

# TJMC Bulletin

## Sunday Services

9:15 & 11:15 AM

### February 7

*Pillars of our Faith*

Rev. Dr. Morris W. Hudgins

Jean Newland, *Worship Associate*

A New Member Recognition and Star Story will be included in this service. Rev. Hudgins will present a sermon on the basic beliefs of our faith. Buddhism has its “Noble Truths.” We have our “Pillars.” What are the pillars of your faith? Come see if they are similar to those of the UU faith.

### February 14

*Why Religion Matters*

*Intergenerational Service*

Rev. Dr. Morris W. Hudgins

Carol Keese, *Worship Associate*

Rev. Hudgins will discuss the relationship between science and religion in this Intergenerational Service.

### February 21

*The Pleasure of Your Company*

Wendy Repass, *Worship Associate*

*Gay Straight Alliance*

The first UU principle focuses on the inherent worth and dignity of every person, but is it possible to invite all into our spiritual home? What does it mean to be a welcoming congregation to bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgender and queer folks?

### February 28

*Trust the Greater Good*

*Commitment Sunday*

Rev. Dr. Morris W. Hudgins

Elizabeth Breeden, *Worship Associate*

Today is the kick-off to the Annual Canvass. We are asking people to bring their pledges to church and we will receive them. We are also asking for a re-commitment of your membership and involvement in TJMC.

## Committing to Our Future – Canvass 2010-2011

Dear Members and Friends of TJMC-UU,

I cannot think of a more exciting and challenging year to have been given the honor to serve as your president. As I began my year, TJMC-UU had only just begun the search for a new minister and the country was deep into the worst recession in decades. Many in our congregation were, and still are, being affected. Despite these difficulties, last year’s canvass was a success, with the highest participation rate in our recorded history and a pledge of financial support better than any of us had expected. As part of the campaign, you also identified your “dreams for our future.” These dreams remind us that, while we have weathered a terrible storm, we have much work to do to continue our journey toward realizing the many aspirations of our friends and members.

Since then much has happened. The Search Committee has been hard at work and will be close to making their final selection for our new ministerial candidate by the time you read this article. We have voted to approve the work required to make us a Green Sanctuary, identified or begun work on several buildings projects, continued our social justice efforts, begun to examine our governance policies and practices, and worked to create Safe Congregation policies—all in addition to maintaining the myriad programs that make TJMC-UU such a vibrant place. We have continued the work of building beloved community.

This all adds up to one thing. We need your support more than ever in 2010.

We need your time, we need your talent, but above all we need your treasure. Frankly, volunteering time and talent is not enough to pay the electric bill, staff salaries, office and RE supplies, and building maintenance. We need money to meet the goals you identified through your “dreams” and to demonstrate to our prospective candidate that we are not only financially secure, but also have the fiscal capacity to *grow* and provide *the services and programs our community desires*. In short, we need to confirm to ourselves and to our prospective new minister that we, the members and friends of TJMC-UU, are committed to our future.

Our greatest mission this spring will be to meet and call our next settled minister. That decision will require our full attention during the second half of April. The Board would like to have the business of setting next year’s budget completed prior to the Saturday, April 17, start of candidating week.

On Sunday, February 28, we will ask you to recommit to the future of this church. That commitment will involve renewing your commitment to membership, your commitment to active participation, your commitment to our covenant of how we relate to one another, and your commitment to the financial support of our future.

Canvass 2010-11 “Committing to Our Future” will kick off on Sunday, February 28, with “Commitment Sunday” and run until Wednesday, March 31. We must raise at least \$450,000 to meet the operations budget for next year and to support the initiatives outlined above, about 5% more than this year. In doing so we expect to demonstrate to our new minister, to our community at large, and most of all to ourselves that we fully accept the financial responsibility that comes with belonging to this wonderful church. I trust I can count on your full support and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president during these exciting and challenging times.

In faith,

Pam Philips, TJMC Board President

# Morris' Musings



In October, I presented a sermon on "Thomas Jefferson and TJMC,UU" as part of a series on Thomas Jefferson. I said at the time that this would be the beginning of a process in which we would look at the namesake for this church as well as the history of the church regarding race. In the coming weeks we will follow through on that promise. A series of discussions is planned for February and March after the lunch following the 11:15 AM service. These will include a panel on the racial history of the church and of the city of Charlottesville, followed by a discussion of where we are now and

where we are going relative to "Undoing Racism." The third program will feature Dr. Peter Onuf, a distinguished professor at UVA, and a Jefferson scholar.

As you probably, know this process was initiated because the Thomas Jefferson District Board has proposed a name change for the District. I have proposed that we not focus on the name of the church, but rather on where we are and where we are going relative to race in Charlottesville. This is especially timely because of the "Dialogue on Race" going on in the Charlottesville area. This dialogue will be going on at

the same time that we will be having these congregational conversations.

I want you to know that we have no outcome in mind as we begin these conversations. The process is more important than the outcome. We also do not have a deadline in mind for the process.

I hope as many individuals as possible will join us for these "Congregational Conversations."

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## Ponderings

the feathery flame of love draws near  
to awaken an unremembered bud  
of a dream... of a life.  
its warm caresses soften the surface  
of a weather-beaten heart  
of a hope... of a joy.  
but closer still it begins to sear  
and, afraid lest it burn what fools  
hold dear,  
we run and return,,, to a darkness  
drear.

Why is that so? Why do we sometimes, even within the context of a committed, caring relationship, shun the demands of the intimacy we long for? There are, I

think, two reasons, both having to do with our capacity for risk.

The first is suggested in a line from an e.e. cummings poem: "love's function is to fabricate unknown-ness." That is so true. Any experience of real love will radically change your life. And this can be either an exciting adventure, or a terrifying leap into uncertainty. So, many prefer the comfort of a dull but predictable existence to the roller-coaster ride of real romance.

Love also requires a capacity for trust. We make ourselves vulnerable

when we risk the self-disclosure demanded by intimacy. And, if we are lacking in self-esteem, we will be unable thus to risk rejection.

But the alternative to the risks of caring - is the certainty of living a loveless life. Those who trust everyone will be bitten, occasionally. But those who trust no one... will be devoured... by their fear. Happy Valentine's Day!

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## From the President

Last month I wrote about the importance of listening and speaking with open hearts, particularly when working through disagreements. I hold firm to the belief that we need not think alike to love alike. Discussion during the January board meeting, though, highlighted the importance of knowing not just *how* to talk but *with whom*. As we go about the work of our church, we will have questions and concerns about how that work is being done. Who should we turn to when we have concerns?

Ideally, if you have a concern it is best to go to the source of that concern. Too many times, we assume that other people's perspectives are the same as our own, only to discover that they are not. I think of the letter asking for what I *thought* was board approval, when in fact it was just for our information. The

situation could have turned into conflict, but we listened to each others' perspectives and realized our misperceptions. We worked through it.

Sometimes, though, it is difficult to speak to the source of a concern. To make sure that your questions or concerns are addressed, consider turning to one of the following:

Direct questions about:

- Church Staff to the Rev. Dr. Hudgins or the Personnel Committee (Dorothy Schafer, Chair)
- Interim Minister to the Interim Minister Advisory Committee (Shelly Canterbury, Ruth Douglas, Laura Horn, Michael Manto, and Adam Slate)
- Work of various committees to the appropriate Council Chairs (Administrative: Sean McCutcheon, Communications: Patti Wallace, Community Life: Betty Warner,

Lifespan Faith Development: Pat Millman, Social Action: Greta Dersheimer, Worship Council: Bob Kiefer)

- Overall governance to members of the Board of Trustees (listed on the Board's bulletin board or on the web site)

We are passionate people at TJMC UU, which can sometimes mean our passions get heated. Whatever the situation, remember that we all want what is best for our beloved community, even while we have different ideas about how we go about our work. I have to remind myself of this when I disagree with someone or someone disagrees with me. I encourage you to do the same.

In faith,  
Pam Philips  
President, Board of Trustees



# Ministerial Search Update



## Don't ask; we won't tell.

These are exciting times for the Ministerial Search Committee, as we enter our last months of the search process. We are meeting with our final candidates, envisioning each as our future minister. While we may have some new bags under our eyes, you can tell by the smiles on our faces that the work is going well.

Can you be patient for a little longer? We are as eager to share the good news as you are to hear it, but there are very good reasons to keep the search confidential. Think back on your own job hunting experiences and you will see why. When you first start out, you might

not tell anyone you are even looking. Maybe you are not so sure you will leave. Maybe you will only leave if you get a really great offer. Maybe announcing your departure early would severely constrain your effectiveness in your current position. Ministers in search face all of these dilemmas.

Looking ahead, the search committee wants to create the best conditions for success and longevity. We do not want to open a debate about the merits of each candidacy and risk having a church divided about what path to take. We do not want the cloud of "what might have been" to linger over a new

ministry. No one wants to take a job as the second choice candidate. When the congregation votes to call a minister in April, we want everyone to be able to support the ministry unconditionally.

So we all have to wait. We still have people to interview, churches to visit, references to call. We are working hard to identify a candidate in early March, to enter negotiations on Monday, March 15, and to announce our recommendation soon after. Circle Sunday, April 18, on your calendar: it is the first day - of many to come, we hope! - that you will see our new minister in TJMC's pulpit.

## Treasurer



After six months or 50% of the fiscal year, we have received \$309,038 in revenues, which represents about 53% of our budgeted revenues. In December, we received an additional \$33,263 in current year pledges and, as a result, our current year pledges after the first six months now represent 54% of the amount budgeted. We have received about 12% more in current year pledges for the first six months of this year than we did in the first six months last year. UHouse rent continues to be a significant source of income.

With respect to expenses, we have now spent a total of \$262,214 or 45% of

the amount budgeted for expenses. As a result, after six months our net income is \$46,824. This may be compared to the first six months of last year when our net income was \$21,216. For the month of December 2009 our expenses exceeded our reported income by \$295. However, a year ago in December our expenses exceeded our income by about \$20,000. Thus, this is an indication that we appear to be in a better financial position than we were in December last year.

With respect to particular expense categories, church electricity and church trash collection and other cleaning sup-

plies continue to run ahead of the amount we budgeted for this year.

We received several donations of stock near the end of the year as payment towards member pledges, which appears to reflect the improving position of the stock market. In summary, after six months, we still appear to be in good financial shape.

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

Doug Webbink, Treasurer  
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## All in the Family

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### Green Notes:

- **Change your filter.** Furnace filters should be changed every month. It reduces the furnace's load, saving money on maintenance, and helps clean the air.
- **Close the damper.** Once the fire is out and ashes are cool, be sure to close the fireplace's damper before you go to bed, or heat will be soaring up the chimney all night long.
- **Scrutinize your roof.** If your roof has bare patches when others nearby are still blanketed with snow, that is a sign that your attic is inadequately insulated and you are losing precious energy. Adding insulation to your attic will net a return of 100% or better on the cost of the materials.

# Nuts and Bolts



## TJMC-UU Chalice Lighter's Grant

On Sunday, January 3, it was announced that TJMC will seek a Chalice Lighters (CL) grant. To get a grant we would need more participants in the Chalice Lighters Program. TJMC has at least eighty-seven CL members now. The more pledges we get, the better our chances of success and the more the UU presence will grow in our district. The Chalice Lighters program was created in 1987 and is overseen by the District Growth and Development Council. The district is committed to personal and spiritual growth and growth in the health of member congregations, and the number of individual Unitarian Universalists. It is committed to growth in racial and cultural diversity and to our presence in society.

We, TJMC-UU, were started because the American Unitarian Association in Boston (now the Unitarian Universalist Association) recognized that there should be a liberal congregation in this area. The District Growth and Development Council has primary responsibility for facilitating this growth, and one way in which it does this is by raising funds through Chalice Lighters to support congregational activities. It is the second largest program in the UUA.

Chalice Lighters help other liberal fellowships and churches start up and grow throughout the district through small contributions from many people. Pooling hundreds of checks of \$10, \$15, \$25 and more has meant a lot to quite a few of our neighboring congregations, but opportunities for growth still abound in our district and the continued support of Chalice Lighters is critical. Pledges are solicited no more than three times in a July-June fiscal year.

You can join by pledging directly to the District online at [www.tjd.uua.org](http://www.tjd.uua.org); by mailing a pledge to Thomas Jefferson District Office/UUA, 9704 Mallard Creek Road, Charlotte, NC 28262; by contacting Edith Good on Sunday mornings in the Social Hall; or by putting your pledge and information form in mailbox #12 – Denominational Concerns in the mailroom. For more information contact Edith Good, TJMC-UU Chalice Lighter Coordinator, at 293-4044.

## Social Action Collection Survey Completed

Eighty-one respondents participated in the Social Action Council's survey on priorities for selection of Social Action Collection recipients. Thanks to all who shared their views. The responses revealed clear preferences by the majority of responders on almost all questions raised. The Social Action Council met on Tuesday, January 26, to review the survey results and develop a new application form based on the survey results. Check out the Social Action Council Bulletin Board to see the results in both graphic and numerical formats. Application forms to be considered as a Social Action Collection recipient in 2010-2011 will be available in February, and are due for submission by Tuesday, April 20. Send requests to [socialaction@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:socialaction@uucharlottesville.org). Recipients will be selected at the Social Action Council meeting on Tuesday, April 27.

## TJMC-UU awarded \$4,000!

Our TJMC IMPACT team has received a two-part matching grant of \$4000 in support of the congregation's work with IMPACT. Funded by the Congregation-based Community Organizing Matching Grants Program of the Fund for Unitarian Universalist Social Responsibility, the award provides \$2,800 to match TJMC's own budgeted \$2,800 contribution to IMPACT for 2010. In addition the grant will match up to \$1,200 of private, individual contributions to IMPACT this year. This additional money will be used to fund community organizing training for up to four TJMC members under IMPACT's auspices. For more information please contact Bob Gross at 977-9828 or Trish Foley at 973-1114.

## USPS Bulk Mailing Rule Changes

There are new rules and regulations for bulk mailings. Contact the Church Office or go online to the USPS website for more information.



## IMPACT Rally February 25

IMPACT is alive and well and coming out of the winter holidays strong on Education and Interpretative Services as the two social justice issues chosen for this year. The research teams continue to meet with key players in our community. The Education team is following up on an August 2009 report that shed more light on the need for pre-kindergarten services for a significant percentage of poor and disadvantaged three- and four-year olds. The team has talked with administrators of the three publicly

funded programs and has learned more about current enrollment, waiting lists, and funding status.

The Interpretive Services research team has met with the International Refugee Committee, the Legal Aid Justice Center, and members of the police, Court and jail systems. The research team traveled to Fairfax County to gather information about their innovative programs and services. IMPACT's focus will be on providing translation services within the legal system. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks, but mark your calendars now for the Rally meeting on Thursday, February 25, at 7 PM at the Church of the Incarnation. We are hoping to exceed last year's turnout. Contact Bob Gross or Trish Foley for more information.

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# Sounds of Music

*"Let this my affirmation be:  
In all I do is Love."  
~ K.R. Mitchell*

This is my affirmation and my aspiration, and one that I come back to time and time again. Reminding myself (when I remember to); returning to that path when I catch myself straying (which is often); and breathing it into my being (when I become aware). It is huge and more often than not I tend to come from a place of fear, not love. But this commitment has begun to transform the way I am in this world: slowly, oh so slowly, yet becoming more and more tangible. And I will need reminders, so thank you in advance!

I share this affirmation during this month of February because of the obvious holiday celebrating love, albeit romantic love. I also share it because it is the name of a hymn I recently composed which I am eager to share with you this winter or spring. As a child I pondered why I was put here on earth and the answer that kept coming to me was "to learn how to love." Later when I learned the scripture "God is love, and those

who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." (I John 4:16), I understood more fully what love is. That is why I capitalized the word love. Thank you for listening to my thoughts.

In the spirit of love, I would like to offer you this opportunity to purchase a hymnal or songbook for your personal use at home. Sometimes we borrow a hymnal or songbook because we are a worship associate and need it as a reference for readings and hymns. Sometimes we borrow a hymnal because we found a reading particularly moving and want to write it down. Sometimes we borrow a hymnal because we like to have it available at home to play through the music. It is so easy to do this – I completely understand. But it is also very easy to quietly bring it back to its home where everyone can use this resource during our worship together. There is a sign up sheet on the music bulletin board if you would like to order a hymnal "Singing the Living Tradition," a songbook "Singing the Journey," or a wonderful resource that gives a brief history of each hymn in our hymnal "Between the

Lines." It will be much more efficient and cost effective to submit one large order because of the shipping costs and because of the impact on the environment of shipping. So consider giving yourself a gift of music for Valentine's Day that will benefit you and the church!

During the month of February we are blessed to have many wonderful musicians contribute to our worship together:

- 7 Bob Gross, Megan England Ward & Liz Lindau will play special music
- 14 Voices of Community, our adult choir
- 21 UVA Women's Chorus
- 28 Children's Choirs

Wishing all of you a month filled with love!

Blessings,  
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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 Tuesdays, 5:30 PM, Summit Rm 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.

### CareNet

Year-Round Program

CareNet is our church's organized effort to help out with meals, rides, and other assistance for church members. Contact Shelly Canterbury at 249-6267/scaterb@gmu.edu; or Debbie Eggleston at 996-8772/dse3c@ntelos.net.

### 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/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.

### Vespers

We begin with a half hour of quiet gathering in Parlor, which you may join at any point. Then we have a half hour worship service; please plan to arrive before the service begins. Child care is provided if reservations are received by the Wednesday before. If you have questions, email Lynn Horwitz, Vespers Associate, at lynhorwitz@aol.com.

### Topics and times for February:

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| 3  | It Makes Me Smile | 5:45 PM |
| 10 | Reaching for Love | 5 PM    |
| 17 | Can't Have it All | 5 PM    |
| 24 | Lead Us On        | 5 PM    |

Join us for our First Wednesday Family Feast Night on February 3, at 5 PM in the Social Hall. Reservations can be made by contacting the Church Office at 293-8179 or office@uucharlottesville.org and are due by the Sunday before the dinner. For more information about our Family Feast Night see *Happenings This Month* Page 6.

# Happening this Month



## February 1 Mayday! 2010 Talents 'n' Treasure Auction Alert!

Your Auction Committee is busy planning a festive evening of live entertainment and silent auction action on Saturday, May 1. Is there a secret chef in you wishing to show off? Do you have a skill to share? Does Grandma's treasure need a loving home? We will be looking for donations of dinners/events to take place between May and October, professional and personal services, antiques, and artwork. The TJMC website donation form will open Monday, February 1, for early donations. Want to get involved in an auction leadership role? Let us know at [auction@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:auction@uucharlottesville.org).

## February 2 NatureSpirit: Nature Awakens 5:30 PM, Summit Room 1



Have you ever wondered where the word "Bride" comes from? Come and hear the story about the marriage of Bride and Angus, a Scottish tale about the awakening of the Earth, and find out. It is also the origin of many popular terms and concepts in American culture. In the spirit of these early stirrings of nature, there will be a seed trade and discussion on how to tap your trees for syrup, including Hickory, Birch and Red Maple. So... bring any seeds that you wish to share for spring planting. (As always, you can expect that Lonnie Murray will bring many rare native seeds unavailable anywhere else.) If you wish, you can bring a snack or beverage to share. As always, newcomers are absolutely welcome. Later this month, there will be a brunch at Lonnie Murray and Sharon Snyder's house and a demonstration of tapping local trees. Details on the brunch will be available at the meeting.

## February 2 + 16 UUppity Women 7 PM, Parlor

UUppity Women is TJMCs women's social group. It is a great place to get to know some of the most active and engaged women in our church community in a relaxed setting. Meetings are the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month. UU women of all ages are welcome. Watch the Friday

Email and Sunday Bulletin Board for details of upcoming meetings. For more information, email [uuppities@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:uuppities@uucharlottesville.org).

## February 3 Family Feast Night 5 PM, Social Hall



You are invited to join us for an All-You-Can-Eat Chili special evening. 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 [tjmcuu@embarq.com](mailto:tjmcuu@embarq.com).

## February 3, 5:45 PM, Parlor February 10 + 17 + 24, 5 PM, Parlor Vespers

Please see *A Life in Faith*, Page 5.

## February 3 First Wednesday Night Film Group - Cancelled

## February 4 + 11 + 18 Active Minds 1 PM, Parlor

## February 5 Food Pantry 9:30 AM, Social Hall



We need volunteers to help us unload and sort out food into grocery bags; transport the grocery bags to cars; and to clean up the boxes. If you are interested contact Edith Good at 293-4044.

## February 7 UU Christian Fellowship 9:15 AM, Summit Room 1

The service will be led by Jackie and Tom Olshefski. The topic will be "What does it mean to be a UU Christian?" All are welcome.

## February 7 Artist Reception 1 PM, Social Hall



Patrick Robbins, a Fluvanna County-based illustrator with over a decade of experience in freelance art, enjoys creating fantasy worlds for all ages. When speaking of his current work, he says, "Of all of the things I can do with art, there is nothing more fun and unique than clothing animals, putting them on two legs, and having them swagger about like an average human. Yet, in creating these caricatures of real life, I think the characters end up being much more human."

## February 10 + 24 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@rggld.org](mailto:joyce@rggld.org).

## February 10 Undoing Racism 7 PM, Social Hall

Join our committee in discussing our role as allies in anti-racism work.

## February 12 Gay Straight Alliance Movie Night 7 PM, Parlor



The Gay Straight Alliance will show *Out of Work*. Discussion to follow. Contact Linda McNeil at 823-6352 or [gaystraight@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:gaystraight@uucharlottesville.org).

## February 13-20 Women's PACEM

The Women of PACEM will be our guests, spending nights in Summit House and being fed by our many volunteers who prepare and serve dinners with warmth and hospitality. We also offer laundry and overnight hosts who serve breakfast. On the first and last Saturday, a small crew of us set up Summit House for this time and clean it after our week is over. Our partner church in this endeavor is the Islamic Society of Central Virginia. Questions: Elizabeth Breeden at [brs@cstone.net](mailto:brs@cstone.net).

## February 14 Peace Action 12:45 PM, Green Room

Join us for our monthly meeting. Bring your ideas and agendas for promoting peace and justice. Newcomers welcome.

## February 15 Church Office Closed for Holiday

## February 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline

## February 17 Environmental Action 7 PM, CBD



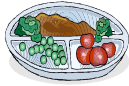
Join us as we continue our planning to complete our Green Sanctuary Action



# Happening this Month (cont.)

Plan. We will be organizing education programs on mountaintop removal, plastic bags, recycling, energy efficiency (particularly compact fluorescent light bulbs), as well as Green Outings, such as a tour of the “single stream” Van der Linde Recycling Center in Fluvanna County and a trip to a one hundred-year-old farm at lambing time

## February 21 Social Action Collection Meals on Wheels



Meals on Wheels delivers hot, nutritious lunchtime meals Monday through Friday to residents of the Charlottesville/ Albemarle area on a temporary or long-term basis. They serve any resident who is unable to prepare nutritious meals and who has no one to help them with meal preparation. Their goal is to provide not only appetizing nutritious food, but also daily social contact to people who are hungry and alone.

## February 21 Environmental Action 12:45 PM, Summit Room 2



Learn about the “single stream” Van der Linde Recycling Center in Fluvanna County and where to recycle other items such as electronics, batteries, light bulbs, etc.

## February 24 UUGuys 7 PM, Summit Room 1

## February 25 UU Christian Fellowship 7 PM, Summit Room 2

Our service will be led by Jean Newland. All are welcome.

## February 26 Labyrinth Walk 5:30 PM, Social Hall



The open labyrinth walk will take place this month as planned, come and de-stress at the end of a long workweek! The future of these walks, though, depends upon more people coming forward to help with putting the labyrinth away at 9 PM. Can you possibly assist? Please contact Patty Wallens at 978-3821, Nadine Roddy at 977-4685, or labyrinth@uucharlottesville.org.

## Save the Date

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

**Roslyn Conference and Retreat Center**  
Sign up now for the Women Weaving Wisdom Retreat: Attitude of Gratitude, held at the Roslyn Conference and Retreat Center on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20. We will bring women of our community together to explore how gratitude impacts our lives, our outlooks and our relationships with others. Included in this year’s activities will be singing, celebrating the Spring Equinox, drumming, worshipping together, and sharing meals and memories. We gather together to strengthen our connections with one another, to celebrate and encourage our rich and diverse personal and spiritual paths, and to create a community which will continue long after this retreat. The cost is \$125 for a shared double room (including three meals), \$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. For more information contact Retreat Registrar Sally Taylor at 295-8083; wwwretreatregistrar@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, unless a replacement is found.

### April 16-18 Douthat State Park Retreat

If you have the winter blues, here is how to get rid of them: Start thinking about the wonderful time you will have at Douthat State Park with an intergenerational bunch of other TJMC-ers in April. It is predicted that the weather on that weekend will be fantastic – warm sun during the day, cool breezes at night – but even if it is not, we can enjoy each others’ company in front of the fireplace in the lodge. The roster is filling fast, but as of now we still have a double bedroom – plus space for a single woman – in the gorgeous mountain-top lodge, as well as two two-bedroom cottages. Prices for the weekend: \$46.19 per person in the lodge,



\$97.55 for one double bedroom in the cottages. (A whole cottage is \$195.10). Food will be around \$20 per adult, less for kids. Douthat State Park – with its lake, hiking trails and comfortable accommodations – is about two hours from Charlottesville; car-pooling is encouraged. Dogs are allowed. Contact Stephanie Lowenhaupt at 979-2636, or Bonnie Sheppard/Bill Spurgin at 293-6977.

### You Do Not have to be a Millionaire to Make a Difference in the World

Bequests are for everyone. They are both sensible and simple gifts. A charitable bequest allows you to be a Unitarian Universalist philanthropist and keep your financial options open.

You can use your will to give a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or a specific item, such as real estate, stocks or savings bonds.

Whatever you wish to give, we want to make it easy. We have a sheet with sample bequest language for you to share with your attorney. Please contact the church office for a copy.

Bequests and other estate gifts come in all shapes and sizes and are as different as the people who create them. Some bequests to the endowment fund are unrestricted, given for general purposes and TJMC can put these gifts to use where they are most needed. Some bequests are restricted and given for very specific purposes.

Anyone can make a meaningful gift to TJMC-UU in his or her will.

# Religious Education Update



## Greetings!

Until our Director of Religious Education, Leia Durland-Jones, returns in April, I will be working as Sabbatical Staff for Children, Youth and Adult Religious Education Programs. I will be doing my best to keep things moving along for the next three months whether it be leading Children's Worship in the Parlor, organizing registration for adult classes or checking in with Neighboring Faiths, OWL, Coming-of-Age or YRUU - our four different youth programs.

My husband, Michael Manto, and I have been members of TJMC for the past fourteen years. We have three children, Margaret, Rachel and Peter, in the RE program. I have taught most levels of children's classes here at church and have been on the Children's RE Committee for three years.

Recently, I have been helping to write the lesson plans for the Stars Studios for our first through fifth graders. The four studios that begin Sunday, February 7, will focus on "Stewards of the Environment." We want the children to understand that being a steward is more than just being a manager. Being a steward means having a deep personal commitment to something and taking responsibility for its ongoing success.

Two of the studios will show how individuals can be stewards of the environment. Rachel Carson helped us think about how our actions and choices affect all living things on the planet and even the most well-meaning choices can have unintended, and possibly disastrous consequences. The children will make an interconnected web on the classroom floor using yarn, masking tape and pictures cut from magazines.



Next, we will study Jacques Cousteau and his lifelong efforts to make the beauty of the oceans known to all. Children will paint undersea scenes and tape them together to make a whole ocean. A third studio will show how we can help the planet by eating more vegetarian meals. Children will do some cooking and taste-test a variety of new and different foods.

**Religious Education Registration**

All families with children and youth participating in our religious education need to register at [uucharlotteville.org/education](http://uucharlotteville.org/education). Paper forms may be found in the Social Hall on Sunday mornings and on the table in the Edgewood Lane entrance.

And for the final studio of this cycle, RE will partner with the Green Sanctuary Committee to teach the children about QCC Farms! and their urban agricultural project right here in Charlottesville. Children will make ID tags to hang on reusable tote bags to give to families to carry the produce harvested from the QCC Farms! garden near Friendship Court. So, if you hear a little pounding coming from outside Summit House on Sunday morning, forgive us. That would be the sound of the kids flattening bottle caps to make the ID tags!

There will be two more sets of studios this year - one beginning in March and the other beginning in April - and that will conclude our year-long study of humanist teachings and earth-centered faith traditions.

I will have office hours on Tuesdays from 11 AM—2 PM and other times by appointment. I can be reached by calling the Church Office at 293-8179 extension 3# or email me at [loriec@embarqmail.com](mailto:loriec@embarqmail.com).

Hope to see you on Sunday and do not forget to mark your calendar for the annual RE PJ's and Pancakes dinner on Friday, February 5.

Lorie Craddock  
Sabbatical Staff for Children, Youth & Adult RE Programming

**Winter/Spring Adult Faith Development - Exciting New Classes!**  
The Prospectus for Winter/Spring Adult Faith Development classes has been mailed. Information is also available online on the TJMC website. Courses include: Exploring Your Religious Journey with Morris Hudgins; Gay Straight Alliance Movie Night; Moving Toward Wholeness Through Music with

KaeRenae Mitchell; UU History with Morris Hudgins; Tools for Spiritual Practice with Alex McGee; Yoga with Alex McGee; Understanding Dreams with Rachel Norment; Women's Circle of Songs with KaeRenae Mitchell; UU University with Pam Philips; Exploring the History of TJMC-UU with the History Committee; First Wednesday Film Series with Tony Perrino; and, UU World Discussion Group. Registration is available online, by calling the RE office, by mail, or by registering in person in the Social Hall after church on Sundays.

The Adult Faith Development Committee is always on the lookout for new committee members as well as ideas for courses.



**Coming of Age Class Marketplace**  
The ninth grade Coming of Age class is raising money for their pilgrimage in June. Stop by the Social Hall after services on Sunday and get in on these great deals!




- Attractions Coupon Books \$25 each
  - 2 GB USB 2.0 Flash Drives \$20 each
- Our youth (and their parents) thank you for your support!

- Save the dates for February:**
- 3 Youth Programs Committee Meeting
  - 5 PJ's and Pancakes
  - 7 RE Classes, Stars Story Sunday, Stars Studio 4, week 1
  - 14 NO RE (PACEM)
  - 20 YRUU Lock-In
  - 21 RE Classes, Stars Studio 4, week 2
  - 24 Children's RE Committee
  - 28 RE Classes, Stars Studio 4, week 3

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**Bulletin deadline for March is February 15.**



## **Shop With Scrip!**

Believe it or not, the Finance Committee is already working on a draft budget for our 2010-2011 fiscal year, and it is clear that we need our Grocery Scrip and fledgling ShopWithScrip fundraising programs to not only survive but to thrive in the upcoming year. When you plan ahead and use Scrip GiftCards instead of other payment methods to make consumer purchases, participating retailers donate 2-17% of your purchases to TJMC.

Surveys estimate that the average household spends about \$1000 each month on various consumer purchases. We have nearly 500 members - if we as a church committed to using Scrip GiftCards, we would be given over \$100,000 each year. Scrip can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, pharmacy items, home improvement supplies and gasoline... even dining out and ordering pizza in.

To order, go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://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 debit system to pay online or pay with a check when you pick up your order. We will continue to stock our regular Grocery Scrip cards at the Scrip table, and might continue to stock a handful of the most popular ShopWithScrip gift cards as well.

Just try it... pick one store you regularly patronize, and place a small order to test it out. Once you see how easy it is to put your shopping dollars to work earning money to support our staff and programs, you too will become a regular ShopWithScrip customer. Questions? Write [scrip@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:scrip@uucharlottesville.org) or ask at the Scrip table on Sunday.