

TJMC Bulletin

Finding Community at TJMC

As TJMC has grown and become filled with new faces and a multitude of committees, groups and activities, it has become more challenging for individuals, especially newcomers, to find a way to become involved, to make new and lasting friendships, and to feel that they are a vital part of the church community. Small groups are the key to finding your place in a large church. In small groups, each person is more likely to share thoughts, feelings and dreams and in the process form lasting connections with other members of the congregation. So how can you to find the right small group for you? Consider the following possibilities:

- ♦ **Adult Faith Development Courses** - Find a class that sparks your curiosity or will allow you to grow your mind and spirit and at the same time create bonds with others in the church. Sign up either online at the TJMC website (uucharlotteville.org/) or on the registration form found in your Adult Faith Development fall brochure, which will be arriving in your mailbox soon.
- ♦ **Covenant Groups** - TJMC's small group ministry. Trained facilitators lead eight to ten congregants in sharing their spiritual journeys, beliefs, opinions and struggles while ministering to each other. Groups meet twice a month in their homes, frequently sharing food either before or after the meeting. Joining a Covenant Group is easy: fill out the TJMC Registration Form available at the Covenant Group table in the Social Hall after the Sunday service or register online at the TJMC website. The link to the form can be found under News and Events.
- ♦ **Volunteer For an Activity** - Look over the Time and Talent Survey online or on paper in the Social Hall after the Sunday services and sign up for one or many volunteer activities that appeal to you. This can range from one-time events such as shoveling snow, painting a classroom, or providing food for PACEM, to longer term commitments such as ushering once every six weeks at Sunday services or selling SCRIP in the Social Hall after our worship services.
- ♦ **Join a Committee or Social Group** - Look for the Getting Involved at TJMC-UU brochure at the newcomer's table and read about all the committees and groups that are part of the TJMC community. Find one that interests you and send an email (at the address listed in the brochure) to the committee chair. They will be delighted to hear from you. You can also find information about all of these groups and their contact information on the church website.

All of us lead busy lives, but if we try, we can find a little time to foster our inclusion in this vibrant and multifaceted church community by joining one of the many small groups within it.

Leadership Retreat 2009:

Creating the Congregation that WE Want to Be

You are invited to participate in the Annual All Church Leadership Retreat on Saturday, August 22, from 8:45 AM-1 PM. Our theme this year fits our present reality as a church community. We invite you to consider who we are, how we want to be together, and what we want to do together (our goals). Join us to learn more about the inner workings of our church, discuss the results of ministerial search surveys and cottage meetings, and engage in brainstorming about topics that are key to our collective church experience. Consider where we are as a church community at this important crossroads and the important part you play in moving us forward. Enjoy getting to know members who are new to you, food, fellowship, and working together to build a vision for the future. Please join us for this important annual event. Light morning refreshments and lunch provided. Please RSVP to the Church Office at 293-8179. Childcare is available for this event if requested by August 15.

Sunday Services

10 AM Single Service

Two Services Begin 9/13

August 2

Language and Its Power to Move Us

It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Some words and phrases conjure more than pictures, they have the power to move us to joy and to sorrow. Join Worship Associates Paul and Kirstin Fritz as they explore the power of words.

August 9

On Faith and the Real World

Each of us approaches faith differently, and the importance of our faith may evolve over the course of our lives. Worship Associates Ed Berger and Elizabeth Breeden will help us examine the many roles of faith in our lives and see to answer the question "What is Faith good for?"

August 16

Is Mysticism Compatible with Rational Religion?

Rev. Tony Perrino will talk about mysticism and whether it is compatible with rational religion.

August 23

Developing Detachment

Worship Associate Wendy Re-pass will explore tolerance and acceptance and the ability to allow people, places or things the freedom to be themselves.

August 30

A Theology of Covenant

Following the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist, Rev. Morris Hudgins will begin a discussion of UU Identity. He has invited delegates, Pam Philips, Board President of TJMC, and Barbara and Kim Beach to join him in this service.

Morris' Musings



The General Assembly of the UUA met June 23-28 in Salt Lake City, Utah. TJMC was represented by Pam Philips, now President of the Congregation; church members - Kim and Barbara Beach; and myself, as the Ministerial Delegate.

The most important business of the UUA was the election of the new President of the Association, Peter Morales. When Peter entered the race for president, he was viewed by many as a long-shot candidate. The other candidate, Laurel Hallman, had an impressive list of supporters, many in important leadership positions in the UUA.

I believe Peter won this election because of a well-run campaign, and the articulation of a clear vision for the Association. Those who attended the meeting at TJMC where videos were shown of the candidates, voted unanimously for Peter in a straw vote. The Board supported that decision with absentee ballots. Those of us who attended the Assembly were encouraged to vote their conscience.

There were numerous occasions at the Assembly to thank outgoing President, Bill Sinkford, for his leadership the last eight years. One of the moving speeches of this Assembly was the report by President Sinkford in which he mentioned many accomplishments. One of these accomplishments has been the financial success of Beacon Press. He

also announced the result of negotiations with the Martin Luther King, Jr. family resulting in Beacon Press having sole rights to the publication of "The King Legacy."

Another Assembly event was the discussion of the Commission on Appraisal's report from their study of the Purposes and Principles of the Association. They proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Association, outlined their changes, and recommended those changes be studied by the congregations for one year. At the next Assembly in Minneapolis the changes would then be voted on.

The proposed changes seemed, at first glance, to be minor. One was the principle: *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.* The proposal was to drop everything after *democratic process.* Another change was to replace *Respect for the Interdependent Web* to *Reverence for the Independent Web.* Other changes were in the clause titled *Non-discrimination* to *Inclusion* and *Individual freedom of belief* to *Congregational Freedom.*

Surprisingly, the recommendation to study these changes was denied by a vote of 586-573. This close vote reflects a clear division in the Association about our identity. The individuals who voted against the resolution were clearly upset

by the changes in the sources of our faith. The sources of Humanism and the Earth-centered traditions were mentioned but not their contributions.

It was then recommended that a request be sent to the Board of the UUA to further study the Bylaws and the Commission on Appraisal's report.

An important issue behind this discussion is the UU Identity. Questions asked at this year's Assembly in Salt Lake City were: Who are we? Where do we come from? Where are we going? I plan to ask these questions this year at TJMC. This will be important work for TJMC at a time when it is searching for a new minister. I will be discussing many theological traditions that make up our Association. I will encourage you to think about your beliefs and invite you to express them.

One of the highlights of this Association for me was the Distinguished Service Award given to Alice Blair Wesley, a personal friend. Alice has made significant contributions to the discussion about a "Theology of Covenant." You will hear me talk more about this at TJMC.

I hope TJMC will be well-represented in Minneapolis in 2010 and Charlotte, NC in 2011.

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Treasurer's Update



Our fiscal year is over and we have received 95% of our budgeted revenues [\$535,828]; spent 96% of our budgeted expenses [\$539,974]; and have a deficit for the year of \$4,145. This deficit reflects, among other factors, the fact that the Board of Trustees did decide to redeem \$15,000 of member bonds and to receive a contribution of \$5,000 from the Endowment Fund.

We received \$370,018 in pledge payments or about 88% of the \$420,000 that was pledged. However, we also received \$21,323 in unpledged donations. But even the total of those two numbers [\$391,341] should be compared to the \$420,000 that was pledged. In contrast, at the end of the previous fiscal year, we received \$414,769 in pledges, so we

have received significantly less in pledge payments this year.

Our total expenses for the ending fiscal year were about 1.8% lower than last year, although our total revenues were about 7.6% lower than last year; and while this has been a tough year with respect to the overall economy, it should be noted that TJMC is in better financial shape than a number of other UU churches.

On the UUA web site there are stories about UU churches that have reduced salaries, reduced employees or even shut the church for a month in the summer when it would normally be opened.

We found that after the Congregation approved the budget for our new

fiscal year there were several small errors discovered in the budget spreadsheet. Three budget lines items listed in the budget, which total \$1,150, were not included in the expense totals. When the budget spreadsheet was corrected, the result was that the budget showed a projected \$1,150 deficit rather than being a balanced budget. However, the Board has voted to retain the budget with the deficit, rather than reducing the amount shown for some specific expense lines.

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@uucharlottesville.org

From the President



I wish I could give each of you the gifts of hope and enthusiasm I received from my time at General Assembly in Salt Lake City. It is amazing to worship, work, and learn alongside so many other UUs. I encourage you to take a virtual trip to GA by watching some of the videos on the UUA website: uua.org/events/generalassembly/2009/141864.shtml.

Returning to Charlottesville, I was gladdened to see all the Board Members at our August meeting. We heard a report from Nick Laiacona about the incredible work the Ministerial Search Committee has been doing. We appreciated the work that Doug Webbink, Treasurer, and the Finance Committee

have done on the budgets and revising financial policies. Members of the Board readily volunteered to serve on the Personnel, Endowment, and Safe Congregations Committees. In addition, this year we have liaisons from the Board to each of the six Councils in an effort to support the folks who do the work of our beloved community.

At GA, I attended the Governance Track of UU University, and one of the most compelling lessons I learned was the importance of communication between the Board and the congregation. We are your proxy, so we need to know what you think. To that end, Board Members will be sporting colorful new

name tags at church so that you will know who we are. Soon you will find our photos on the Board bulletin board.

Finally, we want to remind you that Board Meetings are open to all. We meet on the second Thursday of each month in the Social Hall at 7 PM. We have instituted a “public comment” time at the beginning of each meeting so that visitors have an opportunity to let us know their mind.

I am indeed hopeful and enthusiastic about the year ahead, especially when I think of those with whom I get to worship, work, and learn here at TJMC.

Pam Philips, Board President
president@uucharlottesville.org

Ministerial Search Committee



“Thank you for being on the search committee.” We hear this a lot, and it is awfully nice to be appreciated. We are working hard, that is for sure. We meet every week, and between meetings we have our homework—gathering facts, analyzing data, compiling documents, and writing, writing, writing. But we also have to let you in on our little secret: we are having fun, too. Recently, we tackled an important question, “Who are we?” It is sort of an elevator speech for the church: how do you capture

TJMC in a few paragraphs? What makes us unique? What are the magic words that will attract our “best fit” professional ministry to the church?

We started with your words, transcribed in the Cottage Conversations in May. We had already sorted the answers into categories and tallied them. (You can see the results in the Gallery, the hall leading from the Sanctuary to the Social Hall.) Then we bounced ideas off each other. Pretty soon, we started getting a picture of the congregation. We

identified some major themes as a framework. We thought of some key examples and outlined a plan. Another successful meeting!

It is exciting and energizing to hear everyone’s perspective, to consider all the angles, and then to reach a consensus and take one more step towards our goal. It is head and heart and hands work, and it feels really good. Thank you for trusting us to do it. You can reach us at min-search@uucharlottesville.org or by putting a note in our mailbox.

Music Notes



*There is sweet music here that softer falls
Than petals from blown roses on the grass,
Or night-dews on still waters between walls
Of shadowy granite, in a gleaming pass;*

~ Alfred Lord Tennyson,

excerpt from Song of the Lotus-Eaters

I hope your summer days have been, and will continue to be, refreshing and renewing. Oh yes, I know there is still another month and I’m not trying to rush the time away, but I do want to plant a few seeds for our upcoming church year.

Some of you have expressed an interest in making music more a part of your life. Perhaps you would like to sing in a choir or return to an instrument. Maybe you would like to share your music during one of our Sunday morning worship services. Or maybe your child has wanted to sing in one of our children’s choirs. Our church offers

many opportunities for you to get involved and we hope you will. This is a great time to dive in and find some joy in giving to our church community!

There will be more detailed information in our September Bulletin after the seeds have begun to sprout, but here’s a preview of the opportunities with our two children’s choirs.

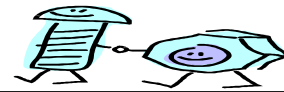
Do you love music and working with amazing kids? Do you want to make a difference in a young person’s life? If so, we would love to have you on board making music with us! You can have fun being a co-leader, a parent helper, or by playing guitar or piano. We want to keep the momentum of our great children’s choirs going and we hope you’ll want to be involved. Our team approach allows for great flexibility of attendance in our six week rehearsal

sessions. If you would like to become involved and want to know more, please contact me. I’m eagerly waiting to hear from you!

If you know your child would like to sing this fall, please send an email to Karen Michie at kemmichie@aol.com or to me music@uucharlottesville.org.

For all adults who love to sing, our first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 3, at 6:45 PM in the Parlor. Watch for more details in our next bulletin, on our bulletin board and in the order of service. Come join us as we lift our voices!

And may there be sweet music here.
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Yard Sale Extravaganza!

The Tenth Annual “TJMC Back-To-School Yard Sale Extravaganza” is fast approaching! The sale date is Saturday, August 15, from 8 AM – 2 PM, but we need all donations in by Wednesday, August 12, in order to complete setup. We accept furniture, kitchen and household items, linens, artwork and decorative items, kid’s games and toys, sporting equipment, yard and garden items, electronics, books, and CDs, but **Not** computers, non-cable ready TVs, large exercise equipment, child car seats or clothing.

Bring smaller donations NOW to Summit House (the yellow house adjacent to the Social Hall) on Sunday mornings or during the week when the Church Office is open, but if you can, please hold any large furniture drop-offs until a week before the sale to maximize our working space. Help with bulky item pickup is available if needed. As always, please make sure all donations are clean and in good working order.

While we have a solid core crew of volunteers, we will need extra help from 9-4 PM on Friday, August 14, as we do final table and item setup and lots of additional helping hands on the sale day, including cashiers, jewelry/valuable item monitors, general and cleanup help. We also need some strong men to help with furniture deliveries during the day.

If you have a truck and can do furniture pickups before the sale or make furniture deliveries and take leftovers to local charities on sale day, please let us know. Helping out is a great opportunity to do some UU bonding! To sign up for any of these volunteer opportunities, e-mail to yardsale@uucharlottesville.org or see the signup sheet on the office bulletin board. Questions? Write yardsale@uucharlottesville.org or speak to Elizabeth Breeden or Trudy Rohm.

Neighboring Faiths Religious Education Request

The Neighboring Faiths Religious Education class is going to display artifacts from several different religions in the classroom that we will use as teaching aids. We are in need of objects, statues, written prayers, articles of clothing, artwork, photographs, etc. related to the following religions – Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Hinduism/Sikhism, Buddhism, Humanism, and Nature-Based Religions. If you have anything you would donate or lend, please call Ruth Ellen Outlaw at 434-971-9914 or email her at reoutlaw@earthlink.net.



Altar Decorations

Summer gardens are in full bloom and ready to be shown off. If you would like to share your bounty with us on Sundays then please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Church Office or call the Church Office at 293-8179 and let us know which Sundays would work for you.

Back-to-School with Scrip!

August means back-to-school shopping for all of our TJMC families! Whether you are filling the supplies list for your elementary school child or sending your young adult off to college, remember that you can get Scrip GiftCards for stores like Staples, Office Depot, Kmart, JCPenney, Walmart/Sam’s, Old Navy, Marshall’s, TJ Maxx, Bed, Bath & Beyond and many others. Each time you use Scrip GiftCards instead of other payment methods, TJMC receives 2-15% of your purchase. We need all of our TJMC families to participate in this fundraiser; your buying power could generate up to \$50,000 in revenue for our Church, money that comes from participating retailers and not from your pocket.

If you have not already registered at shopwithscrip.com as a TJMC member, go to the website, enter our enrollment code 5BCFD27A2L439 and use the ‘Shop’ menu to order your GiftCards. Orders placed by midnight Monday will be available for pickup at the Scrip table the following Sunday. You can set up and use ShopWithScrip’s PrestoPay debit service to pay online or pay with a check when you pick up your order. We will continue to stock and sell our regular Grocery Scrip cards at the Scrip table each Sunday, but you can also pre-order Grocery Scrip along with your orders for other retailers online. Questions? Write scrip@uucharlottesville.org or ask at the Scrip table on Sunday.

Web Committee Update:

TJMC’s web site is uucharlottesville.org. We have recently streamlined the menu and added a page index that contains an alphabetical listing of all pages on the site. We hope this makes it easier for you to find the right information. Contact us at web@uucharlottesville.org if you have any comments or questions.



Seeking Pen Pals

A dozen letters from the children of our Partner Church in Nongkrem India have been received. They are eager to connect with youth at TJMC. The children are from nine to eighteen years old, males and females. Wouldn’t it be fun to have a “pal” over there and learn what is different between the USA and India? Please contact Janis Rapp at 244-7454 or kyipojan@yahoo.com if interested. A batch of letters will be carried to India by mid September. Here’s hoping you will start a new international friendship.

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Send bulletin articles by e-mail to the bulletin editor by the 15th of the month.

As the Board requested, Green Sanctuary Chair Sharon Baiocco and Buildings Chair Dick Somer have identified a number of possible projects to be funded by the church budget's 2009-10 energy efficiency fund of \$6,214. We have sought expert advice in prioritizing a list of projects, all which should have significant energy-saving value over a period of five to ten years, and are preparing to present them to the Board.

In addition to potential energy and cost savings, aesthetics and visibility to the congregation are criteria we are using to select projects that begin to address the concerns raised by our professional energy audit. As recommended by the auditor, Tom Kouvanous, President of Albemarle Heating and Air, we have chosen to focus first on the most heavily used areas of the church facilities. Consequently, we have focused first on the Sanctuary, Parlor, and Social Hall. We also have some recommendations for Summit House, U-House, and the Administrative Offices, but these all hinge on the Board's decisions.

To reduce the costs, church volunteers can provide the labor for some of the projects, but outside contractors with special expertise and equipment will be required for others. We have begun to collect estimates for the projects, and we have solicited the Board's responses to our list prior to getting more formal proposals. The Aesthetics Committee will

also be consulted on projects that are highly visible.

Since its formation three years ago, the Environmental Action Committee, the action arm of the Green Sanctuary Task Force, has completed several smaller projects to promote energy efficiency at TJMC. We replaced incandescent light bulbs in the Parlor and the Social Hall with compact fluorescents (CFLs) with the funds we raised from our CFL sale. This spring, one covenant group of volunteers put up weatherstripping on exterior doors in the Social Hall, foyer, and side door. The next phase will involve making small improvements to our buildings, but also taking on some major work, such as insulating above the sanctuary, replacing windows and doors, and adding fans. The Buildings Committee has sealed up leaks in Summit House, and Charles Miles repaired the shades in the Parlor.

The Green Sanctuary process does not require us to make these upgrades. However, they are the logical and economical results of the first step in our application process, the Green Sanctuary Audit. We are grateful that the Board has supported our efforts with a budget line to continue our work.

Interested in helping out? Contact Sharon Baiocco at green@uucharlottesville.org, for more information.

IMPACT is alive and well and gearing back up for another year of social justice interfaith activities in our community. August and September are the months set aside for the listening process. This involves holding small "house" meetings within congregations to hear from all our constituents about concerns you have related to social justice in Charlottesville and Albemarle. What do you see as the most important priorities this year? Is it affordable daycare? Is it the need for improved public housing? Is it something as basic as access to nutritional and sufficient food for everyone?

This will be your chance to have input into what issues IMPACT chooses to work on in the coming year, and to gather with one another to share your hopes and dreams for making our community more equitable and hospitable for everyone. This year we will try something different and join with two other congregations in the listening process. Stay tuned for more specifics. We will provide the details in the coming weeks, so check the Friday Emails and Sunday Bulletin Boards. Contact Bob Gross or Trish Foley for more information.



A Life in Faith

Clear Spring Buddhist Fellowship Meditation

Wednesdays, 7 PM, Blue Room

All welcome! For more information, contact Marian Morgan at meditation@uucharlottesville.org.

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. Contact office@uucharlottesville.org. College students, contact 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 Ann Roberts at 249-1126 or ann.annieannie.roberts@gmail.com.

Pastoral Visitors

Year-Round Program

Are you going through a transition, are you ill, or just need someone to listen about a problem? Pastoral Visitors is a program of trained TJMC members who provide attention and good listening for other church members, using strict confidentiality. If you feel the need of a good listener, please contact Shirley Paul at 297-3934, or Shirley Gordon at 296-7563 or shsugordon@aol.com for more

information, or pick up a brochure at the back of the Sanctuary.

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 or visit uucharlottesville.org.



Happening this Month



August 2 Greeters Needed 9:15 + 11:15 AM



Greeters needed! A greeter welcomes newcomers to church on Sunday. This is a job that takes little time but provides a valuable service to the church. It is also a very pleasant experience for those who enjoy interacting with others. Greeters are grouped on one of five teams that serve once every five weeks. Each individual serves at either the 9:15 or 11:15 AM service, not both.

Being a greeter requires a person who is friendly and at ease approaching strangers. It is a perfect job for new members because they become part of a small team and have the opportunity to learn more about the church. There are no meetings to attend during the year except for the annual Sunday brunch for new and returning greeters. This takes place at the beginning of each new service year at the end of September. If being a greeter interests you please contact Jennifer Gaden at 293-6275 or jgaden@embarqmail.com.

August 2 NatureSpirit 5 PM, Summit Rm 1

NatureSpirit welcomes all who feel nature is a vital part of spirituality. It affirms the spiritual teachings of earth-centered and Pagan traditions, celebrates the sacred circle of life and instructs us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

August 2 Covenant Facilitators 11:30 AM, Parlor

We are offering something new — a drop-in “Sample” Covenant Group — for you to try out and see if you would enjoy participating in one for our upcoming program year. No pre-registry needed. Light refreshments will be available for participants.

August 4 + 18 UUppty Women 7 PM, Parlor

Moving forward into the new program year under the shared leadership of Natalie Somer and Diana Edwards, we invite YOUR ideas on how to keep UUppties fresh and engaging while preserving what you value. Watch the Friday Emails and Sunday Bulletin Boards for specifics of upcoming

meetings. To receive our email, write “subscribe” in the subject line of an email to uuppities@uucharlottesville.org.

August 6 + 13 + 20 Active Minds 1 PM, Parlor

Join us as we talk about a timely topic of the day and enjoy refreshments.

August 7 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.

August 9 Artist Reception 11 AM, Social Hall



Marie W. B. Brodhead was known as “Quita” to all who knew her. She was born in 1901, started painting at age 17, and died in 2002 with an unfinished canvas on her easel. Her painting evolved over those decades from the representational to the abstract. Nearly every year she was an invited artist at the Virginia Center for the Creative arts. Travel inspired her work and she sometimes wintered in other countries.

Her work has been exhibited in Paris, Rome, and Tenerife (Canary Islands). In this country she showed in New York City, Wilmington, Delaware, the Cosmos Club in Washington, and Pennsylvania, including the Pennsylvania Academy of fine Arts. She was among the founders of the Wayne Art Center, the Pennsylvania Branch of Artists’ Equity, and the Art Alliance in Philadelphia. She was also director of exhibits for National Exhibits for Blind Artists. She was born, baptized and died as a Roman Catholic, but some time in her late 90s the Devon Unitarian Church put on a beautiful show for her. This show is sponsored by Quita Brodhead’s daughter, Edith Good.

August 10 TnT Worship 7:30 PM, Parlor

Twenties and Thirties is a social group that gathers for regular monthly meetings, worship, and social gatherings throughout the year.



August 12 Job Search Seminar 4 PM, Parlor

The Seminar will be led by Tony Perrino, Minister of Pastoral Care, and Lynn King, a TJMC church member who has been doing human relations (HR) work for more than twenty years.

August 13 + 27 Back Page Writers 7 PM, Green Room

We welcome anyone who wants to become a better writer. At our meetings, we generate new ideas and new materials through a variety of writing exercises and assignments. In addition, we take turns sharing our work, offering constructive criticism, and receiving suggestions for improvement.

August 13 + 27 UU Christian Fellowship 7 PM, Sanctuary + Summit Rm 2

On August 13, a meditative service will be held in the Sanctuary (Summit House, our usual meeting place will still be occupied by yard sale stuff.). Jackie and Tom Olshefski will be the leaders of this service. August 27 will be led by Jean Newland. We will be back in Summit House for this meeting.



August 15 Back-to-School Yard Sale Extravaganza

See Nuts and Bolts, Page 4, or Page 10 more information.

August 16 Social Action Collection

New Home New Life (NHNL) is a nonprofit organization that assists refugees in the Charlottesville/ Albemarle area with affordable housing, better jobs, and healthcare interventions when needed. Its mission is to help refugee families successfully integrate into our community and become fully contributing members. The other key mission of NHNL is to create and foster a collaboration of community organizations that assist refugees, in order to reduce duplication of efforts and enhance connections.



Happening this Month

August 16

Pastoral Visitors

11:30 AM, Parlor

See Life in Faith, Page 5 for more information.

August 22

TJMC Leadership Retreat

9 AM, Social Hall

See Page 1 for more information.

August 24

Emotional Wellness

5 PM, Parlor

Faith-based mental health support group which focuses on positive spirituality and affirmation, support, shared life experiences, and outreach.

August 25

Gay-Straight Alliance

7:30 PM, Parlor

Promotes inclusiveness of gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgender, and queer members into the TJMC-UU community and works to increase awareness of GBLTQ issues within the church and in the Charlottesville and Virginia community.

August 25

Social Action

5 PM, Parlor

Coordinates the church's social change programs and committees.

August 26

UUGuys

7 PM, Summit Rm 1

A men's group which meets for mutual support and to lend service to the Church Community. Meetings center around getting to know each other, pursuing intellectual or religious questions, and purely social activities.

August 27

Bulletin Folding

9 AM, Social Hall

Join us for community and refreshments as we get the monthly bulletin ready to send out to our church community.



August 29

Adopt-a-Highway

Sign up in advance for your preferred date: August 29, November 21, or February 27, 2010. Contact Greta Dersheimer at 293-9513 or g.dersheimer@att.net.

Save the Date

September 6

Water Ceremony

10 AM, Sanctuary

Be sure to collect a small amount of water from a place that is special to you and then bring it with you on this Sunday. During the appointed time in the service, people one by one pour their water together into a large bowl. As the water is added, the person who brought it tells why this water is special to them. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources. It is often then blessed by the congregation, and sometimes is later purified and used as the congregation's "holy water" in child dedication ceremonies and similar events.



September 7

Church Office closed for Labor Day

September 13

Balloon Sunday

2 Services Resume

9:15 AM + 11:15 AM

If you can help with this special service please contact Leia Durland-Jones, RE Director, at redirector@uucharlottesville.org. See Page 8 for more details.



October 9-11

Breast Cancer

3-Day

TJMC

Trailblazers

This October, a team of four walkers, aka TJMC Trailblazers, from our congregation will be participating in the Breast Cancer 3-Day event in Washington, DC. In addition to raising funds to help find a cure for breast cancer, these walkers want to gather with the breast cancer survivors and/or their family members from the congregation to hear their stories and gather inspiration. The walkers want to dedicate the walk to these individuals and their families. If you are interested in meeting with our walkers please contact Leia Durland-Jones at redirector@uucharlottesville.org or 293-8179 extension 3#.

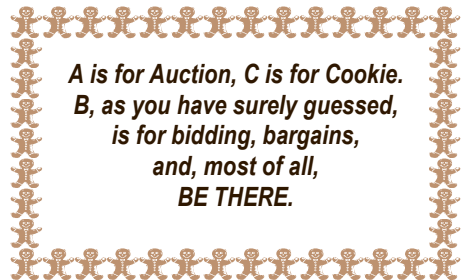
October 10

Awesome Auction &

Cookie Competition

4 PM, Social Hall

Building on last year's success, the UUpity Women are planning an Awesome Auction and Cookie Competition. Be sure to put the date on your calendar now! Begin thinking about what you would donate—we are looking for dinners, holiday events and services, and treasures Santa's elves can put under the tree. Bake a batch of your best cookies and compete for the Cookie Crown. Bring the whole family, and bring 'em hungry, because we will be serving a light dinner, too. Besides being a major fund raiser for the church, this event will be a lot of fun. Bet you will not want to miss it!



*A is for Auction, C is for Cookie.
B, as you have surely guessed,
is for bidding, bargains,
and, most of all,
BE THERE.*

Our online auction donation site will open September 1. We are looking for dinners and other events to be scheduled from late October through April. Think about holiday services like personal shopping, gift wrapping, luscious desserts, and babysitting so parents can shop. We are looking for a few very special items—new and like new or antique store vintage—that you could proudly give as gifts. For more information, contact Elizabeth Breeden, Auction Chair, at auktion@uucharlottesville.org.

New for this year, Beth Jaeger-Landis will be coordinating the auction dinner donations. These are always popular offerings, as well as a great way to get to know new friends at TJMC. Beth will help to minimize schedule conflicts, pair you with a fellow cook or a co-host if you need one, and write up a mouth-watering description for the catalog. So, if you are thinking about donating a dinner, give it a try! She is available to help with all aspects of the planning (maybe even the dishes afterwards if you ask nicely). You can reach Beth at auktiondinner@uucharlottesville.org.

Religious Education Update



Religious Education Registration

Registration for RE is now online! Visit uucharlottesville.org/education and complete your family's registration form today. Forms must be completed by August 15.

Summer SUUnday Mornings are FUUn!

Robyn Fogler has put together some super fun Sunday morning activities for children five years old through fifth grade during the summer worship services.

- Aug 2 Make a Sun Visor
- Aug 9 Sidewalk Art Show
- Aug 16 Make a Tie-Dyed T-Shirt (bring a 100% cotton shirt!)
- Aug 23 Sprinkler Day (wear your bathing suit and bring a towel)
- Aug 30 Movie Sunday
- Sept 6 Lemonade Stand
- Sept 13 Scavenger Hunt

All children must be registered to attend Summer SUUndays to ensure enough volunteers are available. Please stop by the RE table in the Social Hall or contact the RE Assistant, Robyn Fogler for more information and to sign up.

Adult Faith Development News

The Adult Faith Develop (AFD) program is on hiatus during the summer and will resume again in October. The prospectus of fall classes will be mailed the first week in September.

The AFD Committee is now taking applications for courses to be offered in our winter session (February and March). If you are interested in leading a course or have a suggestion for a course leader or topic, please contact Leia Durland-Jones. Deadline for winter session course proposals is November 1.

The AFD Committee is also looking for new members. Please speak with Leia Durland-Jones if you are interested in working with her on shaping our congregation's adult faith development programming.

Balloon Sunday Helpers Needed

Every year, an amazing crew gathers early before the Balloon Sunday service to decorate the Sanctuary with beautiful helium balloons. This year, we will have two services on Balloon Sunday (9:15 and 11:15 AM). If you or your family would like to be part of the fun and help

decorate for this year's Balloon Sunday, September 13, contact RE Committee Chair, Lorie Craddock at 971-3026 or Lorie1963@aol.com. We would love to have your help!

What's Happening in Children's RE at TJMC this year?

This fall, we begin our fifth year of workshop rotation programming in our UU Stars Program for first through fifth grades. The themes for this year's UU Stars Studios are taken from two of our UU sources:

- ♦ *Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.*
- ♦ *Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.*

Here is how all of our primary and elementary classes are coming together at 9:15 AM:

- nursery for children under two years old
- a two year old and three year old class, *Celebrating Me & My World*
- a three year old and four year old class, *Spirit Play*
- a five year old and kindergarten class, *Spirit Play*
- four mixed-aged classes of first through fifth graders, *UU Stars*

Here is how all of our primary and elementary classes are coming together at 11:15 AM:

- nursery for children under two years old
- a two year old and three year olds class, *Celebrating Me & My World*
- a four year old, five year old and Kindergarten class, *Spirit Play*
- four mixed-aged classes of first through fifth graders, *UU Stars*

Teachers, Studio Leaders and Studio Guides are still needed. For more information or to offer your assistance, contact Leia Durland-Jones or Children's RE Committee Chair Lorie Craddock at 971-3026 or Lorie1963@aol.com.

The first day of Religious Education classes is Sunday, September 20.

What's Happening in Youth Programming at TJMC this year?

Programming for sixth through twelfth grades is offered only at the 11:15 AM service.

This year, our sixth and seventh grade youth will explore and learn about a variety of religions and faith traditions through our *Neighboring Faiths* program.

Our eighth grade youth are invited to participate in our comprehensive sexuality education program *Our Whole Lives (OWL)*.

Ninth graders will participate in our congregation's newly revised *Coming of Age* program.

Our tenth through twelfth grade YRUU Youth Group will work on a variety of topics including worship, social action, community building, leadership development, learning opportunities and positive youth/adult relationships.

Currently, we have several openings for adult volunteers who feel called to work in leadership with our youth programs. To apply for these positions, speak to Leia Durland-Jones or Youth Programs Committee Chair, Pam McIntire at 973-0536.

Save the dates:

- Sept. 9 OWL Parent Orientation #1, UU Stars Studio Leader Class
- Sept. 12 Teacher & Youth Advisor Orientations
- Sept. 13 Balloon Sunday, 9:15 AM & 11:15 AM Intergenerational OWL Parent Orientation #2
- Sept. 20 First Day of RE classes
- Sept. 23 Children's RE Committee Meeting
- Sept. 27 RE Classes, Neighboring Faiths Parent Orientation
- Sept. 30 UU Stars Studio Leader Class

Contacting our Religious Education Staff

Leia Durland-Jones, Director of Religious Education is available to meet by appointment during the month of August. Please contact her at 293-8179 extension 3# or 962-2827, or at redirector@uucharlottesville.org.

RE Assistant, Robyn Fogler, may be reached at 293-8179 extension 6# or reassistant@uucharlottesville.org.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Yard Sale/Summit House 10 Service 1130-130 Covenant Fac/CP 5 NatureSpirit/CP	3 Emotions Anonymous/CBD 8 Emotions Anonymous/CBD	4 830-1230 Reniter/CP 7 Gamblers Anonymous/CBD 7 UUppty Women/CP 730 Worship Assoc/CBG	5 7 Meditation/CBB 7 Ministerial Search/CP	6 1 Active Minds/CP 7 Finance/SH 7 IT/CP 715 Volunteer Coord/CBG	7 9 Food Pantry/SH 430 Reniter/SH	1 1-4 PM Social Action/SH 5-11 PM Reniter/SH
9 10 Service 11 Artist Reception/SH 1130 Covenant Facilitators/CP Yard Sale Set Up	10 730 TrnT Worship/CP 8 Emotions Anonymous/CBD	11 830-1230 Reniter/CP 7 Gamblers Anonymous/CBD 7 Ministerial Search/CBG	12 830-1230 Reniter/CP 4-6 Job Search Seminar/CP 7 Meditation/CBB 7 Undoing Racism/CP	13 1 Active Minds/CP 7 Back Page Writers/CBD 7 Board/ 7 UUCF/CP	14 Yard Sale Set Up	15 Yard Sale 8AM-2PM
16 Soc Action Collection 10 Service 1130-130 Pastoral Visitors/CP	17 8 Emotions Anonymous/CBD	18 7 Gamblers Anonymous/CBD 7 UUppty Women/CP 730 Personnel/SH	19 7 Meditation/CBB 7 Membership/CBG 7 Ministerial Search/CP	20 1 Active Minds/CP 4 Pastoral Visitors/SH 4 TJMC Choirs/S+CP 7 Council/SH	21 9-5 MMP/MMP+CBD	22 8AM-11PM Leadership Retreat/All 9-5 MMP/MMP+CBD
23 10 Service	24 11-1230 Reniter/CP 1230-3 Reniter/SH 5 Emotional Wellness/CP 7 Admin Council/SH 730 TrnT/CBB 8 Emotions Anonymous/CBD	25 5 Social Action/CP 7 Gamblers Anonymous/CBD 7 Ministerial Search/CBG 7 MMP/MMP 730 Gay-Straight Alliance/CP	26 7 Meditation/CBB 7 MMP/MMP 7 Undoing Racism/S1 7 UUGuys/S1	27 9 Bulletin Folding/SHJ 4 TJMC Choirs/S+CP 7 Back Page Writers/CBD 7 Executive Comm/SH 7 MMP/MMP 7 UUCFS2	28 9-12 MMP/MMP	29
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Visit our website for much more information about TJMC-UU, including past sermons, ongoing groups, contact information, and complete AFD listings: uucharlottesville.org

Bulletin deadline for September is August 15.



YARD SALE ALERT!

Our hard-working sorting and pricing crew has worked their way through the backlog of stored donations for this year's August 15 sale! Get them busy again by bringing your unwanted household excess to Summit House NOW. The donation deadline is August 12. If you have furniture that needs to be picked up then contact yardsale@uucharlottesville.org to get on the pickup schedule.

👍 We accept kitchenware and household items, linens, artwork and decorative items, kid's games and toys, sporting equipment, yard and garden items, electronics, books, CDs and furniture. Please hold large furniture items until the week of August 10.

👎 No computers, large exercise equipment, child car seats or clothing.