

# TJMC Bulletin

## Ministerial Search: One Year and Counting!

Next May, our monthly bulletin headline will read *TJMC-UU Calls <???* to Fill Our Pulpit. We have a long journey ahead, but we have a good road map and some clear goals along the way. Here is a brief overview.

October 31, 2009, is the day our Congregational Record goes live on the UUA Transitions Website. That is when interested ministers can first learn about our opening and it is also when we start to see materials from prospective candidates. In November and December, we will review those materials and invite people to interview. We have already set up visits to neutral pulpits so the Search Committee can hear our candidates preach in January and February, 2010.

March 15, 2010, is the first day the Search Committee can ask a candidate to come meet the congregation, and we plan to be ready on that date. In April, we will have a full week of interview activities, with a congregational meeting at the end to vote on calling new ministry to our church.

Those are some dates we are working towards. To meet our goals, we are now meeting every week. April was a busy month, dominated by the first part of our survey, *What Do We Want?* We are now starting to analyze that data.

This month, we will hold 20 Cottage Conversations, facilitated by members of the Ministerial Search Committee. Each will be an hour and a half with no more than twelve people so everyone has a chance to be heard. Most of the meetings will be held in a church member's home but a few will be held at the church. We are asking you to consider three questions: What are our strengths? What are our goals? Two years from now, what achievements will make you say, "I'm glad this minister is among us?"

We are also working with Doug Webbink, TJMC Treasurer, on the compensation package and meeting with Jennifer Slade, District Liaison to the search. We are busy folks! Watch the Bulletin, the Friday emails, and the Ministerial Search bulletin board (outside the mailroom) for updates on our progress. You can also leave us a note in our mailbox or e-mail [minsearch@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:minsearch@uucharlottesville.org) to get in touch.

## Congregational Meeting 5/17

You *will* want to come to the annual spring congregational meeting to be held after the second service on Sunday, May 17, at 12:45 PM in the Sanctuary.

The Ministerial Search Committee will report on its work and outline what is coming up. We will consider proposed Bylaw revisions, most of which are wording changes that implement the recommendations of the JUUST Change and the Accessibility Task Forces. We will elect new Board officers and vote on the church's budget for the July 2009 - June 2010 fiscal and administrative year.

We will be sending out a packet of information about this meeting which will include the Bylaw revisions, the slate of Board member candidates, and the proposed 2009-2010 budget to all church members. You can also receive this information electronically from the Church Office or from Karen Michie at [kemmichie@aol.com](mailto:kemmichie@aol.com).

Please let us know if you do not receive your packet by Wednesday, May 13. Be sure to come and make your vote count!

## Sunday Services

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

May 3

#### *The Meaning of Membership*

What do we agree to when we join a UU church? How should it impact our lives? What do we promise each other? We will talk about the Covenant of our church.

May 10

#### *Music & Community*

In our annual spring All-Music Service, we will explore the various ways we can connect with each other through music. We will learn new songs and hymns, and enjoy music from the Adult Choirs, Terra Voce, Sam Scott and other youth. Join our Music Director, KaeRenae Mitchell in this music-filled worship service.

May 17

#### *The Holiness of Humor*

Rev. Tony Perrino believes that humor not only "doeth like a good medicine" but has a religious, as well as an emotional, value.

May 24 One service 10 AM

#### *Memorial Service*

Let us honor our soldiers and remember our loved ones.

May 31

#### *Challenge Worship*

Please join us for a worship service created for you by this year's Coming of Age *Challenge* group. Each year we are surprised by the music, meditations and sentiments expressed by our young people as they prepare for their pilgrimage to Boston.

#### 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 May include:

May 6 We Are So Rich

May 13 Pick up the Oars & Row

May 20 The Gift of Every Moment

May 27 TBA

# Morris' Musings



I do love the springtime. Yes, I love the flowers popping out of the earth and the colorful budding trees. It is also a special time for special rituals. I want you to know about some of them at TJMC. I also remind you that we go from two services to one 10 AM service starting May 24.

1. *Child Dedications*: Spring is a time when I encourage people with children who have not been dedicated to take part in a Dedication Ceremony in church. I am setting aside May 24, and June 7 as possible Dedication Ceremony dates. We can also do a ceremony at church or in your home on another date. If you would like a ceremony for one or more of your chil-

dren, please call the Church Office at 293-8179.

2. *Challenge Worship*: I will join our ninth grade Challenge Class which will lead our worship on May 31.

3. *Bridging Ceremony*: We will have a ceremony to celebrate our graduates on June 7. Our high school graduates will be welcomed into young adulthood. Our young adults who have graduated from college or graduate school will also be recognized. If you are or know of a graduate who would like to be honored please let us know.

I also want you to be aware of an important workshop being offered at our church. We are calling it *Understanding Sexual Abuse*. It is being offered on Sat-

urday, May 16 from 10-12 PM in the Social Hall. This workshop is designed especially for the leadership of the church but everyone is welcome. Please call the Church Office at 293-8179 if you are interested in attending. The leaders, all specialist in the area of sexual abuse, will be Dr. Dwight Colley, Kimberly Colley, Dr. Jeffrey Fracher, Michelle Thompson and Laura Jean Seaman.

I hope you enjoy the spring.

Rev. Dr. Morris W. Hudgins  
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# Perrino Ponderings



Like “the little foxes” of Biblical warning, one of the subtle sins that slyly invade and lay waste our lives is that of sentimentality. I am not referring to sentiment, which is natural and healthy, but the substitution of excessive feeling for appropriate thought and action.

For example, when someone substitutes a lump in the throat and the phrase “my country right or wrong” for thoughtful patriotism, that’s sentimentality. Or when someone sings of “gentle Jesus meek and mild” and ignores the ethical imperatives of the Nazarene’s message, that is sentimentality, as is the

effort to make up for a year-round neglect of a maternal relationship with a display of exaggerated affection on “Mother’s Day.”

We indulge in this subtle sin because it is easier than doing something about the matter, and it gives us a facsimile of concerned involvement without any effort or risk.

But it is a bad bargain, and I call it a “sin” because it is destructive to thus deceive and diminish our selves. That is why Thomas Carlyle wrote, “The barrenest of all mortals is the sentimentalist.”

That is true because sentimentality consumes rather than creates life.

Living requires breathing: the air must come in and go out. Similarly, our feelings must be expressed in appropriate action, or they will suffocate us psychologically. The only effective antidote to sentimentality—is doing something appropriate with our feelings.

Rev. Tony Perrino  
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# Finance

We have now gone through nine months or 75% of the fiscal year. We have received \$404,539 in total revenues, or about 72% of budgeted revenues. Our current year pledges are at 70% of the amount budgeted for pledges. We have spent \$391,254 or 70% of budgeted expenses. So, we still have a modest net income of \$13,284 for the year. However, March was the second month in this calendar year and the fourth month in the fiscal year in which expenses exceeded revenues.

It is entirely possible that we may end up this year with a deficit of

\$10,000 or even \$20,000. I urge everyone who is able, to keep up with their pledges. If however, you are unable to meet your pledge commitments, then please notify Trudy Rohm, Pledge Tracker. She will maintain the confidentiality of individual pledge information. This information is helpful to her, the Finance Committee, and the Board so they may be able to anticipate what fraction of our expected pledge income may not be received this year.

Finally, by the time you read this note, our official pledge canvass for next year will have ended. We still ask that if

you have not yet pledged, please pledge whatever amount you are able and comfortable to pledge. Each month the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees receive income statements and a balance sheet. Copies of those reports are available for review in the Church Office.

Doug Webbink, Treasurer  
treasurer@uucharlottesville.org



# All in the Family

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## Sounds of Music

The theme of this year's Music Celebration Service is "Community through Music." We hope you will join us Sunday, May 10, as we explore the various ways we can connect with each other through music. Robert Browning said, "He who hears music, feels his solitude peopled at once." Together we will learn some new treasures in our songbook, *Singing the Journey*, and also sing some old favorites. We will have plenty of support with Scott DeVeaux and other musicians accompanying us. It will be refreshing and fun to add new songs to our repertoire! Join us and help us create community during these challenging times. Fill your well so you can go out into the world and let your light shine!

We are fortunate to have many wonderful musicians in our congregation who will be sharing their gifts during this worship service. The lovely flute and cello duet, Terra Voce, with Elizabeth Brightbill and Andrew Gabbert, will be joining us during our 9:15 AM service. To help us honor Mother's Day, Sam Scott will sing "I Heard My Mother Pray One Day." Our adult choirs will offer several new anthems and will also sing "A Promise I Will Keep" with youth soloists. We

hope you will join us for this uplifting music-filled worship!

To keep the spirit going, Louisa Wimberger, Wendy Repass, and Jim Keathley will share music on Sunday, May 17, so be sure to come to this inspirational service, as well.

We move to a single service at 10 AM on Sunday, May 24, and our Challenge youth will provide the music Sunday, May 31, which you will also want to come to.

At this time of year when the beauty and fragrance of spring surrounds us, I like to remember this quote by Lord Byron, "There's music in the sighing of a reed; There's music in the gushing of a rill; There's music in all things, if men had ears: Their earth is but an echo of the spheres."

Happy Spring!

Wishes of harmony,  
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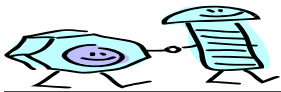
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## Please Ponder?

Last week I was honored to serve as an usher during one of the Sunday services. I came to church with an open heart. The first part of the service went smoothly. I helped to prepare for the service, welcome and assist members and guests upon arrival, fold Orders of Service, insert the Social Action Collection envelopes, distribute the Orders of Service and other notices, count attendees, and facilitate the collection. The follow-up tasks for ushers are to sort the money and checks in the collection plates, sort the Social Action Collection envelopes, put hymnals back into pew racks, collect and sort papers left behind, and close up the Sanctuary. These tasks took almost an hour and did not go as smoothly.

Why? Cups of water, mugs of coffee, candy wrappers, coloring pages, cups of crayons, papers and envelopes were strewn about or stuffed into cushions and pew racks, hymnals on the pews and on the floor, and even someone's crumpled shopping lists remained behind.

This church belongs to everyone who attends and should be cared for by everyone who enters our doors. Thank you.



# Nuts and Bolts

## Cottage Conversations

Are you a member or friend of TJMC-UU? Do you attend TJMC-UU regularly? The Ministerial Search Committee needs you to participate in our congregation's self-study process! Fill out a survey and sign up for a cottage conversation today!

*In Your Own Words...* You are invited to discuss our church's strengths and needs in one of the Cottage Conversations scheduled for May 2—17. Each ninety minute gathering will be limited to twelve participants, so sign up now! You can sign up for a Cottage Conversation at the Ministerial Search Committee table in the Social Hall after services. At the Cottage Conversations, we will discuss topics such as: What strengths does our congregation possess that should be maintained or developed? What would you like the congregation to accomplish in the next three to five years? Two years from now what achievements will make you say, "I'm glad this minister is among us?"

*Call for Cottage Conversation Hosts:* Would you like to help with the Ministerial Search process? The Search Committee is looking for hosts for our Cottage Conversations coming up May 2—17. The Conversations will be ninety minutes long, facilitated by Search Committee members, for about ten to twelve people, and may include light refreshments if you like.

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Ministerial Search Committee, [uucharlottesville.org/tag/minsearch](http://uucharlottesville.org/tag/minsearch)

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Go to [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com), register as a TJMC-UU participant using our enrollment code 5BCFD27A2L439, and browse the list of participating retailers. Orders placed by midnight each Monday will be available for pickup at the scrip table the following Sunday. You can elect to pay via check or by checking account debit using their PrestoPay service. More info is available at the scrip table on Sundays, via the TJMC website at [uucharlottesville.org/get-involved/fundraising/scrip](http://uucharlottesville.org/get-involved/fundraising/scrip) or by writing [scrip@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:scrip@uucharlottesville.org).

## Social Action Collection Applications Due

Applications for Social Action Collections during the 2009—2010 program year are now available. If you are part of a non-profit organization which serves our larger community and adheres to the fundamental principles and beliefs of Unitarian Universalism, you are invited to submit an application for one of next year's collections. We are seeking organizations and projects which actively involve one or more TJMC-UU members. Applications are available upon request at [socialaction@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:socialaction@uucharlottesville.org) or by calling Jean Shepard at 977-9828. Completed applications are due by May 15.

## Monthly Bulletin Submissions

If you would like to submit an article to be put in the Monthly Bulletin please follow the instructions below. The deadline to submit articles to the Monthly Bulletin is the fifteenth of the month (except November and December when, due to the holidays, it is the tenth.)

1. The word count for *Happenings this Month* should be no more than seventy-five words.
2. The word count for Committee or Groups articles should be no more than three hundred words. Acceptance of these articles is on a space available basis.
3. The word count for Board articles should be no more than three hundred words.
4. Send articles via e-mail to: [bulletin@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:bulletin@uucharlottesville.org).
5. **Make sure the Subject Line reads: *Monthly Bulletin*.**
6. The editors reserve the right to make changes in any article submission.
7. Please contact Carole Black at 293-8179 extension 2# with any questions.

## Proposed Bylaws Changes:

A task force of the Board of Trustees has developed recommended changes to our Bylaws. There will be opportunities to discuss and/or react to recommended bylaw changes between services on the next two Sundays, April 19 and 26, in the Green Room (upstairs in the main church building.) The changes will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 17. You may obtain a copy of the changes from the Church Office.



## 2009 Yard Sale Reminder

Thanks to Mary LaTourelle and Ed Jones for remembering the TJMC Yard Sale during their recent moves. This year's sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 15. As you do your spring cleaning, remember to set aside unwanted furniture, household items, electronics, toys, books, DVDs, and CDs for the sale. Limited pre-sale storage space is available if needed. **Questions? Write [yardsale@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:yardsale@uucharlottesville.org).**

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# Canvass 2009 - 2010 Thank You!

By the time you read this article we will have completed our Canvass for 2009 - 2010. Thanks to all those individuals who helped in this, an unprecedented year. To those who participated in our wonderful musical kick-off event; to the team that developed our materials; to those who folded, stuffed, mailed and handed out leaflets and flyers; to those who made countless phone calls and personal appeals; to those members who so generously offered a special matching

challenge near the end of the campaign, to our supportive Board and Ministers, and of course to everyone who pledged.

Your efforts have paid off. As we go to print we have raised \$412,796, an extraordinary feat given the environment. Perhaps even more exciting is that we have received 321 pledges, an incredible 17% increase over last year! And we still need to hear from a few more

households. Our goal was 100% participation so please go ahead and contact us. There is still time for us to hit a goal none thought possible, yet is now within reach. It just goes to show what we can do when we all put our hearts and minds to something truly important. Thank You.

With faith,  
Adam Slate &  
Ian Sole, Co-Chairs  
Canvass '09-'10



## Talents 'n' Treasures Auction Success

The Talents and Treasures Auction was a wonderful success thanks to generous donations from cooks, beach house owners, artists, talented providers of services, and owners of lovely passed forward treasures. The silent auction bidding was frenzied and frantic up to the last minute. The live auction crowds energetically lined up to "win" their bids and our auctioneer, Norman Dill, was spectacularly humorous as always. Even

our youngest UUs got into the bidding spirit with their bids for the Ann of Green Gables package. The combined efforts of all managed to raise an astonishing \$13,500 for our church budget!

Special thanks to our bartenders, Don and Beth Jaeger-Landis; our computer crew, Betty Wagner, Jennifer McCutcheon, and Lynn Heath; the many helpers, Cathey Polly, and Elizabeth Breeden; and our fearless leader, Trudy

Rohm. She leads us forth and we do it. And, of course, all of the UUpitty Women who helped solicit our Auction items, create and send out our Auction catalog, set up for the Auction and take down the Auction.

We especially thank all of you who attended and made this a great success!



## 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 [uucharlottesville.org](http://uucharlottesville.org).

### Vespers

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

# Happening this Month



**May 1**

## **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.

**May 2**

## **Cottage Conversations**

**9 AM, Parlor**

Each Cottage Conversation will be an hour and a half and limited to twelve people so everyone has a chance to be heard. Members of the Ministerial Search Committee will facilitate the discussion. To sign up you may contact Anne Clark at 974-9022 or [anneclark@embarqmail.com](mailto:anneclark@embarqmail.com), or sign up in the Social Hall after services.



**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. **M o r e i n f o r m a t i o n a t [labyrinthssociety.org](http://labyrinthssociety.org).**

**May 3**

## **IMPACT**

**12:45 PM, Summit Rm 2**

We will gather to celebrate, evaluate, and follow up on the successes we have had this year. We will be able to envision our work for the coming year with up-to-the-minute briefings on the Early Childhood Education initiative and the ongoing Dental Care project. Please join us and bring your recommendations for improvement and greater effectiveness. You are welcome whether or not you attended the Nehemiah Action on March 30. Call Trish Foley or Bob Gross for more information.

**May 3**

## **NatureSpirit**

**5 PM, Summit Rm 1**

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

**May 4**

## **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).

**May 5**

## **UUpitty Women**

**7 PM Parlor**

On May 5, we will revel in our auction success, tweak final plans for the Elder Dinner, and enjoy each other's most *uuppity* company at 7 PM in the Parlor. On May 19, we will host the annual Elders' Dinner. Please note the dinner is early, at 6 PM, in the Social Hall. If you are 70 or older, come be our guest. If you are not there yet, contact [UUpitties@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:UUpitties@uucharlottesville.org) to see how you can help with food, transportation, or entertainment.

**May 8**

## **Social Justice Movie Series**

**7 PM, Parlor**

The Partner Church Committee presents *Slum Dog Millionaire*, a 2008 Oscar best picture winner. Though the film deals with Mumbai area, rather than the Khasi Hills where our partner church is located, it is a wonderful tale of one boy's unsentimental education by way of poverty, tribal strife, abandonment, exploitation, criminal gangs and, of course, love. A Mumbai teenager who grew up in the slums becomes a contestant on the Indian version of *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?* He is arrested under suspicion of cheating, and while being interrogated, events from his life history are shown which explain why he knows the answers. Please join us for your first or repeated viewing of an entertaining movie and cultural experience.



**May 9**

## **Game Night**

**6:30 PM, Social Hall**

Everyone is invited for an evening of games. The Uno Champ will win a prize! All ages welcomed. Bring snacks and/or drinks to share. A wide variety of games will be there for you to try out, but everyone is encouraged to bring along favorites. For more information contact [volunteers@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:volunteers@uucharlottesville.org) or Sally Taylor.

**May 10**

## **UU Christian Fellowship Worship**

**9:15 AM, Sanctuary**

Mary Van Cleve will lead our service. For more information contact [uucf@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:uucf@uucharlottesville.org).

**May 10**

## **Peace Conversation**

**12:45 PM, Summit Rm 2**

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.



**May 10**

## **Artist Reception**

**1 PM, Social Hall**

Our Artist this month is Janice Walker. She says, "A mystery I have yet to solve is why, in an endless cycle of destruction and rebuilding, I find satisfaction in cutting up large pieces of fabric only to reassemble them into very different large pieces. I have spent the last couple of years teaching myself assorted techniques for doing this in a pleasing way and hope you will enjoy this show as the best of my efforts."

**May 11**

## **Twenties 'n' Thirties**

**7:30 PM, Parlor**

For more information contact [tnt@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:tnt@uucharlottesville.org).

**May 14 + 28**

## **Back Page Writers**

**7 PM, Green Room**

Each meeting is led by a different member. We start our meetings by asking who has something to read or 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.



# Happening this Month (cont.)

## May 15 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.



## May 16 Board Workshop: Understanding Sexual Abuse 10-12 PM, Social Hall

This workshop is designed especially for the leadership of the church but everyone is welcome. Please call the Church Office at 293-8179 if you are interested in attending. The leaders will be Dr. Dwight Colley, Kimberly Colley, Dr. Jeffrey Fracher, Michelle Thompson and Laura Jean Seaman. They are all specialists in the area of sexual abuse.

## May 16 UU Christian Fellowship Retreat 9 AM, Offsite

For more information contact [uucf@uucharlotteville.org](mailto:uucf@uucharlotteville.org).

## May 16 Cottage Conversations 3-5 PM, Parlor

See Pages 1 and 4 for more information.

## May 17 Social Action Collection (Split 50-50) The Charlottesville Free Clinic (CFC)

brings together volunteer and community health care resources to provide free primary medical care, prescription medications, and dental care for uninsured working adults and their families in the greater Charlottesville/ Albemarle community. The Free Clinic is located in the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Health Department building on Rose Hill Drive.

The CFC shares the Health Department's medical space, a dental suite and meeting rooms but has its own administrative offices and pharmacy. The Free Clinic currently has nine staff members, a full-time nurse practitioner and more than 450 annual individual volunteers. In 2008, the Free Clinic treated 1,482 patients with 4,687 visits, scheduled 763 referral appointments and dispensed 27,891 prescriptions. Dental

patients totaled 700, with 1,082 visits. The Free Clinic is a nonprofit organization. It receives no federal funding and depends on donations from individuals, foundations, local government, businesses, civic groups and churches to cover its annual operating expenses.

## Mental Health America (MHA)

provides information and support, works to improve policies and attitudes, and helps to develop local services for the mentally ill. We do this to make it possible for people who experience mental illness to be full members of the community, and to challenge discrimination and prejudice. We campaign for better mental health for all.



## May 17 Congregational Meeting 12:45 PM, Sanctuary

Church Members - we need your votes! Please make time to come to this very important meeting. We will hear a report from the Ministerial Search Committee, vote on new Board members, pass Bylaw revisions, and approve our 2009-2010 budget. Come help us get ready for our new fiscal year.

## May 18 Emotional Wellness 5:30 PM, Summit Rm 2

We are a group that advocates for mental health without stigma. For more information contact Elizabeth Breden at 977-5411 or [brs@cstone.net](mailto:brs@cstone.net).

## May 19 Elders' Dinner 6 PM, Social Hall

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## May 24 10 AM Single Service Starts

## May 24 Peace Conversation 6:30 PM, Parlor



## May 25 Church Office Closed for Holiday

## May 26 Gay-Straight Alliance 7:30 PM, Parlor

## May 27 UUGuys 7 PM, Summit Rm 1

## May 28 Bulletin Folding 9 AM, Social Hall

## May 28 Peace Conversation 7 PM, Summit Rm 1

## May 28 UU Christian Fellowship 7 PM, Summit Rm 2

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

## May 29, 7—9 PM, Social Hall May 30, 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 [uucharlotteville.org/labyrinth](http://uucharlotteville.org/labyrinth).

## Save the Date



## June 7 Picnic Potluck 11 AM, Social Hall

Join us as we will be celebrating the end of the program year. We will serve picnic fare in the Social Hall and desserts on the Summit Porch. Drinks will be provided and we ask YOU to bring a picnic food to share. Families with kids are asked to bring kid-friendly food. The kids will have their very own serving table. Put the June 7 Potluck Picnic on your calendar today!

# Religious Education Update



## Walking the Spiral Path

While our Director of Religious Education, Leia Durland-Jones, is on sabbatical, much of the credit for the smooth operation of the RE programs goes to Cindy Shepard, Margaret Gorman, and Robyn Fogler, RE Assistant. They have all worked very hard to ensure the continued success of the classes, programs and special events for our church's children and youth. Thank you all!

Registration for 2009-2010 RE classes has begun. Michelle Hilgart and Ron Wormser are creating an electronic registration form. Registration can be completed online. Paper copies will be available at the RE table on Sundays as well. All families currently enrolled in RE will receive an email inviting them to register online. The form may also be accessed by going to the church's web site and clicking on "Education."

Why register now for RE? TJMC's RE program has grown to the size of a small elementary school! There are over 200 children and youth participating in our nursery through high school programs. Please register now so that we can plan our class sizes, locations, and recruit the teachers needed to create another year of great programming for the next generation of UUs.

Registration provides families with opportunities to volunteer for the RE program. There are many ways to support our children and youth; be a studio leader for four Sundays in the Stars Program; help organize a special event; be a mentor to one of the youth in the YRUU program; or join one of the RE committees for monthly meetings and add your voice and ideas to our program. At the conclusion of the registration form, there is an opportunity to evaluate the RE program in general, and your child's class in particular. Please take the time to fill out this portion of the form. This type of feedback is very useful and important as we plan the classes and activities for next year. Thanks to all for your continued support.

Lorie Craddock, Chair,  
Children's RE Committee

## Summer Childcare Workers Needed

Need a summer job? We need childcare providers for our children ages four and

under. Please contact Robyn Fogler for more information.

## Youth Programs Update

YRUU (tenth through twelfth grades) is cooking for the Soup Kitchen one Sunday this month and will go camping at Sherando Lake. Let's all wish them a warm, clear weekend and lots of fun.

OWL is concluding their year-long study of sexuality and faith with a cookout and celebration.

Neighboring Faiths, our seventh grade class, will visit a Buddhist Temple and finish the year with a party and know-your-religion Jeopardy match.

The youth in our coming of age class, Challenge, offer their wholehearted thanks to everyone who supported all of the fundraising for their trip to Boston. Thanks for buying meals, t-shirts, mugs, plants, aprons, or donating to their trip! They have reached their fundraising goal. Our youth will remember your generosity and the support of our whole church community.

The Challenge Youth have three announcements:

1. **T-shirts** - Pick them up in the Social Hall after church services.
2. **May 3, Lunch Fundraiser** - Join us after second service, for our final fundraising lunch. Our Challenge Parents are designing a pasta salad-sandwich-vegan-diabetic-fussy little kid-friendly buffet. As we now appear to have enough money for our trip, we would like to use the profits from this meal to create start-up funds for next year's Challenge group and donate a sum to the Canvass as our thank you to the church.
3. **May 31, Challenge Service** - We invite you to join us in church for a worship service designed and led by the Challenge Youth. Please come see where their journeys have led them this year! We are so happy that Rev. Morris Hudgins is working with them to create a meaningful service for us all.

Margaret Gorman,  
Sabbatical Staff for Youth Programs

## Summer Programming

Our teachers take a much-deserved break over the summer, but if your family still wants to participate at TJMC this summer, sign up for our Sunday

Summer Coop. Parents take turns supervising children with fun activities. Sign up in the Social Hall after church or contact Robyn Fogler for more information.

## UU Stars Shine on Buddhism in May

This year, our first and sixth grades have explored world religions such as, 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. Ask our children about their favorite activities this year. Special thanks to the RE Committee for writing great studios and to Robyn Fogler, our fabulous RE Assistant who pulled the studios together every Sunday!

## Save the dates:

- May 17 Last Day of RE Classes  
Visit our Buddhism Display in the Social Hall
- May 24 Summer Coop begins
- May 27 RE Committee Meeting
- May 8-10 District Annual Meeting  
"A Celebration of Family Values"
- 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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# TJMC-UU May 2009

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 915+1115 Services 1030 OWL/UH 1115 Challenge/S1 1245 Challenge Food/SH 1245 IMPACT/S2 1245 Music/SH 5 Nature Spirit/S1 6 AFD: Forgiveness/S1 5-9 Renter/CP	4 Women's Choir/S 7-8 TrT Meditation/CBB 7 Undoing Racism/S1 8 Emotions Anonymous/CBD	5 830-1230 Renter/CP 7 Uuppy Women/CP 7 Gamblers Anonymous/CBD 730 Worship Associates/CBG	6 830-1230 Renter/CP 530 Vespers/CP 7 Meditation/CBB 7 Ministerial Search/CP 7 YPC/S1	7 1030 Active Minds/CP 4 TJMC Choirs/S+CP 7 Back Page Writers/CBG 7 IT/S2 715 Volunteer Coord/S1 730 Finance/SH	1 9 Food Pantry/SH -Doulth State Park-	2 9-1 Cottage Conversation/ CP+MMP 1 Labyrinth/SH+S1+2+Outside 3-11 Renter/SH -Doulth State Park-
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31 Challenge Youth Service 10 Service No RE						

Bulletin deadline for June is May 15.



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## Elders' Dinner



Hosted by the UUppity Women  
May 19 at 6 PM in the Social Hall

Each year the UUppity Women invite our Elders for dinner to celebrate the wisdom of their personal history, and to enjoy our community of love and respect. This dinner started as a way of honoring the members of The Alliance, and has been expanded to include both men and women over 70. If you are newly 70, or new to our congregation, please let us know, so we can send you an invitation. We are happy to provide rides if you are no longer driving. Invitations will be sent out on May 5. If you are an Elder and do not receive one by the May 10 please let us know. For more information contact Elizabeth Breeden at 977-5411 or brs@cstone.net.