



# TJMC Bulletin

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## Monthly Theme: DEVOTION

**“Without devotion, action and knowledge can be cold and dry and may even become shackles.”**

**(Mohandas K. Gandhi)**

**Religious Education & Worship  
Sundays ~ 9:15 & 11:15 am**

## Worship Services

9:15 and 11:15 AM

## Words of Wikstrom

Devotion: "love, loyalty, or enthusiasm for a person, activity, or cause." That's a dictionary definition of this month's theme. What's yours? And yes, I mean what's your definition and



- Feb. 1 One Love; One Heart
- Feb. 8 The Spirituality of Stewardship
- Feb. 15 Generosity Sunday
- Feb. 22 Hopelessly Devoted to....What?

Click [HERE](#) for worship descriptions.

## A Life in Faith

### Pastoral Visitors Year-Round Program

The Pastoral Visitors Program has been designed to complement the roles of the minister 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. Contact: [pastoral@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:pastoral@uucharlottesville.org)

### NatureSpirit - Second Sundays

Exploring Nature in spirituality. We are an open group, drop-ins are welcome. Check the Weekly Email and the This Sunday insert for updates. For more information: [naturespirit@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:naturespirit@uucharlottesville.org)

### Clear Spring Buddhist Fellowship Meditation

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

### CareNet Year-Round Program

CareNet is our church's organized

what is your devotion? To whom, to what, are you devoted?

We live in interesting times. A kind of ironic detachment pervades much of mainstream culture and not a few of us have been influenced by it too. It can be hard to

express real devotion, real commitment, real loyalty to some idea, or some institution, or some practice, or even to a particular person without feeling at least a twinge of embarrassment. You've probably felt this at some time or another - the sense that if you take something too seriously, you won't be.

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## From The Board

### President's Report by Sally Taylor

More than a year ago Amy Wissekerke sent me an email proposing that we have a weekly Unsung Hero Award. The idea came from the Stewardship Committee who wanted to express gratitude to those volunteers that do little jobs throughout the church with little or no recognition. So far the idea has not been put into practice, but I am looking for that very special unsung hero who is willing to make it happen. Here is the idea-Each week/month we would recognize in the monthly bulletin or the Friday emails a congregant who has done something for the community without the usual leadership fanfare. Nominations would be submitted outlining the service(s) that that individual has given to the church community and then we would ask the nominees three questions:

1. In what ways have you received from the church?
2. In what ways do you give to the church community?
3. What else would you like for us to know about you?

effort to help out with meals, rides, and other assistance for church members. Contact: [carenet@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:carenet@uucharlottesville.org)

### Christian Fellowship

[uucf@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:uucf@uucharlottesville.org)

UUCF is a welcoming place to explore your spirituality within a liberal Christian context. Gatherings may include, music, sermons, discussion, readings from the Bible, meditation, movement, sharing of joys and sorrows, food and drink, and they always include compassionate fellowship. All are welcome!

### Midweek Worship Service

Wednesdays at 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM led by Leia Durland-Jones. This is a simple, contemplative time incorporating our monthly ministry theme. Please join us and let your soul be nourished. We meet on the outdoor labyrinth (weather permitting) or in the sanctuary. All are welcome. For more information, contact Leia ([redirector@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:redirector@uucharlottesville.org) or 293-8179 Ext. 3#).

## Gratitude and Generosity: When Thanks Is Not Enough

*By Kate Fraleigh*

When I'm grateful I usually return the favor. People ask me to dinner, I ask them back. People cheer me up, I cheer them up. I give gifts at birthdays and Christmas to friends and family partly to return the favor but mostly to show how much they mean to me, how grateful I am for the connection we have.

At church when I am grateful for the sermon or the meditation I try to write a note saying specifically why I liked it. Or, I say something specific out loud. When I admire people in church I try to let them know.

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## No Yard Sale at TJMC In 2015

*by Elizabeth Breeden*

This year the folks who have always done the yard sale are taking a break due to many factors, so there will NOT be a yard sale on TJMCUU grounds in 2015.

Please DO NOT LEAVE ANY donations on the Summit House porch or at the church. From May through June, Summit House will be upgraded and the yard will be a construction zone so we have NO storage capacity or access there. In July and August, the Facility Task Force is proposing to move forward with the Lower Hall renovation and any disruption to the office from having construction occurring in the main building, will allow for our staff to use the newly restored Summit House.

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## Spring Into aUction!

*By Lynn Heath*

# April 18



We are moving ahead (with a leap and a bound) with plans for the spring auction, **scheduled for April 18, 4:30 to 7:30**. This is a major fundraiser, and major fun, so put it on your calendar right now. (We'll wait.)

The auction committee has grabbed the best yard sale items remaining from last year and we hope you will look for some gems at your house, too. Please contact an Auction Committee member for instructions on how and when to deliver your items to the auction team ([auction@uucharlottesville.org](mailto:auction@uucharlottesville.org)). We'll have the online donation site up by Feb. 1. We're looking for art, jewelry, and those very special somethings in new condition that you would give as a

Is that thanks enough for all the gratitude I feel at TJMC? I don't think so. Putting a dollar amount on gratitude is next to impossible. Is a child's RE class of 90 minutes only worth the similar cost of a babysitter? Is the sermon only worth the cost of an Oscar worthy movie? Is social hour only worth the cost of the snacks? I don't think so. How do we measure the value of becoming better people through religious education? Or how we become better people from being around people who are better at some things than we are. It's hard to put a dollar figure to the value of our church.

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## February Art Show

Traditionally our church pledge drive occurs in February. Perhaps in the uncomfortable plea for monetary support we don't see the celebration of the contributions we each make to create a community of faith and commitment, a place we treasure and belong. Our fearless leaders in this quest have envisioned a February program where we pursue the notion that is expressed in the song, "**For all that is our life.**" They have asked for an art show that reflects that theme. Therefore this month's show displays work of artists of all ages in our beloved community that envisions this theme.

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## February Social Action Collection

gift-if you just knew the right person. (We know that person, and we're confident the auction is already on her calendar.) Final donation date is March 29, so start cleaning those closets now.

The heart of the auction is the dinners, services, and special events offered by members of the congregation, and we hope you'll consider donating one. A TJMC dinner is an occasion for celebration, whether it's a simple soup and salad brunch or a five-course French feast-sitting down with friends new and old makes each meal something to savor. Our dinner diva can help you find a co-host or coordinate dates.

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## TJMCUU Treasury Update



*By Jamie McReynolds, Treasurer*

### Summary

For the half year ended December 31, we had revenues of \$279,731 and expenses of \$253,841 for a surplus of \$25,890. For the month of December, we had revenues of \$48,228 and expenses of \$56,605, for a deficit of \$8,376.

### Revenues

Overall YTD revenues are 53% of our full-year budget of \$530,764 and \$16,506 lower than the same period last year.

- Combined Fair share gifts were \$43,887 for the month and \$241,217 for YTD. Combined Fair Share Gifts are \$13,862 less than the same period last year.
- Fundraising income is \$12,679 YTD, 55% of our full-year budget. We raised \$8,896 from the yard sale and received a \$2,500 rebate from our Wells Fargo credit card purchases. This year we raised \$454 from the Fall Festival, so we will be relying on the Spring Auction to raise the remaining \$10,000 of our fundraising revenue. Thanks in advance to Janine Jakim and Jen

By Donna Baker



### AIM (Alliance for Interfaith Ministry)

The Alliance for Interfaith Ministry is February's

recipient of TJMC's social action collection and provides support to Charlottesville and Albemarle residents. The primary purpose of AIM is to provide emergency assistance to families threatened with homelessness, loss of power or fuel, or other temporary financial crisis. This is the one organization that serves as a safety net for families and individuals who need one time assistance to make ends meet. Unlike many supports and services in the area, AIM assists people from falling into poverty by pay one month's rents, a power bill, or another emergency need. In 2014, AIM served 755 people. This past year was the first full year of a new dental initiative. In partnership with the Charlottesville free Clinic dental program, AIM served 254 people.

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McCutcheon, who will be the co-chairs this year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18th.

- \$7,450 of the decline in revenue compared with last year is due to rental revenue we received last year from the Mollie Michie Preschool and U-House.

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## Why Some Americans Can't Accept Global Warming

By Glenn Short

What is more American than our beliefs in-- motherhood, apple pie, consumerism and infinite growth -- as all fundamental to our capitalist system. Whoever challenges these basic tenets is attacking the very essence of the "American Way of Life". So when Global Warming environmentalists say that the whole system has to change, starting with individuals, then those who're content with the status quo see this as an attack on America, as we know it. The response: denial of climate change. Those whose livelihoods or fortunes depend on the extraction and burning of fossil fuels cannot even allow the thought that renewable energy (solar, wind turbine, geothermal, tidal, wave action) could replace carbon based fuels.

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