



OUR CHURCH: BIG ENOUGH FOR OUR DREAMS!

by Roger Davis, President

This is a quote that was offered many times from the stage of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville during the Thomas Jefferson District Leadership conference last weekend. Six of us from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga attended, including our minister. We were considering stewardship. It's about our dreams. It's about funding our dreams for the church. It's about forgoing some other materialistic item so that we can further our spiritual quest as part of our church.

Let's consider: is our church big enough for our dreams, individually and collectively? If not, let's make it so! From the testimonials that we witnessed, every time somebody funded their dreams for the church, even if it seemed to be above and beyond what they could afford, they always got more in return! The law of karma validated again. The secret of *The Secret!*

We learned about many money angles. For example, for every mile that you drive down a major city boulevard, you will be bombarded with 780 ads: some on billboards, some on buildings, some on the radio, some on the sides of cars, etc. Can we resist their temptation? If we're to fund our dreams for the church, we'll have to make choices, and even forgo some pleasures. One lady told us that HBO was costing her \$1200 a year, and she never watched it! Bingo! That money could now be funneled to more useful endeavors.

Here's another interesting statistic: the average American family is carrying \$8,000 in debt. That's consumer debt—mostly credit card debt—separate from the home mortgage.

So an undisputed conclusion emerges: let's get our individual finances in order. I can tell you that the conference lit a fire under me to re-think seriously my own financial situation. There are books to be read. There are courses to be taken. And then there is the real action that must be taken.

In the coming weeks, we will be hearing from our church about ways to get our personal finances under control, not only for our own peace of mind, but so that we can fund the dreams we have for our own church. It will be work, but spiritual work. It will stretch us in life-enhancing ways. Prepare for the journey.

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SUNDAY SERVICES ♦ 11:00 AM

November 4th ♦ *WE HAVE A SOCIAL GOSPEL*
→Remember to turn your clock back! Standard Time begins at 2 am!←

The Rev. David Carnish will share his thoughts about the leading light of the social gospel movement, Walter Rauschenbusch. He also will tell us of the Alliance of Baptists and his journey and passion for social justice. See more about David Carnish on page 3.

November 11th ♦ *WHAT JESUS MEANT*

It's not enough to understand what Jesus said. What's more important is what he meant. We'll take two Sundays to cover this topic and along the way, we'll realize why Robert Funk calls Jesus "the first Jewish stand-up comic," and why Thomas Jefferson calls him "the last sit-down Stoic sage." The Rev. Jeff Briere leads this service.

November 18th ♦ *WHAT ELSE JESUS MEANT*

The Rev. Jeff Briere continues this topic from the previous week. We will share the plate with "Share Our Strength." More information about "Share Our Strength" is on page 3. This is our Soup, Salad, and Bread Rainbow Potluck. See page 4 to learn more.

November 25th ♦ *INDEPENDENCE FROM YOUR ENEMIES*

Humphrey Bogart said that money gives you "independence from your enemies." The average household credit card debt is \$8000 and 43% of Americans spend more than they earn in a year. We'll consider who the real enemy is and how to defend ourselves.

SUNDAY FORUMS

November 4th - *This Noble Land*, by James Michener. Bill Berry continues his review of this book because it was so interesting we couldn't stop talking about it in October. Bill will concentrate on the problem of our nation's divisions of class as viewed by Michener.

November 11th - *Living With Our Corporate Masters*. A discussion led by Blake Moore. It will be an enlightening and possibly scary look at changes in our society—partly caused by globalization.

November 18th - *Living With Our Corporate Masters*. A continuation of the discussion from the previous week.

November 25th - *Pauline Epistles*. Our own Bible scholar, Jerry Smith, continues our Forum Bible studies with a look at the history of and an interpretation of Paul's letters.

PAGAN STUDY GROUP

The Pagan Study group is discussing the book *Spiral Dance*, by Starhawk. We will discuss the first chapter at the November 4th meeting at 9:30 am. We have a couple of used copies available if you need one. Anyone interested in joining the discussion is welcome. If you have questions, contact Leslie Walters.

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 (UUCC). They do not necessarily represent the views of the UUCC.

THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB

by Steve Hollingsworth

I went to church.
I walked on the beach
and played with Percy.

I answered the phone
and paid the bills.
I did the laundry.

I spoke her name
a hundred times.

I knelt in the dark
and said some holy words.

I went downstairs,
I watered the flowers,
I fed Percy.

~ *Percy (Four)* by Mary Oliver

Just in time for me to write about it for Thanksgiving season, coming out of who-knows-where, reminders of the gifts I have been given seem to be everywhere. Tim Trussell Smith, dealing with the loss of his father and grandfather, offered us a bit of T. S. Eliot at our Sunday service and one thought led to another and another.

Maybe fifteen years ago, before Alzheimer's had worked its worst, my mother gave me one perfect gift, a copy of *A Life on*

the Road by Charles Kurlant. For several years, when he was host, CBS *Sunday Morning* was my church. Having the book, I had in one place the words and the voice, the poetic prose, of a man who stirred a spiritual sense that in a few more years I'd identify with Unitarian Universalism (UU).

At my first UU General Assembly (GA) I first heard the poetry of Mary Oliver. I was so moved, I tracked down the book the words I'd heard were from and I bought it. (*Dream Work*, Atlantic Monthly Press, 1986) At GA 2006, I met Mary Oliver and she autographed my copy of *Dream Work*. I've already written in this column about discovering there how many UUs feel the way I do about her poetry. Daidee gave me another perfect gift last fall—Mary Oliver's latest book, *Thirst* (Beacon Press).

Beacon Press gave Mary Oliver a precious gift that we all share: All her Beacon Press books are dedicated to her dear partner of more than forty years, Molly Malone Cook. In hindsight, I see the missing dedication in the front of *Dream Work* and realize how much our UU institutions give every day to rescue souls out of grasp of religion that would tell them their love is less than worthy.

In working out her deep loss and grief after Molly's death, in *Percy (Four)* and other poems in *Thirst*, Mary Oliver gave me a glimpse of salvation.

For all these gifts I am truly thankful.

DAVID CARNISH

David Carnish, our guest speaker on November 4, is a native of Milledgeville, Georgia. He earned a B.A. from Valdosta State College and a Masters of Divinity degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY.

While in seminary, he was an associate pastor at a local church and served as a chaplain to a sixty bed nursing home. After his seminary experience, he became a chaplain resident in a clinical

pastoral education program in Columbia, SC for two years. Since completing his pastoral training program he has served as a staff chaplain, interim pastor and clinical pastoral education supervisor in Columbia, SC and San Francisco, CA.

Currently, he serves as clinical pastoral education supervisor for the Chattanooga Association for Clinical Pastoral Care. His office is located at Erlanger's main Baroness Campus.

SHARE OUR STRENGTH

Tonight, over 12 million children in America will go to bed wondering if they will eat in the morning. *Share Our Strength* is one of the nation's leading organizations working to end childhood hunger in America. *Share Our Strength* is a national nonprofit that inspires and organizes individuals and businesses to share their strengths to help end hunger. On November 18, we will share the plate with *Share Our Strength*.

Share Our Strength raises money through innovative and effective means. Over the past 23 years, *Share Our Strength* and our thousands of volunteers, chefs, and corporate partners have had a significant impact on the state of hunger in the United States and abroad. More information about *Share Our Strength* can be found at <www.strength.org>.

AUTUMN, APPLES, AND RAINBOWS

by Jamie Sullivan, DRE

Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.

~ Stanley Horowitz

We are having loads of fun this autumn in Religious Education. Learning tolerance, forgiveness, and acceptance comes in handy during our weekday schooling (whether homeschool, public school, or private school). Life throws many obstacles in our path. It is helpful to share stories and know we are not alone. The fun begins when we realize our Unitarian Universalist space is safe. We recognize our uniqueness as individuals and celebrate one another!

As the leaves change color and the weather cools down, we are finding ourselves drawn outside for stories, crafts, (and even building fairy houses). Inside, we have enjoyed creating "worry dolls" and seasonal Halloween masks. We are listening to multicultural music and learning the song "Rainbow Connection," which we hope to gather the courage to sing for the congregation on November 18th, the day of the potluck.

We truly appreciate all those who have helped out in the past few weeks. Please know that new faces are warmly welcomed, so please come on down to help out (and share any talents you may have).

Special Notes:

- We have good news about Green Sanctuary. I met with Sandy Kurtz to discuss how we can plug into the Green Sanctuary Phase II Action plan. Efforts are underway to design a menu of Earth friendly actions for the youth and younger children to accomplish throughout the year.
- The week following Thanksgiving, young and old alike are invited to build a compost frame behind the dumpster. For details and information, please call the office. (We plan to use this compost for a small garden next year.)
- Registration forms are available downstairs, parents please sign your children up (and yourself to volunteer).

Apple-Icious!

It is time for another Apple-Icious bake-off! Just like last year, the youth will purchase apples and sell them at church on October 28th and November 4th (proceeds go to the Teen Group).

Those who purchase the apples will take the apples home, do their culinary magic with them, and bring them back as delicious pies on November 11th to share with your UU friends.



SOUP, SALAD, AND BREAD RAINBOW POTLUCK

In connection with the Religious Education Department, we are including a rainbow theme in the November Soup, Salad, and Bread potluck. The RE students are preparing a rainbow program with a song for that day accompanied by two of our R.E. fathers by playing mandolin



and guitar. Please bring a colorful dish or at least food in a colorful dish to share with those attending the potluck.

The November potluck is also the soup swap. The Sunday before the potluck we will sell quart containers (5 for \$5) to be taken home and filled with delicious soups of all colors. At the potluck the soup cooks will swap soup. Please take part!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

by Sandy Kurtz, GSI

Green Sanctuary Initiative is going out of business. The goal was to complete our action plan and receive UUA Green Sanctuary accreditation. Thanks to all who helped us with this benchmark achievement!

That's not to say that there isn't anything else to do. Being green and greener is critically important for the preservation of our species as we know it. Churches play a key stewardship role, modeling stewardship behavior to others, lowering our carbon footprint, and calling for environmental justice.

Leaders are needed to take ownership of future projects. For starters, there are leftovers initiated by Green Sanctuary Initiative that are recommended for continuation or completion.

1. Rachel Carson Memorial Dinner each June.
2. Privet Patrol! Complete the landscaping plan and control the invasive species on our property.
3. Add solar panels on our roof
4. Join Generation Partners to lower our carbon footprint.
5. Design, seek funds, and complete the Meditation Trail.
6. Create a RE program that rewards youth for green actions.
7. EcoTeams.

8. Work with Interfaith Power & Light
9. Equal Exchange coffee, tea, and chocolate.
10. Environmentally friendly behavior in the kitchen and for food service.

We have made progress, but there are numerous new ideas you may have to move us further on the green path. Please step forward to play your part in helping create the change we all need.

Dance for Mother Earth's Infinity

*Respect Mother Earth
And she will feed, clothe and shelter you,
Mind body and soul.
Destroy her and she can only show you
A wasteland where spring flowers
Are a distant memory.*

-Jane Evershed from the Scarred, Sacred Earth series

ALL AGES!

PRIVET & PIZZA PARTY

NOVEMBER 4 AFTER CHURCH
WEAR WORK CLOTHES! BRING TOOLS!
PIZZA PROVIDED!

CHURCH RETREAT UPDATE AND CORRECTIONS

by Adam Couch, VP, Programs

The first and most important part of this update is to correct the date I posted in the last newsletter. April 3rd, 4th and 5th have been changed to April 18th, 19th and 20th. I apologize for any inconvenience caused by the early announcement.

Also the paper version of the on line survey that was passed out Oct. 7th will be collected on the food table after services. Additional copies will also be available on the food table. Thank you for taking part!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Elaine Hill, long-time member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga, for her recognition as Lifetime TV Breast Cancer Hero. Elaine, who founded the Chattanooga affiliate of the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, received this award in recognition of her work to help fulfill Y-ME's mission to ensure that no one faces breast cancer alone.

Elaine and other Y-ME volunteers went door-to-door to reach inner city African American women and encourage them to get mammograms, clinical exams, and practice breast self-exams. Through the years, Elaine helped raise \$400,000 for an endowment to support the local affiliate. Elaine has served on the Y-ME National Board of Directors and on Y-ME's 24-hour National Breast Cancer Hotline as a peer counselor. She served as president of the affiliate until 2004. Today, she continues to help raise money for the affiliate, serve on Y-ME Chattanooga's Board of Directors and still reaches out to speak with others one-to-one as a volunteer social worker with the Chattanooga Affiliate.

In 1989, Elaine was diagnosed with breast cancer and found little information or support in the Chattanooga area. Her frustration led her to start a support group in 1992. In 1993,

INTERFAITH HOMELESS NETWORK

Chattanooga's Interfaith Homeless Network (IHN) has a new website. You can take a peek at the new and improved site at <www.ihnchattanooga.org>. The website has several new features including the option of using Pay Pal to make donations to IHN.

You can also help IHN earn a penny every time you search the Internet or shop on line if you use <www.goodsearch.com> and designate IHN as the charity to receive your donation.

If you are an online shopper, go to <www.goodsearch.com> the online shopping mall and designate IHN as the charity to receive your donation. Stores like Gap, Best Buy, Barnes and Nobel, etc., have teamed up with Goodsearch and will donate a percentage of your purchase to IHN.

The pennies will mount as more volunteers and congregations participate!

GRATEFUL GOBBLER WALK

On Thanksgiving morning, after you stuff the turkey and before you stuff your belly, join other members of the congregation for a crisp morning walk. The Grateful Gobbler Walk is designed to:

- promote an awareness of the issues faced by the homeless population in an effort to seek better long term solutions;
- promote cooperation within our diverse faith community to respond to the needs of our neighbors;
- promote philanthropy as well as a healthy lifestyle on a day characterized by overindulgence;
- raise a significant sum to benefit the homeless population through the Homeless Coalition and its member agencies.

Several Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga members will meet at 8:15 am in Coolidge Park. Same-day Registration is at 7 am. The walk begins at 8:30 am. This is a 5K walk to benefit The Chattanooga Homeless Coalition. Watch for sign-up forms in the Fellowship Hall beginning early this month. Walk for free if you wish, but if you want to proclaim your ability to walk five kilometers in support of the Homeless Coalition, make a \$10 donation for a T-shirt. All are welcome to walk, stroll, or roll.

For more information, contact the office, or Charlotte Davis, 423-624-2985 or Nancy Anderson, 423-624-2985 or the Homeless Coalition at 423-698-2498. Brochures and registration forms will be available soon.

THANKSGIVING AT THE CHURCH

Continuing a tradition established two years ago, Kate and Jeff Briere invite you and your family (and any hangers-on or strays you round up) to a Thanksgiving supper at the church. We will prepare top-flight turkey, scrumptious stuffing and gorgeous gravy; you bring a dish to pass.

We will begin serving at 3 pm. So don't slave away in the kitchen all day—let Kate & Jeff do that. Just bring a dish to pass and a CD of your favorite Thanksgiving music. Everyone is welcome to this family-friendly event. Coffee will be served. If you want to drink anything else, please bring it along.

And please register on the chart posted on the door by the kitchen. It's important to know how many adults and how many youngsters will attend so that we prepare the appropriate amount of food.

SHARED BIRTHDAYS

Do you share a birthday with someone else at the Church? Not the year, necessarily, but the month and day. Check the list below for November, then try to learn more about your birthday buddy (or buddies)!

Lee Adler, Charles Corn, and Dottie Antman
Inga Johannesen and Tracie Altabet
Gary Sottong and Milton White
John Standridge and Sharon Locke

Rose Ann Copeland and Matt Long
Bruce Coulter and Ira Long
Harold Linn and Kena Williamson

56 PROGRAMS*by the Rev. Jeff Briere*

Someone told me once that if I return from a conference with just one good idea, one good bit of information, then the cost of attending the conference will be money well spent. In the middle of October, with several members of the church, I attended a conference at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Knoxville that centered on our theology of money. I'll save my remarks about that for another day, but the one good idea, the one little bit of good information I returned with is that growing churches have at least 56 programs in a year.

Fifty-six. That's a lot. A committee meeting counts as one. So does the yoga class. And the men's group, the book club, the choir and Wednesday Night Out. I did not go back through the previous year and count, but I'm guessing we have fewer than 56 programs. If you have the time and the inclination to research this, please do so and I hope you prove me wrong.

Beyond the numbers, what I know for sure is that among our members, there seems to be a lack of participation in church activities. I tell new members that we expect them to participate—we won't spank them if they don't—but we hope many people will participate. If I failed to mention this to you, please read this article carefully. The lack of participation causes good events to be canceled, like the sock hop. The lack of participation causes other events to die a-borning, like all the good ideas and events that are bouncing around in my head and in the heads of others.

A member wrote me these words in a moment of anger. "I see Jamie struggling to get people to volunteer for religious education;

I see Adam baking his brains out with few others bringing after service treats to share; I see Paul and Ron being the only glue and nails that hold our building together. Where the hay are the rest of the people that fill up those chairs each Sunday (excepting those over 70)?

"Do we view church as a buffet where we can pick and choose what to do with no thought about the impact our choices make? Don't want to go to church? Fine! Stay home! Don't want to help even if your kids have a wonderful experience every week? Just duck the DRE when you see her. Come, listen, drink Fair Trade Coffee and then leave."

I can understand this member's anguish. It bothers me as well. We don't make explicit demands of members, but we make an implicit demand. We make a moral demand. We don't require, but WE VERY STRONGLY AND EMPHATICALLY SUGGEST that every member participate in the life of the church to the degree possible given their circumstances.

The leadership of this church will not tell you how to rank all your activities. You can rank the symphony, the opera, vacations, the theatre, movies, auto races, picnics and all the other divertissements of your life and you can place church in there somewhere. But wherever you place the church, know that merely making your pledge is not enough.

The church needs you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

We are pleased to welcome Emily Harbin and Erica Leung to our worship service on November 11th.

Emily Harbin, from Clinton, TN, is a Senior Music Education major at Lee University. While in high school, Emily studied flute with Serge Fournier. She participated in the Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra, Tennessee All-State Band, and the Bands of America Honor Band. At Lee, Emily is studying flute with Janet Hale, and is a member of the Wind Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Chorale and Ladies of Lee. Emily has performed twice on the School of Music's Honors Recital. She will graduate with a Bachelors in Music Education with both instrumental and vocal teaching licensures. She hopes to teach both vocal and instrumental music at either the middle or high school level. In the

little bit of spare time she has, Emily loves to scrapbook and do all kinds of crafty things.

Erica Leung is a freshman at Lee University and is currently pursuing a degree in piano performance. She has played the piano for 14 years starting at the age of 4. She has competed in numerous competitions and has received many honors and awards. Her debut performance was when she was 16 and she performed with the Paducah Symphony Orchestra as a soloist. She enjoys producing and listening to music and treasures the times that she gets to share her music with other people. She hopes to become a professor of music some day so that she can teach others how to share their music with the world.

LET'S DO IT AGAIN

by David Reed

Even though the new church year has barely begun, it's time to begin looking towards next year. The Board of Trustees is starting that process, as is the Finance Committee regarding the next budget.

And, in the spring, the next Pledge Campaign will start.

In the last campaign, we met our pledge goal, thanks to your generosity. In the first *nUUsletter* article for that campaign, I mentioned we needed everyone to step up to the plate as we'd had a pledge shortfall. And you exceeded our expectations. Your response was truly a testament to your stewardship of our congregation. And I need to say *thank you* once again.

Last year, I opened the communication on the stewardship campaign by saying we would be asking for more.

Well, it's a new year, and a different situation, and guess what?

While I don't have the details yet, I'm pretty much willing to bet we'll be asking for more again. If nothing else, our utility bills will probably rise.

But it's more than that. Last year, you graciously funded the positive energy emanating from this place. A prime example of that is youth religious education. Well, I believe we can continue to build on that.

And we're seeing the beginning of more adult religious education already this year. We can probably do more there. And there are more fellowship activities happening. And God (or whomever's name you choose to invoke) knows we can do more there. And then, there's social justice

There's a lot more we can—no, should—be doing. But that will take funding. You stepped up before. Let's do it again.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

by Roger Davis

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, the board

- √ Recommended promoting bank drafts for pledges.
- √ Approved a new nursery worker, Kay McCurdy
- √ Discussed illegal dumping on the lower parking lot and felt it was probably dumped by a passer-by.
- √ Discussed concerns with parking and lighting. The cost of installing poles and lights in the upper, lower, and Spehar parking lots, and lights on the side of the church, would be prohibitive. Further information will be gathered on renting two poles for the Spehar lot and installing floodlights in two location on the side of the church parallel to the driveway. The BOT will continue to look at options for lighting the top lot and lower lot.
- √ Voted to balance air output to the downstairs rooms through changes to the air handler system.
- √ Authorized Paul Adler to purchase a self-closing gate, which could be locked, for the top of the stairs.
- √ Discussed concerns about the frequent need to clean the carpet and the need to clean more thoroughly before IHN hostings.
- √ Discussed using cMarket to set up an online Silent Auction.

- √ Rejected a request from the Green Sanctuary Initiative to allow Sequatchie Valley Institute to sell their not-for-profit items at church.
- √ Approved using congregant's gift to purchase an adjustable piano bench.
- √ Decided to check on recycling services to possibly be included in next year's budget.
- √ Approved spending \$300 to control poison ivy near the playground.
- √ Discussed changes to Sexton Policy including the need for a second sexton for groups over 75 people and an AV charge.
- √ Approved \$150 to purchase cloth and thread for new tablecloths.
- √ Accepted a presentation by Elaine Watkins of a framed quote from Robert Fulghum, this year's General Assembly keynote speaker.

ON PUBLICITY & HOW TO GET IT*by the Rev. Jeff Briere*

You have an event at church that you'd like everyone to know about. It might be volunteers for IHN. It might be a potluck. It might be the Bridge Club. It could be any event that needs publicity. What to do? How do you get the word out?

Here are the nuts and bolts of the six methods of church publicity:

1. *The nUUsletter*. It is a monthly publication mailed to everyone who has evidenced an interest in the church, every member, every friend and a few out-of-state recipients. It carries news of interest about the church. Deadline: 15th of the previous month.
2. The announcement insert. Every announcement that Chris receives is printed on an insert to the Order of Service for Sunday. The announcements concern the upcoming week's events. Deadline: Thursday noon.
3. The Friday e-mail blast. This is a reprint of the announcement insert described above. It goes to everyone who has an e-dress and has given it to Chris. Deadline: Friday 10 am.
4. Announcements on the web site. The Friday E-blast described above is reproduced each week on the website without the personal information. It can easily be changed. No deadline.
5. The calendar. This is the next-to-last page in the newsletter—the inside back cover—and it shows in a grid all the events of the month. Note that merely scheduling an event or writing an article about it does not insure its appearance in the calendar. You would be wise to tell Chris to put your event on the calendar that is printed, not just the calendar she keeps to coordinate church events. Deadline: 15th of the previous month.
6. The calendar on the web site. The calendar described above also appears on the web site. It is difficult to change once it's posted. Deadline: 15th of the previous month.

Our web site, <www.uuc.org> displays our newsletter, our calendar and weekly announcements. Articles from the newsletter and announcements from the Friday E-blast are scrubbed of personal information before posting.

Dem's da nuts. Dese are da bolts:

1. Think ahead. This is the hands-down most important thing you can do. If you wait until the day before or even the week before your event, you will miss the newsletter deadline and maybe the e-mail blast. You'll be left with the announcements and they reach only the people who read their e-mail, go to the web site or go to church and read the insert. Note the deadlines above. They are not "soft" dates. They are real.
2. Write your newsletter article or announcement and send it to Wendy (see contact info on p. 10) or Chris in the church office, preferably in e-mail in the body of the message. Do not send attachments. Just send words in complete sentences with paragraph breaks where necessary. (Remember: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?) We cannot create your article or announcement, but we can help. Please ask us for assistance and we'll be happy to provide what we can.
3. When handing your information to another for printing or posting, check and re-check that the other person got it, got it correctly, got it spelled right and with the right time & date & place—and that they know what to do with it.
4. Tell your friends. Use word-of-mouth and e-mail.
5. Make a poster and display it in the fellowship area. Please clear this with the minister before placing the poster.

INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

On World AIDS Day, December 1st, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga welcomes Unity of Chattanooga, the Rock Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), Pilgrim Congregational Church (UCC) and the Chattanooga Baha'i Community for an interfaith worship service. The service features a combined choir, leaders from the various congregations and rituals in remembrance of those who suffer from AIDS. A collection will be taken to benefit Chattanooga CARES, whose focus is AIDS: education, prevention and support for all people affected by HIV. The service begins at 7 pm. All are welcome.

For this service, the choir is blending their voices with the choirs of Pilgrim Church and the Baha'i Community of Chattanooga and The Rock to sing a special choral piece. If you would like to be part of that choir, please join us for rehearsals Thursday evenings at 7 pm or Sunday mornings at 9:20 am. This is a great chance to sing, get acquainted with other church communities, and support a worthy cause. Questions? Call Kate Briere 423-624-2985 or send a message to <office@uuc.org>.

PAGANS ANYONE?

The Pagan Study Group is discussing offering one of the Unitarian Universalist adult curriculum classes, but we need to know how many people may be interested before moving forward. Please contact Leslie Walters if you are interested or would like more information.

BOOK CLUB NUUS

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, November 15 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall to discuss *The Brides of March: Memoir of a Same-Sex Marriage* by Beren deMotier. One reviewer wrote: "As a middle aged straight man I did not think I would enjoy this book as much as I did. It gives people like me a wonderful window into the struggles and strengths of a lesbian couple who are just trying to live their lives and be good people. As civil rights were to the sixties, gay rights are to this decade, and this book is about brave people at the forefront of that battle."

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS OUT

Wednesday Nights Out is a great opportunity for people to have an enjoyable dinner and get to know more people from church. November's schedule is below. Call the church office if you need more information.

11/7	Dinner at the Church: Please sign up at the church!	\$5	Definitely FAMILY FRIENDLY!
11/14	Sugar's Ribs (FF)	\$\$	2450 15 th Ave (West Ridgecut)
11/21	Phoenix World Café	\$\$	736 E. MLK Blvd
11/28	Durty Nelly's (FF)	\$\$	109 N. Market St

\$\$ - Average price entrée \$10 - \$12
FF – Family Friendly

CREATIVE CARDS WORKSHOP

A Creative Cards Workshop will be held Monday, November 12 from 7:00 - 9:00. This is a fun and easy way to make special cards for special people. There is a \$10.00 fee, which covers all materials. We will be making both blank note cards and holiday cards. Everyone is welcomed, but space is limited. To register, call Diane Davison at 423-624-2985.

CHOCOLATE ANYONE?

Chocolate bars are back! As cooler weather finally arrives, the church will again be selling a variety of delicious chocolate bars made from fairly traded, organic chocolate. The price has gone up because of overall organic cocoa price increases. A bar will sell for \$2.50. Watch for them soon, located with the fair trade coffee display.

EARTH CARE

EarthCare holds their 11th Creation Care Fall Retreat Saturday, November 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the TN River Gorge Field Station (Pot Point House). The featured speaker is Jim Deming, a United Church of Christ minister, who is also the Executive Director of the TN Interfaith Power & Light. Free with pot luck lunch. Reservations are required. Call Jerry Faulkner 423-697-2560 or John Rossing at <jrossing@alltel.net>.

CHIONS

The Chattanooga Institute of Noetic Science will meet November 10 from 10:30 am to 12 noon. Carol Simmons will present *How do we create a sustainable environment?*

Carol will speak about her life at the Sequatchie Valley Institute at Moonshadow, a community that is a model of environmental sustainability. She will explain how technology, ecology, art, and sustainable living come together there into an integrated whole and will share ways we can all live a simple, fulfilling, and sustainable lifestyle.

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 dot net*. Wendy can also be reached at 423-624-2985. The deadline for the December issue of *the nUUsletter* is **November 15th**.

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BOT MEMBER	Linda Helton	Maddie Kertay	Nicole Barnhart	Roger Davis
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CHANCEL DÉCOR	Mary Hunter	Mary Hunter	Mary Hunter	Mary Hunter
SOUND REINFORCEMENT	Karl Hunt	Roger Davis	David Reed	Mike Walters

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.
 ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy