



THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN, AND HIS NAME IS U...U...C...C

by Roger Davis

Now what's that all about? Read on! This is my first article as President of the Board for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga, and I want to say that I'm honored and grateful that the nominating committee has put their trust in me. I will do my 'darndest' to fulfill my obligations.

Who's in Charge? The president of a congregation is not much like the traditional CEO of a corporation. I'm not the boss, or sheriff of this here town. I want to be more like the model 21st century CEO: a facilitator—a consensus-maker among the members of the Board, along with all concerned congregants.

So, who IS in charge around here? You are! Rather, we all are! That is, we are in charge should we choose to accept that responsibility. And we should. This is our church.

Be concerned! Once a month the Board meets to assess our fiscal health, and consider issues brought to our attention by concerned congregants. So, bring on those concerns. Take an interest in your church. Help make it as good as it can get. Tell a Board member, or better yet, come to a Board meeting. You're invited every second Wednesday of the month to share your thoughts.

Rules of Engagement. Since we don't have a CEO or hierarchy, the Board needs to follow Robert's Rules of Order to get anything done during its meetings with motions and voting to keep things under control.

We try to be polite. I'll be presiding over smart people bursting with passion to be heard. We try to raise our hand to be called on. Notice that I slipped up and implied that I'm in charge of the meeting. Nope! I'll just be facilitating, always trying to achieve consensus, and doing what's best for the church.

Who Am I? Charlotte and I met in Chattanooga in late 2003. We've blended our families and have taken on the challenge of raising 4 teenagers. We all love the community and our church family. Unfortunately, my work situation is currently unstable. I'm temporarily working as a consultant, looking for a full-time job in the area. We can hold out another 4-5 months, so I'm optimistic that we'll be able to stay in the area. If I haven't met you, please introduce yourself. After all, we're both in charge!

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SUNDAY SERVICES ♦ 11:00 AM

July 1st ♦ *UUCC PICNIC*

The annual Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga Picnic will be held this year at the Chattanooga Nature Center, Reflection Riding. We will share the day in this beautiful setting thanks to the Waggeners. Kyle Waggener will lead a tour at 12:15p.m. The Nature Center does not open until 1:00p.m., so we can use the facilities and have access to trail, roads, the tree house and more. See more information on the next page.

July 8th ♦ *HEALTH CARE*

Dr. Alan Larson, of the Department of Economics at UTC, will address these questions: Does our society have an obligation to provide some level of health care to all? How can we most efficiently do so? How do the health care plans of the presidential candidates stack up?

July 15th ♦ *EDUCATION IN THE FACE OF CHANGE*

Technological, political and social changes open the world to new opportunities. Are we providing our kids with the knowledge and skills they need to thrive? Debra Vaughan of the Public Education Foundation will provide a reflection on education in a changing world.

July 22nd ♦ *YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK*

Terry Stulce, a licensed clinical social worker who owns Cleveland Family Counseling, will be discussing our tax dollars at work, or "where your treasure is, there your heart is also." He will share ideas about the priorities of government spending.

July 29th ♦ *GLOBAL WARMING*

This presentation, delivered by Tiffany Gibby on behalf of The Climate Project, is an effort to communicate the science involved in Al Gore's documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*. With rich imagery and detailed facts and data, these slides will explain how human activities as well as natural forces contribute to the warming of earth's atmosphere.

SUNDAY FORUMS

There will be no Sunday Forums in July. Forums will resume in August with an exciting line up of topics for reflection and discussion.

FAIR SHARE STATUS

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga (UUCC) is one of 53 congregations in the Thomas Jefferson District to reach Fair Share Status.

What is Fair Share Status? The 1,042 member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) are asked to contribute to the UUA and the amount requested, which is based on church membership, is called "Fair Share." Churches that meet the requested contribution level have "Fair Share Status." The congregational contributions fund Association programs, services and resources that directly benefit and strengthen the congregations and Unitarian Universalism as a whole. By joining together, we can create religious education curricula and social justice programs. We can also provide support for ministry, growth, extension and outreach. The UUCC should be proud that we are supporting not only our own members but the larger Unitarian Universalist community as well.

THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB

by Steve Hollingsworth

Whatever is unnamed, undepicted in images, whatever is omitted from biography, censored in collections of letters, whatever is misnamed as something else, made difficult-to-come-by, whatever is buried in the memory by the collapse of meaning under an inadequate or lying language -- this will become, not merely unspoken, but unspeakable.

~ Adrienne Rich

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~ UUPA Button Slogan

Common wisdom says Unitarian Universalists (UUs) will talk about sex before we will talk about money. In truth, however, many UUs get uptight when sex is visibly part of a discussion that does not fit into known compartments.

Couples form but also break apart. Love triangles mean someone is cheating and someone will likely get hurt. Sleeping around is risky for many reasons. If love or sex fits in those boxes we can discuss it and we do not ostracize individuals who fit those boxes even if we wished it were not so. After all most of us have a few regrets along the way.

A comparatively few UUs are members of Unitarian Universalists for Polyamory Awareness (UUPA). UUPA members (often calling themselves polys) have publicly declared that if their lives and

happiness may depend on more than one loving relationship then they will be open and honest about it.

Polys advance their acceptance by naming their arrangements. Partners may be primary or secondary. An equal union of three is a triad or triple. Many more terms help clarify the possible nuances. There is no presumption that anyone is straight, gay, or bi although triad members are usually gay or bi.

My friend Alan lives with three partners (two men, one woman) in a large house. An acquaintance, Charlotte (a minister) sleeps in a kingsize bed with two other women. I especially relate to her comment that it takes both her and the other introvert to keep up with the one extrovert.

Their examples and others have contributed much to my understanding how the bricks of life are support, trust, comfort, and compatibility, the mortar is love, and the fasciae is sex—the decorations that make the building so attractive.

With polys in our movement it is a matter of when and not if we will be introduced to a secondary partner. Or that it will dawn on us that one person holding hands with two people is based on more than camaraderie. Will we withdraw in confusion? Or will we stand on the side of love?

JULY 1ST UUCC PICNIC

Where Is It? Chattanooga Nature Center, Reflection Riding.

When Is It? 11:00a.m. We will share the day, in this beautiful setting, thanks to the Waggeners. Kyle Waggener will lead a tour at 12:15p.m. The Nature Center does not open until 1:00p.m., so we can use the facilities and will have access to trail, roads, the tree house and more. The winner of the Heifer Quilt raffle will also be chosen.

What Can I Bring? Bring food for yourself and your family and something to share. Bring your favorite drinks too. Cups, plates, napkins, utensils will be supplied. Bring a blanket to sit on picnic rock.

How Can I Help? Tables and chairs will be set up for those who need a chair. We need 10 able bodied volunteers at 10:00a.m. Please let Chris Tregaskis know if you can help set up.

How Do I Get There? A map is on the Nature Center's webpage, <www.chattanooga.org/general.htm>. Watch for the Nature Center signs.

From Downtown:

1. Go south on Broad St, towards Lookout Mountain
2. Follow signs to Ruby Falls.
3. Go under the railroad underpass.
4. Follow Cummings Hwy (the road you are now on) around the base of the mountain.
5. Continue past the sign to Ruby Falls.
6. After the Lookout Valley apartments, and Mountain View apartments you will take a left turn onto Old Wauhatchie
7. Take the next right from Old Wauhatchie, this is Garden Rd – follow to our parking lot.

From I-24 West:

1. Take exit 175 (Brown's Ferry Rd) and turn left off the exit.
2. Go straight on Brown's Ferry until you come to a red light – this is the intersection for Cummings Hwy (41)
3. Turn left onto Cummings Hwy.
4. Go 1 mile to the sign on your right for Chattanooga Nature Center and Reflection Riding Arboretum and Botanical Gardens
5. Take the first right onto Old Wauhatchie
6. Take the next right onto Garden Rd – follow to our parking lot.

RE...RE...RE...

by Amy Ziegler

RE-use....This month is all about reusing what we have. Join the Religious Education (RE) family in singing the 3 R's at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga picnic, July 1st at the Chattanooga Nature Center. If your child has not received the CD with the song, please let Director of Religious Education Amy know right away. With the Heifer Quilt as our back drop we will perform our song and continue on a trashy scavenger hunt. RE is encouraging all families to bring your own dinnerware that can be reused. Let's give those trash cans a break. After all we're there to enjoy Mother Nature, why should she do the dishes?

The Religious Education Committee is hosting a *REusin' Book Swap*, July 29. Beginning July 1, RE will gather books for this free event. It started as just a kid swap but so many adults have since voiced an interest in swapping that we are opening it up to all ages. For every book you bring in before the service July 29, you will receive a credit to receive a free book. Bring as many books as you want. The children will help organize and prepare the event, while learning that trading used items is just as fun

and exciting as buying new. Join us downstairs after service to partake in the *REusin' Book Swap*.

I have heard a buzz among a few of the RE parents to improve the playground. If you have a particular talent or would like to be informed of any upcoming work days, please let Amy know and you'll be contacted. Many thanks to Carmen Vanderhoof, Deseri and Eric Papendorp and their very patient children for attacking the overgrowth that was choking our little playground.

As the board prepares to shift into a new year, please take a moment to thank the folks who worked behind the scenes this year: Monique Lewis (RE Board Rep), Maddie Kertay (Interim Board Rep, Interim Teen Leader, and RE Committee Member), Deseri Papendorp (RE Committee Member), and James Joyner, Jerry Smith, and Bonnie Sinclair (Teen Group Leaders and most importantly lock-in suckers, uh, I mean supervisors). Thank you all for your commitment to assuring our youth get a well balanced, spirited religious education UU style.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

by Daidee Springer

At their June 6th meeting, the Board

- √ Confirmed their earlier email vote to enter into a contract with Champion Roofing Company to replace the roof over the sanctuary at a total cost of \$9,950. The money for this expenditure will come from income set aside for major building emergencies, not from the operating fund.
- √ Accepted, with great appreciation, generous gifts of lawn furniture and a potentially life-saving auto defibrillator.
- √ Received another upbeat financial report from Treasurer Roger Davis.
- √ Decided to continue meeting at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month during the next fiscal year.
- √ Agreed to hold a board retreat in August

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND—ANOTHER LOOKOUTS OUTING

What: Chattanooga Lookouts vs. Tennessee Smokies

Friday, August 17, 2007 @ 7:15 pm

Tickets: \$2 per person, group rate. Reserve and buy in advance at the church.

Weather: Guaranteed much warmer than at the May 18th outing or your money back. Money back guarantee is for temperature only.

For more info: contact Daidee Springer at 423-697-4593

GREEN SANCTUARY INITIATIVE
THE RACHEL CARSON MEMORIAL DINNER
by Sandy Kurtz

The Rachel Carson Memorial Dinner on June 2 brought 70 guests from the church and community together to hear the Rev. Dr. Pat Cahill weave her life with that of Rachel Carson. Our own talented musicians brought even more spirit and inspiration to the evening. Thanks go to Michael Walters, Rich Dwyer, Catherine Long, and Linda Pehlman for their rendition of *Paradise* and Linda's performance of her original piece, *Care for Me*. The Rev. Jeff Briere served as master of ceremony, and George Helton explained the process through which Unitarian Universalist

Church of Chattanooga gained recognition from the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Green Sanctuary. In addition to these folks, much appreciation goes to all who added their brilliant touches to make this second annual event a great success: Sandy Kurtz, Linda Helton, Mary Hunter, Nancy Anderson, Paige Joyner, Marge Pasch, Cecile deRocher, Brenda Ford, Leslie O'Rear, Bill Kurtz, Charlotte Davis, Roger Davis, Karl Hunt, Mike Bascom, Daidee Springer, and Chris Tregaskis.

INTERFAITH HOMELESS NETWORK

As most of you know, the Interfaith Homeless Network (IHN) provides temporary housing, food, and job training to homeless families with children in Hamilton County through a collaboration of churches. Twice a year our church is privileged to host families for a week providing them with a much needed sanctuary where they can get a sound night's sleep, a stomach full of good food, and the opportunity to get back on their feet. Marge Pasch, our IHN coordinator, has done a fantastic job of bringing together the talents and skills of church members to volunteer to make each IHN week a success. After our next hosting on September 16-23, Marge will be stepping down.

Our work with IHN is the most important community service project that our church does, and the part of the Volunteer Coordinator is pivotal in making the experience a good one for our families and volunteers. If you are new to the church, being the Coordinator is a good way to get to know other members, and at the same time, to do a great service for families who desperately need help. If you are a long-time member, consider becoming the IHN volunteer coordinator to give yourself a new way of contributing to our church and community. Marge will gladly mentor the new coordinator through the process during our September hosting. Is this opportunity right for you?

Wanted: Those Dedicated to Helping Homeless Families

Looking for 1 or 2 dedicated people interested in coordinating volunteers during our twice annual IHN hosting.

Great opportunity to meet members of the church, contribute to our community and hone your organizational skills.

Mentoring provided during September hosting.

Contact Marge Pasch for more information at 423-875-4109.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Following a hiatus in June, the book club is back. On July 19, at 7:00 pm, we will be discussing *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards. Authors we have enjoyed have spoken. Sena Jeter Naslund said: "Kim Edwards has written a novel so mesmerizing that I devoured it. . . . *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* has it all." Jodi Picoult said: "Kim Edwards has created a tale of regret and redemption, of honest emotion, of characters haunted by their past. This is simply a beautiful book." Sue Monk Kidd said: "Unfolds from an absolutely gripping premise, drawing you deeply and irrevocably into the entangled lives of two families and the devastating secret that shaped them both. I loved this riveting story." Everyone is invited to participate in the discussion.

TWISTED KNITTERZ

The Twisted Knitterz are taking a summer vacation. They will meet again Monday, September 10.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS OUT

Wednesday Night Out is out for the summer. With every one's busy schedules, WNO will not be meeting in July or August. The food, fun, and friendship will be back in full swing in September. Stay tuned for more details.

CHIONS

CHIONS will meet on July 14 from 10:30-12:00 noon for a session on Yoga for Life. Sue Reynolds will discuss her personal experience with yoga, and also guide the group through an experiential practice of breath, movement, and meditation that will be user friendly for everyone. You may bring a mat or blanket for the floor, but getting on the floor is optional. It will be fine to stay in a chair. Wear comfortable, non-restrictive clothing (sweat pants would be good) and easy off shoes. OK to keep socks on.

Sue is co-owner/co-director of ClearSpring Yoga of Chattanooga. She has incorporated a yoga practice into her life for three decades through practice, training, and teaching. A former teacher of gifted students, she has a Master's degree from UTC in exceptional education.

RECORDINGS OF SERVICES

Beginning July 1st, cassette tape recordings of services will no longer be available. CD recordings of services will continue to be available. Cassette recordings can be made from the CDs upon request.

1000+ UUs will travel to Blacksburg, VA for SUUSI (the Southeast UU Summer Institute), July 15-21. All UUs were closer to the tragedy there than many knew.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR PEACE MAKERS

Spiritual Practices provides peacemakers respite, insight, and time for introspection. Whether you wish to foster peace on a global, local, or personal basis, and whether your daily routines include spiritual practices or rituals, this program will offer time for gaining new perspectives.

Dr. Kenneth Nafziger and Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt will serve as guest facilitators for Spiritual Practices for Peacemaking on August 6-11 at *The Mountain*. Ken and Rosemary's vast knowledge, deep spiritual centers, collaborative and celebrative styles all combine to create a magical experience for participants. They will bring us all to laughter through their unexpected bursts of humor; and they will bring us to new awareness with their depth, compassion – and of course, with the music that Ken draws out of us all.

For more information, go to <www.mountaincenters.org> or call 828-526-5838.

THE NUUSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

the nUUsletter welcomes articles from members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga. Article topics should be of interest to our church members and could include: announcements of events, discussion of recent events in the church of community, and original essays or poems. Each article can be up to 400 words. Due to space limitations and selected topics, it is possible that not all articles will be published. Please send your submissions to *the nUUsletter* to the editor, Wendy Sapp, at wksapp@charter.net. Wendy can also be reached at 706-694-0940. The deadline for the August issue of *the nUUsletter* is July 15th.

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| TOPIC | UUCC Picnic | Health Care | Education in the Face of Change | Your Tax Dollars at Work | Global Warming |
| LEADER | UUCC Picnic | Alan Larson | Debra Vaughn | Terry Stulce | Tiffany Gibby |
| BOT MEMBER | UUCC Picnic | Adam Couch | Daidee Springer | Eric Pappendorp | Linda Helton |
| GREETERS | UUCC Picnic | Pat Mann | Nicole Barnhart | Harold Linn | Carolyn Moore |
| USHERS | UUCC Picnic | Mike Bascom | Bob Barnhart | Elaine Hill | Elaine Watkins |
| CHANCEL DÉCOR | UUCC Picnic | Mary Hunter | Mary Hunter | Mary Hunter | Mary Hunter |
| MUSIC | UUCC Picnic | Steve Hollingsworth | Marcia Jenison | Marcia Jenison | Steve Hollingsworth |

*Liberty without learning is always in peril;
 learning without liberty is always in vain.*
 ~ John F. Kennedy

