

TJMC Bulletin

Ministerial Search Committee: The Big Ask

"If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, "Yes" to love." ~ Singing the Living Tradition #6

Your Ministerial Search Committee answered "Yes" to a big job this year: bringing new ministry to this church. For the past few months, we have been conducting surveys, holding cottage conversations, doing research and analyzing our findings. In August, we have been writing and editing the information packet we will send to prospective candidates. Look for it in early September.

Along the way we have had some very interesting conversations. We have often found that we are articulating issues that are outside the scope of our committee. When we draft a financial agreement, we have to come to terms with financial realities — but we can not add fundraising to our task. We hear over and over there are space problems, but can not make decisions on how to accommodate our growing numbers. We are looking forward to bringing candidates to Charlottesville, and we want to greet them with buildings and grounds in tip top order, but we are counting on someone else to keep the grounds in order. This year, being your Ministerial Search Committee is all we can handle.

We love TJMC and we are proud of our church. We know how far we have come — and we see how far we have to go. We know life at church is a work in progress, and we are making progress. But so much is at stake! We are taking one snapshot, and we want to look our best. That means pledges up to date, leadership positions filled, progress being made towards our most lofty goals. We need for you to say, "Yes" too.

Can you say "Yes" to coming to church on Sunday? "Yes" to keeping your pledge current? To making a donation to the auction? To filling a vacant leadership position? To supporting our scrip program? To teaching RE for a month? To making friends with a newcomer in the Social Hall? Can you invest your energies in "YES"?

Every "Yes" is one step closer to being the church we want to be and having the ministry we hope to have. Just as long as you have breath, please answer a resounding "YES."

Fourth Annual TJMC Time & Talent Survey

The Fourth Annual Time and Talent Survey for TJMC is online! Please go to the TJMC-UU website at uucharlottesville.org, click on the link to the Time and Talent Survey in the left hand column, and fill out the survey today. This survey allows you to identify what you would like to do. Even if you have filled out this survey in previous years and are currently doing all you can fit into your busy schedule, please take the time to fill it out. We will be using the information this year to add to our church database information on who is volunteering for what in our community. For newcomers this is the perfect way to see clearly the activities that are happening that might provide the perfect connection to make you part of our growing congregation.

It is our hope that everyone will fill out the survey before September 30. The Volunteer Coordinating Committee will notify the committees, work parties and groups of the church community what you have volunteered to do. Comments on or questions about the Time and Talent Survey should be sent to volunteers@uucharlottesville.org.

Sunday Services

10 AM Single Service

September 6 *Water Ceremony*
The River of Life

In this annual Water Ceremony, Rev. Morris Hudgins invites you to bring water and memorabilia of your summer travels. We will combine our water in a common bowl. Rev. Morris Hudgins will preach on the healing waters of the river of life.

Two Services Begin 9/13

9:15 + 11:15 AM

September 13 *Balloon Ceremony*

Celebrate the beginning of our church school year in our annual colorful, lighthearted service of welcome and invitation, led by Leia Durland-Jones, Director of Religious Education .

September 20

Thoughts on Atonement

Rev. Morris Hudgins discusses this ancient concept. What does it mean to Jews and Christians? How have Unitarian Universalists considered its importance? What can it mean for us today?

September 27

The Goyim's Debt to Judaism

We will observe the High Holy Days of the Jewish faith (heralded by the sounding of The Shofar!) with a sermon by Rev. Tony Perrino.

Vespers



Vespers is time for you to pause for reflection and quiet in your week. Quiet gatherings on Wednesdays begin 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 the Sunday before.

September 23 Autumn Leaves

September 30 TBA

Morris' Musings

In the past many Unitarian Universalist churches closed down for the summer. One of my New England friends said that God went to the Cape in the summer so the churches would close. In recent years UU churches have been encouraged to stay open in the summer, welcome newcomers, and provide meaningful worship. TJMC has followed this advice.



Perrino Ponderings

I don't think I've adequately expressed how privileged I feel to be serving this Congregation as your Minister of Pastoral Care. Especially during the past few months, while I've battled some personal health issues, I have become more aware of the steady sustenance provided us all by this caring community. (The latest development for me is that I'm learning to live with Atrial Fibrillation, which may have been involved in my respiratory problems.)

So, I'm eagerly looking forward to the Church year ahead. And I want to tell you about a program that the Pastoral Visitors have asked me to offer, Remembering that I am a self-confessed flicaholic, they thought I should conduct a film series with the theme of memorable "Caregiving." It would be an evening event, so those who work can attend, and I promise to show films that are enjoyably entertaining, as well as informative. Some which come to mind, which the group can later choose from,

In September, we will have two of our traditional services at TJMC. I experienced my first Balloon Ceremony last year and have recommended it to other churches. It is a celebration of the new church year and the importance of children to the church. Along with the Water Ceremony it is a recognition of the end of summer.

are: *The Man in the Moon*, *Passion Fish*, *One True Thing*, *In Her Shoes*, and *Songcatcher*. (You may think of others? We'll stay flexible.)

One possibility is that we would have the class meet at 7 PM Wednesday, after the Dinner. I'd like some feedback about whether that seems doable. We could also have a monthly schedule—like Fourth Friday Films. Do let me know what seems most appealing to you.

In the meantime, "See you in Church." It's going to be an eventful year!

Rev. Tony Perrino
Minister of Pastoral Care
293-8179 extension 5#
pcminister@uucharlottesville.org



Treasurer's Update

For July 2009, our total revenues were \$75,711. Of that amount, \$66,746 was due to current year pledges. And of those pledge receipts, \$43,177 was received before July 1, and the remainder during July. In addition, in July we received \$4,083 in pledges for the prior fiscal year.

Overall, in July we received 13% of our budgeted revenues. This total revenue of \$75,711 may be compared to July

last year when we only received \$55,923 in total revenues. Thus, for the first month of this fiscal year our receipts exceed those of last year.

Our total expenses for July were \$39,553, and thus our net income for the first month of the new fiscal year we appear to be in good financial shape.

Each month the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees receive in-

September will also include the Jewish High Holy Days (18-28) and the arrival of Autumn (22). We will recognize all these important days and hope you will join us.

Looking forward to the month of September,

Rev. Morris W. Hudgins
Interim Minister
293-8179 extension 1#
minister@uucharlottesville.org



*May the light around us guide
our footsteps,
and hold us fast to the best
and most righteous that we
seek.*

*May the darkness around us
nurture our dreams,
and give us rest so that we
may give ourselves to the
work of our world.*

*Let us seek to remember the
wholeness of our lives,
the weaving of light and
shadow in this great and
astonishing dance in which
we move.*

~ Kathleen McTigue

come statements and a balance sheet. Copies of those reports are available for review in the Church office.

Doug Webbink, Treasurer
treasurer@uucharlottesville.org



From the President



Welcome to the start of a new church and school year. As a teacher, I've always relished the new beginning each school year brings. I have the opportunity to become an even better teacher, learning from past challenges, and the students have a new teacher who thinks of them only with eager anticipation.

Thinking of fresh starts reminds me of the work we are embarking on to develop a congregational covenant of right relations. We will have begun this discussion of how we want to be together at the August leadership retreat. We have the opportunity to be our best selves at church, and developing a covenant will remind us how we can best work together to maintain our beloved community.

Working well together also requires knowing how to get things done. To that end, many people have been working hard to clean up the church policy manual. I know this doesn't sound very exciting, but it is vital work. The JUUST Change task force explained that the policy manual "is unwieldy and outdated. In the interest of transparency, we recommend that the manual be revised by archiving outdated policies in addition to revising policies that are not inclusive and including non-discriminatory language. We believe that an updated policy manual should be readable, current, and transparent, revealing the actual decision-making process of our church."



Having a policy manual that reflects our actual practices will make it possible for everyone to know how to get things done, not just those select few who know the ropes. Thanks to all those who have done the "wordsmithing" to help make this possible, and special thanks to Karen Michie and Sharon Wormser for organizing the work.

As we embark on a new church year, we have the opportunity to make new friends, to reconnect with old friends, and to "begin again in love" as we engage in the work of community.

In faith,

Pam Philips, Board President

president@uucharlotteville.org

Music Notes



"Change is inevitable, except from vending machines." ~Anonymous

As we begin a new church year I hope we will continue to create uplifting and inspiring music that supports and deepens our worship together. Whether by lifting our voices harmoniously in song, playing in a band, singing in a choir or helping with one of our children's choirs, you can make a difference in our church community. Here are some of the opportunities awaiting you:

- ♦ *Children's Choir – This younger choir for children in grades Kindergarten through two or three, has several enthusiastic leaders but we need a few more. There are opportunities for more co-leaders to assist Beth Jaeger-Landis and more guitarists to play along with Frank Dukes and Michael Manto*
- ♦ *Treble Choir – These children (in grades three or four and up) are so much fun to work with! We're looking for several co-leaders to form a team with John Freeman and John Voss, our guitarists.*

Our children need you! We like teams of musicians that give our volunteers flexibility. If you're interested in

helping with either of these choirs please contact me. We will all be grateful!

If your child(ren) would like to sing, please email me and let me know. Watch for the schedule of rehearsals on the music bulletin board, in our orders of service and in emails. The leadership that comes forward will determine when rehearsals begin.

We also have two choirs for our teens and adults and we welcome new singers!

- ♦ *Voices of Community – This is our choir for folks who love to sing and who can carry a tune. We rehearse Thursday evenings in the church parlor from 6:45 PM until 8:30 PM. If you are joining us for the first time, I am happy to prepare a music folder for you – just let me know!*
- ♦ *Chalice Chamber Singers – Our small ensemble for singers with strong sight-reading skills and who are committed to independent study. The rehearsals move quickly and are for refining the music. Please let me know if you are interested so we can set up a time for vocal review. There is more detailed information about all of the*

choirs on the bulletin board and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

If you would like to participate in our worship services by playing an instrument, singing solos, duets, etc. or being part of a band, please let me know — even if you think I may already know. We would like people of all ages participating!

Come and listen to Sheridan Malone on Saturday, September 12, at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. He will be performing "Shenandoah Serenade," an evening of original and traditional acoustic folk music, with UU friends Kim Moreno, Wendy Repass, Mike Manto, and Paul and Kirstin Fritz (and maybe more!). Suggested donation is \$10 to benefit both TJMC and its music program.

What will this new church year bring for you? Will you become part of one of our music teams? I hope so.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

KaeRenae Mitchell

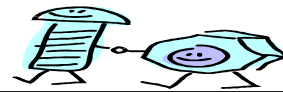
Director of Music

293-8179 extension 4#

music@uucharlotteville.org



Nuts and Bolts



Yard Sale Recap

The Tenth Annual *TJMC Back-To-School Yard Sale Extravaganza* raised over \$7,000 in cash to support TJMC programs, and donated large quantities of items to our Church buildings, RE program, members of the local refugee communities and various area charities. The core yard sale crew of Gloria Watson, Sharon Wormser, Susan Bremer, Larry and Nancy Briggs, Jean Newland, Elizabeth Breeden and Trudy Rohm led a cast of fantastic volunteers. Special thanks go to Norman Dill for his expert assistance, and to Shirley Paul and Stephanie Lowenhaupt for providing off-site storage. Looking ahead to 2010, the book section of the yard sale will take place in March and the general Eleventh Annual *TJMC Back-To-School Yard Sale Extravaganza* in August, so keep stashing away your excess so next year's sales can be equally successful.

Allergy Free Church

Reminder: our church is an allergy free zone so we ask groups not to use scented candles or incense.



Neighboring Faiths

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 could donate or lend, please contact Ruth Ellen Outlaw at 971-9914 or reoutlaw@earthlink.net.

Web News

The Web Committee has recently added a *Quick Links Section* for quicker access to Bulletins, Sermons, and a new *Reflections* listing. More about *Reflections* in our next update! So come visit the church website at uucharlottesville.org or contact us at web@uucharlottesville.org.



Are you handy?

Can you give a little time to do minor repairs at UHouse? Occasionally smoke alarms need new batteries or a door comes off its hinges. If you can help with things like this, please contact Ellen Pratt at 989-7068 or ellenwpratt@gmail.com.

Scrip Program Success

In July 2009, the cumulative net income from the church's Grocery Scrip (gift card) program reached \$150,000 for the eleven years over which the program has operated. This has been and continues to be an important source of income to the church. Please be sure to thank Trudy Rohm, who has managed this program for the entire time period, for all her hard work to keep the program going. And also thank all of our volunteers who maintain the scrip table every Sunday morning. If you are not yet a participant in the program, please consider participating in the future. With your help we can reach \$200,000 soon!



Covenant Groups are starting up again!

Do you want to explore your values, beliefs and spiritual struggles with a small group of fellow UUs under the leadership of a trained facilitator? Covenant groups provide all this and more at twice-a-month gatherings. This year, in addition to the eclectic mix of people found in the *usual* covenant groups, there will also be two geographically organized covenant groups (Fluvanna women, and UU North along the 29 N corridor), and the following 'special interest' groups: women in multiracial families, couples, women only, Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender congregants and by special request, a weekday daytime group. You can also indicate on the registration form if you prefer to be in a group in which alcohol is not served or if you wish to be in a group which does not share meals. Registering is easy. Go to the church website at uucharlottesville.org and click on the link to the *Covenant Group registration form*. If you would prefer a paper form, fill one out at the Covenant Group table in the Social Hall after Sunday services. Registration will continue throughout the program year, but most groups will begin meeting in late September. Please sign up now! For more information contact Sally Taylor at 295-8083 or covenantgroups@uucharlottesville.org.

Finance Committee Recruitment

The Finance Committee is looking for several new members. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM and last for approximately one and a half hours. We email members a copy of the month's financials and other pertinent data to look over before the meeting. Members do not need to have an accounting background, only a basic understating of bookkeeping. It is not a huge commitment of time and there is much pleasure in serving. Please contact Jackie Olshefski at 293-5739 or finance@uucharlottesville.org or Doug Webbink at 296-7563 or treasurer@uucharlottesville.org.

Email Address Updates

We are updating our church database and have removed inactive email addresses. If you no longer receiving TJMC-UU emails and would like to, then please contact office@uucharlottesville.org and ask to be put back in the database.

Church Contacts

Office Phone: 434-293-8179
Office Hours: M-F, 9 AM-12:30 PM &
1:30 PM-5 PM
E-mail: office@uucharlottesville.org
Web site: uucharlottesville.org

Minister@uucharlottesville.org

Rev. Dr. Morris Hudgins, Interim Minister
minister@uucharlottesville.org
Rev. Tony Perrino, Minister of Pastoral Care
pcminister@uucharlottesville.org
Board President, Pam Philips
president@uucharlottesville.org
Treasurer, Doug Webbink
treasurer@uucharlottesville.org
Dir. Religious Ed., Leia Durland-Jones
redirector@uucharlottesville.org
RE Assistant, Robyn Fogler
reassistant@uucharlottesville.org
Director of Music, KaeRenae Mitchell
music@uucharlottesville.org
Congregational Administrator, Carole Black
office@uucharlottesville.org
bulletin@uucharlottesville.org

TJMC Bulletin is a monthly publication of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church.

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



Congratulations to:

Betty and Bob Warner on the birth their first grandson, Joshua Robert Flanagan.

Nancy and Jack Lewis on their 51st Wedding Anniversary.

Gayle and Dale Floyd on their 44th Wedding Anniversary.

Sharon and Ron Wormser on their 31st Wedding Anniversary.

Thanks to:

Joanne Showalter, Burnie Davis, and Cathey Polly for generously donating their time to assist the Church Office while our Congregational Administrator was on vacation.

The Board of Trustees and the Membership Committee wish to honor and thank **Bonnie Sheppard** for ten years of service and hard work as the

Membership Tracker for our church. Keeping up-to-date on who had joined or left our church, producing hundreds of reports and letters for our members, our Board and the UUA was an unbelievable task. That she did all this with great patience and grace is an accomplishment for which these words of thanks seem inadequate. We salute you!

The Web Committee would like to thank **Megan Nunemaker** for updating the links to the TJMC group descriptions. Megan did this from her home working around her daughter's nap schedule. Yeah Megan!

Our **Yard Sale Goddesses** who worked tirelessly to collect, sort, tag, and set out all of the wonderful items for our annual yard sale. Please see Page 4, Nuts and Bolts, *Yard Sale Recap* for a complete list of our hard workers.

Shelly Canterbury, Beth Jaeger-Landis, Johan Madson, Greta Der-shimer, Jean Sorrels-Jones, Sheri Edgecomb, Stephanie Lowenhaupt for all their hard work in putting on a successful Leadership Retreat this year.

Prayers and Thoughts to:

Wendy Robertson and Louisa Wimberger who have moved out of state. We wish them lots of good luck in their new towns.

Scott DeVaux, Nancy Hurrelbrinck, Lena and Celia Hurrelbrinck-DeVaux on their semester at sea.

Jack Lewis who is having health problems.

Don Ubben who is having health problems.

Jean Shepard, whose mother passed away quietly the end of August.

Green Ideas

• **Safe Personal Products:** Your skin absorbs everything. Rethink what you use. Easy natural alternatives to chemical-laden, hormone-altering shampoos, deodorants and lotions abound. Why: ewg.org/newsclip/Saving-Face-How-Safe-Are-Cosmetics-and-Body-Care-Products.

How: pioneerthinking.com/hair.html.

• **Ditch the Dryer:** Drape wash over racks or on a line. At least slash usage time for this energy-sucking appliance (ten minutes just for what is wrinkle-

prone, remove and hang). thegreenest-dollar.com/2009/04/how-to-line-dry-your-clothes/

• **Freecycle:** Receive what you need, give away what you do not. This organization keeps "stuff" out of the waste stream and builds community. freecycle.org/

• **Compost Like Crazy:** In a bucket or a bin, composting creates healthy, nutrient-rich soil from kitchen wastes, leaves, even shredded cardboard. epa.gov/waste/conserv/rrr/composting/index.htm

• **Care About Creatures.** Consider making your yard a wildlife habitat to help local species. You can even get certified: nwf.org/gardenforwildlife/create.cfm?CFID=19325519&CFTOKEN=2dbdc1c87b6ffd2f-19E3E270-5056-A868-A059C4FCA4FEBF97

• **Switch to Soda.** Baking soda is a very effective substitute for hundreds of harsh cleansers. Sixty uses here: thefarm.org/charities/i4at/lib2/60soda.htm It is a mild skin scrub and even shampoo: instructables.com/id/How-to-Go-No-Poo/.

A Life in Faith

Clear Spring Buddhist Fellowship Meditation

Wednesdays, 7 PM, Blue Room

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 bring an object, story, poem, song, chant, gesture, dance, musical instrument, passage from a book, etc., that represents the Element of the month. For more information contact office@uucharlottesville.org.

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. Contact uucf@uucharlottesville.org or visit uucharlottesville.org.



Happening this Month



September 1 + 15 UUpity Women 7 PM, Parlor

The first UUpities' meeting of the month will feature a discussion around a question or topic chosen at random from ones submitted online. The second meeting will be about *Letting Go of Summer*. What does this mean to you? Has this changed for you over time? What are your end-of-summer rituals? Come share with us as we transition toward fall. For more information contact uuppities@uucharlottesville.org.

September 4 Food Pantry 9:30 AM, Social Hall



September 6 NatureSpirit 5 PM, Summit Rm 1

NatureSpirit welcomes anyone who believes Nature is a vital part of their spiritual practice. This month they will be welcoming new people to the group, and those returning from summer break, with a discussion about the past, present and future of the group. They will share memories of past history and achievements; and create goals and activities for the coming year. This is also an opportunity to join the group officially, and get on the mailing list for the special brunches held on a monthly basis. Come as you are; food will be provided for this meeting (but please let us know if you have specific dietary requirements).

September 7 Church Office Closed for Labor Day



September 9 Green Sanctuary Task Force 7 PM, Parlor

Come one, come all, to our first meeting of the year! View segments from *Renewal*, a documentary we have purchased showing how churches of all faiths are *going green*, not just in practice, but spiritually. Help us complete our Green Sanctuary application detailing our proposal to conduct twelve projects, including two on environmental justice. Hear reports on how the Board would like us to proceed in spending the budgeted energy efficiency fund. Come to get re-energized. For more information, contact Sharon Baiocco, Chair, at green@uucharlottesville.org.

September 9 + 23 Back Page Writers 7 PM, Green Room

All writers are welcome. This is a small group where we voluntarily share a small piece of writing with the group for feedback. We also provide one or two writing prompts each meeting with some prompts based on UU writings. Questions? Call Joyce Moore at 327-3696.

September 10 + 24 UUChristian Fellowship 7 PM, Summit Rm 2

On Thursday, September 10, Eleanor May will lead a service of worship and Bible readings. On Thursday September 24, Mary Anna Dunn will lead a meditative service. In October, our monthly Sunday morning services will begin again.

September 12 Shenandoah Serenade 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Local UU singer/songwriter Sheridan Malone will be performing *Shenandoah Serenade*, an evening of original and traditional acoustic folk music. He will be joined by UU friends Kim Moreno, Wendy Repass, Mike Manto, and Paul Fritz (maybe more!) Suggested donation is \$10 to benefit both TJMC and the Music Committee.

SEPTEMBER 13 TWO CHURCH SERVICES RESUME 9:15 + 11:15 AM

September 19 Pre-Game Night Spaghetti Dinner 5 PM, Social Hall \$10/adult and \$5/child

The spaghetti dinner is a fundraiser for the TJMC Trailblazers Breast Cancer 3-Day walk in October. We will also have a raffle of great prizes. All proceeds will benefit breast cancer research. We will be serving pasta with marinara sauce, meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert. Special dietary needs can be accommodated on request (i.e. gluten free, dairy free). RSVP to attend the dinner by September 13 so we can plan how many to cook for. Stop by our Pink Table in the Social Hall to RSVP, buy raffle tickets and for more information, or contact Cindy Shepard at 975-4977 or cindyshepard@embarqmail.com.

September 19 Game Night 6:30 PM, Social Hall

You are invited to an intergenerational evening of games and fun. Bring snacks and/or drinks to share. We have a wide variety of games for you to try out, but everyone is encouraged to bring along favorites. For more information contact Sally Taylor at 295-8083 or volunteers@uucharlottesville.org.

September 20 Social Action Collection Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry has been in operation for over ten years. Each first Friday of the month over fifteen church volunteers obtain an average of 2100 lbs of USDA food and 1300 lbs of purchased food from the TJ Food Bank, bring it to TJMC and bag it into family size portions (about three grocery bags for each three members of a family), and give it out to whomever comes. We presently average fifty-three families *each month* or 190 people. (75 children, 12 elderly, 103 adults) We are trying to hold our cost for food to about \$450 per month. We hope that you will support our endeavor generously at our one time a year only Food Pantry Social Action Collection.

September 20 Volunteer Coordinating Committee Activity Fair 10:15 + 12:15 AM, Social Hall

The Volunteer Coordinating Committee is sponsoring our annual Activity Fair in the Social Hall and adjacent gardens (weather permitting). TJMC-UU Committees, Councils and Church Groups will be setting up displays with handouts, sign-up sheets, pictures, brochures, and volunteers to describe their group's plans for the upcoming program year. This is a perfect opportunity to recruit new committee members and to publicize your group's goals and activities. Any committee or group who wishes to participate should contact Sally Taylor at 295-8083 or volunteers@uucharlottesville.org.

September 24 Bulletin Folding 9 AM, Social Hall



Join us for cookies, coffee, and conversation as we fold and prep for mailing our monthly bulletin.



Happening this Month

September 25

Labyrinth

5 PM, Social Hall

A labyrinth offers a time and space for rest, reflection, renewal, and retreat. With the new time, consider stopping by on your way home from work to leave your work behind and enter the weekend with more peace and calm. A Labyrinth Ministry member will present a talk to introduce you to the labyrinth at 5 PM and 7 PM.

Would you be interested in becoming part of the labyrinth team? Get more information at uucharlottesville.org/labyrinth. Always available during daylight hours is our permanent outdoor labyrinth located behind the Social Hall.

September 26

African American Teaching Fellows

Silent Art Auction

6 PM, Social Hall

Featured art will include watercolors, oils and acrylics, pastels, and collages. Originals, lithographs, posters, photographs, sculpture and ceramics will also be offered. Collectors, novices, gift seekers and browsers will appreciate the wide range of prices, and can enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine, and live music while they bid. Proceeds will support African Americans preparing to become teachers in our local schools.

September 27

Green Sanctuary Videos

12:45 PM, Summit Rm 2

Join *green* friends from other churches to watch the inspirational video *Renewal* and discuss what we can do together to overcome environmental injustices.

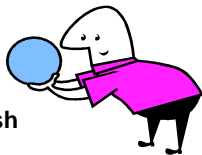
September 27

Morris Hudgin's

Bowling Birthday Bash

2 PM, Kegler's

Come celebrate with us at Morris' Bowling Birthday Bash to benefit the TJMC Trailblazer Breast Cancer 3-Day Team. Tickets are \$20/person and include two hours of all you can bowl plus shoe rental and birthday cake! RSVP by Sunday, September 20 to Ashley Seawell 975-7499 or sseawell@comcast.net or Leia Durland-Jones 293-8179 or redirector@uucharlottesville.org. Happy Birthday Morris!



Save the Date

October 4

Pot Luck Picnic Celebration

12:15 PM, Social Hall

Join us as we gather in the Social Hall after the second worship service to welcome in the 2009-2010 church program year. The Volunteer Coordinating Committee will provide the drinks and organization. Everyone else please bring picnic food to share. If you have a child in your family, make your contribution kid-friendly!

October 9-11

Breast Cancer 3-Day Event

The Breast Cancer 3-Day Event will be held October 9-11 and we have a team of six participating. Our TJMC team is named "The Trailblazers" and they want to dedicate their walk to our TJMC breast cancer survivors and/or family members. They would like to meet these survivors and/or family members before their October walk to gather stories and inspiration. If you are interested in meeting and sharing please contact Leia Durland-Jones at redirector@uucharlottesville.org or 293-8179 extension 3#.

October 10

Awesome Auction Bolstered by Culinary Competition

Are you ready for an Awesome Auction Bolstered By Culinary Competitions? The Uuppy Women and the UUGuys are teaming up to throw a party for the whole church on Saturday, October 10, but it will not be as much fun unless you step in with Delicious Dinners, Entertaining Events, Fabulous Finds, and Generous Gifts for Holiday Happiness. Now is the time to decide what you would like to donate to make the auction a success. We are especially looking for dinners and other events November through May, holiday services, gifts you could pass off as new (we will not tell!), artwork and antiques. If you would like to offer a dinner and need a co-host or other tactical assistance, contact our Dinner Diva, Beth Jaeger-Landis at BAJ9U@hscmail.mcc.virginia.edu. For general auction questions contact auction@uucharlottesville.org. Invite Imitation with Inspirational Ideas for Increased Income. (Aye, aye, aye!)

October 11

National Equality March

All Day, DC

There will be a National Equality March in Washington, DC to demand equal protection under the law for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender people at the Federal level. The TJMC-UU Gay Straight Alliance will send a bus for the day if enough people sign up. For more information contact Linda McNeil at gaystraight@uucharlottesville.org.

October 17

Newcomer Orientation

9 AM, Summit Rm 1

We welcome visitors and new members to join our minister, church leaders and Membership Committee in this session to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our church. A light breakfast and snacks will be provided. You may sign up on the yellow sheets located on the Community Life bulletin board in the corridor near our Social Hall or by contacting Jean Newland at 971-4996 or kipandjean@gmail.com. Let us know if you will need childcare.

October 30-31

Women's Labyrinth Dream Quest Sanctuary & Social Hall

TJMC's Adult Faith Development (AFD) and Labyrinth Ministry are pleased to announce an overnight Labyrinth Dream Quest (for women) to take place at the church from Friday evening, October 30, through Saturday morning, October 31. Developed at San Francisco's Grace Cathedral several years ago, Dream Quests combine the contemplative experience of walking the labyrinth with dream work (hence the overnight stay) to produce powerful and uplifting results. Judith Tripp, a Dream Quest Facilitator from San Francisco, will be traveling to Charlottesville to lead us in this experience. More information and registration materials will be forthcoming - stay tuned!

November 20-22

TJMC Annual Men's Retreat

Roslyn Conference & Retreat Center

Join thirty-nine of your fellow members/friends in a weekend exploring and sharing your beliefs/values in an atmosphere of respect, trust and fun. To reserve your spot contact either Bob Kiefer at bkieferuu@gmail.com or Don Landis at dlandis@pvcc.edu.

Religious Education Update



Walking the Spiral Path

Welcome to September! It is a joy to celebrate our being together again after a full summer. I'm excited about all we have planned and look forward to greeting you on Sunday mornings as we gather for worship and religious education classes. If you haven't yet registered your family in our RE programming, please do so today so that we can prepare properly for your participation (seek the link below). We also have many unique offerings in our Adult Faith Development program this fall. Watch your mailbox for the arrival of our AFD prospectus in the next few weeks.

See you in church -
Leia Durland-Jones,
Director of Religious Education

Religious Education Registration

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

Special Children's Programming

Sunday, September 6, during the worship service, children five years-old through fifth grade are invited to join in special activities designed to help them learn more about the fight against breast cancer. They will create items (cookies, etc.) to sell at our PINK lemonade stand in the Social Hall after church. Proceeds will fund breast cancer research.

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 Lorie Craddock, RE Committee Chair at 971-3026 or Lorie1963@aol.com. We would love to have your help!

Adult Faith Development News

The Adult Faith Develop (AFD) program resumes in October. The prospectus of classes will be mailed in early September. The Adult Faith Development Committee is now taking applications for courses to be offered in our Winter session (February through 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 if you are interested in working with her on shaping our congregation's adult faith development programming.

Spotlight on our Coming of Age (COA) Program

The Youth Programs Committee, after careful reflection, made changes over the summer to our congregation's Coming of Age program for ninth graders (previously known as Challenge.) We are delighted to share that many of the most meaningful aspects of the program remain the same, such as individual mentors for each youth, relevant Sunday morning curriculum content, lock-ins and other fun group bonding activities. We have tweaked the workbooks to make less "busy work" and have deepened our commitment to helping youth engage in meaningful service work in the congregation and larger community.

The most significant change is the destination of the end of year trip. We will create a new pilgrimage experience with the youth that has a more reasonable price tag (our annual trip to Boston was \$8000.) We feel good about these changes and look forward to working with another amazing group of young people in our congregation as they move through the coming of age program. For more information about our COA program, please speak with Pam McIntire, Youth Programs Committee Chair at 882-3698 or pem3xe@comcast.net.

INVOLVE Workshop November 21

Parents, RE volunteers and any interested church members are cordially invited to attend a one day Involve Workshop Training of religious educators, ministers and lay leaders. The training is to teach people how to minister to children with special challenges and insure their successful inclusion into the life of our UU congregations. Topics include:

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

assessment methods, teaching strategies, sensitivity training, hands-on training activities, and discussions concerning pastoral and congregational care. Our congregation has reserved space for multiple participants at this workshop and we will carpool to attend (the workshop is in Silver Spring, Maryland.) If you would like to join us, contact Leia Durland-Jones by November 1.

Journey Toward Wholeness Annual Fall Conference Multicultural Families

- Hosted by Joseph Priestly District (our sister district to the north.)
- October 17, UU Church of Annapolis
- Keynote Speaker Mark Hicks - author of the UUA curriculum *Building The World We Dream About*. a program that fosters multiculturally welcoming congregations, and transformational educator/expert on diversity education and programming.
- Workshops to include: Multicultural Families: Religion, Realities and Responsibilities; Multicultural Literature; Transforming Worship; White Parents with Kids of Color Panel Discussion; and, Creating Multicultural Religious Education Programs. For more information contact the JPD website, jpd.uaa.org/.

September Save the Dates:




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

Contacting our Religious Education Staff

Leia Durland-Jones, Director of Religious Education is available to meet by appointment. She can be contacted at:
293-8179 extension 3#
962-2827
redirector@uucharlottesville.org

Robyn Fogler, Religious Education Assistant, may be reached at:
293-8179 extension 6#
reassistant@uucharlottesville.org

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>6 Water Ceremony 10 Service 5 NatureSpirit/S1</p> 	<p>7 Emotions Anonymous/CBD 8 Emotions Anonymous/CBD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Closed</p>	<p>1 Gamblers Anonymous/CBD 7 UUppty Women/CP 730 Worship Assoc/CBG</p>	<p>2 Meditation/CBB 7 Ministerial Search/S2</p>	<p>3 Active Minds/CP 4 TJMC Choirs/S+CP 7 MMP/MMP 7 Youth Programs Comm/S1 715 Volunteer Coord/CBG 730 Finance/SH</p>	<p>4 Food Pantry/SH</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>13 Balloon Ceremony 915+1115 Services 1245 OWL/S1 1245 Peace/S2 1 Artist Reception/SH 1 Covenant Fac/CP</p> 	<p>14 Women's Choir/S 7 Covenant Group/S2 730 Trn/CP 8 Emotions Anonymous/CBD</p>	<p>8 Gamblers Anonymous/CBD 7 Ministerial Search/S2</p>	<p>9 9-230 MMP/MMP 530 Labyrinth/CBG 7 Back Page Writers/SBG 7 Environmental Action/CP 7 Meditation/CBB 7 OWL/S1 7 Undoing Racism/SH 730 Leadership/S2</p>	<p>10 Active Minds/CP 4 TJMC Choirs/S+CP 630 Gay-Straight Alliance/S1 7 Board/SH 7 UUCF/S2</p>	<p>11 5-9 MMP/MMP+CBD</p>	<p>12 9-3 RE/All 5-930 Music Program/S</p>
<p>20 Social Action Collection 915+1115 Services 1030 OWL/UHouse 11 Challenge/S1 1030+1230 Activity Fair/SH 1245 Challenge/S1 1 Pastoral Visitors/CP</p>	<p>21 230 Enrichment Alliance/S1 530 Women's Choir/S 7 Communication Council/SH 8 Emotions Anonymous/CBD</p>	<p>15 830-1 Renter/CP 7 Gamblers Anonymous/CBD 7 UUppties/CP 730 Personnel/S2</p>	<p>16 830-1 Renter/CP 7 Meditation/CBB</p>	<p>17 12-3 Renter/SH 1 Active Minds/CP 4 Pastoral Visitors/SH 4 TJMC Choirs/S+CP</p>	<p>18 4-7 Renter/S</p>	<p>19 9-4 Renter/SH+S 9-12 Pastoral Visitors/CP 5 Spaghetti Dinner/SH 6-11 Game Night/SH</p> 
<p>27 STARS Story 915+1115 Services 630 Peace Com/CP 11 RE/S1 1245 Environmental/S2 1245 Greeters/CP 1245 Neighboring Faith/S1 2 USAUN/SH 5-8 Renter/SH+CBG</p>	<p>28 8-2 Renter/SH+CBG 11-1230 Renter/CP 1230-3 Renter/SH 230 Enrichment Alliance/S1 5 Emotional Wellness/CP 530 Women's Choir/S 7 Covenant Group/S2 7 Trn/CBB 8 Emotions Anonymous/CBD</p>	<p>22 830-1 Renter/CP 7 Community Life/SH 7 Gamblers Anonymous/CBD 7 Ministerial Search/S2</p>	<p>23 830-1 Renter/CP 530 Vespers/CP 7 Meditation/CBB</p>	<p>24 9 Bulletin Folding/SH 9-5 Renter/SH 4 TJMC Choirs/S+CP 7 Executive Comm/SH 7 UUCF/S2</p>	<p>25 9-5 Renter/SH 5 Labyrinth/SH</p>	<p>26 230-9 Renter/SH+JF+Gallery</p>



Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church
Unitarian Universalist

717 Rugby Road
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Charlottesville, VA
Permit No. 167

Return Service Requested



Bulletin deadline for October is September 15.



AWESOME AUCTION



YOU HAVE IT ON YOUR CALENDAR, RIGHT?

OCTOBER 10

4 - 7 PM, SOCIAL HALL

Fun for everyone! The UUGuys are bringing chili. The UUpity Women are bringing side dishes. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite cookies (home-baked or otherwise) for a friendly competition. We will have games for all ages. But it will not be an Auction unless you donate something we can all bid on.

What will you donate? We are looking for dinners and other events (classes, concerts, excursions) to take place from November through May. Fancy dinners are great, but there are lots of other possibilities, too. Movie and game nights are fun, a dessert party is sweet, afternoon teas and brunches after church are great ways to get together at lower costs. Beth Jaeger-Landis is available to help you plan your event, even find you a co-host. Contact her at 977-8223 or baj9u@virginia.edu.

We are also seeking holiday services like baking, errand-running, childcare while shopping, workshops to make gifts—lots of opportunities to lighten someone's load. As always, we are looking for those few special items which can be given as gifts—if you only knew who needed to receive them. Activities and gifts especially appealing to children are particularly welcome.

Our on-line donation site is ready for your donation at uucharlottesville.org/get-involved/fundraising/awesome-auction. Final deadline is September 20, so don't delay! Contact auction@uucharlottesville.org for more information.