



I GOT THEM LOW-DOWN BLUES

by the Rev. Jeff Briere

Many people have written about the benefits of a regular spiritual practice. My spiritual practice has changed several times. I used to walk a lot. A knee operation curtailed that activity. I used to cook a lot, especially exotic foods. I don't cook so much anymore for a variety of reasons. I used to make music much more than I do now.

So I have been wondering about another regular spiritual practice to organize my days and sharpen my sense of interconnectedness. That's how I got the blues. Not the kind that Rich Dwyer sings about. Blue. Birds.

On the first of March, I erected a nest box on a pole in the middle of my backyard. I put a predator baffle underneath it to keep out the squirrels, snakes and opportunistic raccoons. I did this because bluebirds need my help.

In developing suburban areas—not to mention the countryside—humans have destroyed much of the natural nesting places for bluebirds. Bluebirds are secondary cavity nesters—they adopt an old woodpecker hole or some other natural cavity and use that as a nesting site. Humans have cleared a lot of old-growth forest land and along with it, cleared away many possible bluebird nests. This is not altogether a bad thing, just a consequence of development.

Bluebirds are reported in declining numbers of late, and blue birders believe suburban development is the reason. But the news is not all blue. We can help the blues by erecting nest boxes for them and in return, they bring light and cheer to us at the end of winter. An added benefit is that because bluebirds have a poor sense of smell, they tolerate our peeking at their nests and their chicks. The spiritual practice in this is daily monitoring, guard duty against predators, doctoring blue diseases and keeping a blue journal. I find myself watching over the birds like any proud father. And like any proud father, I've spent a bit of money on them.

After erecting the nest box, I wasn't too optimistic. I thought I'd be lucky to have a bird or two drop by. After two weeks, I checked the box and found a nest! Yikes! Now I really got the blues! The first egg appeared on March 25th and by the 31st, there were six, tiny blue eggs in the nest. After April 8th, Mother Blue would not leave the nest, even if I opened the viewing door. She was incubating the eggs and on the 16th of April, at least two birds had hatched.

I got them blues!

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SUNDAY SERVICES ♦ 11:00 AM

May 4th ♦ *CHARACTER IS OUR DESTINY—THE PATH TO THE OTHER SIDE*

Rabbi Philip M. Posner will present the sermon this Sunday. Carl Hansen will serve as Worship Leader.

May 11th ♦ *SEVEN HABITS OF HIGHLY INEFFECTIVE CHURCHES*

Number one on the list is "Elevate mediocrity to a spiritual discipline." Figure out where average falls and aim below it. God doesn't really expect much anyhow. The Rev. Jeff Briere leads this service.

May 18th ♦ *CHILDREN'S RECOGNITION SUNDAY*

The children will sing with the choir for this service, in which we reflect on the joy that children bring us. Special decor with floating candles. The service will feature a rite of dedication for John Nguyen de Rocher, son of Cecile de Rocher and Brenda Ford. The Rev. Jeff Briere leads this service. Note! A potluck will follow the service and the Annual Meeting will follow the potluck.

May 25th ♦ *REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY*

In this annual service, we remember those who died in the year past. We will also install a veteran's memorial in an alcove of the sanctuary using the ribbons upon which we wrote the names of veterans. The Rev. Jeff Briere leads this service.

SUNDAY FORUMS

The forum is a lecture/discussion group which meets each Sunday morning at 9:30, downstairs along the hall to the far left corner room. Come join us for a mind-stretch!

May 4 & 11 – Dr. Colbert Whitaker, *A Non-traditional View of Paul and Early Christianity*.

Dr. Whitaker is Professor Emeritus, UTC College of Education, Graduate Division. Recommended reading: *The Mythmaker: Paul and the Invention of Christianity* by Hyam Maccaby; supplemental reading, *Jesus in the Time of Jesus*, by Stephen Wylan.

May 18 – Jerry Smith, a continuation of his series on *The Bible*, "A True Study"

This week, Jerry will concentrate on New Testament soteriology, the theology of salvation, especially as affected by Jesus Christ.

May 25 – Pat Fogarty, *Education in the US*

Pat will lead a discussion focusing on whether US education has a philosophy and if so, what is that philosophy.

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.

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THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB

by Steve Hollingsworth

Applause may be spontaneous, but not encouraged. We are not playing to the crowd or trying to entertain anyone. ... [W]orship is not an ego trip. It is not about you.

~ Frank Schulman, *A Manual of Worship*

Fifty years ago, after Van Cliburn astonished the musical world by winning the Tchaikovsky Prize in Moscow, he began a triumphant tour of the Soviet Union. In a small town where the best Russians of the day only rarely played, Van Cliburn began the Mozart K. 330 Sonata only to be interrupted by tumultuous applause at the end of the exposition in the first movement. At the repeat of the exposition he was again stopped by applause.

Some regular concert-goers may be appalled. One doesn't applaud between movements, let alone in the middle of a movement. Right? Well, the real rule is, it is not *customary* to applaud at such times. Implicit in the rule is that exceptions will happen. The grateful audience was obeying the rule exactly. An unlikely hero was playing a piece better than they knew it

could be played and they didn't hold anything back.

For the third time and the second month in a row, my participation in our church's Working on Worship (WOW) group has given me something for this column. Applause during services came up in a recent meeting and I was asked how I felt about applause after I perform. I think I surprised some of those present when I said that I could sometimes find it embarrassing—especially if I felt I had not played particularly well.

Which brings me to the point: Reactions that are heartfelt, be they applause, catcalls, Say Amen, brother!, seem to me to be manifestations of grace and entirely welcome in worship. Unitarians especially have a reputation to live down for being too cerebral and unexpressive, so when Dalton Roberts speaks to us and we honor his presence and his homespun wisdom with lusty applause, I say Amen!

But let the custom in our worship be, if there is any doubt, keep silent. The tepid enthusiasm of polite applause should be saved for school assemblies.

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 18, 2008
 Immediately following the Third Sunday Potluck
 Members will be voting on our annual budget

This is also Children's Recognition Sunday—you don't want to miss the beautiful mix of our children and adult choirs during the service!

BOARD OF TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS

by Roger Davis, President

The following are a few of the highlights of the April 9, 2008 Board meeting:

- √ Three-quarters through this fiscal year and are 5% ahead in income and 3% behind in expenses.
- √ The new air conditioning unit is installed and the insurance check deposited.

- √ With pledges in so far, we have a total of \$140, 743 (of the proposed \$151, 000).
- √ Rachel Carson dinner is June 7th: The Catering Connection will do the dinner and the speaker will be Naturalist Mack Pritchard of Nashville.
- √ This years Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 18th.

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NUUS

Look for Summer Registration Forms and Volunteer Sign-Ups!

The forms will need to be filled out and turned in with \$5 for each child attending one of the Youth RE programs. This money will help off-set the cost of materials and projects planned for this summer. The Volunteer Sign-Ups will be posted in the fellowship area. I'd like to see everyone sign up to help out in one of the three groups. The children will benefit from having you there and you'll benefit from knowing that you have helped out in the religious growth of our UU Youth.

May 4th Bingo Party: The RE Department would like to invite everyone to our Bingo Party on May 4th immediately after the church service. There will be pizza and drinks provided. Feel free to bring snacks to share.

May 18th Children's Recognition Sunday: The children will sing with the adult choir as part of this intergenerational service. ALL children are invited to rehearse with the adult choir at 10:15 in the sanctuary on May 4, May 11, and May 18.

SPECIAL MUSIC

In May, we are privileged to have three opportunities for special music from our own choirs and community musicians.

On May 18th, the **children's choir** will sing with the adult choir for Children's Recognition Sunday. That day, we will also have **Greg White Hunt**, performing on his bamboo flutes. Greg, of Bamboo Gardens and Music located in Cohutta, Georgia, not only makes and plays bamboo instruments, but he also harvests his own bamboo for them. This connection with bamboo as a living vehicle for the senses, ultimately transforming it into peaceful, meditative music, is true alchemy. Greg was originally supposed to join us in March but had to reschedule due to personal reasons.

On May 25th, pianist **Jennifer St. Clair** and singer **Brian Barrentine** will be performing during our service and also during coffee hour for a **mini-concert**. They will perform spirituals, original compositions from both artists, 4-Hand Piano selections, and some group sing-a-longs, which are sure to delight you all! As a classically trained pianist, Jennifer spent the majority of her career performing for church, civic and community events in North Carolina, Texas and Georgia. In 1992, at the insistence of a singer, she began composing original pieces. Jennifer has lived in the North Georgia mountains since 1998. Her CD, *Purple Mountain*, is set for release this month and is the first volume in a planned series exploring spiritual beliefs from around the world.

"GOOD TO THE LAST DROP-IN" COFFEEHOUSE

WHO? All are invited both to listen and perform. See Carl Hansen to let him know what you plan on doing or just show up and be ready to share.

WHAT? Poetry, Stories, Music, Dance, Jokes—keep 'em clean...family entertainment!!! There will lots of coffee, cookies, cakes, and snacks for a minimal cost. The theme this time is SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!

WHERE? Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga in the sanctuary

WHEN? Friday May 16, 7-9pm...but as the title suggests...just drop (and out) when you can...this is very informal.

WHY? It's for all those who love to hear and be heard, have some refreshment and share.

ADMISSION? FREE!!! The only charge is for what you eat and drink!!

GREEN SANCTUARY

by Sandy Kurtz

RACHEL CARSON DINNER

The Rachel Carson Dinner Committee is busy preparing for a wonderful evening. See more details below. This event is open to the greater community and we urge you to bring guests and spread the word to others. We are delighted that Mack Prichard will bring us his words of wisdom and a sample of his photos taken over several decades. You will be inspired.

PROGRESS MADE! PRIVET HELD AT BAY!

About three pickup trucks work of privet and other alien species are no longer. About 25 adults and several kids spread out on a beautiful day. George Helton even had to make a second run for pizza. Over the years we have caused the privet to move to the forest interior. Many of the older teens pitched in to clear out the edges around the upper parking lot of vines, privet, and debris. Along the Spehar parking lot on the I-75 side, our crabapples and butterfly bushes look great. The edge there has been planted with hummingbird and butterfly attracting seeds. We also planted on

the grounds 2 oak leaf hydrangeas, one blueberry bush, 2 white and 1 flame azalea, 36 marigolds, two Jacob's Ladders, 5 columbines, 3 sedum, and 3 blackberry lilies. Thanks to all who stayed to help and thanks to Nancy Anderson who organized this event.

INTERFAITH MEETING FOUND ENTHUSIASM FOR GREEN

On April 12, the Cool Congregations Workshop took place at Pilgrim Congregational Church. It was hosted by TN Interfaith Power & Light and its local chapter Global Warming Task Force. Nearly 30 people representing 9 denominations attended to work together to find ways to bring stewardship actions back to their respective churches. There was plenty of enthusiasm. The group plans to meet again in the future. The local Global Warming Task Force meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Zoo. If you would like to be informed of those meetings, contact Sandy Kurtz.

Third Annual
RACHEL CARSON MEMORIAL DINNER
SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 6:30 pm
Celebrating Our Place on the Planet

Sounds of Spring vs Signs of the Times
The revelations of Rachel Carson are still poignant today.

MACK PRICHARD
 Tennessee State Naturalist
 Archaeologist, Poet, Philosopher, Photographer

Your \$15 ticket includes reception, delicious vegetarian dinner, live entertainment, and inspirational words. Make your reservation in the church office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

You might be sharing your birthday with a special someone at UUC! Maybe not the same year, but the same month and day. Check the list below to see if you have a twin or triplet!

Jeanne Hacker-Cerulean and Pam Johnson
 Pat Fogarty and Diane Davison
 Margaret Hudson and Isabel Dillard
 Madeline Boshers, George Olin, and George Helton

WOW! WORKING ON WORSHIP

WOW has been hard at work on worship, what makes it good, how it can be better at our church, what works and what doesn't. The group consists of these hard-workin' WOW-sers: Maddie Kertay, George Helton, Steve Hollingsworth, Maurine Olin, Carl Hansen, Carolyn Moore, Elaine Watkins, Mary Hunter, Diane Davison, Daidee Springer, Lee Adler, Margaret Hudson, Pat Mann, Nicole Barnhart, Kate Briere and Jeff Briere. They have taken up the mantle of making the worship service the best that it can be for members and visitors alike. This is not an easy task in a growing church, but they have made great strides since they have been meeting for three months.

We have noted many times that growth and change is not easy for a religious society. Pulling together—not pulling apart—we believe is the best way to build our congregation. We hope you join us.

One of the first decisions from WOW was reported last month: Announcements will be limited to what is of interest to visitors and what develops after Friday's e-blast of all announcements. Exceptions may be made for critical events. That change was instituted in April.

Their last meeting produced the changes noted below and will be part of our worship service for awhile. After a sufficient amount of time to allow for evaluation, these changes may be kept or others may be tried. Please bear with us as we fashion something that will work for everyone.

The current practice of Candles of Community and/or the reading of the Orison Cards will change in a step-by-step fashion. What we now call Candles will be re-named "Connections." It will happen at 10:45 am. At that time, the worship leader will close the doors and they will remain closed until Connections is over. Connections is a time for personal sharing, similar to what Candles of Community is. It is not a time for announcements.

When Connections is over (no later than 10:55 am) the doors will be opened and people will be invited into the sanctuary for the 11 am worship service. As people enter, they will be encouraged to meet and greet, similar to what occurs now when the worship leader invites people to "Rise now and greet your neighbor." After an appropriate time, the worship leader will ring a chime and call everyone to their seats for a formal greeting. The prelude will follow, and after that, the lighting of the chalice.

In the near future, the Orison Cards will be accompanied by something for which we have no name at present. For lack of a better term, we'll call it the "Book of Life." This book will be large and perhaps leather-bound, with blank pages and will possess a venerable appearance. It will be available to anyone who wishes to write in it something of a pastoral or personal nature and which the writer wishes to be incorporated in the Orison later in the service. It will not be a place to write announcements or expressions of personal anger or political statements. It will be a permanent record of the spiritual life of this congregation.

Congregants can write their prayers, hopes, dreams, cares, sorrows or joys either on an Orison card or in the Book of Life. The worship leader will then incorporate what is written in the book and on the cards into the Orison in a sensitive and reverential manner. Someone will be designated to copy the cards into the book. In the future we may dispense with the cards altogether.

These changes to our worship service are designed to promote consistency, achieve a worshipful atmosphere and make the experience pleasant for everyone. It is a process and we are not finished. The WOW-sers are committed to a good service, a good experience and a good result. If you have suggestions or ideas, please tell one of them.

New Sunday Worship Procedure

- 10:30 Coffee and Conversation
- 10:45 Connections (sanctuary doors closed to assure quiet for those who share)
- ~10:56 Doors are opened Welcome to today's worship service! Please come and greet your neighbor!
- ~11:00 Worship begins with formal greeting & Prelude. Doors closed until after 1st hymn.

ANGEL NUUS

As usual, angels have been everywhere the church is, even when the church met for the retreat.

About 40 people attended our retreat at Fall Creek Falls State Park. All agreed it was a wonderful event and all want to say THANK YOU VERY MUCH to **Adam Couch** for arranging the event, bringing firewood, and for making killer hot chocolate! Thanks also to **Katye, Clay** and **Emerson** for lending Adam to the retreat for a few weeks. Thank you and see you next year!

How many Unitarian Universalists are needed to change a flat tire? Apparently, four. At the end of the retreat, **Roger Davis, Bob Barnhart, James Joyner, and Eric Papendorp** were kind enough

to take time out from breaking camp to change the flat tire on Elaine Watkin's car. She says it would have been very hard getting home without their help.

Back at our church building, **Jamie Sullivan** and **Kay McCurdy** cleaned and expanded the nursery to better meet the needs of our youngest children.

Ron and Marge Pasch generously donated a Holland propane grill to the church which will be used and appreciated many, many times each year.

Thanks to all these angels!

RENTAL/ACTIVITY FORM,
OR
BUREAUCRACY REARS ITS UGLY HEAD!

We have spoken many times about growth and what it will mean for people. New faces are just one aspect of growth. Another is that growth will bring increased usage of the building and increased usage will cause us to formalize many of the procedures we now take for granted. Hence, the purpose of this article.

Right now, to avoid conflicts, we ask Chris to check the church calendar before we schedule an event. In the future, we will require a form to be completed before the event will be scheduled. The form will contain information about the event such as the date & time, expected attendance, equipment needs, child care needs, the person in charge and the person responsible for security and so forth. If the event requires approval by the board or the minister, this form will help them do that. The form will be available from one of the bins on the office door and after completion, should be turned into Chris.

In plain language, this form will answer vexing questions like,
"Who is washing the dishes?"
"Who is putting the chairs back?"
"Who is locking up?"
"Who is the sexton around here?"

Exceptions: Regularly recurring meetings such as committees, the Book Club, Wednesday Night In, Sunday Forum or Twisted Knitters are excepted from this requirement.

Non-exceptions: Irregular but recurring events, such as the Seder Supper, RE parties or lock-ins, the coffeehouse, and the Privet Patrol must adhere to this policy. One-time events, such as weddings, parties and jam sessions also must adhere to this policy.

At a minimum, any event must have a person in charge and a person responsible for security, which may be the same person. If an event begins immediately after another event (such as the Privet Patrol following Sunday Worship) it must still have a person in charge and a person responsible for security.

Please check with the church office as early as possible to schedule your event. Also, determine your equipment needs and your security person as early as possible. Six months advance notice is not unreasonable. The church calendar is prepared in August at the board retreat; scheduling events at that time is desirable. Trying to schedule an event at the last minute only complicates affairs for all.

You must give some time to your fellow men.
Even if it's a little thing, do something for others—
something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it."

~ Albert Schweitzer

Five Questions Survey

To all members, visitors, and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga:

1. What questions did/do you have about the church concerning its organization, administration and protocol?
2. What did/do you find confusing about this church concerning your participation/membership and requirements?
3. What suggestions do you have to improve a visitor's first and subsequent visits?
4. What improvements should be made in administration and communication?
5. Do you have any ideas that would improve a visitor's experience and integration into church life?

Give your ideas to the minister, the church administrator, a staff member or any member of the Board of Trustees.

ART ON THE WALLS

by Nancy Anderson and Carol Hobbs

During the months of May and June, artist Sandra Babb will display her vibrant oil paintings on our walls. Sandra earned a BFA from UTC in Graphic Arts. She has studied under artists Robert Liberace, L. Diane Johnson, Janice Hindes, Armand Cabrera, and Bob Rohm.

Sandra's studio is in Ringgold, GA where she lives. Her favorite studio is the great outdoors where she paints *en plein air* most days. She works in oils, acrylics, watercolors, and pastes. Sandra's subjects are landscape, figurative, city scenes, still life, and much more. Her work can be viewed at <www.sandrababb.com>.

DON'T PAY THE TAX!

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga does not pay Tennessee sales tax on purchases made by the church for the church. That is 9.25% of the purchase price if the item is purchased in Hamilton County.

If and/or when you make a purchase for the church, please take along a special form that tells the merchant not to charge sales tax. The form is available from the office, and if you frequently make purchases for the church, take several forms. Ask Chris how to fill it out and how to deal with merchants. Some merchants will not permit tax-free purchases unless a check from the church is used. This procedure prohibits fraud, but it can be annoying.

The church is not obliged to reimburse sales tax incurred for a church purchase. The hassle involved in getting a tax-free form before the purchase prompts some people to make the purchase anyway and eat the 9.25%. While this may not be a burden for inexpensive items, it can be significant with larger purchases.

On a related note, if you are making a large purchase, the church has a credit card which may be helpful. Note that using the church credit card does not automatically exempt you from paying tax. A tax-free form must still be used. See Chris in the office for more information.

WE'RE GOING OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Friday, May 30th, 7:15 pm

Chattanooga Lookouts vs. Montgomery Biscuits

Tickets are \$2 with our group rate.

Peanuts, Crackerjacks, and whatever else are on you own.

Call the church office to reserve your seats. All tickets must be reserved and paid for no later than Wednesday, May 22nd. Tickets will be available for pickup on Sunday, May 25th. If you're not in church that Sunday, Memorial Day weekend, we'll make sure you get your tickets before the game. How can you resist the chance to see a team called the Lookouts play a team called the Biscuits? This only happens a few times each year.

For more information, contact the office.

NEW TENANT

About three months ago, we were approached about the possibility of a long-term rental of the church on Saturday afternoons. The tenant is The United Church of God, an International Association. There are many religious organizations known as "The Church of God," so the name, as written above, distinguishes them from others with similar names.

They have been renting a building in Cleveland for several years, but most of their members live in north Georgia or Hamilton County, so they were looking for a facility closer to the members' homes. They hold worship services on Saturday afternoons, so it seemed to the board that it might be a good fit. We used the month of April as a trial balloon, to see if their congregation liked our facility. The result: They think our church is beautiful and they would like to continue renting from us at least through the end of 2008.

Our new tenant strives to practice their faith much as the followers of Jesus did in the first century. As a result, many of their

practices are similar to those of Judaism. They keep the Sabbath, worshiping on Saturday; they celebrate Passover and other Jewish holidays and they do not celebrate Christmas or Easter. They are biblical and conservative.

It might strike you as strange that a liberal church and a conservative church could co-exist in one building. They may have different beliefs and practices, but they are good people, neither arrogant nor militant. We often make a lot of noise about freedom of belief and the right of conscience. Allowing the United Church of God to use our facility is one way we can practice what we preach.

Their pastor is Roy Holloday and when it can be worked out, he would like to make a presentation at the Forum. If you are curious about our new tenant, please visit their website: <www.ucg.org>.

I think religions ought not separate people.

~Thich Nhat Hanh

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS OUT

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

5/7	Dinner at the Church	\$5 adults \$3 kids FF	Sign up at the church
5/14	Fire House Subs	\$ FF	6025 E. Brainerd
5/21	Murphy's Alehouse (Similar to Durty Nelly's)	\$\$ FF	618 Georgia Ave.
5/28	Jason's Deli	\$ FF	Gunbarrel Rd/Mall area, Near Bonefish

\$ Average price of entrees: \$5-10
 \$\$ Average price of entrees: \$10-12
 FF- All restaurants are family friendly.

FOR SALE

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga 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 UUCS Endowment Committee: David Reed, Buck O'Rear, or George Helton.

CREATIVE CARDS

Creative Cards will meet Monday, May 12 (second Monday of May) at 7:00. If you have wanted to try your hand at a fun and easy craft, this is a good time to check your calendar and see if you are free. If so, call Diane Davison and register. If you are interested in making cards and scrapbooking but Monday is a busy night for you, let Diane know. We can meet on a different night if there is sufficient interest. The cost is \$10.00, which covers all supplies and materials. Everyone is welcome, but space is limited. Please call Diane Davison at 838-5240 to sign up.

CHIONS

The Chattanooga Institute of Noetic Science will meet on May 10 from 10:30 to noon. Paul von Word will present "Can Science Prove Reincarnation?"

Paul Von Ward evaluates a wide range of empirical evidence that suggests aspects of everyone's appearance, knowledge, emotions, behaviors, and creative interests may point to influences that can be identified in the lives of people who lived before us. Paul will discuss an ongoing public experiment organized to validate or prove invalid the hypothesis that specific previous lives affect the lives of individuals living today. Individuals attending will learn how to identify and test their own assumptions about reincarnation.

Paul Von Ward, an interdisciplinary cosmologist, psychologist, and minister, is author of *The Soul's Genome: Science and Reincarnation; Gods, Genes and Consciousness; Our Solarian Legacy: Multidimensional Humans in a Self-Learning Universe* and others. In a 30-year career, he served as US naval officer, American diplomat, and international nonprofit CEO.

B-I-N-G-O

On Sunday, May 4th, the religious education department is hosting a BINGO party immediately after the service. Pizza and drinks will be provided. All are welcome!



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 through the office. The deadline for the April issue of *the nUUsletter* is **March 15th**.

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TOPIC	Character is Our Destiny—The Path to the Other Side	Seven Habits of Highly Ineffective Churches	Children's Recognition Sunday	Remembrance Sunday
LEADER	Rabbi Philip M. Posner	the Rev. Jeff Briere	the Rev. Jeff Briere	the Rev. Jeff Briere
BOT MEMBER	Eric Papendorp	Roger Davis	Linda Helton	Maddie Kertay
GREETER	Rich Dwyer	Mary Hunter	Betsey Hoyt	Tim Trussel-Smith
USHER	Kris Headrick	Mike Bascom	Matt Hoyt	Marge Pasch
CHANCEL DÉCOR	Mary Hunter	Mary Hunter	Mary Hunter	Mary Hunter
SOUND REINFORCEMENT	Buck O'Rear	Karl Hunt	Roger Davis	Jacob Wilson
MUSIC	Steve Hollingsworth	Marcia Jenison	Greg Hunt White	Jennifer St. Clair & Brian Barrentine

Discovery consists of seeing what everyone else has seen but understanding it for the first time.

~ Albert Szent-Gyorgyi