

# TJMC Bulletin

## Sunday Services

**9:15 AM + 11:15 AM**

**May 1**

***Music as a Power in Our Lives***

**Rev. Dr. Janet E. Newman**

There is an old hymn that contains the words "Blest be the tie that binds..." For me, the tie that binds is a musical tie, and the binding is more of a holding in strength than any restraint. I want to explore what influence music can have in our lives. The choir will sing.

**May 8**

***What Is the Story of Our Food?***

**Nancy Hurrelbrinck**

**Green Sanctuary**

Our nation's industrialized food system contradicts our church's Seventh Principle at every turn. Still, we can find small ways to revise the story of our food, celebrating the interdependent web of all existence with every bite. Child dedications at both services.

**May 15**

***To Make an Offering to the Life Force***

**Rev. Dr. Janet E. Newman**

The title of my sermon comes from a line in a book by Ernest Becker *The Denial of Death*. I will tell you a story of my own life, and how the hope, freedom, and dignity that religion offers us allowed me to continue after tragedy struck.

**May 22**

***Lessons from the Wilderness Sojourn***

**Rev. Ed Piper**

Rev. Ed Piper will reflect on the Israelites' experience during their journey toward the Promised Land. What does it take to survive and thrive when the journey is longer and more difficult than expected? See page 4 for a description of the May 21, Healthy Congregation Workshop with Rev. Ed.

## **10 AM Services Start**

**May 29**

***In Honor of Fathers, Mothers, & Others***

**Rev. Dr. Janet E. Newman**

Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day are enshrined in May and June, respectively. But why limit ourselves to certain days to celebrate and honor those who brought us into being? For this Memorial Day Sunday, there will be a recognition in the memorial garden of those loved ones who have died.

## From the Board President

What an exciting time to be at TJMC. As I write this, I am still basking in the excitement that enveloped the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 17, as we called Reverend Erik Walker Wikstrom to be our new settled minister! If you missed it – we had a unanimous vote to call Reverend Wikstrom, and then we actually called him to share the good news and joy. Luckily, he said, "Yes!"

Frank Dukes spoke at the Congregational Meeting to remind us that this is just the first step in our new journey. This past month we sought and shared information, we learned some new things, and perhaps gave some thought as to what our church will be like in the next few years. As I reflect on the past three years, I see a strong congregation who is willing to partner with Reverend Wikstrom as we make difficult decisions about our church – our size, our staffing, our facility – as a team. Now is the time to make your commitment for the next three years (or more). How do you want to be involved? Is there a committee or council you have been thinking about joining? A task you are willing to take on? An Adult Faith Development program you wanted to try? How about volunteering with Children's RE? We need your involvement more than ever to continue the excitement and vibrancy that was so apparent in the Sanctuary today.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to show appreciation to all who served on the Ministerial Search Committees the past three years. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, please accept my deepest and most heartfelt thank you for a job well done. I am grateful to each and every one for your commitment, your time, and your faith.

Another special thank you goes out to the Stewardship Committee, led by Karen Ransom and Dan Spitzner. As of Monday, April 25, we are wrapping up the final numbers and it looks like we will meet last year's budget numbers. Thank you for your pledges that allow us to do the work of the church.

As part of our follow up, we will spend the next month compiling information and stories that we gathered from you during this campaign. One thing I can share is that we heard from more than a few individuals that they have felt disconnected from or isolated from the church. For many, it seems like a settled minister is a good reason to start attending church again. For others, there is a deeper hurt that needs to be overcome. We want to take information like this into consideration as we plan for the next few years. Please help us as many individuals come together in the next few months to reach out to all of you. We want to make stewardship a word we hear year round, not just when we are talking about money. And an important part of stewardship is talking to our members. If you receive a call from church in the fall, please do not shy away. We really want to hear from you!

In Peace, Donna Baker

## Congregational Meeting, May 22, Sunday, 12:45 PM

Please plan on attending the Spring Congregational Meeting after the second service. We will be electing new members for the Board of Trustees, Leadership Development Committee, and the Personnel Committee and voting on the final budget for the upcoming program year. You will receive your Congregational Meeting packet on or around Thursday, May 12. Please let any board member know if you have questions about the budget. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

A fund raising luncheon will be served prior to the meeting. Child care will be provided during the meeting.

# In the Interim



I will add my congratulations to everyone at TJMC- UU and to Rev. Erik for making a great success of candidating week. Everyone deserves to be very proud of our congregation. And all the volunteers who created such a fine experience deserve your deepest thanks.

It is a joy to know that what you spent so much time waiting for, a called minister, will soon be among you to walk with you into your potential. However, I want to remind you that you did not just wait – you worked hard. I believe that it was your good work in addressing the “prouds” and “disappointed” of your past as a congregation that made you more appealing to clergy. I believe that it was your good work in developing your congregational covenant of healthy relations that showed that you are creating your new expectations of one another and new identity as a congregation. And you are coming to terms with your mission in the world. All that is excellent work, and I believe

that your work made Rev. Erik realize that you were a congregation worth aligning himself with.

But what happens to all of you after the honeymoon? An interim minister colleague asks, “What happens to the called minister in a few months when she/he does the equivalent of leaving the top off the toothpaste tube?”

It is inevitable that you and Rev. Erik will find out more about each other and deepen your relationship in the months and years ahead. What will you do about the characteristics of one another that you are not so fond of? From my perspective, that is where real ministry is found.

Your sage, Rev. Gordon McKeeman wrote a wonderful piece about ministry. I suggest reading it, pondering it, and living it. Let others and me know what you think.

Faithfully,  
Janet Newman,  
Interim Minister 2010-2011

## Transition Ministry Associate

Throughout the year, I try to raise various pastoral issues in this column. Here, let us take a moment to consider anger. Frustration. Things not going the way we want.

In any healthy family or organization, conflict happens. Just because we have high ideals doesn't mean we have the same ideals. As a result, we may get into “blaming” or “shoulding.” A folk song by David Roth says, “don't should on me.” (Try saying that out loud.)

As a spiritual community, we have a chance to reflect on the roots of anger. And yet, like a red hot fire, it can be hard to see to the coals underneath. Most spiritual traditions suggest a regular ritual of meditation in which we simply sense the sensations in the body. Gut. Jaw. Shoulders. Our bodies give us lots of cues about anger.

As you listen to the voices in your head and the voices around you, consider that underneath anger are deeply held values and needs. Like a

miner sifting for gold, we can sift through the distractions of tone of voice, accusation, and politeness, to find the nuggets of values and needs.

Many theologians have tackled the human propensity to anger. Andrew Lester says: “Our ethical responsibility is to handle anger in ways that are life-enhancing for ourselves and our community, rather than life-destroying.” Then, our energy and creativity are free to flow.

This is a complex topic for such a tiny bulletin column. And, while there are many feelings of elation about our ministerial search, perhaps we have bits of frustration here and there, too. May we explore the issue further through personal reflection, in our committees and covenant groups, and in conversation with our loved ones. What do we value? How will we negotiate toward it?

Alexandra McGee

### Anyone's Ministry

~ Gordon McKeeman

Ministry is:

*A quality of relationship between and among human beings That beckons forth hidden possibilities. Ministry is:*

Inviting people into deeper, more constant, more reverent relationship with the world and with one another. Ministry is:

*celebrating the triumphs of the human spirit the miracles of birth and life the wonders of devotion and sacrifice. Ministry is:*

witnessing to the life-enhancing values speaking truth to power standing for human dignity and equity for compassion and aspiration. Ministry is:

*all these and much, much more than all of them, present in the wordless, the unspoken, the ineffable. Ministry is:*

speaking and living the highest we know and living with the knowledge that it is never as deep, or as wide or as high as we wish.

*Whenever there is a meeting that summons us to our better selves, whenever Our lostness is found, our fragments are united or our wounds begin healing, Our spines stiffen and our muscles grow strong for the task.*

There is ministry.

# Treasurer Report



In March, 2011, after nine months or 75% of the fiscal year, we have received \$438,935 in revenues, which equals about 82% of the revenue receipts budgeted for the year. Total revenues after eight months are about 5% higher than at the same time last year.

After nine months we have received a total of \$317,587 in pledge payments or 80% of the amount budgeted for pledges. Total current year pledge payments after nine months are about 4.5% higher than at the same time last year. Also, unpledged donations now account for \$10,784 or 135% of the amount budgeted. In addition, we have received more than 100% of the amount budgeted for building user fees, and 79% of the amount budgeted for plate cash.

After nine months, our total expenses are \$390,338, which is about 73% of the amount budgeted for

expenses. After nine months, our total expenses are about 4.6% lower than at the same time last year. As a result, for the year so far, our net income stands at \$48,597. However, for just the month of March this year, our expenses exceeded our revenues by \$17,235.

We have also received \$12,271 in pledge payments for the next fiscal year.

As of March 31, our church bank accounts held \$211,510. (In addition, on December 31, 2010 the assets held in our separate Endowment accounts totaled \$349,809, and when we receive the report for March 31, 2011, the value of Endowment accounts should show an increase.)

I anticipate that we may end the current fiscal year with a modest surplus. However, in February and March this year we ran small deficits, and last year we had deficits in February, March, April and June. Thus,

it is quite likely that our surplus, if any, at the end of the current fiscal year will be substantially lower than \$48,000.

I continue to believe that our church is in good financial shape, but as always I recommend caution in spending during the remainder of the year.

Finally, I note that as of April 10, 2011, we had received 254 pledges for next year that total \$385,379. We very much appreciate all those who have pledged. At the same time, it is important to realize that for the current fiscal year our budget included \$405,000 in pledges, and even with that amount we had to make significant reductions in many important church programs and in the compensation packages for our church staff. Therefore, I urge any of you who have not pledged to do so, and any who are able, to increase your pledge.

Doug Webbink, Treasurer

## Music



Wow! What a month it has been! The excitement of Rev. Erik Wikstrom and his acceptance has exploded with jubilation!

Last month I wrote an article which asked you many questions about your vision for the music ministry program at TJMC, UU. We had a wonderful discussion at the Worship Council meeting about the importance of music and worship and we also cleared up some misconceptions. I feel honored that people were honest with their thoughts and feelings. I also heard many voices and many unique responses regarding likes and dislikes of the music program. I only wish I could have a conversation with each of you! I try my best by providing a variety of music to have some music at some time that will touch someone. Some people like when I lead the congregational singing. Do you? People spoke openly about hymns and their like or dislike of choices. It has not always been the case that I have control or even input into this. But I would like you to know that I am not in favor of hymns that are chosen purely for their lyrics but which are difficult to sing. To me, it is better to simply read the text than to ask congregants to stumble over the music while trying to understand the

meaning of the text. It is an uncomfortable situation for all and achieves nothing. This is not to say that I am against learning new hymns, but there are hymns in both the gray and teal books that are close to impossible to sing. Try numbers 13, 24, 31 and 250 in STLT, and numbers 1019 and 1054 in STJ. The music is wonderful and the lyrics are moving, but I doubt there are many congregations that can sing these songs comfortably.

Hopefully during the two Sundays in April when there was special music for three services, the music assisted you in entering into worship more deeply. Special thanks to Sophie Maus and members of the Virginia Women's Chorus for their gifts on Sunday, April 10. If you missed this, you may experience clips of this music on the TJMCUUMUSIC YouTube Channel. (I have been advised to let you know that this was volunteer work on my part because I wanted special music for our first service with Erik.) I am especially grateful to the musicians who gave so generously of their musical gifts on Sunday, April 17, during our second Sunday with Erik. Special thanks to Bob Gross, Karl Durland, Mike Dunn, Andrew Gabbert, Paul Fritz, Elizabeth

Brightbill, Kelly Farley, Scott DeVeaux and members of the Adult Choir and some students from the Virginia Women's Chorus. Please support these artists by visiting their websites and/or purchasing their CDs. They give so freely...literally... and we are blessed.

- Bob Gross at [www.piedmontchamberplayers.com](http://www.piedmontchamberplayers.com)
- Mike Dunn at [www.MuseDunn.com](http://www.MuseDunn.com)
- Elizabeth Brightbill & Andrew Gabbert at [www.TerraVoce.com](http://www.TerraVoce.com)
- Virginia Women's Chorus (<http://pages.shanti.virginia.edu/vwchorus/> & [www.virginiawomenschorus.com](http://www.virginiawomenschorus.com))

We are fortunate to have a congregation with many talents and gifts, and I would like to lift up Bill Gardner for the work he has done to create beautiful videos of musical offerings for those who may have missed church that Sunday. He, Rob Craighurst, our primary "Mr. Soundman" and Frank Dukes, who maintains our instruments, are unsung heroes who work quietly and diligently behind the scenes. We appreciate you!

And thank you for bringing in your ink cartridges – it is helpful in so many ways.

KaeRenae Mitchell  
Director of Music



## Adult Faith Development (AFD) Class Request

The Adult Faith Development (AFD) Committee is soliciting ideas for our fall semester classes. Is there something in particular you would like to see offered? Would you like to lead a course? Do you have a course leader to recommend? We would love to hear from you! Contact Holly Dilatush, AFD Chair, at 295-9716 or holly@dilatush.com.

## CareNet Updates

CareNet is a network of volunteers that offers services to church members and supporters during times of need. Anyone within the church community may be called upon to help a neighbor in need. CareNet typically assists with meals, transportation and errands. We can also help with other tasks on a short term basis.

To contact one of the CareNet facilitators please email us at: carenet@uucharlottesville.org. You can expect a response within twelve hours, hopefully sooner. The current CareNet facilitators are Shelly Canterbury, Debbie Eggleston and Cathy Lawder. Requests for assistance can be initiated by the person in need or someone else on their behalf.

We are in the process of making some changes to improve the ways that CareNet responds to identified needs and ways to make it easier for people to ask for help. If you are interested in being part of a committee working on these changes please let us know at carenet@uucharlottesville.org.

## CommonSpaces is Going Away

A few years back the Web Committee created CommonSpaces as an online site for use by groups and committees to store material. The requirement to have an account and password greatly reduced the usefulness of CommonSpaces. This factor, along with its cost, has steered us into retiring the site and moving more content onto the main church website.

The current plan is to terminate the CommonSpaces service at the end of June 2011. If you have any files or other material that you wish to save, please do so or contact the web committee at web@uucharlottesville.org.

The good news is that we have added a new section to the public

website that includes many features that were in CommonSpaces. The Members Area on the web now includes:

- Board Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Bylaws
- Meeting Minutes
- Policies and Procedures
- Church Calendar
- Forms
- Church Organization Structure

## Email, Phone & Address Updates

Do we have your correct email address, phone number and home address in our system? If not please email it to office@uucharlottesville.org.



## Grounds News

For new members of TJMC, and a reminder to “older” members please note: in order to try and stay on top of keeping our grounds maintained, I have created Adopt-A-Plot. The grounds, including over at UHouse, have been divided into fifteen “plots,” smaller areas that either an individual or two can maintain as needed and when convenient to them.

There is a sign up sheet on the Administration bulletin board for the different areas or plots, most of which have been photographed so one can see the different areas. There are still about three areas that need to be “adopted”! This is a great way to give to the church in a way that is visible and helps make our grounds stay so lovely.

If you cannot get down and work a plot, I could also use help in organizing the Spring and Fall Cleanup Days. I also would like to have an advisory committee of people with expertise in such things as pruning and fertilizing the fruit trees, shrubs and rose bushes; and helping me set up a schedule for this. This would not require your time beyond helping me get this down on paper.

I welcome any suggestions anyone might have about how to enhance our grounds. Finally, I need volunteers to help out with mowing the lawns this summer. You can contact me by email: wildwindsk@earthlink.net.

## Healthy Congregation Workshop

As TJMC prepares to enter its next chapter, TJ District consultant Ed Piper will invite congregation leaders who have played significant roles during the three-year transition period to reflect on their experiences and reaffirm their shared covenant.

Rev. Ed knows TJMC-UU from his ministerial internship here some years ago. He now serves as minister of the UU Fellowship of Waynesboro (since 1997) and is a congregational consultant for the TJ District.

Recently, he met with nearly all church staff to collaborate with them about matters of congregational civility, healthy relations, and covenanting for good behavior at TJMC-UU.

The workshop is crafted to help establish the congregation’s right relations among members, as well as between members and staff. There will be small group exercises, questionnaires, open discussion, and more. Everyone, especially church leaders, are welcome to attend.

No need to RSVP, just come at 9 AM on Saturday, May 21.

## Huge TJMC-UU Turnout for IMPACT!

On Monday, March 28, TJMC-UU had 121 people at the Nehemiah Action! Only one other congregation had more folks there. Over 1,500 people attended in all.

As a founding member of IMPACT, we at TJMC-UU have demonstrated a deep and abiding commitment to taking part in and supporting area projects that help to bring about increased social justice. IMPACT’s successes include:

- providing increased dental care for uninsured adults (2008)
- increasing public transportation services (2007)
- increasing governmental focus on affordable housing (2007, 2008, 2009)
- helping to maintain and increase public pre-Kindergarten classes for children from low-income families (2009 & 2010); and
- activating and implementing plans to provide interpretive services in the area’s justice system for people whose first language is other than English (2010)

# Nuts and Bolts (cont.)

This year IMPACT has focused on the *inadequate public resources* and, therefore, *unmet mental health needs* of many of our area residents. Once again a TJMCer, Elizabeth Breeden, was a leading voice on the IMPACT Research Team.

Thanks to your support... and that of people from thirty other congregations... we secured commitments from City Councilors Satyendra Huja and Kristin Szakos, County Supervisor Lindsay Dorrier, and Region Ten Executive Director Robert Johnson – to fund *Healthy Transitions*, a program to serve ex-offenders with mental illness upon their re-entry into the community. There was also a commitment to developing plans to provide supportive housing for those with a diagnosed or diagnosable mental illness.

For further details visit IMPACT at: <http://impactville.blogspot.com>. Trish Foley, Bob Gross, Jean Sorrells-Jones, Greta Dershimer, TJMC's IMPACT Team

## Keeping Track of Our Membership or What Does the Membership Tracker Do Anyway?

Every year all UU churches must report the names of their active members to the UUA. We pay dues for each member to the UUA and to the district. It is the job of the Membership Tracker to maintain an accurate list of those who have signed the membership book and who remain active participants in the congregation. Anyone who makes an identified contribution of record, a pledge, a donation to the auction, a Scrip purchase etc., serves on a committee, or volunteers to help with any of the many activities here at TJMC, is considered active.

Each year we send letters to those members who have not been visibly connected to the congregation for the past two years. We ask them if they wish to change their status to inactive membership, either as supporters who continue to be involved in the church and its activities, or as archived members. The tracker reports monthly to the Board those who have signed the book and those who have become inactive members.

It is important to know that a simple request to the Church Office, the minister or membership tracker will restore any inactive member to active membership once again. Once you have signed the membership book, you will always be considered part of the TJMC-UU community and part of our history. Any questions or comments? Contact Sally Taylor, Membership Tracker, at [sallytaylor411@gmail.com](mailto:sallytaylor411@gmail.com).

## Learn About the Church

Are you interested in learning how TJMC-UU church operates? Do you want to help it run? Come join a committee of the Administrative Council. There you can work on the church lawns, building, finance, IT, memorial gardens, or the aesthetics that effect every individual that comes to the church. If you would like to learn more, please contact Sean McCutcheon at [smccut@gmail.com](mailto:smccut@gmail.com).

## Sanctuary Sunday Clean Up

Please think of the next group using the Sanctuary as you leave it on Sundays. Are there papers and crayons left out? Are the hymnals put back where they go? Any help you can give to keep the Sanctuary looking neat and tidy will be appreciated by the next group that comes in to use it. It might even be a group you are part of.

## Tabling on Sundays

We now have a system for tabling on Sundays in the Social Hall. For more information see the sign up sheets on the Community Life bulletin board. Please note: we are now leaving eight tables set up in the Social Hall at all times to accommodate our new Tabling System.



## TJMC Summer Book Sale

We are ready to accept used books for our annual summer book sale. You may leave them in the Summit House kitchen alcove, front porch, or inside the front door. Please give textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines or older computer how-to's or reference books to Gordon Avenue Library. We thank you for supporting this summer event. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jean Newland at 962-9676 or [kipandjean@gmail.com](mailto:kipandjean@gmail.com)

## Women Weaving Wisdom Retreat

Congratulations and thanks to our wonderful Women's Retreat committee who once again provided an excellent get-together in Richmond for thirty-six women to relax and enjoy Discovering the Sacred in the Ordinary. Committee members and presenters included: Natalie Somer, Deborah Rose, Cathy Lawder, JJ Towler, Lynn King, Kasha Viet-Woods, Jill Payne, Greta Dershimer, Wendy Repass, Cindy Benton-Groner, and Alex McGee.

## Yard Sale Reminder

Now that the April showers have given way to beautiful May flowers, the gardens are calling. However, before you roll up your sleeves to tend the yard, remember to set aside your household, attic, and basement treasures for the TJMC Back to School Yard Sale Extravaganza. Limited pre-sale storage space is available if needed. If you have any questions, please write to [yardsale@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:yardsale@uucharlottesville.org).

## A Life in Faith

### Clear Spring Buddhist Fellowship Meditation

Wednesdays, 7 PM, Blue Room  
Info: [meditation@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:meditation@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 [carenet@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:carenet@uucharlottesville.org).

### Pastoral Visitors

Year-Round Program  
The Pastoral Visitors Program has been designed to complement the roles of the minister(s) and the CareNet program, in providing a comprehensive ministry of pastoral care. It is a lay ministry of support and hope, offered by trained volunteers who offer a sustained caring presence for those who are members of the TJMC community (and their primary caregivers) who are experiencing crisis or stressful transitions.

### 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. For more information: [uucf@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:uucf@uucharlottesville.org).

# Happening this Month



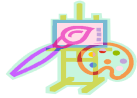
## May Artist Community Call

### Art is Healing

In celebration of May as Mental Health Month we have put out a general call to artists in our community to submit works with the theme "Art is Healing." Enjoy the show.

May 1

### Artist Reception 1 PM, Social Hall.



May 1

### Sunday: Auction Closeout

Our Auction crew will be in the Social Hall after services to let you know what you won and take your payments for your winnings. Donors can pick up their donor reports and guest lists as well. Thanks for your support of the auction!

May 1

### FFUUN Pot Luck 6 PM, Social Hall

We are an age-focused (but not age exclusive) group seeking to balance social and service activities for our church family. Contact Raven Long at ravenkwill@gmail.com for more information.

May 3

### UUppty Women 7 PM, Parlor

This meeting will be an opportunity for a long-overdue check-in and for final planning for our Tuesday, May 17, Elders' Dinner.

May 4

### Environmental Action 7 PM, Parlor



May 4

### Partner Church 7 PM, Green Room

May 5+12+19+26

### Active Minds 1 PM, Parlor

May 6

### Food Pantry 9 AM, Social Hall



May 7

### Labyrinth 1-2 PM, Social Hall

Come help us celebrate World Labyrinth Day! People the world over will be walking at 1 PM in their respective time zones to effect a "rolling" labyrinth walk around the globe. Our walk will be on the outdoor labyrinth if weather permits otherwise it will be in the Social Hall.

May 8

### Green Sanctuary Celebrates Mother Earth in May

The Green Sanctuary Task Force will offer a worship service and array of activities on Sunday, May 8, to celebrate both Mother's Day and Mother Earth. This is in lieu of our Earth Day service, which is usually in April, when our ministerial candidate visited. Nancy Hurrelbrinck will lead a service *What's the Story of Your Food?* and we will host a Mother Earth Pot Luck Brunch after each service in which families with young children need not bring a dish while others are asked to bring something with one ingredient from a locally-owned store or farm. We expect to provide casseroles and meat, but you bring juice, fruit, muffins, breads, etc. Sign up in the Social Hall or contact Katie Corish or Jean Botts.

We hope that together these events will inspire a congregational discussion in the fall on "Ethical Eating," a Study Action Issue the UUA General

Assembly will vote on this June. The Seventh Principle is May's focus for Religious Education students, and Jenny Gaden, local outreach educator for the Virginia Museum of Natural History, will guide the RE children to learn about our trees on Sunday, May 1, to prepare them for a tree activity on Sunday, May 8. Once again, weather permitting, we will also hold our "Sacred Trees" tour which was so popular last year between and after services. While you are outside, stop by the raised bed gardens behind Summit House and see WormCrusader's demonstration of how to compost with worms.

May 12

### Board Meeting 7 PM, Social Hall

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

Jean Newland will lead this service. She will present the service she originally prepared for the cancelled UUCF Easter Sunday.

May 14

### UU Christian Fellowship Retreat 9 AM, Summit Room 1

The main item on the agenda will be the calendar for the rest of 2011. Please let Eleanor May know about anything else that should be discussed.

May 14

### Peace Action—United Nations Workshop 10 AM–4 PM, Parlor

PAUN is sponsoring an all-day workshop titled The Healthy Child and World Peace. The workshop will be provided by MettaKnowledge for Peace

## ATTENTION KROGER SHOPPERS!

When you buy groceries, pharmacy items or gasoline at Kroger, TJMC gets 5% of every dollar you spend. Just use a TJMC-linked Kroger GiftCard when you shop. You earn money to support TJMC and It Costs You Nothing! Last year our Kroger shoppers generated \$8,000, and this year, with your help, we hope to raise over \$20,000!

### How do I participate?

- ☞ Buy a \$50 starter card at the \$CRIP table on Sunday
- ☞ Refill the card at the customer service counter as needed
- ☞ And Yes! You can use your rewards credit card to refill your GiftCard

**Why should I participate?** Purchasing Scrip is as much a part of Stewardship as making your annual financial pledge to support *The Church We Love*. The revenue raised through your support will help pay our staff and fund our internal and outreach programs. There is no easier way to support TJMC and it is at no cost to you. We need this money and we need your support. Please, support Scrip today!



# Happening this Month (cont.)

and the National Council on Nonviolent Parenting, with PAUN members Rachel Mann and Martin Pool leading the workshop. At the workshop we will delve into what it means to raise a child with a vision for creating a peaceful future for our planet. Further details for the workshop will be available in the Social Hall after Sunday services.

## May 15 Social Action Collection Public Housing Association of Residents (PHAR)

The mission of the PHAR is to empower Charlottesville's low income residents to protect and improve our own communities through collective action. Public housing residents are among the most vulnerable people in our community, and PHAR's work helps them to participate in bettering their communities and their own lives.

## May 15 Carpool Challenge Offers "Green Prizes"

Parking is the #1 limit on our church's growth, according to the Board's Buildings and Grounds Task Force. Carpooling may become part of the solution and allow us to grow to a full capacity of 500 members under a new minister, and it is also a "greener" option. Circle the date and contact TJMC members and friends who live near you so that you can enter our All-Church Carpooling Challenge.

Carpoolers who complete an entry form as they enter church on Sunday, May 15, will become eligible to win prizes donated by local businesses like Blue Ridge Mountain Sports and Savvy Sleeper, in Ivy. Visit our Green Sanctuary table after services in the Social Hall to see the prizes and find a buddy for the event. We are trying to beat the numbers for attendance last year at each service, but decrease the numbers of cars parked in our lots and around the church. Last year, 61 attended the 9:15 AM service on Sunday, May 9, and 102 attended the 11:15 AM service. There are 120 parking spaces in our lots and around the church. Our goal will be to set a target so that we can challenge ourselves each spring and fall to do better. Thanks to Co-Chairs Johanna Woodchild and Glenn Short for all their work!

## May 15 AFD: Exploring Empathy 2-4 PM, Social Hall

During this two hour workshop facilitated by Terri Zweig and based on the principles of Compassionate Communication, we will gain new insights into empathy. How does the way we communicate affect the way we are heard? How does the way we receive people affect the way they share? Please join us for a transformational afternoon of connection. Fee \$10. To register contact Leia Durland-Jones, DRE, at 293 -8179 x 3# or leiadj@embarqmail.com.

## May 17 UUpity Women Elders' Dinner 6 PM, Social Hall

Information will be going out along with a request for help with the Elders' Dinner. Assistance with preparing food items, setting up, serving, and cleaning up will be needed for this special event.

## May 21 Healthy Congregation Workshop Learning From the Transition 9 AM-Noon, Social Hall.

As TJMC prepares to enter its next chapter, TJ District consultant Ed Piper will invite congregation leaders who have played significant roles during the three-year transition period to reflect on their experiences and reaffirm their shared covenant. See page 4 for more details.

## May 21 FFUUN & Games 6 PM, Social Hall

FFUUN is inviting the whole congregation to participate in an intergenerational games night. There will be areas where there are adult games like Sequence and Rummy, and there will be areas where adults and kids can play games together. The only admission required is to bring a snack or a beverage (no alcohol, please) and a favorite game if you have one. For more information contact Raven Long at ravenkwill@gmail.com.

## May 25 UUGuys 7 PM, Summit Room 1

## May 26 UU Christian Fellowship 7 PM, Offsite

This meeting will be held at Dee Plunkett's home, 74 Holly Lane, Ruckersville. Dee will lead the meeting. If you need directions please call Dee, Eleanor May, or Jean Newland.

### May 29 10 AM Services Start

## May 30 Church Office Closed for Holiday

## May 31 Gay Straight Alliance 7:30 PM, Parlor

## Save the Date

### June 12 Pot Luck Picnic & Ice Cream Social 11 AM, Social Hall

Be sure to join us for our farewell to Rev. Dr. Janet Newman all church pot luck and ice cream social. RE will provide the ice cream we ask you to bring a brunch dish (preferably finger food) to share. Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up. For more information contact Gayle Floyd.

### June 22-26 General Assembly Charlotte, N.C.

Consider attending this year's General Assembly, only a five hour drive from Charlottesville! The detailed schedule is now online.

Karen Armstrong, renowned author, will give the Ware lecture and there are workshops on just about every subject of importance to UUs. Join your UU friends and make new ones! Visit the UUA website at <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/index.shtml> to register and to book accommodations.

Please tell us if are going to attend and if you want to have delegate status. For more information contact Bev Thierwechter at 205-4087 or bevandjim5@comast.net. The Board needs to appoint delegates by the Thursday, June 9, board meeting.

### May 22 Congregational Meeting



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**Bulletin deadline for June is May 15.**

*May 17*



*Elders' Dinner*



*6 PM, Social Hall*

*Each year the U'Uppity Women invite our Elders to dinner to celebrate the wisdom of their personal history, and to enjoy our community of love and respect. This dinner started as a way of honoring the members of The Alliance, and has been expanded to include both men and women 70 years and over. If you are newly 70, or new to our congregation, please let us know, so we can send you an invitation. We are happy to provide rides if you are no longer driving. Invitations will be mailed in late April. If you are an Elder and do not receive one by Monday, May 2, please let us know. For more information contact:*

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