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~ WISDOM ~



Where do you find yours?

Religious Education & Worship

Sundays ~ 10:00 am

Worship Services

Note: Summer schedule began May 24 with one service only at 10AM. Two services resume Sept. 20 at 9:15AM & 11:15AM

Words of Wikstrom

"God. Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. The courage to change the things I can. And the wisdom to know the difference."



Rewwik

Wisdom. The word has its roots in the Old English wis, meaning, "learned, sagacious, cunning; sane; prudent, discreet; experienced; having the power of discerning and judging rightly." It goes back even further to Proto-German to a word meaning, "to see." Wisdom isn't about knowing a lot of things. It's about being able to see.



Watch the Weekly Update for June 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: carenet@uucharlottesville.org

Christian Fellowship

uucf@uucharlottesville.org
UUCF is a welcoming place to explore

This is one of the reasons, of course, that throughout time Elders have been understood to more likely be wise than the young. Simply put, they've seen more ... and having seen more they're generally better able to discern between those things that matter and those that don't. That, perhaps, is one of the key components of wisdom.

Our culture doesn't promote this. For us the patience of the long simmer has been nearly entirely replaced with the microwave fast. (That's the "us" in the dominant culture, of course. Other cultures still teach some of us the value of a less hectic pace.) Quick judgements have replaced discernment. We're not encouraged to take the time to really see.

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From The Board

by Sally Taylor

It has been an interesting year. Much to my surprise I care even more deeply about the health and wellbeing of the church than I did a year ago. I did not think I COULD care more than I did when I agreed to being board president for this year! I have learned much about the church and about the people in our congregation. But I have also learned much about myself in the process. I am stronger and more opinionated than I thought I was. I was able to hear different points of view, weigh them and try to find common ground.

TJMC is changing even though our number of members has been fairly constant. Collectively we want more and more meaningful programs, worship services, social justice outreach and social connections and at the same time we find it harder and harder to recruit volunteers for those same activities. We are asking our staff to do more of the work that committees of volunteers used to do—we have turned over the annual calendar, the repair and the upkeep of our buildings, the bill paying and accounting to the Director of Administration and Finance. The Adult Faith Development program is now planned and led by the Lead Minister and the Director of Faith Development. Several councils are no longer meeting regularly. From this year's Pulse Survey we discovered that we can expect fewer volunteers next year.

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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@uucharlotteville.org or 293-8179 Ext. 3#).

June Art Show



Lemons on Tablecloth

Randy Baskerville

(Artistreception@TJMC June 14)

I have taken up painting since retirement 12 years ago and, after trying several mediums, have come to enjoy oils as my favorite. Because I like to paint thickly, I prefer painting with the palette knife. There is so much versatility to loosely laying on color after color with emphasis on the basic

Ordination on June 14th

By Sally Taylor



Alex McGee (photo by Kip Newland)

It is a rare privilege in the life of a congregation to have the chance to make one of our own long time members an officially ordained Unitarian Universalist minister. In our faith tradition only a congregation can ordain a minister. Although we are part of a national structure, our Unitarian Universalist heritage has always been a religious tradition which has valued democracy in its governance, and the congregation's power to ordain is one part of this. It is a ceremony with great meaning for both the church community and the new minister.

At our May 10th Congregational meeting we voted to ordain Alexandra McGee on June 14, 2015 at 4 pm in our sanctuary. During the ceremony the congregation will be presenting a stole, a symbol of a life-long commitment to the ministry. Ministerial colleagues representing the UUA, the UU Ministers Association, UU churches from the region and local churches of other denominations will welcome her into fellowship with them. The entire TJMC community is invited to share this joyous and meaningful occasion.

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Social Action Collection

By Elizabeth Breeden

The Jefferson School first opened its doors in October 1865, just six months after the end of the Civil War and

shapes and texture. But in recent years, I have tried to develop some skill with the brush which lends itself to more detail and precision.

Landscapes are my favorite, especially when I can paint outside, preferably in my own back yard.

But my husband, Bill, also built me a beautiful new studio, so I have spent some time on still life as well, particularly in colder months. I tend to paint on either canvases or Masonite, often made into box frames by Bill. Together we take digital photos of these paintings from which he makes my prints and cards to sell.

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"The simple things are
also the most
extraordinary things, and
only the wise can see
them."

~Paulo Coelho, The Alchemist

the onset of the emancipation of enslaved peoples. Since that moment, the school played a significant role in the advancement of public education in our community and in the nation.

In its renaissance as the Jefferson School City Center, the nine member partners who provide significant educational opportunity for Charlottesville's citizens, continue the tradition of community engagement started 150 years ago. In celebration of this auspicious anniversary, the Jefferson School Foundation seeks to raise money in support for an Education Conference, and a celebration to recognize the opening of the first phase of the permanent exhibition *Pride Overcomes Prejudice*.

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Treasurer's Update

By Jamie McReynolds

Current Year Revenue & Expenses

With two months left in our church year, we have revenues of \$432,357 and expenses of \$419,879 for a surplus of \$12,878. Our revenues are on target at 81% of the full-year budget. Expenses are 79% of our full-year budget. We expect to finish our church year with a minimal surplus.

Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2015

- Our bank account balances total \$655,457 including the net proceeds of \$486,329 from sale of U-House.
- Construction in progress spending of \$18,511 represents the cost of separating the electric service for the parking lot next to U-House, structural and air quality reports, and payments to Martin Horn for Summit House repairs.
- Our general endowment fund has a balance of \$384,524 as of March 31, 2015, and our restricted endowment funds total \$70,083.

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