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GOT WISDOM?

“IT’S NOT WHAT YOU LOOK AT THAT MATTERS, IT’S WHAT YOU SEE.”

(HENRY DAVID THOREAU)

Worship & Summer Fun
Sundays ~ 10:00 am

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Sundays at 10:00 AM



Words of Wikstrom

There was a great Zen Master who, after his attainment of enlightenment, decided to travel so as to further deepen his awareness. He declared that while he journeyed he would be open to teaching anyone - even if they were 90 years old - as well as open to learning from anyone - even a child of 9. This may not strike you as a terribly surprising intention, yet try to think of it through the lens of a culture that taught you that one should never be so impudent as to think you could instruct an elder, and that a child had nothing worth learning. This Master understood that one is never too old to learn, and never too young to teach. Now that's wisdom.

This month our theme is "wisdom," and I think it's worth noting that that's a great deal different than "smart," or "intelligent." Isaac Asimov once observed, "The saddest aspect of life right



- June 1: The Wisdom of Youth**
- June 8: Wisdom from Unexpected Places**
- June 15: Ancient Wisdom for Modern Complexities**
- June 22: Lyrical Wisdom**
- June 29: The Wise Congregation**

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

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.

Clear Spring Buddhist Fellowship Meditation

Wednesdays, 7 PM, Blue Room
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: carenets@uucharlottesville.org

Christian Fellowship 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

now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom." Even more blunt, perhaps, is Shakespeare's observation that, "The fool doth think that he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool."

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From The Board

More Congregational Meetings Coming Soon by Amy Wissekerke

Your Board met on May 13th, 2014, and our primary goal was to finish making decisions to prepare for the June 1 Congregational Meeting. We voted on a final budget to present and accepted Leadership Development's slate of candidates for positions on the Personnel Committee, Leadership Development, and the Board of Trustees. In addition, a Policy on Spending Limits for the Board will be offered at the Congregational Meeting, which will take place after the service on June 1.

Our Facilities Planning Task Force (FPTF) will be making a report at the June 1 meeting. Expect that later this summer we will gather again in a Congregational Meeting to make decisions about a facilities plan. The FPTF has been working hard to put together a scope of work, timeline, and budget. We are all looking forward to hearing their basic outline at the congregational meeting. There will be good opportunities for question-and-answer sessions about plans later this summer, before we are called to vote.

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Walking the Spiral Path



**by Leia Durland-Jones
Director of Religious
Education**

The months of May and June are pretty special in the life of our church. We have a great deal to celebrate together: the

end of a successful church school year for all ages, our annual Elders' Dinner honoring those who are 70 years plus, our ninth and tenth grade youth completing their Coming of Age program, and the Bridging Ceremony for our senior high youth as they formally move from youth to young adulthood. It has been easy these last few weeks to see and feel and know that we are a dynamic multigenerational faith family. We have embodied the beloved community.

Because this year's Bridging Ceremony was particularly

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 or 293-8179 Ext. 3#).

June Artist



Donna Redmond

I enjoy the physical aspect of creating art, and I am as concerned about the surfaces as I am about the image. My paintings are based on landscapes and natural images, with emphasis on the complexity of colors and the surface textures that can be achieved.

Most of my inspiration comes from nature. I love to be outdoors, although I don't like to paint outdoors.

Sometimes I will make a few quick sketches on the spot, but mostly I use photography to record the subject, and will work from these photos when in the studio. My work can be found at: www.BlueHighwayGallery.com and I have a blog:

<http://DonnaRedmond.com>

Putting Wisdom into Practice

By RevWik

poignant, I want to offer the text from the service below. I invite you to take time to hold these newly minted young adults in your mind, heart and prayers over the coming days as they embark on the next steps of their life's journey. I also want to thank you for your on-going support of our church's lifespan faith development program. As you can see from the comments shared by our bridging youth, being part of our church family really matters.

With appreciation,
Leia

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Coming of Age Retreat Photos

The Coming of Age Retreat was a wonderful opportunity for our youth to help the community and bond with one another. The team planted tomatoes for local area food banks.



Here are a number of ways to engage with this month's theme of wisdom.

- It is said that Lao Tzu was on his way out of China when a border guard stopped him and asked him to record his wisdom before leaving the country. The Tao te Ching was the result. If someone asked you to record your accumulated wisdom, what would you say?
- Make a list of fifteen things you would tell your younger self.
- With your family or some friends (or both!) watch a movie like K-Pax or, maybe especially, The Man From Earth, and discuss it afterwards.
- Think about the book that you would say taught/inspired you the most and then journal about what lessons you learned from it.
- If your future self could talk with you, what wisdom would she or he have for you?
- What don't you know? (And don't settle for surface-level, factoidal things. What of real importance don't you know? What do you take for granted that you should really acknowledge you're not really so sure about?)
- What do you know - absolutely, without question? (Try to name at least three things.)
- Ask either of the previous questions to your family or friends.
- Think about people in your life who have been a source of wisdom for you. Consider writing a note to this person/people sharing how he/she has influenced you. You might want to send the note and let the person know. If the person is no longer living, consider sharing the note with someone close to you.

Brother Sun at TJMC!

By Stephanie Lowenhaupt

Nationally Known Musical Group- Brother Sun Coming to TJMC!

National Touring Artists Greg Greenway, Pat Wictor, and Joe Jencks have made their mark as veteran touring singer-songwriters, but Brother Sun is no songwriter's round. The trio's harmonies, as much as their lyrics, tell what they are about: warm as a campfire, stirring as a gospel church, rousing as a call to arms. Fusing folk, Americana, blues, pop, jazz, rock, and a cappella singing, Brother Sun is an explosion of musical diversity and harmony, in the finest of male singing traditions.

From three major points on the map, Boston, New York, and Chicago - Greg, Pat, and Joe have blended themselves into Brother Sun: a unique celebration of the amazing power of singing together. As they will tell you, the music of Brother Sun is not resident in any one of them - but rather it exists in the space between them. Audiences feel this sincerity immediately. Their combined musical skills make for an unforgettable experience - three rich voices blending on a well-crafted foundation of guitar, slide guitar, piano, ukulele, and bouzouki.

Mark your calendars for a wonderful evening of music performed by Brother Sun on July 18th at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door.

To purchase tickets in advance, please email your request to slowenhaupt@embarqmail.com or mikeludwick13@gmail.com To listen to sampling of their music- <http://www.brothersunmusic.com/>.

Hope to see you there!

Our Whole Lives

*By Leia Durland-Jones
Religious Education Director*

Would you like to make a real and lasting difference in the lives of our youth? Would you like to learn about being a youth advisor in our church? Would you like to find out about the Our Whole Lives (OWL) UU comprehensive sexuality education curriculum? If your answer to any of these questions is "Yes!" please come to a once in a lifetime orientation opportunity. On July 18 from 9-1 PM, Cindy Dent, Laura Horn, Pam McIntire and Greg Townsend will present an orientation on being a

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youth advisor and the OWL curriculum.

This OWL team has agreed to give this special orientation to raise awareness about this life-changing curriculum and help adults decide if they would like to co-facilitate OWL classes. At the end of the orientation, you will be eligible to facilitate OWL with experienced mentors in our church or you could decide to participate in the weekend long facilitator training sponsored by the UUA to be able to facilitate classes without mentors. Young adults looking back on their OWL education say that it made a huge difference in their lives. Youth say that they feel more mature and better able to make decisions about their sexual lives after having completed OWL. They greatly appreciate the comprehensive nature of this curriculum. They marvel at how better informed they are than their peers and they often become a source of accurate sexuality information for their peer groups. Please come to this unique orientation. It just might change your life too. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Leia Durland-Jones (redirector@uucharlottesville.org).

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Please send submissions for the monthly bulletin to office@uucharlottesville.org by the 3rd Friday of the prior month.

