

TJMC Bulletin



National Equality March

Prior to our departure from Charlottesville to the National Equality March in Washington, DC on Sunday, October 11, a bus full of people cheered as two rainbow hot air balloons floated nearby in the dawn sky. After lots of lively conversation and some singing and clapping, six youth and thirty-seven adults unloaded wheel chairs, backpacks, hand made posters, rainbow flags, and the blue felt TJMC banner within two blocks of the staging area. We started the 2.33 mile tramp after almost two hours on McPherson Square. A rainbow appeared above us and one of the YRUU advisors quipped, “God approves!”

We were greeted with cheers, posters, and very few negative demonstrators. A boom box playing Aretha Franklin’s *R-E-S-P-E-C-T* wafted past us - we danced and sang along. Then came the White House, and finally the rally on the West Lawn, where we met up with other TJMCers and friends, rested, snacked, and hydrated in the shade, with thousands of people of all ages and ethnicities from all over the nation. Younger speakers, like Lady Gaga, revved up the crowd to a fever pitch. Older speakers, like Ambassador Jim Hormel, reminded us of the intensely difficult atmosphere under which President Obama is operating; but also our eagerness to “put an end to ENDA” (Employment Non-Discrimination Act), the *Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell* anti-gay military policy, and “that outrageous, unconstitutional act called DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act) - I want them gone. I want them gone *now!* I am almost 77 years old. I don’t have time to wait!”

One participant said, “I’ve organized Bay area demonstrations in the 80s and 90s. But to march on Washington, in front of the White House, and at the foothills of Congress was a whole new transforming experience for me.” Inspiration ran high among the thousands of young people there - one of our YRUU wanted to wear a rainbow flag to school the next day! The UUAs *Standing on the Side of Love* presence was evident throughout the day. During one of their photo opps our own GSA chair, Linda McNeil, found herself seated beside UUA President Morales. Not only did 10% of TJMCs membership go, but the Thomas Jefferson District (TJD) sent over 1000 people from NC, TN, MD, and VA; it was reported to have sent the greatest number of UUs nationally. One of our members commented, “Makes me even more proud that we put our feet where our mouths and our banner are.”

Sunday Services

9:15 + 11:15 AM Services

November 1 All Soul’s Day

Transformation

Join Rev. Dr. Morris W. Hudgins and Worship Associate Greta Dershimer as they help us look to the change of seasons and the changes in life to find the transformations we seek.

November 8

Spirituality and Spiritualism

There is no word with more misunderstanding than the word, “spiritual.” What does it mean? How is it different from “spiritualism?” Rev. Dr. Morris Hudgins and Worship Associate Ed Berger will help us with these concepts. We will rededicate the TJMC Labyrinth.

November 15

Our Flaming Chalice: Reflections of You

The Ministerial Search Committee explores what we have learned about our congregation through the surveys and cottage conversations.

November 22

The Many Faces of Humanism

As we look at the theological preferences of the TJMC membership, humanism receives strong support. What do we mean when we affirm this approach to theology? What are its many forms? Join Rev. Dr. Morris Hudgins and Worship Associate Paul Fritz in this discussion.

November 29

Amazing Grace

This is the title of a favorite hymn. What is grace and how is it amazing? Rev. Dr. Morris W. Hudgins and Worship Associate Elizabeth Breeden will speak on this topic.



Vespers

Vespers is a pause for reflection and quiet in your week. See *A Life in Faith*, Page 4, for dates, times, and topics.

Morris' Musings



In a recent Vesper Service, Lynn Horwitz played a song with the words, "We have all that we need." The service was titled *Harvest Moon*. The day before I drove and rode more than four hundred miles. As Marti and I drove up Route 81 and 64 from Tennessee, I was especially observant of the changing colors. Some leaves had fallen but others had not yet turned. Many were still green. Once in a

while, a mountainside with varying color would grab our attention. It was a beautiful ride through the mountains.

When I arrived in Charlottesville and sat in my office, I looked out the window. There was the most magnificent site: the oak tree next to the Summit House was in full color. So often we feel we have to go elsewhere to find beauty when it is all around us.

Yes, Lynn, we have all that we need. It is right here. Unfortunately, not everyone does. During this harvest season may we be reminded of all that we have, and be inspired to share it with others.

Gratefully,
Rev. Morris W. Hudgins
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Perrino Ponderings



The October meeting of the *First Wednesdays Film Group* was small but thoughtful and enthusiastic, so we will gather again at 7 PM on Wednesday, November 4, in the Parlor to watch *Resurrection*, a movie (starring Ellen Burstyn) about a woman who has a "near-death experience" and develops healing powers. This series, sponsored by the Pastoral Visitors, focuses on stories of care-giving relationships, which is what Pastoral Care is about: accompanying people as they go through difficult times.

Several persons who attended the three sessions of the *Forgiveness Group* have requested a follow-up meeting so we will gather with those who wish to continue that discussion on Wednesday, November 11, at 6:30 PM in the Parlor.

And, for those of you who would like to have a Thanksgiving Day Grace, I offer this:

Spirit of life, our family here assembled is abidingly grateful for the beauty of this place in which we dwell. We are thankful also for good food to eat and

the health to enjoy it, for the love that binds our lives and sustains our spirits. May this awareness strengthen us for whatever fortune comes our way. May we always be loyal and loving toward one another, sensitive, caring, and generous toward those not so blessed. Thus may our lives be channels of Thy healing grace. Amen.

Rev. Tony Perrino
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From the President



Someone recently asked me, "So what's the best part about being board president?" I am grateful she asked. When other folks have asked how it is going, my responses have generally focused on how challenging it can be or how much time it takes. It is so easy to pay attention to the negative; sometimes we need a gentle reminder to look for the positive.

I did not have to look far for my answer, though. My joy as board president is the same joy I've felt as a church member, and that is in opportunities to connect with others in our beloved community. I, along with other members of the board, have been seeking out the congregation's opinions about our Mission Statement and Guiding Statement for Covenanting, trying to find out if they reflect what we want to do and how we want to be in relationship with each

other. I have been handing out these documents in the social hall after church services. I know this may seem like a trivial act, but it has given me an opportunity to speak to many of you, if only for a moment. It is been gratifying that people have taken the time to read the statements and given us feedback.

After we find out what people think about our mission and our covenant, we will know whether to revise or simply reaffirm our commitments. I like to think of this process as a *renewal of our vows* to each other.

Serving on the board, while challenging and time-consuming, also gives me a joy that I did not have in those many years as a church member simply sitting in the pews on Sunday morning. That joy comes from not only connecting but *collaborating* with other people

to do the work of the church. Instead of just being in community, I get to help build community.

If you would like to feel the joy of building and nurturing the long-term vitality of our community, I invite you to consider joining our new stewardship committee. We are looking for people who are willing to make a year's commitment to assessing our congregation's relationship with financial issues and creating a plan to improve it. This committee will not be just about money, though, but about developing more opportunities for people to feel truly engaged and supportive of our beloved community. It will be joyful work.

Pam Philips, Board President
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Treasurer's Update

After three months or 25% of the fiscal year, we have received \$149,226 in revenues, which represents about 26% of budget revenues. With respect to expenses, we have spent \$127,583 or 22% of our budgeted expenses. Thus, after three months we have a net income of \$21,643. However, for the month of September, our expenses exceeded our revenues by \$16,072. Compared to last year, this year in September our revenues were \$3,364 lower than last year, and our expenses were \$4,665 higher than last year. In particular, pledges were more than \$4,000 lower this September than they were last September.

In September, \$3,654 was spent for energy saving maintenance (for insulation in the ceiling of the Sanctuary and

fans for the Social Hall.) If you have not yet observed the fans in the Social Hall, be sure to do so!

Our cumulative revenues still exceed expenses after three months, so it will be important to monitor our financial situation carefully over the next few months to be certain that our current expenses do not continue to exceed our current revenues.

Each month the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees receive income statements and a balance sheet. Copies of these reports are available for review in the Church Office.

Doug Webbink, Treasurer
treasurer@uucharlotteville.org

TJMC Holiday Card to Benefit the UUSC

Every year TJMC designs and sends out a Holiday Greeting Card in our December Monthly Bulletin. We would like you to be a part of those sending their greetings to all. For a small donation, which goes to the UU Services Committee, we will add your name to the growing list of well wishers.

The deadline to get your name on the list is Thursday, November 5. Mail your donations to TJMC, 717 Rugby Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903, with checks made out to *UUSC*.

GREEN IDEAS:

- **Get green for greening!** Earn a 50% property tax credit for making your home energy efficient. First, get an energy audit: <http://spark-change.org/what-can-i-do/getting-an-energy-audit>. FAQ & application: <http://www.charlottesville.org/Index.aspx?page=1337>
- **DIY thermal windows.** Cannot afford replacement windows? With simple carpentry you can save energy and money with these press-in panels: <http://www.arttec.net/Thermal-Windows/index.html>
- **Mind your fireplace.** Make fires infrequently and use the right wood: <http://www.mastersweep.com/wood.htm>. Close the damper after the fire is out or heat will soar out your chimney all night.
- **Suss out solar.** Find out your home's potential for solar energy. At www.roofray.com, look at a satellite image of your roof, and find out with a few clicks how much a solar setup would cost, and how much energy and money it would save.

Music Notes

*"For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything life's goodness sends.
Thank you."*

November is a month of gratitude for many. These words (adapted from Ralph Waldo Emerson) can be sung as a blessing to a meal or as an evening prayer, or anytime (!) to help bring gratitude into our lives. There are two familiar tunes found in the back of our hymnal that go nicely with these words: The "Old Hundredth" (#371) and the "Tallis Canon" (#372). I think it will be a wonderful way to express our gratitude during our services in November and we will sing it before the Offertory beginning Sunday, November 8.

When I witness the numerous meetings, activities, gatherings, and all the work you do behind the scenes to keep our church community thriving, I feel deep appreciation and gratitude. Thank you. And I want to express my gratitude

and appreciation again to Bob Gross and Greta Dersheimer for their generous gifts of music - they are truly inspiring!

The month of November brings special musical guests to support our services. The Charlottesville Women's Choir will be sharing their heartfelt music Sunday, November 1, a small women's ensemble will sing Sunday, November 8, and our choir will sing Sunday, November 15. We are fortunate to have two special guests for Sunday, November 22. Nadine Roddy will offer her lovely harp music and Sam Scott will sing "Circle Game."

Now is the time when our adult choir, *Voices of Community*, begins rehearsing our holiday music and we invite all of you who can carry a tune to join us! We will be sharing this music Sunday, December 13 during both services and we would love to have you join us for it. It is a great way to serve

our church with a brief time commitment and it can be fun!

Likewise, the two children's choirs will begin preparing music for the Giving Tree service Sunday, December 20, so now is a perfect time for your child to join in the fun! They will rehearse between services on the following Sundays:

November 15
November 22
December 6
December 13

As always, if you are interested in sharing your music during our worship services, please let me know.

Blessings,
KaeRenae Mitchell
Director of Music
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A Life in Faith

Clear Spring Buddhist Fellowship Meditation

Wednesdays, 7 PM, Blue Room

Contact Marian Morgan at
meditation@uucharlottesville.org.

NatureSpirit

First Mondays, 6:30 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; or, Cathy Lawder at 296-6708 or cathylawder@yahoo.com .

Pastoral Visitors

Year-Round Program

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 uuchristian.org.

Directories: Have you had a change in address, phone number or email address? Please let the Church Office know so that we can update our Church Directories.

Do you need an updated Church directory? We keep new copies in the Church Office on the shelf above the counter on the right. Feel free to come and get a new directory when the Office is open. They are updated each week. We would be glad to recycle your old directories also and you can leave them in mailbox #60.

Copier: Be sure to schedule your time to use the office copier with the Church Office before you come. Certain days, like Friday mornings, are usually not good days to schedule the use of the copier. We appreciate your help with this.

Safety: If you are the last group leaving the church please be sure the lights are out and the doors are locked and closed securely. Do not forget to take out your trash. Thanks.

Vespers

We begin with a half hour of quiet gathering in Summit Room 1, which you may join at any point. Then we have a half hour worship service; please plan to arrive the service begins.

Child care is provided with reservations by the Wednesday before. If you have questions, email Lynn Horwitz, Vespers Associate, at lynhorwitz@aol.com.

Topics and times for November are:

Nov. 4	5:45 PM	The Joy of Imperfection
Nov. 11	5:00 PM	An Honor to Serve
Nov. 18	5:00 PM	When Blessings Come Home to Roost
Nov. 25		No Vespers

Join us for our First Wednesday Family Feast Night on November 4 at 5:00 PM in the Social Hall. Reservations can be made by calling the Church Office at 293-8179 and are due by Wednesday, October 28. For more information about our Feast Night see *Happenings*

Nuts and Bolts



Ministerial Search November Update: Waiting by the keyboard

Sunday, November 1, marks a shift in focus for the Ministerial Search Committee, as we begin to review the materials of candidates who are interested in our church. We have posted our Congregational Record to the UUA Transitions site, where all candidates in search can see it, and we have finalized the materials we will send out to prospective ministers. Now, ministers in search will review our materials and indicate an interest in our church. Once they have indicated that interest, we will be able to see their materials. Over the next two months, we will identify as many as thirty candidates of interest to exchange materials with. By Friday, January 1, we hope to identify up to four candidates to bring to town for in-depth interviews.

The Congregational Record is a standardized set of essays and tables which every congregation in search must complete and post online at the Transitions site. It can be viewed by any minister who is in search. The information packet of materials we exchange is more open-ended. Ours includes the *Our Flaming Chalice* brochure we revealed in October, an information booklet of handy reference materials, and a set of data files we call *TJMC in a flash*. Taken together, they present a detailed picture of our church.

You can see the brochure and learn more about the search on the TJMC website. We also invite you to come to the Sunday, November 15 worship service led by the Search Committee and to send us an email at minsearch@uucharlottesville.org.

October Auction an Awesome Success

Everyone was a winner at last month's Awesome Auction/Chilifest, and thanks go to the wonderful crew who pulled it off. The UUGuys brought the beans and the beer, the UUppty Women did the organizing and brought the sides and desserts. Jennifer McCutcheon and Betty Warner put in long hours with the computer, getting donations in and bills out. Elizabeth Breeden, Auction Chair, provided crowns for all the competitors and handled all the details for Saturday's fun. Trudy Rohm kept her eagle eye on everything and kept us all on track. Jen Smith and Dana Redick brought the Bounce House. And Lynn Heath, keeping you informed, is delighted to announce that these efforts resulted in over \$8000 raised for TJMC. Way to go!

From the sassy *Girl's Rule*, *Boys Drool* to the lip-numbing *Somewhat hot* chili, there was a wonderful assortment of chili from the UUGuys (and one ruling girl). The women (and one guy) baked or bought cookies and pretty near everyone got an award of some kind, because we are all about recognition.

The lucky winners of the nineteen dinners and other events get to keep the fun going straight through until Saturday, May 1, when the UUppty Women will host the Spring Auction. If you got outbid, you can still buy a space at the Pie Dinner, where we will be glad to squeeze everyone in. (And kids eat free!) These fundraisers are fundamental to our finances—and, they are just plain FUN.



Filling the Treasure Chest

At the All-Church Holiday Party on Saturday, December 12, we are going to have a Treasure Chest filled with jewelry and other treasures for holiday giving. We welcome donations from your own treasures, but we have quite a few from the yard sale. If you wish to donate, you can find the Treasure Chest ready to receive your offerings in the Social Hall after Sunday services or during the week in the mailroom. Donations will be rewarded with a ticket which entitles you to one prize from the Treasure Chest during the Holiday party. All of our children and youth will also earn a ticket if they attend the Holiday Party! So examine your jewels and treasures and select a few for sharing at the newest attraction at our Holiday festivities.

Scrip GiftCards and the Holidays

Are you starting to think about holiday meals and gift giving? Plan ahead and purchase GiftCards so TJMC will receive a gift too. GiftCards make great gifts and are available for hundreds of local and online retailers. Each time you use a Scrip GiftCard instead of another payment method for your purchases, TJMC is given up to 15% of your purchase, courtesy of participating retailers.

To order, go to shopwithscrip.com, register as a TJMC affiliate with 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 their PrestoPay system to pay online or pay with a check when you pick up your order. We still stock our regular Grocery Scrip cards at the Scrip table, but you can also pre-order Grocery Scrip along with your orders for other retailers online. Questions? scrip@uucharlottesville.org.

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Happening this Month



November 1
Daylight Savings
Time Ends



November 1
Sunday Services
Volunteers Needed

Sound Crew Needed: Do you like hearing what the minister and worship associates are saying? Complete training included. We need coverage at the 9:15 AM services desperately. Please contact Rob Craighurst at 760-0525 or Rob@TellMeAboutItTours.com.

Greeters needed! Once again we are recruiting people who would like to be greeters. It is a really nice way to contribute to the church for various reasons, and one that often appeals to us as it takes very little time. If you are interested please contact Jenny Gaden at jgaden@embarqmail.com.

November 1
AFD: Couples Conversations
1 PM, Parlor

This workshop offers the chance for partners to plan ahead for how they want their lives to be. One partner of a couple may attend. This workshop is for couples (of any stripe!) and intends to help participants: design lives that address needs and aspirations, as individuals and as a couple, start the conversation of how they want their lives to be together, decrease the stress of a normal life transition, use tools that help identify and prioritize activities that will make life meaningful, create an action plan of what to do next, and develop a process for continuing the conversation. Leader: Shirley Paul, M.S. Fee: \$10. To register, contact Leia Durland-Jones at redirector@uucharlottesville.org.

November 3
NatureSpirit
6 PM, Summit Rm 2

Please note the new date and time. NatureSpirit welcomes anyone who believes Nature is a vital part of their spiritual practice.

November 3 + 17
UUpitty Women
7 PM, Parlor

For November 3, make a plate of your favorite *easy* finger food, spread for crackers, dip, or other quick dish for *No Sweat Holiday Entertaining* for all to sample. Do not forget to bring copies of

the recipe! On November 17, Gayle Floyd will lead a discussion of *The Fabric of Our Lives*. Please bring some sort of handwork for show-and-tell that is meaningful to you - your grandmother's quilt, doily, tablecloth - perhaps a family heirloom or maybe your first effort at embroidery or crochet. Contact uuppities@uucharlottesville.org.

November 4
First Wednesday
Family Feast Night
5 PM, Social Hall



You are invited to join us for an All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Bowl special evening. The menu will include delicious macaroni and cheese; vegetarian lasagna; garlic bread; and drinks. Fees are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Please sign up by the Sunday before by contacting the Church Office at 293-8179 extension 2# or office@uucharlottesville.org.

November 4
AFD: First Wednesday Film Program
7 PM, Parlor

Do not miss it! Rev. Tony Perrino, Minister of Pastoral Care, is hosting a monthly movie program. The film this month is *Resurrection* with Ellen Burstyn and Sam Shepard. See *Perrino Ponderings*, Page 2, for more information or contact Rev. Tony Perrino at pcminister@uucharlottesville.org.

November 4 + 18
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 or joyce@rgld.org.

November 5
Finance
7:30 PM, Social Hall



Finance Committee is looking for several new members. The time commitment is small. Please contact Jackie Olshefski at 293-5739 or tjolshef@ntelos.net; or, Doug Webbink at 296-7563 or dwwebbink@aol.com.

November 6
Food Pantry
9:30 AM, Social Hall

We need help unloading, bagging and loading groceries for our clients. Contact Edith Good at 293-4044.

November 7-14
PACEM

We will be hosting the Men of PACEM November 7-14 in Summit House. If you are interested in helping please contact Elizabeth Breeden at brs@cstone.net

November 8
Artist of Month Reception
1 PM, Social Hall

Our hard working TJMC historians, Sally Taylor, Gayle Floyd and Johanna Woodchild have compiled the November art show to feature photos and architectural drawings from the History Room in our church.



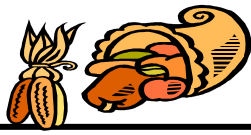
November 8
Peace Action
12:45 PM, Green Room

Please note our new location for this meeting only. Bring your ideas and agendas for peace and justice. Newcomers especially welcome. We will be listening to and discussing *Violence and the Call to Peacemaking*, a CD of one of four lectures by Bishop Peter Storey, a Methodist bishop from South Africa, delivered in the summer of 2009 at Bay View, Michigan. Bishop Storey was a significant leader in the campaign against Apartheid in South Africa, working very closely with Episcopal Bishop Desmond Tutu. The lecture lasts about fifty minutes, with another ten minutes for questions and answers.

November 8
Covenant Facilitators
1 PM, Parlor

November 9
Twenties n' Thirties Worship
7:30 PM, Parlor

November 11
Undoing Racism
7 PM, Social Hall



Happening this Month

November 15 UU Christian Fellowship 9:15 AM, Summit Rm 1

This service will be led by Mary Anna Dunn. Her liturgical service will be adapted from the 1957 Unitarian Universalist hymnal, *Hymns of the Spirit*. The sermon topic will be *The Urgency of an Open Heart*. There will be special music for this service.

November 15 Social Action Collection

African American Teaching Fellows (AATF), a non-profit organization, seeks to increase the diversity of teachers in local schools to provide African American students with more positive role models, thereby encouraging their commitment to academic achievement and belief in their own possibilities. AATF offers forgivable loans to qualified African Americans pursuing a teaching credential. Six AATF Fellows currently teach in local schools. Four more are in preparation programs. The Social Action Collection will provide support for Fellows.



November 15 Pilgrimage to Avalon! 1 PM, Parlor

Our Director of Religious Education, Leia Durland-Jones, invites you to learn more about her sabbatical trip last May to England. Contact Leia Durland-Jones at redirector@uucharlottesville.org to register.

November 18 Environmental Action 7 PM, Parlor

Join us as we finalize our Green Sanctuary Application with twelve Action Projects, including two environmental justice projects. Learn about our interfaith partners, our updated energy audit, and progress on improving our buildings' energy efficiency. Contact Sharon Baiocco at green@uucharlottesville.org for more information.

November 19 Bulletin Folding 9 AM, Social Hall

November 19 UU Christian Fellowship 7 PM, Summit Rm 2

Eleanor May will lead this worship service, which will include Bible and other special readings, prayers, hymn singing, joys and concerns.

November 20 Labyrinth Walk 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 and 7 PM. Would you be interested in becoming part of the labyrinth team? For more information contact Patty Wallens at 978-3821 or labyrinth@uucharlottesville.org. Always available during daylight hours is our permanent outdoor labyrinth located behind the Social Hall.



November 20-22 TJMC Annual Men's Retreat Roslyn Conference & Retreat Center Contact Bob Kiefer at bkieferuu@gmail.com or Don Landis at dlandis@pvcc.edu.

November 21 INVOLVE Workshop Offsite

How do we include children with special needs? Join us for an INVOLVE Workshop to find out! Parents, RE volunteers and interested church members are cordially invited to attend a one day Involve workshop designed to help us all learn how to minister to children with special challenges and insure their successful inclusion into the life of our congregation. If you would like to join us, contact Leia Durland-Jones, DRE, at redirector@uucharlottesville.org by November 1.

November 22 Peace Action 7 PM, Summit Rm 1

Please join us for the showing of the movie, *Rethink Afghanistan*, which analyzes the U.S. military escalation;

effect on the region; civilian casualties; women's issues in Afghanistan; and the opinions of experts. Discussion to follow. All are welcome. Contact: Christine Black at 964-1936.



November 26 TJMC Thanksgiving Dinner 12:30 PM Fellowship 1:00 PM Eating Begins, Social Hall

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck Dinner. We ask you to sign up to bring turkeys or tofurkeys, side dishes, and desserts. For more information call our Church Office at 293-8179.

November 26 + 27 Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving Save the Date

December 12 All Church Holiday Party 2-5 PM, All Church

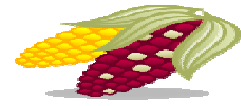
See Page 10 for more information.

March 19 + 20 Fifth Annual Women Weaving Wisdom Retreat: *Attitude of Gratitude*

Once again we will be assembling to nurture our spirits, strengthen our connections with one another and to celebrate our rich and diverse personal and spiritual paths. Our fifth annual women's retreat will take place at the Roslyn Camp and Conference Center on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20, 2010. This year we will be exploring how gratitude impacts our lives, our outlooks and our relationships with others. Included in this year's activities will be singing, celebrating a Spring Equinox ritual, drumming, worshipping together, and sharing meals.

Our intent is to encourage spiritual growth while creating a community which will continue long after this retreat. The cost is \$125 for a shared double room (including three meals); or, \$165 for a single (including three meals). An *optional* donation for scholarships to the retreat would be greatly appreciated. Limited scholarships are available upon request. Contact Retreat Registrar Sally Taylor at 295-8083 or www.retreatregistrar@uucharlottesville.org; or, visit our table in the Social Hall after Sunday services. Registration fees must be paid upon registration and are nonrefundable after Monday, March 1, 2010 (unless a replacement is found).

Religious Education Update



Walking the Spiral Path

Have you ever felt a calling to visit a particular place, sacred site or part of the world? While an actual pilgrimage is not always possible, sometimes we are fortunate enough to be able to make the journey. During the first half of my sabbatical last spring, I responded to a personal “call” and embarked on an eighteen day trip to England including seven days of intentional, guided pilgrimage in southwestern England with time in Glastonbury as well as other sacred sites.

Come hear about my journey and explore some ideas behind mindful travel and the art of pilgrimage. Who knows, you might be inspired to answer your own “call” to visit some place that has significance for you! Traditional cream tea will be served so please register today to insure there are enough goodies to share! We’ll meet in the Parlor on Sunday, November 15, from 1-3 PM.

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! Paper forms may also be found in the Social Hall on Sunday mornings.

What’s more fun than a barrel full of monkeys?

Why, it’s a youth lock-in, of course! All of our youth groups enjoy overnights at church as part of their youth programming. Not only does a lock-in create the opportunity for youth to hang out, play games and watch a movie together, the youth also engage in worship as well as meaningful dialog.

It takes a lot of energy to host these overnights. Deep appreciation goes out to all our youth advisors and overnight chaperones, and to Pam McIntire in particular, for supporting these important youth events.

Adult Faith Development Committee Reforming

The Adult Faith Development (AFD) Committee is reforming and you’re invited! The Adult Faith Development Committee works with the Director of Religious Education to prepare the

course offerings that are part of our congregation’s Adult Faith Development program. No previous experience in leading or teaching courses is required—simply an interest in working with others to create a variety of enriching opportunities for adults in our congregation. For more information or to express your interest in joining the committee then contact Leia Durland-Jones 293-8179 or redirector@uucharlottesville.org.

December 1 Deadline for AFD Course Proposals

The Adult Faith Development Committee is taking applications for courses to be offered in our Winter Session (February and March) 2010. If you are interested in leading a course or have a suggestion for a course leader or topic, please contact Leia Durland-Jones, DRE, at 293-8179 or redirector@uucharlottesville.org. Deadline for Winter session course proposals is December 1, 2009.

INVOLVE Workshop November 21

Parents, RE volunteers and any interested church member are cordially invited to attend a one day Involve workshop training religious educators, ministers and lay leaders to minister to children with special challenges and insure their successful inclusion into the life of our UU congregations. Topics include: 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, DRE, at redirector@uucharlottesville.org.

UU Stars Shine on Earth-Centered Traditions

This year, our first through fifth grades are learning about two of our UU sources “humanism” and “earth-centered traditions.” In November, our focus is the sacred cycle of life particularly from a Native American perspective but also from a pagan worldview. Be sure to ask our children about the spooky story cave in Summit House, as well as to tell you the story of “Vasalisa.” Autumn heralds the coming of winter and the seasonal reminders of the end of the life cycle.

We are also exploring and sharing our experiences with the death of loved ones as well as smaller losses.

Studio lessons teach our children about the beliefs of others (Native Americans, and pagans) while helping children articulate their own as well as our Unitarian Universalist beliefs. Adults are always needed to make four-week commitments as Studio Leaders at both the 9:15 AM and 11:15 AM sessions. Lessons and materials are provided and Leaders attend a Wednesday evening class prior to the start of their Studio, in order to be fully prepared. For more information or to sign up as a Studio Leader, contact Leia Durland-Jones, DRE, at 293-8179 or redirector@uucharlottesville.org.

We are currently in need of two more leaders at the 9:15 AM service January 10, 17, 24 and 31 (focus on the four elements). There are many openings for Leaders at both services from February through May. Your help is needed and appreciated!




Save the dates in November:

- Nov. 4 Youth Programs Comm.
- Nov. 8 NO RE
PACEM Week
- Nov. 14 Our Whole Lives Lock-in
- Nov. 18 Children’s RE Comm.
- Nov. 21 Involve Workshop
- Nov. 29 NO RE
Thanksgiving Holiday

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Bulletin deadline for December is November 10.



All Church Holiday Party December 12, Saturday 2 - 5 PM

Join your church friends for our annual Holiday Party. Enjoy an afternoon of crafts and caroling. We will make holiday crafts in the Social Hall, enjoy a potluck snack, and walk to Martha Jefferson House to sing Christmas Carols. Please bring a snack to share. The RE Committee will provide the hot cider. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, clean up, to help with a craft, serve snacks or lead the carolers. Please contact the RE Committee to sign up!