



RETREAT UPDATE

By Adam Couch, Vice President of Programs

With about two weeks to go, here is a status update on the church retreat. The family lodge still has space available but the adult lodge is almost full. The arrangements for holding camping spots Friday will be handled through Eric Papendorp and Adam Couch; contact either one and let them know where in the campground you would prefer a site (see map in fellowship area). The hotel in the park is full but there may still be rooms available in the hotels outside the park.

The sign-up sheets for food prep volunteers are still a little bare. If this trend continues, this may become the first annual UUC weight loss retreat. However, if you are partial to eating three times a day it is time to sign up and encourage others to do the same. I am hoping to have the cooking spots filled by the first week of April and have the total number eating in each lodge posted on the board on April 12th.

For those of you interested in outdoor activities, Fall Creek Falls offers lots of possibilities including biking, golfing, hiking, picnicking, boating, fishing, and visiting the nature center.

Additionally, a range of activities have been planned by our members and friends and will be available to those interested. Here is just a sampling of the offerings: crafts, knitting, scrapbooking, stamping, felt-work workshop.

Special activities have also been planned for the children. They won't want to miss all the fun!

And don't forget to bring your favorite musical instrument for impromptu jam sessions; you can play, sing along, or just listen to our many talented musicians.

A complete list of descriptions and times for the retreat activities and sign-up sheets will already be available in the fellowship area at the time this newsletter is mailed. Sign-up sheets will be closed on the 12th of April to allow the leaders time to finish planning. If you have trouble getting to the church every week, the description and schedule will be in the Friday email before April 12th and you can sign up by phone that weekend (Call the office for information).

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SUNDAY SERVICES ♦ 11:00 AM

April 6th ♦ *DALTON ROBERTS*

Dalton Roberts will once again speak at our pulpit on topics that are important to him today.

April 13th ♦ *HEAD AND HEART*

In America, religious sentiment has always cycled between Enlightenment and Evangelicalism. Religious fervor cools, then explodes in a grassroots movement; people attempt to insert religious values into the public sphere, they go too far causing a backlash, and the cycle begins again. Where are we in this cycle? The Rev. Jeff Briere leads this service.

April 20th ♦ *THOREAU ON MAN & NATURE*

This service will be compiled from the 19th century writings of Henry David Thoreau and Unitarian Universalist ministers of today. **NOTE!** The service will happen at the Fall Creek Falls retreat. There will be no service at the church today.

April 27th ♦ *PETE SEEGER'S RULES FOR LIVING*

1. Above all else, participate. 2. Ask questions. 3. Learn how to give a report. 4. Work with others. The Rev. Jeff Briere leads this service.

SUNDAY FORUMS

The Forum meets at 9:30 on Sunday mornings—downstairs and down the hall to the far left corner room. All are most welcome for the lively discussions!

NOTE: Prior to the April 6 and 13 sessions, Dr. Whitaker recommends the reading of *Ishmael*, by Daniel Quinn.

April 6 & 13 – What is "free will?" How do we become who we are? How do we acquire our traits, values, and perceptions? What roles do "choice" and "free will" play? Come join us for a brief discussion of how our "cultures" and other variables affect our ability to choose. **Dr. Colbert Whitaker**, Professor Emeritus, UTC College of Education, Graduate Division, will lead these forums.

April 20 – NO FORUM due to Church Retreat

April 27 – Psychiatrist **Dr. Lee Solomon** continues his series on medical ethics, this time highlighting how Health Care & Privacy Laws can raise unexpected dilemmas.

PAGAN STUDY GROUP

The Pagan study group continues their book study on *Spiral Dance*. Meetings are on the first Sunday of the month at 9:30 am in the Teen Room. Please contact Leslie Walters if you have any questions.

The articles in *the nUUsletter* are representative of the diverse and varied opinions and beliefs of the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga (UJCC). They do not necessarily represent the views of the UJCC.

THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB

by Steve Hollingsworth

It is better to sing all verses of hymns. ... People will think you don't like the theology of [the omitted verse].

~ Frank Schulman, *A Manual of Worship*

We are a gentle loving people and we are singing, singing for our lives.

~ Holly Near, "Singing for Our Lives"

April 25, 1993—now an astonishing 15 years ago—was a watershed day for me in many ways. Relatively new to the "larger movement" of Unitarian Universalism I chose to ride the Greyhound bus all night from Chicago to Washington DC to be part of the call for rights for gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. (Transgender wasn't yet on the organizers' radar, I'm sorry to say.) The Park Service estimated the crowd that afternoon at 300,000 although most of us believed it was at least three times that.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. The day started for me at All Souls Unitarian. More than an hour before the 9:15 service, they were already welcoming the influx of out-of-towners with juice, coffee, and pastries.

The sanctuary was packed. A collective gasp went up when

the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association was introduced: They had cut short their quarterly meeting in Boston to come to Washington, it was that important.

Kim Crawford Harvie preached an electrifying sermon. When we finally sang, "We are a gentle angry people" and "We are gay and straight together," standing, arms interlocked around shoulders, across the aisles, swaying gently, with no dry eyes anywhere, I knew as surely as I have ever known anything I was in the right place at the right time.

Holly Near's song, sometimes known as "Song for Harvey Milk," was a direct response to the assassinations of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk in 1978 in San Francisco. It was first sung in solidarity with the devastated gay community in San Francisco who had lost their first openly gay elected supervisor. It expressed the certainty of remembrance while offering the hope of reconciliation.

We sang Holly Near's song at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga not too long ago. But we left out the verse "We are gay and straight, together" and the redemptive last verse, "We are a gentle *loving* people." I still grieve our error and I wanted you to know.

DON'T FORGET!!!

On April 20th, our service will NOT be at the church.
 We will meet at the retreat
 in Fall Creek Falls State Park.
 Check the display in the fellowship area
 for more information or ask any member
 of the board of trustees.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS

by Roger Davis, President, Board of Trustees

The following are a few of the highlights of the March, 2008 Board meeting:

√ approved sending Dez Papendorp to the Small Group Ministry Institute at the Mountain in August;

√ set date for New Members' Picnic for May 9 at Jeff and Kate Briere's house;

√ began planning for additional space needed for Religious Education program (using the Buddhist room).

TUESDAYS "IHN" APRIL

by Charlotte Davis, Interfaith Homeless Network Committee

WHAT:

Downtown and North Shore restaurants are helping homeless families by donating five percent of their Tuesday night's sales in April to the Interfaith Homeless Network, a non-profit organization that serves Chattanooga's homeless families.

WHEN:

Every Tuesday night in April – call 423-756-3891 for participating restaurants.

WHY:

Did you know that the average age of a homeless child is 6 years old? – In fact, families are the fastest growing segment among the homeless? They make up 40 percent of the homeless population.

WHAT ELSE:

- Operating 365 days and nights per year, IHN coordinates with 45 area congregations to provide evening shelter, meals and compassionate volunteers.

- The day center works with each family to help find employment, develop job and parenting skills, provide access to important service agencies and community resources, and quickly return these families to a stable environment and permanent home.
- With the goal of keeping families together as they struggle through the myriad of issues brought about by homelessness, The Interfaith Homeless Network has served the Chattanooga area for 10 years.
- IHN Chattanooga is one of 129 affiliate chapters across the United States.
- As a non-profit organization, IHN not only collaborates with 45 area congregations, it calls upon hundreds of volunteers and several community partners to quickly transition homeless families into permanent housing.
- Even if you can't eat out on the town on *Tuesdays "IHN" April*, please consider a donation to IHN. All gifts are tax deductible. For further information: 423-756-3891.

GREEN SANCTUARY INITIATIVE

by Sandy Kurtz

Cool Congregations to Meet: The Chattanooga Global Warming Task Force, a chapter of Tennessee Interfaith Power & Light, is offering a workshop on April 12, to church teams interested in promoting stewardship and energy efficiency in their respective churches. The workshop will be led by Reverend Jim Deming from Nashville.

A team consists of 5 or fewer church representatives although individuals may attend as well. The cost per team is \$50 and includes lunch, break foods, child care if needed and stewardship church materials. It will take place at Pilgrim Congregational Church on Saturday, April 12 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. If you would like to be part of a team from UUCC or would like more information, please contact Sandy Kurtz.

Take a Walk with the Wildflowers: In April, before the leaves come out, sunlight reaches the forest floor and coaxes out the spring woodland wildflowers. Get rejuvenated by taking regular nature walks to see cut-leaved toothwort, hepatica, rue anemone, trout lily, jack-in-the-pulpit, star chickweed, foamflower, fire pink, sweet william, wild columbine, pink lady slipper, Virginia bluebells, blue-eyed mary, birdsfoot violet, wild ginger, skullcap and spiderwort to name a few that are very common. The names alone will inspire imaginative musings.

Some spring wildflower area hotspots: Audubon Acres, Reflection Riding, the South Chickamauga Creek Greenway between I-75 and Camp Jordan, Bowater's North Chickamauga Pocket Wilderness Area, and Prentice Cooper State Forest. Watch for wildflower festival announcements, too.

Mark Your Calendars Now for the Third Annual
Rachel Carson Memorial Dinner
Saturday, June 7
Featuring: Mack Prichard
State Naturalist, Archaeologist,
Poet, Philosopher, and Photographer
More Information to Come...

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NUUS
by Jamie Sullivan, Director of Religious Education

April is full of familiar and bizarre holidays. Did you know that April 6 is *Sorry Charlie day*? Sorry Charlie day is a day to think about all the times you have been rejected, what you learned, and how you overcame the rejection. Similarly, Passover continues this theme in a sense, although the Pharaoh would have taken on the role of Charlie (and would have been rejected by God, which would be quite challenging to overcome.)

In a more positive light, Passover provides an opportunity as parents, grandparents, and teachers to discuss with children ideas about personal freedom, slavery, pride, and humility. Both Sorry Charlie Day and Passover holidays bring up the subject of overcoming obstacles.

Baking leavened and unleavened bread and comparing the puffy and not so puffy grain might be a good visual aid in explaining pride and humility. Puffed up bread can serve as a symbol of the Pharaoh's pride. In contrast, *matzoh*, an unleavened bread eaten during Passover, reminds us of what it feels like to be a slave, helping us to be humble and thankful for what we have. "You shall eat matzoh during seven days...bread of suffering, for you departed Egypt in great haste." (Torah) The Jews, who had been enslaved, departed and were liberated from the Pharaoh. The numerous interpretations of the Passover story leave much room for thought and reflection. I hope this year, we may find some time to value this holiday in discussing ideas with the younger people in our lives.

Our UU retreat falls on Passover. A matzoh recipe is provided and would be fun to take and easy to pack!

Matzoh (Unleavened Bread)
from HaY'Did (The Friend) Ministries

1 c. flour
3 tbsp. sugar
1/3 tsp. salt
1/3 c. shortening
2 - 2 1/2 tbsp. milk

Sift the flour, sugar and salt. Cut in shortening. Add a little bit of milk at a time, and only enough to form in dough. Roll dough (using floured rolling pin) to 1/4" thick. Cut in 1/2" squares. Pierce it with a fork in long rows from top to bottom of each piece. Bake at 375 degrees for 15-20 minutes until done.

Upcoming Events:

- **April 6** Privet and Pizza Family Event: Please stay after church to help outdoors and clear the privet.
- **April 18, 19, 20** UU Retreat
- Don't forget **April 22** is Earth Day...check out events around town
- **May 4th** RE Bingo Party after church. Please mark this day on your calendar.
- **May 18th** Singing: RE will *happily* be singing with the adult choir on May 18th. Practice will be throughout the month of April and May 4th and 11th at 10:15 each Sunday (see music article).

**PRIVET PATROL AND PIZZA PARTY
AFTER CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH**

It's spring, time for our twice a year effort to fight the invasive privet, trim and beautify our property, plant some good things, and enjoy each other. George will bring pizza around after church for whomever brings tools, work gloves, a pick up truck, enthusiasm and wears old work clothes to church! Families from the Religious Education Department are especially invited. Sandy's not "in charge" this year, but the Kurtz's will bring their know-how and contributions. You may call Sandy Kurtz or Nancy Anderson for particulars.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

The children will join the adults to sing together on Sunday, May 18 for a special service celebrating the children in our church!

The children are invited to rehearse with the adult choir on Sundays starting April 13th, each Sunday at 10:15. They also will

be able to listen and sing along with the CD in their classes downstairs. Extra CDs are available to take home to practice. There will be a special session for singing at the retreat on Saturday April 19th where we will practice this music! All are welcome to join in!

PASSOVER SEDER

Our Passover Seder, one of the most popular events on our spiritual and culinary calendar, will be held Friday, April 25th, at 6:30 pm. We were bursting at the seams last year so this year we can accept only eighty reservations.

The Seder is an opportunity to honor one of our Unitarian Universalist sources in typical UU fashion. It's a celebration where we all, adults and children, join in telling the story of the Exodus, the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. We read from the Haggadah (literally, telling), which is modernized to reflect UU values; we eat delicious traditional foods, matzo ball soup, gefilte fish, charoset (a wonderful mix of apples, wine, nuts and honey), beef brisket, chicken, and scrumptious unleavened, flourless desserts. All this plus traditional red wine and grape juice will be provided by "the committee."

Can you bring something? Yes! Please bring a vegetable or salad to feed about eight (not eighty) people. We would like to keep kosher as best we can, so please don't use or bring any dairy or bread or other flour products. If you have questions about food, contact Lee Adler or Daidee Springer. And please bring your children. They have an important role to play in reading the

Haggadah and in finding the *Afikomen*.

We are grateful to the Solomon family who started this tradition when their extended family outgrew all their homes and they asked if they could use the church for their Passover Seder. They invited others in the congregation to join them and twenty years later the tradition they began is stronger than ever.

To accommodate everyone comfortably and to be fair to all who might want to attend, we're going to be strict this year about reservations and payment. Sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or call the Church Office to register. Once you register you're committing to paying \$6 per adult and \$3 per child, ages 4–12 (children under four are free.) Once we reach our maximum of eighty participants, we'll start a wait list. If you register and find you can't attend, call the Office and we'll release your seat to someone else if we've reached our maximum. If your seat is resold then you won't owe us. But, if isn't you will. Fair enough?

So sign up NOW to be sure to assure your place at the table. You don't want to miss this event.

OUCH! GROWING UP HURTS

by the Rev. Jeff Briere

If my behavior is any guide, this church is growing. Twice in one week, I lost my temper. Can you believe it? Mr. Cool lost his cool. Unlike Eliot Spitzer, I am sincere in my apology: I am very sorry to have snapped at you and hollered. That is not the type of behavior I expect of others and certainly not what I expect of myself.

And after I flew off the handle, I began to wonder what caused it. I soon arrived at the conclusion that I over-reacted at sentiments and comments that ultimately restrain growth. I believe this church is growing. I think that's what we're supposed to do. Grow.

And growing hurts. Just remember the years of your life 'twixt ten and twenty. Your maturation was not smooth and classy. So we should expect some awkwardness as this church grows.

I am not immune to growing pains. I am just as unsure of the future as anyone else is, and I think my fears caused me to

bark at a couple people. And I understand what might be apprehensive about a growing church: a loss of intimacy, new ways of doing things, new people in the kitchen, new people in the pews, new people everywhere. Although I am unsure of what the future holds for us, I am sure of one thing: It ain't gonna be the same as it is or was. It's gonna be different.

Any fractiousness in the life of the church you can chalk up to growing pains. I am convinced that we are headed in the right direction, although we might be on the wrong track from time to time. That's OK; we can always find a better track. Because we've been here before. Buck O'Rear tells me that more than once, this church began to grow. It even flirted with a membership of 200 and then fell back.

Two hundred members! That's kinda scary. But I think we'll be alright if everyone holds on tight.

If I can slightly misquote Bette Davis, "Fasten your seat belts, it may be a bumpy ride."

BIRTHDAYS!

Do you have an April birthday? Check the list below to see if you share the day of your birth with someone else at UUC!

Rebecca Cruz and Cecile deRocher
Noel Dillard and Sue Knight

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU (ROUND 1)

by David Reed, Stewardship Committee

At the time of this writing, we have a little over \$73,000 in pledges, which is close to half of the goal. The interesting part about that is that we haven't had Celebration Sunday yet. (*Note*→*We have about \$120,000 in pledges at press time.*) We have obviously received some very generous advance pledges, which makes us very optimistic about this year's Stewardship campaign. I want to thank these folks for their generosity. We hope to have the final tally for next month's *nUUsletter*.

But there are some other folks I would like to thank for making this Stewardship Campaign happen (I'm only going to list people once, even though several did double, or sometimes triple, duty).

As in most years, **Bill Berry** has been a stalwart member of the team. Bill can always be relied on to provide invaluable aid and counsel to these endeavors. This year, he's heading up the follow-up campaign. Since we haven't tried a Celebration Sunday before, we don't know how many follow-ups we'll need to make. We're very glad Bill is willing to take on an uncertain task.

In terms of getting things off the ground, I also need to thank **Leslie Walters** for taking charge of the campaign. **Daidee Springer** and

Jeff Briere have also taken on key roles.

Inga Johanneson did a great job with the pledge cards, packets, and other promotional materials, as she has in years past as well.

We also have to extend kudos to **Maddie Kertay** for taking charge of the arrangements for the Saturday Reception and the Celebration Sunday luncheon. **Jamie Sullivan** was instrumental in planning for kids' activities. And **Kate Briere** provided the inspiration for the entertainment.

There are some other folks to thank, too. For one thing, we need to thank the follow-up stewards. But since we haven't done it this way before, we don't know who they all are as of this writing. So we'll mention some more folks next month.

But most of all, thanks to all of you for your generous pledges. It is your support, financial and otherwise, that makes our church such a great place. There is a spirit and energy there that makes going to services and functions a real joy.

ANGEL NUUS

As always, angels have been spotted contributing to the life of our church.

Bill and **Sandy Kurtz** helped the children build birdhouses one Sunday. **James Joyner**, **Nicole Barnhart**, and **Leslie Walters** bravely supervised the teen lock-in. **Ron Pasch** corrected a serious

water leak problem in one of the restrooms. **Kay McCurdy**, **Maddie Kertay**, **Daidee Springer**, and **Dez Papendorp** have been invaluable as they do their everyday best holy tasks.

Thanks to one and all!

WORKING ON WORSHIP

Workin' on Worship (WOW) is the new name of the group of people who are studying worship and the various elements that comprise a good service. They will produce the services this summer, and we will bring you news about that in another month or so.

They will first turn their efforts to making a better beginning and ending for the service. One of their first recommendations for

a better service experience for everyone is to limit spoken announcements to only those which might interest visitors or to items that developed since the Friday announcements e-mail from the office.

Accordingly, beginning in April, spoken announcements will follow their advice. Please bear with us as we experiment with different elements of a good worship service.

Only when we are no longer afraid, do we begin to live.

~Dorothy Thompson

COFFEEHOUSE....A NEW TRADITION AT UCC

Our first coffeehouse took place this past month—February 29, 2008 to be exact. It was lightly attended, but those who were there had a great time. Of course there was coffee, but much, much more than that. There was community and conviviality. Such a great evening of sharing talents and treasures—not to mention cakes and cookies. We heard guitarists, singers, poets, readers, and a local zither player (Zithier? Zitherer?) An exciting portion of the evening was a fantastic demonstration of fencing!

It was a great evening and we hope to continue the tradition. Our next coffeehouse will be Friday, May 16th at 7 pm. We hope you will be able to attend and if you have a poem to share or a song to sing, come and share that with us. Share your talent or just sit and drink coffee—it's like open mike night with coffee, conversation, and community. It's free and the snacks are CHEAP!! Come and join the fun!

COMING SOON TO YOUR FAVORITE WEBSITE—RECIPES!

Our church community is blessed with an abundance of good cooks who always seem to bring something unique and delicious to ceremonies centered around food and to the spiritual practice of potlucks. Time and time again, we've heard people ask, "Could I have your recipe?"

a new discussion board or forum devoted solely to the sharing of recipes. Check it out on the website, <www.uuc.org>, sometime around mid-April. Look for recipes posted by the Rev. Jeff Briere, a cook by avocation, and immediate past-president, Daidee Springer, who says cooking is the only domestic activity she enjoys. And plan on sharing your own special recipes.

Soon it's going to be easy for us to share our recipes. Our wonderful webmaster, Jerry Smith, has volunteered to open up

Bon Appétit!

THE LACE HANKY AND OTHER QUESTIONS OF ETIQUETTE *by Maddie Kertay*

Anyone who knows me knows that I totally groove on vintage books having to deal with life, culture and most things social. So it was a great thrill to find a 1920's book on etiquette in the free bin at McKay's a few months ago. Opening its pages was like peeking into the past and exploring the social mores of the time, many of which still hold true today.

event they came to experience. For some people, this sort of intervention can be uncomfortable, and yet when you consider that you are really helping people have a better experience, the task seems easier.

While I am not sure that I will ever use the section of the book that dealt with what to do if someone borrows my lace hanky and then gives it back "fouled," I did pick up some good thoughts about how to deal with the all-too-uncomfortable situation of how to cope with a bothersome person during an event such as the opera or a play. These hints are sound advice and since I rarely frequent the opera, my chance to take these skills out for a spin will most likely be limited to a play or church.

Perhaps there is a person who continually clears his throat to the point of distraction. Could he use a throat drop? Perhaps the quiet suggestion that he could excuse himself and go get a drink in the kitchen? Would it help the mother of a fussy baby to smile and offer the baby some distraction? If that does not work could you offer to show the mother where she can listen to the service out in the fellowship area, or perhaps she would like to be shown the nursery? Nose sniffer? Give him a tissue.

The most important thing I learned was that as a person sitting in the seat I am just as much an owner of the experience (the play or church service) as the people who are presenting it. While not contractual, I have a sort of obligation to make it the best experience for not only myself, but for those around me. With this obligation comes the duty of helping others who might be having an issue that makes it difficult for them or others to enjoy the

The point is, don't sit and fume. And don't think there is someone else who is supposed to handle such matters. There are always gentle and polite ways to deal with the annoyances of life and the more timid around you will be forever grateful for your compassion and courage. If it does happen that you offer someone your hanky and it is offered back "fouled," smile and say, "Please keep it." Since only you—you wise soul—know that you did not offer your personal hanky but one that you carry for just such an occasion.

A LONG OVERDUE CONVERSATION ABOUT RACE
by the Rev. William G. Sinkford

The following article by the president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) was published on the UUA website and can be found at www.uua.org/news/newssubmissions/103966.shtml

A commentator on CNN yesterday expressed what I imagine is the feeling of many white Americans in response to Barack Obama's speech about race last week: "Why can't we just go back to being color blind?" In our hearts, most Americans will acknowledge that racism is still at work in the body politic and in our individual lives, regardless of our race or cultural identity. But most would also acknowledge that we haven't yet found a way to move forward to redress the impact of racism, or even a way to productively talk about race in our society or in our lives. We have been stuck for far too long.

Much of the conversation about race is so filled with political correctness that truth is hard to come by. Whites move so easily to denial, citing the progress that has been made in recent decades and glossing over the glaring disparities in opportunity, income, even incarceration that remain. African Americans and people of color generally, including myself, show up defensive, afraid that the reality of our lives will, yet again, be deemed unimportant, that we will, yet again, be made invisible. Honesty has been simply too hard to come by, at least in mixed company.

Obama's speech, by naming the honest concerns and fears on both sides of the racial divide, presents us with that rarest of

opportunities, an invitation to re-engage with an issue many people would prefer to ignore. I hope and pray that we have the courage to take advantage of this gift.

The religious community has an important role to play. Forty-five years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observed that 11 a.m. Sunday morning was the most segregated hour in America. It was true when Dr. King said it, and it is still true today. But the religious community knows something about confession, reconciliation and forgiveness. At least we say we do.

Although thoughtful statements from national religious bodies are a start, the real work needs to be done closer to home, in our families and in our congregations. If we can be both honest and open-hearted, there is a chance that we can move beyond the impasse that blocks our path into a place where true reconciliation may be possible. There are excellent resources to help Unitarian Universalist congregations and families in having this conversation. The Episcopal Church, the United Church of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and many others have their own resources as well.

This message is not a political endorsement of Senator Obama, but it is support for his courage and leadership in calling us to a long overdue conversation about race. That conversation needs to move forward regardless of who is elected to our national leadership in November.

PEACE & PRIVILEGE:
LINKING VALUES & ACTIONS

The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center is delighted to welcome **Dr. Ken Nafziger**, Professor of Music at Eastern Mennonite University August 1-8, 2008. Ken will offer his gifts of music, humor and extraordinary insight.

Joining Ken will be two additional distinguished faculty. **The Rev. Marti Keller**, Assistant Minister for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, has spent more than 30 years in the social change movement, promoting "Tikkun Olam" (healing the world) and putting the UU faith in action on the community, state and national levels. She is a distinguished educator and spiritual leader whose Jewish background and Unitarian Universalist values are evident in both her wit and wisdom.

The Rev. Glenn Johnson is currently the Administrator for Thomas Jefferson District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. An indication of his commitment to interfaith work is

demonstrated by this very position, for Glenn is an ordained Baptist minister. His perspectives on religion and its potential to unite, rather than divide us will bring a thoughtful new dimension to our conversations.

Our facilitators will share their own perspectives on peace, justice, privilege and power, and how each works to transform personal privilege into action for change. Throughout the week, Ken, Marti and Glenn will facilitate in-depth discussions and exercises to help increase our understanding of privilege and the role it plays in our peace work. Challenging questions and reflection will help the group develop possibilities for action they can take back to their community.

This is a week for new ideas and ways of thinking. For more information, visit www.themountaincenters.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE PIZZA!

One of our newer members, Renee Lindley, has generously made available to you some free pizza. She brought to the church 100 Domino's coupon cards. Each card can be redeemed for:

- 1 Free Pizza
- 9 Buy 1, Get 1 Specials
- 1 More Free Pizza

The cards are \$10 each, which you'll make up before you know it. Of the \$10, the church keeps \$5! So free pizza for you and fund raiser for the church! See Chris in the office to purchase your Domino's pizza card.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS OUT

Wednesday Night Out is a great opportunity for food, fun, and fellowship. Call the church office if you need more information.

4/2	Dinner at the Church	\$5 adults \$3 kids FF	Sign up at the church
4/9	Nagoya	\$\$ FF	4921 Brainerd Rd
4/16	Sticky Fingers	\$\$ FF	2031 Hamilton Place Blvd (Mall Area)
4/23	Mellow Mushroom	\$\$ FF	Broad St. next to the Bijou
4/30	Blue Orleans	\$\$ FF	3208 Amnicola Hwy

\$\$ Average price of entrees: \$10-12
FF- All restaurants are family friendly.

THE NEWEST ARRIVAL

On March 10 at 7:52 pm, Caellegh Fae Wiyakaskawin kunesh Kurtz ("Kelly" fae white-feather) arrived, weighing 9 lbs and 5 oz. Her parents tom kunesh and Julie Kurtz Kunesh and her siblings are delighted!

FOR SALE

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga (UUC) Endowment Committee seeks to sell four cemetery plots and a bronze marker. The plots are in the Christos Garden section of Chattanooga Memorial Park (the "Duck Pond") in Red Bank. The retail value of this offer is over \$10,000. The Endowment Committee will sell the plots and marker for \$5,000 but will consider other offers. If interested, contact any member of the UUC Endowment Committee: David Reed, Buck O'Rear, or George Helton.

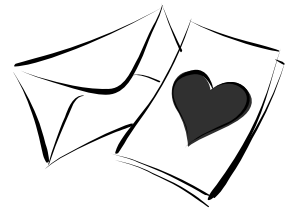
CHOIR PRACTICE



Choir practice meets on THURSDAY nights at 7:00. All who are interested are welcome to join us!

CREATIVE CARDS

Creative Card Workshops will be held the second Monday of each month from 7:00 - 9:00pm. This is an easy and fun way to make cards and gifts, using various stamping techniques (good for scrapbookers, too!). There is a \$10.00 materials fee, which covers all supplies. Everyone is welcome, but space is limited. Please call the office to reserve your place.



THE NUUSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

the nUUsletter welcomes articles from members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga. Please send your submissions to *the nUUsletter* to the editor, Wendy Sapp, at *wksapp at charter dot net*. Wendy can also be reached at 706-694-0940. The deadline for the April issue of *the nUUsletter* is March 15th.

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BOT MEMBER	Maddie Kertay	Nicole Barnhart	Roger Davis	Adam Couch
GREETER	Mary Hunter	Lori Emerson	Betsey Hoyt	Catherine Long
USHER	Ruby Bruns	John Nelson	Matt Hoyt	Eric Slayton
CHANCEL DÉCOR	Mary Hunter	Mary Hunter	Mary Hunter	Mary Hunter
SOUND REINFORCEMENT	Jacob Wilson	David Reed	Rich Dwyer	Joshua Goldman
MUSIC	Steve Hollingsworth	Marcia Jenison	The Retreat Combo	Ollie Grigsby

Let your life speak.
 ~ Quaker Saying