

TJMC Bulletin

TJMC-UU Canvass 2009-2010

Welcome to our Annual Canvass pledge season “**Building All Our Dreams!**” This is the time to consider what your financial commitment will be for the next year. Part of making any organization’s dreams a reality is money. We must have ample financial support to cover our day-to-day expenses and to move forward. From now until March 30 you will be hearing a lot about our Canvass and you will receive lots of information to help you with this decision. Consider these facts:

- ♦ *The average pledge is around \$1,500 while the median pledge is \$900.*
- ♦ *The church commits approximately \$100 per year for every member for district and association dues.*
- ♦ *75% of our annual revenue comes from donations of members and friends.*
- ♦ *This year will be one of transition as we search for our new minister(s).*

Our number one goal this year is to achieve 100% participation in the canvass (pledging or not.) We need to hear from EVERYONE. That includes you. Please take some time to reflect on the value of this community in your life and in your family’s life.

So how much should you give? First of all, decide TO give. Then consult the **Suggested Fair Share Pledge Chart (see below)** and decide which category fits your role in this church at the Supporter, Sustainer, or Visionary level. Does the money you spend reflect the values of your life? This is an opportunity to show the world what matters to you. We would like everyone to give between 2% and 7% of their gross income.

After you’ve given thoughtful consideration to your pledge this year, please complete and return the pledge card you should have received in the mail (or you can get another one from the Church Office), drop off your pledge card at the church or pledge on-line at uucharlotteville.org/pledge. After you’ve made your pledge, be sure to stop by the Social Hall on Sundays to add your dream to the quilt we’re constructing.

Suggested Fair Share Pledge Chart

Adjusted Gross Annual Income	Supporter		Sustainer		Visionary	
	The Church is a significant part of my life and promotes		The church is cultural to my identity, and I am committed		I am committed to helping my church realize its full potential.	
\$10,000	2%	\$200 /year \$4 /week	3%	\$300 /year \$6 /week	5%	\$500 /year \$10 /week
\$25,000	2%	\$500 /year \$10 /week	3%	\$750 /year \$14/week	5%	\$1250 /year \$24 /week
\$50,000	3%	\$1500 /year \$29 /week	4%	\$2000 /year \$38 /week	5%	\$2500 /year \$48 /week
\$75,000	3%	\$2250 /year \$43 /week	4.5%	\$3375 /year \$65 /week	6%	\$4500 /year \$86 /week
\$100,000	3.5%	\$3500 /year \$67 /week	5%	\$5000 /year \$96 /week	6.5%	\$6500 /year \$125 /week
\$150,000	3.5%	\$5250 /year \$101 /week	5%	\$7500 /year \$144 /week	6.5%	\$9750 /year \$188 /week
\$200,000	4%	\$8000 /year \$154 /week	5.5%	\$11000 /year \$212 /week	7%	\$14000 /year \$269 /week

Sunday Services

9:15 + 11:15 AM Services

March 1

The Blessings of An Imperfect Life

This is a sermon inspired by Rev. Dr. Morris Hudgins’ sister, Janet, who died of Lou Gehrig’s Disease. Philip Simmons also struggled with the disease and wrote a book titled *Learning to Fall; The Blessings of An Imperfect Life*. Morris will share some of the lessons learned from both.

March 8

The Iowa Sisterhood

One of the successes of our religious association in the last forty years has been the affirmation of women in the ministry. Rev. Dr. Morris Hudgins will tell the story of a small band of pioneer female ministers in the nineteenth century.

March 15

Except They Be Agreed?

In the book of Amos the prophet asks “Shall two walk together except they be agreed?” After ten years of marriage and work together side by side, Revs. Wayne Arnason and Kathleen Rolenz, Co-Ministers at West Shore UU Church in Ohio, keep asking themselves that question!

March 22

The Final Form of Love:

Forgiveness

Rev. Tony Perrino will help us gain insight into Reinhold Niebuhr’s reading *We Must Be Saved*.

March 29

Beyond Categorical Thinking

On March 28 the Search Committee of TJMC will sponsor a workshop on “Beyond Categorical Thinking” led by representatives of the UUA. In this workshop they will learn about attitudes of TJMC concerning what is desired in the next minister. They and Rev. Dr. Morris Hudgins will share what they learned and challenge us to broaden our concepts of ministry.

Morris' Musings

I want to invite you to three events in the coming months. First, Revs. Wayne Aranson and Kathleen Rolenz will join us for a weekend at TJMC on March 14-15. On Saturday, they will lead a workshop from 9:30-12 PM titled "Worship That Works." Kathleen and Wayne devoted their 2005 sabbatical to studying UU and contemporary Christian worship all over the country. In 2007, they published a book which became the best seller at last year's UUA General Assembly. Believing worship to be the primary and most widespread spiritual practice of Unitarian Universalists, they encourage us to take our worship both seriously and joyfully! Register at the Church Office. Cost is \$10 per person.

Second, I want to take this opportunity to encourage the members and friends of TJMC-UU to attend the Southeast UU Summer Institute (SUUSI). It will take place at Radford University, Radford, VA, this July 19-25.

I have been attending the Southeast UU Summer Institute since 1973 and my wife, Marti, has attended since 1977. SUUSI is partly vacation, adventure, recreation, spiritual and personal growth as well as a family get together. Our extended family, sometimes fifteen in number, gather at SUUSI every summer. The nature program led by Stephanie Lowenhaupt and Dick Somer is amazing. For me it is also partly work, because I often lead worship, theme talks, workshops, and serve as Chaplain. I also serve on the SUUSI Board.

One of the highlights of SUUSI is the music. Over one hundred musicians perform at SUUSI each year. Some of them, like Louisa Wimberger of TJMC, return every year. She is joined by other professional musicians and they perform and jam all week, day and night.

Last year, SUUSI began a new program with one musician directing and performing at each daily worship ser-

vice. The musician selected last year was Joe Jencks, a traveling musician from Chicago.

My third invitation is to see Joe perform at TJMC on March 29. He will perform in both morning services, and then at a concert at 6 PM. We will have a pot-luck supper at 5 PM followed by the concert. Cost will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for students. I have invited SUUSI regulars to come and share their experiences. I will show a video. You will receive a taste of SUUSI at TJMC.

I hope some of you will decide to join us at SUUSI this summer. The theme for the week is "Rekindle the Flame Within." You can learn more about SUUSI on line at suusi.org. We will also have brochures at the church soon. Rev. Dr. Morris Hudgins

Rev. Morris Hudgins' office hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9-1 PM. Other times arranged by appointment.

Finance Update



We have now gone through seven months or about 58% of the fiscal year. In January, our revenues exceeded our expenses by \$14,271 so for the first seven months we still have a positive net income of \$35,488. Our pledge income received of \$243,779 is now about 59% of the budgeted amount. In addition, we have received another \$12,279 in unpledged donations, which is equivalent to about another 3% of our pledge budget. Our total revenue from all sources also equals 59% of the budgeted amount for revenue.

At the same time, compared to last year, we have collected about 8% less in pledges, 51% less in building user fees and 19% less in bank interest. Overall, total revenues received are about 11.7% lower than last year. On the expense side, church utilities and maintenance continue to be high compared to our budgeted amounts. Expenses in several of those accounts are significantly higher than they were for the same period last year.

Overall, our expenses total about 53% of the budgeted amount, although they are still about 4% higher than they were for the same period last year. In any case, at this point the revenue picture is reasonably positive, and definitely more positive than our financial situation appeared last month. Nevertheless, we will continue to monitor carefully our financial situation, particularly our receipts from pledge income as we go into the spring.

As you know, our pledge canvass will begin soon. I encourage everyone to pledge whatever they can, and to pledge as early as possible so we will be able to plan accurately our budget for next year.

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

Doug Webbink, Treasurer
treasurer@uucharlotteville.org

Perrino Ponderings

Now that I've survived the flu bug, I look forward to celebrating my 81st birthday anniversary this month. So, I share this "Reflection" entitled:

I Speak to My Young Self

Turn not your eyes from me - we two are one
though long years lie between us.

Time alone was not the hand which
moulded what you see
or changed the pattern
planned so flawlessly.

You had expectancy/ untouched by fears.
That still is mine, although eroding years
have dulled its edge.

Nor has my spirit lost the courage
which was yours.

The bitter cost of compromise is
only mine to pay:
you had no part in it/ and so today
I look at you with pride.

Look not at me with scorn or sorrow -
for your heart must see,
beyond your own unfulfillment, my own need,
to know that both the crannied flower
and the seed are part of one eternal mystery.

We two are one. Turn not your eyes from me.



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Sounds of Music



“Music making at its finest is about making a series of connections simultaneously... connections between the listener and the ensemble, connections between the conductor and choir, connections between the singer and songwriter, and connections between the heart and the lyrics. All these connections are essential for music to have true soul and transformative power. And this is, of course, our goal: to transform the world through the magic of music.” This quote by Pamela Blevins Hinkle captures my vision of the possibilities of choral and vocal music.

How does music affect you? More specifically, what does music mean to you during our worship services? Perhaps these scenarios will help clarify your responses. Imagine a worship service with only music and no talking. Now, imagine a worship service with only talking and no music. Would the former be perceived as a concert and the

latter as a lecture? For me, when music supports the theme of the service and when it is woven into the fabric of the intention of our worship together, it is music ministry.

Ministry comes from the Greek ‘diakoneo’ meaning ‘to serve.’ Service is one of the foundations of Unitarian-Universalism as exemplified through our focus on social action. Do we think of music as service or ministry? I believe it is easy to think of music as secondary at best and fluff at worst. It doesn’t help when the verb “play” is used to describe what musicians do. Certainly participation in music can be fun but it can also be frustrating and difficult, requiring hours of research, reworking passages, and intense concentration.

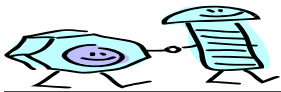
I am grateful that you support our music ministry and I feel fortunate to be part of our evolving program at TJMC.

It is my hope that we continue to blossom with opportunities for all.

We now have two children’s choirs that represent an increase of 400% in the last four years, due to the assistance of our talented musician teams. However, it saddens me that there are very few musical opportunities for our youth after they graduate from our Treble Choir, formerly known as our Older Children’s Choir. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to have a community of youth who continue their friendship while deepening their understanding of music and how it can be used to minister others?

For more information about our musical offerings, please visit our website uucharlottesville.org.

Wishes of harmony,
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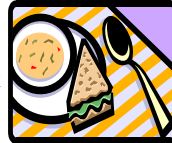
Nuts and Bolts

Public Radio Fund Drive

Let's get the word out: UUs are here, welcoming and worth getting to know. NPR's Spring Fund Drive begins in April, and your contribution can benefit TJMC. Just make your check out to TJMC with *Public Radio Donation* on the memo line. 100% of the money is used to pay for sponsorship announcements. The contribution is tax-deductible and we join with UUs in Roanoke, Lynchburg and Blacksburg/New River Valley to let listeners in SW and central Virginia know we are here. You do not need to wait for April! For questions contact Ellen Pratt at 989-7068 or ellenpratt@gmail.com.

TJMC Soup Kitchen Help Needed

TJMC's Soup Kitchen Teams serve a satisfying meal to the area's hungry each Sunday. Six rotating teams prepare and serve 15-35 people per week. Teams need additional members at this time. Get involved! Contact Roz Westerman for more information at 295-2081 or rewesterman@embarqmail.com.



Social Action Council Taking Requests for Rent Reductions/Waivers

The Social Action Council has been charged with the responsibility of determining which groups (serving our community but not currently recognized committees of any of the TJMC Councils) are eligible for reduced or waived fees for the use of the TJMC facilities. If your group or organization is interested in making a request for modified rental fees then please e-mail socialaction@uucharlottesville.org between now and March 15. Requests should include the name of the organization, a statement of the mission, the targeted service population, the TJMC contact person, and the contact person's phone number and e-mail address.

Thank You SCRIP SUPERSTARS!!

The Grocery Scrip Sales results for 2008 have been tabulated, and scrip sales were up a solid 6% from 2007. Two hundred and fourteen households participated in the scrip program, cumulatively purchasing \$375,000 worth of Gift Cards. Of those households, just thirty-one were responsible for purchasing half the scrip sold and forty-eight households bought \$100 or less of scrip during the year. With our membership approaching 500, it remains clear that we are barely tapping the potential of this ongoing fundraiser.

We appreciate everyone who purchases Grocery Scrip and now we need to express our heartfelt thanks to our **SCRIP SUPERSTARS**. Those who purchased the highest amounts of Scrip during 2008 and whose steadfast support ensures the continuing success of the Scrip Program. Our Scrip Superstars for 2008 were:



Elizabeth Breeden, Frank & Linda Dukes, Gayle & Dale Floyd, Jean Shepard & Bob Gross, Don Landis & Beth Jaeger-Landis, Mark & Deborah Judson-Ebbets, Josie & Doug Loyd, Jen Lucas & Ken Welborn, Johan & Lynda Madson, Eleanor May, Pam McIntire & Greg Townsend, Kip & Jean Newland, Rich Olin & Dianne Martin, Jane & Frank Pasciuti, Cindy Shepard & Mike Shepherd, Tom & Sallie Smithwick-Twomey, Dick & Natalie Somer, Janice & Stan Walker, Patty Wallens & Jeff McCormack, and Ron & Sharon Wormser

Do you have the potential to become a Scrip Superstar in 2009? Do you eat? Do your children eat? Do you buy gasoline or fill pharmacy prescriptions? Then you too could become a Superstar. Scrip is available for Kroger, Giant, Food Lion, Whole Foods, Rebecca's and Integral Yoga, and is available for purchase every Sunday after services in the Social Hall and via mail order, with order forms available in the church office and on the TJMC website. For more information, please stop by the Scrip table and speak to one of our friendly volunteers.

Expanded Scrip Program to become available? Your Scrip Program managers are investigating the possibility of participating in a national scrip center so that we can place special orders for gift cards for hundreds of local and online retail stores. Stay tuned for more details in the April Monthly Bulletin.

2009 Bodacious Book Sale - The Book Donation Deadline is Approaching!

Donations to this year's March 13-14 sale must be received by Sunday, March 8 to be processed. So, if you have not already gone through your shelves and culled the excess, you'd better do it now and bring donations to the designated drop off point on the front porch of Summit House. The sale setup will happen Thursday morning, March 12 starting at 9 AM. We need some strong people for an hour to help set up tables, dolly in boxes of books and then lots of helping hands to unpack and arrange them the rest of the morning. We will also need the normal assortment of helpers, cashiers, and cleanup folks on March 13-14. If you can help, contact booksale@uucharlottesville.org or speak with Cathey Polly or Trudy Rohm.

Make A Cross-Cultural Connection!

Mentors needed for local Burmese and Bhutanese families (six month commitment). Contact Cherry Stewart at stewartcherry@yahoo.com or Elizabeth Breeden at brs@cstone.net.

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IMPACT Update

Interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together! What could be more exciting than working with almost thirty other religious organization/congregations within our own community to improve living conditions for everyone? This year's new focus issue is EDUCATION. More importantly, the time to participate is now! Come to the Rally on Thursday, February 26 at Church of Incarnation at 6:30-8:30 PM to learn specifically what the education proposal will include, what the dental care and affordable housing teams have accomplished this year and continue to work on, and to generate lots of excitement for the Nehemiah Action, March 30 at University Hall.

Educational Research Team's findings for Virginia -

- ♦ Over 80% of our brain development occurs before the age of five.
- ♦ An average five-year-old from a higher income family enters school with a 20,000 word vocabulary; an average five-year-old from a low income home with a 5,000 word vocabulary. This puts low income children about two years behind their peers when it comes to educational development -

and they often stay behind.

- ♦ Virginia spends more than \$70,000 per year to incarcerate each child in a juvenile prison; the state contributes about \$3,400 to provide for the education of that same child.
- ♦ Among all fifty states, Virginia is forty-third in spending on public education, third in spending on corrections, twelfth in per capita income.
- ♦ In Charlottesville & Albemarle County over 3600 children live below 200% of the poverty level. For a family of three, that is an annual income under \$33,000.
- ♦ In Charlottesville, one out of five children age zero to six live in poverty with 10% in deep poverty. This puts Charlottesville ninety-seventh among the state's one hundred and thirty four localities. Albemarle was fifteenth, with 8% of children living in poverty.
- ♦ In Charlottesville, 17-19% of kindergarten students are identified for early reading intervention. That figure is 9-13% in Albemarle. This again puts low income children about two years behind their peers when it comes to educational development.

Albemarle County has specialists in every Pre-K classroom (16 to 18 children each) and eight Family Service

workers (20 to 30 children each) effectively addressing children's needs outside of school and between home and school. Charlottesville has one specialist at Johnson School working with 32 children (three-year-olds and a Pre-K class) and one other specialist to work with the rest of the pre-k classrooms in the City (about 114 children).

IMPACT is considering calling for:

- ♦ Accurate and thorough gathering of data at the local school level in both city and county, using tools designed by Curry School faculty with input from both school divisions.
- ♦ Carefully coordinated charting of all local resources, services, numbers of children in need, et al.
- ♦ Vastly improved and effective communication about children in need between school divisions and City and County Social Services departments; and relevant policy commitments by city and county political leaders and top administrators
- ♦ Creating an army of fact-finders: university students, retired early childhood educators and others to support the gathering and analysis of the above.

A Life in Faith



Clear Spring Buddhist Fellowship Meditation

Wednesdays, 7 PM, Blue Room

All welcome! For more information, contact Marian Morgan at mdm5f@yahoo.com.

Labyrinth

Certain Fridays & Saturdays, Social Hall

The labyrinth can be a simple tool to help you rest, relieve stress, or retreat. We are blessed with two labyrinths. A permanent outdoor seven-circuit Santa Rosa style labyrinth is available during daylight hours, and the indoor eleven-circuit Chartres labyrinth is available one weekend per month. For information: uucharlotteville.org/labyrinth.

NatureSpirit

First Sunday, 5 PM, Summit Room 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 invite you to bring

an object, story, poem, song, chant, gesture, dance, musical instrument, passage from a book, etc., that represents the Element of the month. For information: naturespirit@uucharlotteville.org. College students, contact Veronica at naturespirit-info@virginia.edu.

CareNet

Year-Round Program

CareNet is our church's organized effort to help out with meals, rides, and other assistance for church members. Contact Gail Rubin at 293-8815 or gail-rubin@mac.com.

Pastoral Visitors

Year-Round Program

Pastoral Visitors are members of our church who are appointed by the Minister(s) to serve as pastoral care givers in our congregation, in order to enhance our level of ministry. These volunteers serve in the spirit of the first UU principle "to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person" and they work to extend this ministry of hope and sup-

port. The work of the Pastoral Visitors is always kept in the strictest of confidence. For information: Shirley Paul at 297-3934 or worldtree@cstone.net or Shirley Gordon at 296-7563 or shsugor@aol.com.

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. For more information about exploring Christianity in a distinctively UU context, e-mail uucf@uucharlotteville.org or visit uucharlotteville.org.

Vespers

Vespers is held on Wednesdays with quiet gathering at 5:15 PM, the service at 5:30 PM and ending at 6 PM.

Happening this Month



March 1
NatureSpirit
5 PM, Summit Rm 1
See *A Life in Faith*, Page 5.



March 2
Undoing Racism
7 PM, Parlor
Join us for our monthly meeting. Contact Johanna Woodchild at 293-8808 or undoingracism@uucharlottesville.org.

March 3 + 17
UUpity Women
7 PM Parlor
In conjunction with the upcoming book sale, on March 3 bring a book to pass along. (You can ask for it back if you like.) We will also be signing up to help price or sort, and do whatever is needed to make the sale a success. On March 17, everyone is Irish! Wear green, eat green, or bring some piece (story, food, object) of your own ethnic heritage to share. Everyone is welcome to come! To be added to the mailing list, write uuppities@uucharlottesville.org.

March 6
Food Pantry
9:30 AM, Social Hall
Come join us to help collect and distribute food, and then to clean up after our TJMC-UU Food Pantry. Contact Edith Good at 293-4044 for more information.

March 8
UU Christian Fellowship Worship
9:15 AM, Summit Rm 1
Dave Dawson will lead this service and his topic will be *Take Jesus off That Cross!* All interested in learning more about liberal Christianity are invited. For more information contact uucf@uucharlotteville.org.

March 8
Peace Conversations
12:45 PM, Summit Rm 2
Our mission is to educate ourselves and others about war and peace issues, to provide opportunities to take non-violent action, and to undertake projects to relieve suffering of those affected by war and violence. Join us the second Sunday of each month.

March 8
Challenge Market Place - Raffle
The Challenge youth are raffling off a \$50 grocery scrip card. Tickets are \$2

each or three for \$5. The winner will receive a card for the store of his or her choice. Please help send our youth to Boston this spring and buy a ticket in the Social Hall! The winner will be chosen on March 8 and you do not need to be present to win.

March 8
Artist Reception
1 PM, Social Hall
Our Artist this month is Carol Lonsdale whose works are oils and pastels, and include still lives, portraits and landscapes. A key inspiration for these works is the artist's delight in color. Other themes in common are expressionist brushwork and the nature of light and atmosphere.



March 11
Environmental Action Committee
7 PM, Parlor
Join us as we continue reviewing our energy audit and our plans for Earth Day/Green Sanctuary Sunday, and as we begin planning new religious education and eco-justice projects. All UU Environmentalists, young and old, are invited.

March 12 + 26
Back Page Writers
7 PM, Green Room
March 13
Social Justice Movie Series
7 PM, Parlor
The Great Debaters with Denzel Washington: the coach of a small Texas college coaches his debate team to challenge Harvard. Golden Globe nominee. Sponsored by Undoing Racism Committee.



March 13, 1—7 PM
March 14, 9—2 PM
Social Hall
Bodacious Book Sale
See *Nuts and Bolts*, Page 4.

March 15
Social Action Collection
This month's collection is for the St. Kitts-Nevis Medical Crusade,

coordinated in Charlottesville by Ebenezer Baptist Church. Your donations will be used to purchase and ship medical equipment and supplies to the small islands of St. Kitts and Nevis in the West Indies. Reverend Lehman Bates and members of his congregation, Ebenezer Baptist Church on Sixth Street, have traveled to St. Kitts annually for the last several years. They volunteer as staff at the Health Care Stations to assist with recording patient medical history, current medications, vital signs, glucose readings, etc. Volunteers also provide educational lectures and materials on heart health, diabetes, hypertension, stroke, and nutrition. Doctors, dentists, and counselors are also part of this volunteer team.

Members of Ebenezer Baptist and our congregation are building a relationship through our partnership in hosting PACEM here at TJMC and through the pulpit exchange by Pastor Bates (and his gospel choir) a couple of months ago. Your contributions will support both the Medical Crusade abroad and the local multicultural relationship here at home. If you are affiliated with an organization which could contribute equipment and supplies to this medical initiative, or if you would be interested in volunteering your services in the future, please send an e-mail to undoingracism@uucharlotteville.org.

March 15
Faith in Action Speaker
11:15 PM, Summit Rm 1
Paul Gaston will speak on *The Pursuit of Racial Justice: Chapters from our Local History*. Many find Paul Gaston to be the historian for Charlottesville concerning events of the past fifty years.

March 15
Challenge Market Place - T shirts After Services
Come and order your TJMC Logo short sleeved T-shirt at the Challenge Marketplace until March 15. Look for our table in the Social Hall after services. The shirts are offered in a variety of new colors and women will have the option of two styles. Shirts will be ready for pickup by March 29 and will be selling for \$15 each.



Happening this Month (cont.)

March 15

**Ed Jones' Farewell Party
5 PM, Summit House**

Ed Jones is going to move to Savannah to live with his daughter Andrea, her husband Jerry and their daughter, Lena. He will be leaving in late March or early April. All of Ed's fans are invited to join us to bid farewell to this man who has given so much of himself to TJMC and to the community. Beverages will be provided. RSVP to Bonnie Sheppard or Bill Spurgin at 293-6977 or email bls4u@cstone.net.

March 26

**Bulletin Folding
9 AM, Social Hall**

Join us in pleasant conversation, coffee, and cookies as we get our monthly bulletin ready to be mailed.

March 26

**UU Christian Fellowship
7 PM, Off Site**

This will be a special gathering at Dee Plunkett's house, 74 Holly Lane, Ruckersville. For directions call Dee at 985-4397 or Eleanor May at 295-7624. Dee will lead the service which, as always, promises to be interesting and challenging. The service will include readings (both Bible and others), prayers, and music. All are welcome to this evening gathering.

March 27, 7 PM, Social Hall

**March 28, 9 AM, Social Hall
Labyrinth**

A labyrinth offers a time and space for rest, reflection, renewal, and retreat. There is no charge and all are welcome. No experience necessary. Come and go as you please. Interested in learning more or becoming part of a labyrinth team? Get more information from Patty Wallens at 978-3821 or uucharlottesville.org/labyrinth. Also available during daylight hours is our permanent outdoor labyrinth located behind the Social Hall.

March 28

**Beyond Categorical Thinking
(BCT) Workshop
2 PM, Social Hall**



On the weekend of March 28-29, TJMC-UU will participate in the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) for congregations involved in the search for a new

minister. The TJMC-UU Search Committee invites all congregational leaders, members, and friends to participate in this workshop. The Beyond Categorical Thinking program is designed to promote inclusive thinking and help prevent unfair discrimination in the search process for a new minister. This program includes a three-hour Saturday afternoon workshop and a Sunday morning service with BCT workshop facilitators. In the workshop, TJMC members will:

- ♦ *Consider the hopes, expectations, and concerns we have for a new minister,*
- ♦ *Learn more about the ministerial search process, and*
- ♦ *Explore how thinking categorically about people sometimes interferes with choosing the best candidate.*



March 29

**Pot Luck & Concert
5 + 6 PM, Social Hall + Sanctuary**

Please join us for an evening of fellowship and *music!* We are excited and honored to welcome Joe Jencks to TJMC! We will have a Potluck Dinner starting at 5 PM in the Social Hall and the concert starting at 6 PM in the Sanctuary.

- Tickets in advance: \$10 for adults
\$6 for students
- Tickets at the door: \$12 for adults
\$6 for students

Joe Jencks tours full time throughout the US and Canada, opening hearts and minds through performances of musical beauty, social conscience, and spiritual exploration. Joe performs in dozens of UU congregations annually. He has won numerous songwriting awards, released six CDs in seven years, and inspired audiences with his lyric voice and compassionate soul. He has shared the stage with folk luminaries including Pete Seeger, Holly Near, Utah Phillips and John McCutcheon. Joe's recordings will be available after the services. For more

information about his works go to joejencks.com.

Joe's special guest will be Charlottesville vocalist Louisa Wimberger, who has performed several of his songs at recent services led by Rev. Dr. Morris Hudgins. She performs locally with an acoustic Americana/"newgrass" band (the Alternators) and a blues/soul band (BluesJam). For more information about her works go to louisawimberger.com.

Save the Date

April 5



Easter Lily Order Deadline

The UU Christian Fellowship will be taking orders for Easter lilies again this year. The lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for our Easter service. The lilies may be purchased in honor of a family member or friend and will cost \$11 each. Checks may be left in the small safe in the mailroom and should be made out to *TJMC – Easter Lilies* with the name of the person to be honored in the memo line. The names of those honored will be listed in the Order of Service on Easter Sunday. Be sure to let us know if you would prefer to remain anonymous. You may take your lilies home with you after the second service on April 12. Any lilies you wish to leave will be donated to shut-ins on Monday.

April 25

Talents 'n' Treasures Auction 6 PM, Social Hall

TJMC-UU Talents 'n' Treasures Live and Silent Auction Donation forms are online at uucharlottesville.org/auction/index.asp. Deadline for submission of donation forms is Sunday, April 5. Don't forget to include an estimated value for the offering so minimum bids can be set. Questions: auktion@uucharlottesville.org. Donation-related questions: auktiondonations@uucharlottesville.org. Please use the *online donation forms* to submit your offering soon!



Religious Education Update



A Guide to TJMCs Religious Education Programs while our Director of Religious Education is on Sabbatical

Members of the Children's Religious Education Committee, Youth Programs Committee and the Adult Faith Development Committee are all working hard to ensure that our church's lifespan religious education programs run smoothly while our Director of Religious Education (DRE), Leia Durland-Jones, takes the first half of her six month sabbatical in March, April and May 2009.

How will the church's Religious Education Programs be covered during Leia's absence?

The church has hired two part-time staff to cover the basics of our RE program during Leia's absence: Cindy Shepard, Sabbatical Staff for Children & Adult Programs, and Margaret Gorman, Sabbatical Staff for Youth Programs. In addition to Cindy and Margaret, the RE Assistant, Robyn Fogler, as well as members of the Children's Religious Education Committee, will head up the religious education program on Sundays.

Who do I call with questions about specific Religious Education classes?

If you have a question about nursery through sixth grade religious education classes or Adult Faith Development classes, please speak with Cindy Shepard, Sabbatical Staff for Children & Adult programming. Cindy has been hired to work fifteen hours a week during Leia's absence and can be reached at 293-8179 extension 3#. Questions about seventh through twelfth grade activities and classes should be directed to Margaret Gorman, Sabbatical Staff for Youth Programming. Margaret has been hired to work five hours a week during Leia's absence and can be reached at 293-8719 extension 3#. The Religious Education Assistant, Robyn Fogler, is also available to answer questions regarding the Religious Education Programs and can be reached at reassistant@uucharlottesville.org or 293-8179 extension 6#.

What about Children's Worship?

Children's Worship for our four-year-olds through fourth graders will be held as usual and led by Cindy Shepard and members of the Children's RE

Committee. Services have already been designed and will focus on our UU Rainbow Chalice as well as the UU Purposes and Principles. The children will also decide where to donate the money they have collected throughout the year during the Children's Worship offertory.

What about the Spring Child Dedication Ceremony?

If you are interested in having your child dedicated into the life of the congregation in our Ceremony of Child Dedication, please speak with our Interim Minister, Rev. Dr. Morris Hudgins. Our Spring Child Dedication ceremony will be held on May 24 and is open to families in the congregation with children of all ages.

When does registration for the 2009-2010 church school year begin?

Registration for the 2009-2010 church school year begins in March and continues into early summer. We anticipate having all of our registration materials available online and on paper. All currently participating families are asked to re-register. RE teacher recruitment for next year also begins this spring. We invite you to consider serving our church and church's children as a volunteer in our religious education classes. For more information about registration or teaching, please see any staff or committee member.

When will Leia be returning to TJMC?

Leia will be back at church on June 1 and will be sharing some reflections on her sabbatical when she leads the worship service on June 28.

UU Stars Shine on Judaism in March

This year, our first through sixth grades are learning about our third UU source "Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life." We're exploring Islam, Native American Spirituality, Christianity, Confucianism/Daoism, Hinduism, Judaism and Buddhism. Studios teach our children about the beliefs, traditions and customs of these faiths as we compare them to our own Unitarian Universalist beliefs.

Our Judaism Studios will include teachings that help our children understand and appreciate the various forms of Jewish identity and practice,

and the meaning of Jewish ritual objects. We will learn about Rosh Hashanah, and experience the tradition of Tishlisch. We will also study Purim, the history of anti-semitism, and the Jewish value of celebration. Our third studio will focus on the holiday of Sukkot and the Jewish values of gratitude and welcoming guests and our fourth studio will help our children appreciate and experience the laws and ritual of Shabbas/Shabbat and its role for the Jewish family.

Many thanks to RE Committee member Gail Esterman for creating the lessons for this set of studios. For more information, speak with any Children's RE Committee member.

March RE Calendar:

- March 4 Youth Programs
Comm. Meeting 7-9 PM
- March 7 Challenge Lock-in
- March 18 UU Stars Studio
Leaders' Class 7-9 PM
- March 25 Children RE Comm.
Meeting 7-9 PM

Save the dates:

- May 8-10 District Annual Meeting
"A Celebration of Family Values"
- For more information go to:
tjd.uua.org/calendar.html

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TJMC-UU March 2009

CP Church Parlor CBD Basement Kitchen Summit House
 SH Social Hall CBB Blue Room S1 Room on left (1st floor)
 S Sanctuary CBG Green Room S2 Room on right (1st floor)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Bulletin deadline for April is March 15.

Visit our Web site for much more information about TJMC, including past sermons, ongoing groups, contact information, and complete ARE listings: uucharlotottesville.org

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MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE IS UNDER WAY!

The Ministerial Search Committee, elected by the Congregation on January 25, has begun the process of calling professional ministry to TJMC. This is the first of many progress reports we will make in the monthly TJMC Bulletin. How do we go about this important task? With a lot of help! The UUA and the Thomas Jefferson District provide help in the form of a handbook for the search process and an experienced liaison. We have scheduled a retreat for March 13 and 14, and have asked Rev. Mary Grigolia to facilitate. She will help us form strong working relationships which will carry us through the inevitable conflicts and hard decisions.

We will also need to compile a lot of information, from existing sources and from the congregation. In the next few months, we will ask everyone to complete a survey to form the basis of the information packet we send to prospective candidates. The packet will describe the congregation as it currently exists, as well as the needs and desires it has for the ministry.

We hope that you will join the Ministerial Search Committee and the Board for the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop on March 28. It is an important beginning to answering the questions of who we are and what we want for our church. We need you to be there! We are Carrie Berger, Anne Clark, Dave Dawson, Kirstin Fritz, Bob Gross, Lynn Heath, Marlene Jones, Nick Laiacona, and Ann Salamini, and we want to hear from you.