).

### **Labyrinth**

Certain Fridays & Saturdays,  
Social Hall

The labyrinth can be a simple tool to help you rest, relieve stress, or retreat. We are blessed with two labyrinths. A permanent outdoor seven-circuit Santa Rosa style labyrinth is available during daylight hours, and the indoor eleven-circuit Chartres labyrinth is available one weekend per month. For information: [uucharlottesville.org/labyrinth](http://uucharlottesville.org/labyrinth).

### **NatureSpirit**

First Sunday, 5 PM, Summit Room 1

NatureSpirit is a co-creative group for people who feel Nature is a vital part of their spirituality. Each month is devoted to exploring and honoring a different form of Nature. We invite you to bring

an object, story, poem, song, chant, gesture, dance, musical instrument, passage from a book, etc., that represents the Element of the month. For information: [naturespirit@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:naturespirit@uucharlottesville.org). College students, contact Veronica at [naturespirit-info@virginia.edu](mailto:naturespirit-info@virginia.edu).

### **CareNet**

Year-Round Program

CareNet is our church's organized effort to help out with meals, rides, and other assistance for church members. Contact Gail Rubin at 293-8815 or [gail-rubin@mac.com](mailto:gail-rubin@mac.com).

### **Pastoral Visitors**

Year-Round Program

Pastoral Visitors are members of our church who are appointed by the Minister(s) to serve as pastoral care givers in our congregation, in order to enhance our level of ministry. These volunteers serve in the spirit of the first UU principle "to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person" and they work to extend this ministry of hope and sup-

port. The work of the Pastoral Visitors is always kept in the strictest of confidence. For information: Shirley Paul at 297-3934 or [worldtree@cstone.net](mailto:worldtree@cstone.net) or Shirley Gordon at 296-7563 or [shsugordon@aol.com](mailto:shsugordon@aol.com).

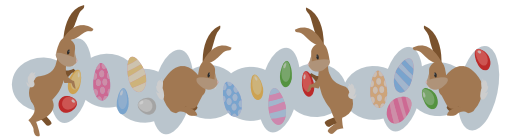
### **UU Christian Fellowship**

UUCF is open to all, especially those wishing to meet with others who are interested in exploring their faith within a liberal Christian context, and to learn from each other. Services include reading and discussing the seasonal lectionary readings from the Bible, hymn singing, joys and concerns, and other selections at leaders' discretion. For more information about exploring Christianity in a distinctively UU context, e-mail [uucf@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:uucf@uucharlottesville.org) or visit [uuhristian.org](http://uuhristian.org).

### **Vespers**

Vespers is held on Wednesdays with quiet gathering at 5:15 PM, the service at 5:30 PM and ending at 6 PM.

# Happening this Month



## **April 1** **Green Sanctuary Task Force** **Environmental Action Committee** **7 PM, Parlor**

We will discuss the results of our energy audit, as well as drafts of our Action Plan and Communications Plan for our application to become a Green Sanctuary candidate. Our Action Plan includes RE projects, environmental justice projects, worship plans, and sustainability projects. Your Earth needs you, and so does your church! Join us!

## **April 3** **Food Pantry** **9:30 AM, Social Hall**



Come join us to help collect and distribute food, and then to clean up. Contact Edith Good at 293-4044 for more information.

## **April 4** **Pastoral Visitors Retreat** **9 AM, Social Hall**

For more information email [pastoral@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:pastoral@uucharlottesville.org).

## **April 4** **Grounds Work Day + Breakfast** **9 AM, Summit Rm 1+2**

For more information email [grounds@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:grounds@uucharlottesville.org).

## **April 5** **Easter Lily Order Deadline**

Eleanor May will be in the Social Hall after the services taking Lily orders. The lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for our Easter service. The lilies may be purchased in honor of a family member or friend and will cost \$11 each. Checks may be left in the small safe in the mailroom and should be made out to *TJMC – Easter Lilies* with the name of the person to be honored in the memo line. The names of those honored will be listed in the Order of Service on Easter Sunday. Be sure to let us know if you would prefer to remain anonymous. You may take your lilies home with you after the second service on April 12. Any lilies you wish to leave will be donated to shut-ins on Monday.

## **April 5** **NatureSpirit** **5 PM, Summit Rm 1**

For more information visit our website [uucharlottesville.org](http://uucharlottesville.org).

## **April 5** **Talents 'n' Treasures Auction** **Donation Deadline**

Exciting, fabulous, wonderful times are ahead. It's time to think about what you'd like to offer for the next TJMC-UU Talents 'n' Treasures Auction! What secret talents do you have, what do you love to do, what can you contribute to make this the best auction ever? Popular items include hosted feasts, services, themed baskets, fun events, antiques and artwork. Donation forms are online at [uucharlottesville.org/auction/index.asp](http://uucharlottesville.org/auction/index.asp). Deadline for submission of donation forms is Sunday, April 5. Don't forget to include an estimated value for the offering so minimum bids can be set. The 2009 Talents 'n' Treasures Auction is sponsored by UUppty Women and will be held Saturday, April 25, 6—9 PM. For general questions, send an email to [auction@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:auction@uucharlottesville.org). For donation-related questions, send an email to [auctiondonations@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:auctiondonations@uucharlottesville.org).

## **April 6** **Undoing Racism** **7 PM, Parlor**

Join us for our monthly meeting. Contact Johanna Woodchild at 293-8808 or [undoingracism@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:undoingracism@uucharlottesville.org).

## **April 7 + 21** **UUppty Women** **7 PM Parlor**



April 7 is Re-Gifting Day: wrap it up, give it away! The rules are it can't have come from someone at church, it has to be new, and it has to be wrapped. Add a tantalizing gift card to make this even more fun. We'll each go home with something new-to-us. On April 21, Jean Shepard will lead a discussion on *The 5 Love Languages* and how they apply outside of your relationship with a committed partner. Email: [uuppities@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:uuppities@uucharlottesville.org).

## **April 9** **UUCF Maunday Thursday** **7 PM, Parlor**

Dave Dawson will lead an Agape service (based on the service prepared for us several years ago by Paul Russell) which will include some gospel singing.

## **April 11** **UUCF Labyrinth** **4 PM, Parlor**

## **April 12** **UU Christian Fellowship Worship** **9:15 AM, Sanctuary**

Communion will be offered after the service. For more information contact [uucf@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:uucf@uucharlottesville.org).

## **April 12** **Artist Reception** **1 PM, Social Hall**

Our Artist this month is Alison Watkins "A Sculptor Maid to Paint." This show beholds elements of her past, present, and future life. These elements include, but are not limited to the mistakes that she has made, the music that she listens to, and the movements she wishes to make. She is also trying to overcome her fear of painting.

## **April 16 + 30** **Back Page Writers** **7 PM, Green Room**

Each meeting is lead by a different member. We start our meetings by asking who has something to read/share. The other people in the group share their views on the piece with the author in an honest but positive atmosphere. Once the voluntary readings are finished, we work on one to three writing exercises depending on how long the first part of the meeting takes. Contact Joyce Moore at 327-3696 with any questions.

## **April 17** **Environmental Action Committee** **7 PM, Social Hall**

Join us as we continue reviewing our energy audit and our plans for Earth Day/Green Sanctuary Sunday, and as we begin planning new religious education and eco-justice projects. All UU Environmentalists, young and old, are invited.

## **April 17** **Social Justice Movie Series** **7 PM, Parlor**



In keeping with this year's focus on early childhood, TJMCs IMPACT team presents "In Pursuit of Happiness" a film starring Will Smith. He portrays a family man struggling to make ends meet. Despite his valiant attempts to help keep the family afloat, the mother of his five-year-old son reluctantly decides to leave. The single father struggles to provide for his son and honor his commitment as a loving and caring father.



# Happening this Month (cont.)

## April 19 Sunday Sermon Earth, Air, Fire, Water

Our service will be led by four TJMC environmentalists and will be part of a special Earth Day Sunday celebration of our Seventh Principle. This will be the official launch of our Green Sanctuary process to become accredited by our national association as we rededicate ourselves to a more just, sustainable future. The Charlottesville Women's Choir will perform and a dedication of trees for peace and justice will follow the second service at 12:45 PM in front of Summit House. Between services, learn the results of a professional energy audit of our church buildings that can guide us to greater efficiency and conservation.

## April 19 Social Action Collection split between From Inside Out

is a non-profit which provides art classes to prisoners in the five prisons in the area, as well as the local jail.

## UU Ministry for Earth

(UUMFE) has as its mission to facilitate and support the work of Unitarian Universalists by affirming and promoting the Seventh Principle of the UUA. They develop and solicit resources and materials for study and reflection, and encourages individual and collective action responding to the call to heal the Earth.

## April 19 Faith in Action Speaker 11:15 PM, Summit Rm 1

Jenny Oliver from Mental Health America will speak about *Struggling against the Stigma of Mental Illness* and how recent surveys and studies about efforts to address the issues around the perception that mental illness is a closely guarded secret.

## April 19 Peace Conversations 12:45 PM, Summit Rm 2

The date is changed for April only. Our mission is to educate ourselves and others on war and peace issues and to encourage dialogue; to provide opportunities to take non-violent actions to promote sustainable peace and justice; and to undertake projects to relieve suffering of those affected by war and violence. We discuss a variety of topics

and sometimes argue respectfully. All are welcome.

## April 19 TJMC United Nations Association 3 PM, Social Hall

For more information email [unausa@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:unausa@uucharlottesville.org).

## April 19 In Search of Buddha

Do you have Buddha statues, pictures, or prayer flags that our students may look at while studying Buddhism in April and May? Please drop off labeled items at the RE Table by April 19. We will take good care of them and return them on May 17.

## April 23 UU Christian Fellowship 7 PM, Summit Rm 2

Eleanor May will lead the evening service which will include readings (both Bible and others), prayers, and music.

## April 24, 7—9 PM, Social Hall April 25, 9—11 AM, Social Hall Labyrinth

A labyrinth offers a time and space for rest, reflection, renewal, and retreat. There is no charge and all are welcome. No experience necessary. Come and go as you please. Interested in learning more or becoming part of a labyrinth team? Get more information from Patty Wallens at 978-3821 or [uucharlottesville.org/labyrinth](http://uucharlottesville.org/labyrinth).



## April 25 Talents 'n' Treasures Auction 6 PM, Social Hall

Come join us for our fabulous TJMC-UU Talents 'n' Treasures Live and Silent Auction! Come bid and bid again for the perfect talent or item of your dreams. Items such as one of a kind jewelry, mouth-watering desserts, exotic get a ways, or a simply divine Tea Party. You never know what you will find. Don't miss it! Questions about the Auction can be sent to [auction@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:auction@uucharlottesville.org). Questions about the donations can be sent to [auctiondonations@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:auctiondonations@uucharlottesville.org). Please use the *online donation form* to submit your offering soon!

## April 25 Newcomers' Orientation 9 AM, Summit Rm 1 + 2

The TJMC-UU Membership Committee would like to extend a welcome to our Spring Orientation on April 25 led by our Interim Minister, the Membership team and church leaders. This is an opportunity to learn more about our church and Unitarian Universalism. A light breakfast and snacks will be provided. Childcare will be provided upon request. Sign-up sheets are located on the Membership Bulletin Board across from the Church Office. For more information contact Jean Newland at 971-4996 or [kipandjean@gmail.com](mailto:kipandjean@gmail.com).

## April 26 Peace Conversations 7 PM, Parlor

Please join us for the movie *Peace, Propaganda & the Promised Land*. The movie provides a striking comparison of U.S. and international media coverage of the crisis in the Middle East, zeroing in on how structural distortions in U.S. coverage have reinforced false perceptions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Includes commentary from scholars, media critics, peace activists, religious figures, and Middle East experts. Visit [uujme.org](http://uujme.org) for more information. All are welcome.

## April 30 Bulletin Folding 9 AM, Social Hall

Join us in pleasant conversation, coffee, and cookies as we get our monthly bulletin ready to be mailed.

## Save the Date May 2 World Labyrinth Day 1-2 PM, Outdoor Labyrinth



World Labyrinth Day is intended to bring people from all over the planet together in celebration of the labyrinth as a symbol, a tool, a passion or a practice. Join us at our outdoor labyrinth. You are invited to *Walk as one at 1* to effect a rolling wave of labyrinth walking as the world turns. More information at [labyrinthssociety.org](http://labyrinthssociety.org).

## May 9 Game Night 6 PM, Social Hall

# Religious Education Update



## Walking the Spiral Path

After a flurry of last minutes details and emails, our Director of Religious Education, Leia Durland-Jones is on sabbatical until June 1. We had a lovely send off on Sunday, February 22. We trust that she is enjoying some time for reflection and rejuvenation! Those of us that are working hard to keep RE afloat in her absence very much appreciate Leia's attention to detail and getting all of her ducks in a row before leaving for sabbatical. And, we have concluded that Leia's shoes are *impossible* to fill. So far, we've made it through a snowy Sunday, Daylight Savings time, and the wind blowing our Sukkah over. I know that we can handle what comes our way and want to thank everyone for their assistance with religious education, whether they are teaching, helping with a project, or pitching in at the last minute.

Teachers are invited to join us at the home of Cindy and David Mick for a Teacher Appreciation Open House from 2—5 PM on Sunday, April 19. I hope you can join us so we can show you our gratitude for your commitment to our children and youth.

I want to remind you all that our Church Canvass is now underway. The majority of our church budget comes from the pledges of members and friends. Please make sure to turn in your pledge card - every pledge is vital to our Church's financial health, no matter the size of the pledge.

April 5 + 12 there will be NO RE classes. I hope your family is able to join us on Sunday, April 12 for our Intergenerational services. Our final UU Stars studio will begin on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Spring,  
Cindy Shepard  
Sabbatical Staff  
for Children &  
Adult Programs



## Challenge Marketplace Helping Our Youth Get to Boston!

Thanks to you, our youth have raised 60% of the \$8,100 required to get to Boston. Keep the momentum going and help our church youth all the way to Boston!

Stop by the Social Hall after services on Sunday and get in on these great deals while supporting our ninth grade Coming of Age Class as they raise funds for their June *Heritage Trip* to Boston:

- Clean Machine Car Wash on Pantops Coupons - wash your car between March 30 and April 5 and the youth will receive a donation of 20% of your purchase.
- UU coffee mugs, aprons and T-shirts

Our youth (and their parents) thank you for your support!



## UU Stars Shine on Buddhism in April + May

This year, our first through sixth grades are learning about our third UU source "Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life." We're exploring Islam, Native American Spirituality, Christianity, Confucianism/Daoism, Hinduism, Judaism and Buddhism.

Studios teach our children about the beliefs, traditions and customs of these faiths as we compare them to our own Unitarian Universalist beliefs. In the Buddhism Studios, our children will learn about the life and teaching of Buddha. They will explore meditation, make clay Buddha statues, create prayer flags to hang at church and home, explore the concept of reincarnation, explore why many Buddhists are vegetarians, and prepare delicious vegetarian food.

Many thanks to RE Committee member Lorie Craddock for creating the lessons for this set of studios. For more information, speak with any Children's RE Committee member.



## RE Summer Sunday Co-op

It's time to sign your children up for our Summer Sunday Co-op and chose the Sundays to staff the Co-op. Look for the sign up sheets at the RE table or speak to Robyn Folger, RE Assistant for more information.

## Save the dates:

- April 5 NO RE  
Childcare available during both services for children 4 and under.
- April 12 NO RE - Easter Sunday  
Join us for an Intergenerational Service. Childcare available during both services for children 4 and under.
- April 19 STARS Story Sunday
- April 19 Teacher Appreciation at home of Cindy and David Mick  
2—5 PM
- April 22 Children RE Comm. Mtg.  
7—9 PM

## Save the dates:

District Annual Mtg "A Celebration of Family Values" May 8—10. For more information go to [tjd.uua.org/calendar.html](http://tjd.uua.org/calendar.html).

## Contacting our Religious Education Staff

Our Director of Religious Education, Leia Durland-Jones, is on sabbatical until June 1.

Please contact the following with any questions or concerns:

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## Need an RE Sunday Summer Job?

RE needs Childcare Providers for our nursery this summer. Come play with our children under four for two to three hours on Sunday mornings. TJMC pays \$10/hour for childcare. Contact Robyn Folger, RE Assistant, at [reassistant@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:reassistant@uucharlottesville.org) for more information.

CP Church Parlor    CBD Basement Kitchen    Summit House  
 SH Social Hall    CBB Blue Room    S1 Room on left (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
 S Sanctuary    CBG Green Room    S2 Room on right (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

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Bulletin deadline for May is April 15.

Visit our Web site for much more information about TJMC, including past sermons, ongoing groups, contact information, and complete ARE listings: [uucharlottesville.org](http://uucharlottesville.org).

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## TJMC-UU TALENTS 'N' TREASURES AUCTION

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

### 6-9 PM



Join us on Saturday, April 25 from 6—9 PM for yet another joyful, wonderful, fun-filled Talents 'n' Treasures Auction. Thanks to the UUpitty Women (especially Lynn Heath, Elizabeth Breeden, Betty Warner and Jennifer McCutcheon) the evening will be terrific with many wonderful items available for bid and riotous laughter to be had.

Don't miss out on the antics of the ever-entertaining auctioneer Norman Dill. Get your bids in on works of art, services, hosted feasts and much, much more. And enjoy delicious appetizers, desserts, wine and beer and non-alcoholic drinks while you place your bids!

Auction items include blacksmithing lessons from Paul Fritz, pottery by Patty Wallens, an unsigned Hartwell Priest print, lithographs from a book illustrated by Judy McLeod, use of a house in Chincoteague for a week, a weekend in Colonial Williamsburg, a night at High Meadows Inn, a rock climbing lesson/excursion, a performance by the Alternators (featuring our own Louisa Wimberger), a one-hour session of piano playing by Scott DeVeaux, a picnic at Biscuit Run, and other fun and wonderful items too numerous to mention.

Catalogs will be available after services on Sunday, April 12 and those that remain will be mailed the next day – so stop by and pick your catalog up and save the church the postage. If you can't be there Saturday for the auction, fill out the absentee bid form and make an offer on anything that interests you. Extras are available in the Social Hall.