



BALANCED ON THE BRINK OF WISDOM...
by Tim Trussell-Smith

President William Sinkford's column in the latest issue of *UUWorld* only takes up a page but it speaks eloquently to two issues which have been pressing on my mind during my first week of classes.

Sinkford writes, "I've always felt that Unitarian Universalism could have a unique role in the interfaith world, but the significance of this calling was made clear to me on September 11, 2001." The first thing President Sinkford did on 9/12 was visit the American Muslim Council to offer support. What a gesture! While other Americans were writing angry songs, he had the vision to go stand with those who might suffer from "our nation's emotional response.

9/11 is obviously on my mind because of the recent anniversary. But the main thrust of Sinkford's article, "our unique role in the interfaith world," is on my mind because I am going to school in the interfaith world. I am going to a Christian seminary where 25% of the student body is Unitarian Universalist (UU). Plus, Andover Newton shares its campus with Hebrew College (a Rabbinical school). That is one of the reasons I chose Andover Newton: so I could learn how to live in community with other faiths, especially Christianity.

Of course, that sounds odd, since I identify as a Christian! Actually, President Sinkford's article also bears on what I'm trying to get at here. He writes, "We need to get over our Christian-phobia... [we] have to be able to be in the presence of people for whom the Christian message is life-saving Good News."

Even at a school like Andover Newton, there is sometimes palpable tension between UUs and Christians. Maybe the biggest lesson I'll learn here is how I can show my fellow UUs that "the heart of the Gospel," as Sinkford notes, is simply "love God" and "love thy neighbor as thyself" and show my fellow Christians that "Unitarian Universalism explicitly affirms the wisdom of all the world's great faith traditions"--even Christianity.

But there are good signs too. After preaching class this morning, my professor and I spoke about the recent shootings at Tennessee Valley UU Church. This former Baptist pastor told me how impressed she was with the way we responded to that tragedy. She said, "It made me realize that there is still good religion in the world." And that is so very important to me, because I really believe that good religion has the power to heal our broken world.

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SUNDAY SERVICES ♦ 11:00 AM

October 5th ♦ UU 101

The Rev. Jeff Briere leads this service in which he presents a (very) condensed version of Unitarian Universalist history. Pay attention: There will be a test on this.

October 12th ♦ THE LOOSE-LEAF BIBLE

The Rev. Jeff Briere leads this service in which he builds a bible that can withstand changes or additions, yet still remain a standard for moral behavior and spiritual development. He will combine his own loose leaves with those that you leave in the loose leaf box that resides in the Fellowship Area. (See more info in the box at the bottom of the page.)

October 19th ♦ WHAT I WANT FOR AMERICA

The Rev. Jeff Briere leads this service, in which he tells the candidates what he wants from the next administration.

October 26th ♦ URBAN CENTURY INSTITUTE

The Rev. Dr. Olin Ivey, Associate for Stewardship and Outreach at Pilgrim Congregational Church, will speak about his work with the Urban Century Institute, especially their sustainable industry project, Marion Shores Smart Park.

SUNDAY FORUMS

The Forum meets downstairs in the far left corner room at 9:30 am. Everyone, visitor and member alike, is cordially invited to meet with us and participate. Richard Ralston coordinated the programs for this month.

October 5 ~ Tom Griscom, publisher and executive editor of the Chattanooga Times Free Press speaks on *Conservative Values*.

October 12 ~ John Bailes, chairman of the Hamilton County Democratic Party presents *Why We Should Support the Party, Locally and Nationally*.

October 19 ~ Richard Ralston, long-time active church member shares about *Population Problem: Past and Future*.

October 26 ~ Sandy Kurtz, environmental education consultant, activist, and co-director of the Urban Century Institute discusses *Climate Change and Chattanooga*: the pros and cons of the recommendations made by the Mayor's Green Committee to reduce our city's carbon footprint, and the recommendations' impact on climate change.

INTERLUDE

In October, Interlude services will occur on the 8, 15, 22 & 29, each night at 6 pm. The titles are, in order, *A Question of Trust, A Touch of Compassion, A Weedless Garden and Acceptance*.

The services are designed to quiet an over-active mind, to focus on one concept and permit some regeneration in the middle of the week. All are invited. We are working on providing child care.

LOOSE-LEAF BIBLE

The Rev. Jeff Briere has placed a small box and some index cards on the round table with a sign that reads, "Loose-Leaf Bible." Please stop by the table and submit what you would delete from the Bible and what you would add. Fill out an index card and drop it in the box. Jeff will incorporate your suggestions into his sermon on October 12th.

THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB

by Steve Hollingsworth

By genuinely appreciating my instincts—thanks to an evolutionary worldview—and creating internal and external structures of support, I now, by grace, experience an ease and freedom I've never known before regarding old habits, patterns, and temptations. Will this pass? Will, at some point, I go back to wrestling with my Lizard Legacy or the shadow side of my Furry L'il Mammal? Perhaps. Time will tell.

~ Michael Dowd, *Thank God for Evolution*, p. 345

One recurring joy Daidee and I experience, a function of our having a comfortable house at a convenient distance from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga (UUC), is getting to host some remarkable people visiting our congregation. Our most recent guests were Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow.

Michael and Connie arrived at UUC on Wednesday afternoon and quick as lightning hauled out presentation props, books, DVDs, etc., from the van that has been their only home for six years. After Michael's spellbinding presentation everything disappeared back into the van with equal dispatch. Just minutes later, all the accoutrements of an office on-the-go were hauled into our guest bedroom.

For most of the next forty hours, we were bystanders as two people deeply in love with the work they were doing and with each other conducted their business. Wednesday night Michael

chatted with us for a while after Connie turned in. Thursday night they both joined us for dinner and afterwards to watch and critique the presidential candidates on TV. At the same time that we felt an easy camaraderie in terms of outlook and shared values with them, we found their single-minded commitment to their work and their lifestyle almost otherworldly.

Their presence with us was evanescent, but "*Thank God for Michael and Connie.*" Together they have created something that neither of them could have done alone. Michael, transformed from a creationist fundamentalist to an evolutionary evangelist in seminary, mustered the language of reverence to synthesize what I'd dub Sacred Evolution. Connie, author of four scientific books on evolution, grounded *Thank God for Evolution* in logical rigor and scientific accuracy. When *Thank God for Evolution* became a book in 2007, it was so good because it was not a starting point but a summation of five years of intense work on a common purpose. No wonder they themselves often refer back to it, chapter and verse, like scripture.

Will their fire of commitment roar on as it does today? Won't they feel the need to settle in a place or places eventually? Who from new generations will take up their sacred mission? Time will tell.

PAGAN PERSPECTIVE

October 5 - Study Group @9:30 am - Rituals & Celebrations

October 14 - Full Moon

October 28 - New Moon

October 31 - Halloween

November 1 - Samhain - (Scots Gaelic: *Samhuinn*) literally means "summer's end." In Scotland and Ireland, Halloween is known as *Oíche Shamhna*, while in Wales it is Nos Calan Gaeaf, the eve of the winter's calend, or first. With the rise of Christianity, Samhain was changed to Halloween, or All Saints' Day, to commemorate

the souls of the blessed dead who had been canonized that year, so the night before became popularly known as Halloween, All Hallows Eve, or Hollantide. November 2nd became All Souls Day, when prayers were to be offered to the souls of all who departed and those who were waiting in Purgatory for entry into Heaven. Throughout the centuries, pagan and Christian beliefs intertwine in a gallimaufry of celebrations from Oct 31st through November 5th, all of which appear both to challenge the ascendancy of the dark and to revel in its mystery. For more information about Pagan Perspective, 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 (UUC). They do not necessarily represent the views of the UUC.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UUPDATE

by Jamie Sullivan, Director of Religious Education

Things are "falling" into place nicely for a wonderful fall in our religious education (RE) department. Today I would like to promote a very special program planned for our Sprouts (ages 4-9). In the Sprouts room we are going to select a Kiva micro-loan recipient from the country of Nicaragua. Our activities will align our donation with October 12 which is Indigenous People's Day. As we learned during a previous Share the Plate Sunday, "Kiva is the world's first person-to-person micro-lending website, empowering individuals to lend directly to unique entrepreneurs in the developing world."

I believe that this experience will enhance the children's experience of giving, putting a face on where their money goes and how it helps all over the world. The children will learn about and select from 3-4 micro-loan candidates. They will learn about what they do and where they are. They will also learn about their living

conditions and how the micro-loan will help them. We encourage all "Sprout families" to come down and be an active part of this process by volunteering in the classroom during this process!

- Teachers are needed each Sunday. Please contact Jamie Sullivan to volunteer.
- Parents and Grandparents: Please bring your children to the Fall Festival Saturday, October 25th!
- News: Thanks to Kate Briere, we now have RE space on the upstairs Bulletin Board. Important events will be posted there.
- Registration forms and fees are still available and need to be filled out and turned in ASAP.

FALL FESTIVAL

Join us Saturday, October 25th at 6:30pm for a
Harvest Potluck.
Music, Storytelling, S'mores & Cider around the campfire
Swap Party
Games
Costume Contest

Please contact April Waggener if you can volunteer, bring firewood, or haul hay bales.

Contact Roger Davis if you are musically inclined and would like to bring an instrument to play at the campfire or are inclined to tell tales tall or small.

SWAP PARTY!

The October 25th Fall Festival includes a swap party for all who would like to participate. Just bring in up to three household items (tools, kitchen gear, small appliances, etc.) that you would like to see find a new home. You will

receive a ticket for each item then you will be able to claim an item on the table from someone else using the ticket you received. Once the swap is over, any item left must be taken back regardless of the tickets used.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

It must be time to party! We have lots of birthdays to celebrate at the Unitarian Universalist Church of

Chattanooga this month. Check out the list and be sure to wish the lucky ones "Happy Birthday!"

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| Matt Hoyt (Oct 2) | Sandy Lusk (Oct 9) | Daidee Springer (Oct 16) | Pat Henley (Oct 22) |
| Morgan Davis (Oct 4) | Elaine Watkins (Oct 14) | Ollie Grigsby (Oct 18) | Morris Weinberg (Oct 22) |
| Monique Lewis (Oct 5) | Julie Kunesh-kurtz (Oct 15) | Trish Allen (Oct 19) | John Spehar (Oct 23) |
| Linn Boshers (Oct 8) | Clay Couch (Oct 16) | wenona kunesh (Oct 19) | Bill Berry (Oct 29) |
| Ruby Bruns (Oct 9) | Linda Helton (Oct 16) | Nicky Ozbek (Oct 20) | Wendy Sapp (Oct 29) |

GREEN SANCTUARY INITIATIVE

by Sandy Kurtz

Green Sanctuary Transition

A significant moment in the history of the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for the Earth (UUMFE) occurred at General Assembly this year—the transfer of the Green Sanctuary Program from UUMFE to the Unitarian Universalist Association. Barbara Ford, chair of UUMFE board, handed over the Green Sanctuary Banner to Rev. Bill Sinkford and Robin Nelson. To see the video, navigate to www.uua.org, go to GA Streaming Media, go to Saturday, Session 4004, Plenary IV. Move forward to about minute 2:53 to see for yourself. (11 minutes total)

EARTH FRIENDLY ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE FOR FALL

River Rescue Celebrates Their 20th Anniversary!

October 4, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Here's your chance to do something for our water quality and aquatic life. Join others and have fun picking up litter. You will be both amazed and disgusted at all you'll find. Go to www.tennessee-river-rescue.com, click on "Where to Go" and select a station that fits your interest whether it be diving, canoeing, or walking. Contact the coordinator to get the details. Work gloves and drinks provided. Get a free t-shirt too. Suitable for all ages.

Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop

Sunday, October 12, 2-5 pm 8012 Shallowford Road

Make good use of your rainwater by collecting it in a rain barrel and using it to water your plants instead of paying for water from your tap. John Cable of Anderson Gutter & Tree Service will guide you through all the steps. Rain barrel and all the parts included for \$25. Register with Jeannie Hacker-Cerulean.

EarthCare invites you to their 12th annual fall retreat on November 1. It begins at 9:30 am in the beautiful Pot Point House along the Tennessee River. The featured guest speaker will be Dr. Michael Freake, Associate Professor of Biology at Lee University. He will discuss his research on the "The Ecology of Hellbenders in the Cherokee National Forest and Great Smoky Mountains National Park." Churches participating in the Cool Congregations program sponsored by Interfaith Power & Light's Global Warming Task Force will also be on hand to report their respective church actions. This is a free event, but registration is required due to limited space. For more information and directions, go to

www.earthcareonline.org.



The Tulip (Yellow) Poplar is the state tree of Tennessee.

FIVE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT OUR MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our Memorial Garden has recently undergone some renovations. If you haven't visited it lately, you should take a look. Here are some things you may not know about the Memorial Garden.

1. The Memorial Garden is for members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga (UUC) as well as members of their families. Previous church members may be included at the discretion of the Memorial Garden Committee.

2. A memorial fee, prepaid, of \$150.00 per person includes the plaque mounting inside the church, interment of ashes in the Memorial Garden, and a plaque in the garden, if so desired.

3. The Memorial Garden Committee works under the auspices of the UUC Board of Trustees; however the Memorial Garden Committee is responsible for maintaining the Memorial Garden, independent of funds from the UUC.

4. Donations can be made in memory of a friend or loved one payable to the "Memorial Garden at UUC," which will go toward maintaining the garden. If you wish, early planning can be done as well.

5. Our Memorial Garden pamphlet is presently being updated. Further questions may be directed to any of our Committee: Chair Pat Mann, Monique Lewis, George Helton, Bill Berry, Martha Berry, and Kay Spehar, Secretary/Treasurer.

Never be afraid to sit awhile and think.
~Lorraine Hansberry

Dear members and friends,

Fall brings with it many reasons to come to church, and I invite all of you to come see what is happening this fall at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga. We have intriguing Sunday sermons, Harvest Festivals, and Soup Sundays. We have an active and engaging Religious Education department for children of all ages. We have a dynamic no-cry nursery where babies and toddlers are cared for and played with so much that they don't want to leave after that last parental cup of Fair Trade Coffee. We have exciting guest speakers, enriching volunteer opportunities and a newly reformed choir that is going to knock your socks off! Summer is over, we have missed you.... come back to church! I can't wait to see you!

Maddie Kertay, President
Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga

WHEN TO CALL THE MINISTER

by the Rev. Jeff Briere

A famous person—I can't say who, exactly, but he must have lived in Detroit—once said, "Don't re-invent the wheel. Just put some chrome on it." There's a wheel in the piece below, and I have added a little chrome here and there. When you want to speak to me, call. You can also send a message to minister@uuc.org.

"When to Call the Minister" has been recreated and revised, attributed and mis-attributed, over the years, as things in newsletters often are.

Universalist minister Peter Lee Scott wrote the original for the Elm City Universalist Church in New Haven, CT in 1957. He reports being amazed and amused to see it appear in so many other newsletters.

When to Call the Minister

- When you haven't met me yet, but would like to.
- When you have problems to discuss—about anything.
- When a sympathetic ear might help.
- When you're going in the hospital or know someone else who is.
- When someone close to you dies or is critically ill.
- When you're planning to be married, or might need to be.

- When you return from vacation.
- When your daughter graduates from college.
- When you have a child to be dedicated.
- When you're pregnant but wish you weren't.
- When you've been arrested, or ought to be.
- When you want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism.
- When you're scared.
- When you'd like to make a bequest to the church.
- When your son gets a big promotion.
- When you're considering joining the congregation.
- When you'd like to show us what a good cook you are!
- When a friend of yours wants to know more about our faith.
- When you have suggestions about the programs for the church.
- When you have suggestions for a sermon or about the worship services.
- When you'd like to help with committee work or congregational activities.
- When you want to discuss community issues or would like my involvement.
- When you're mad at me.
- When you'd like to talk religion with me.

MEMBERSHIP!

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga will welcome new members on November 16th in a special Sunday worship service.

- √ If you are in accord with the principles of this religious society,
- √ if you like the people you meet at the church,
- √ if you wish to promote liberal religion in this area,
- √ if you wish to pursue your spiritual path in the company of other seekers,
- √ if the "status quo" is not your cup of tea,
- √ if religion puts you off or religious people put you down,
- √ if you want to recognize and be part of something bigger than yourself,

Then we urge you to consider membership in the church.

Anyone is free to worship with us and join in our activities, but if you want something more, consider joining the church on November 16th. To initiate membership proceedings, please contact the minister, the Rev. Jeff Briere, at [<minister@uuc.org>](mailto:minister@uuc.org).

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

On September 17, the Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting. Below are some of the highlights of their meeting.

- √ Approved the installation of an LCD projector and screen made possible by donations from three most generous church angels. The projector will be used for responsible community action and empowerment, along with FUNdraising and FUNraising within the church.
- √ Heard informative reports on the status of security and response issues within the church.
- √ Made corrections to yearly church calendar of events.
- √ Approved the investigation of playground fencing for the safety and security of our youngest UUs.
- √ Set dates for teen lock-ins, RE parties and the much anticipated Intergenerational Harvest Festival in October.
- √ Approved policy update that all parents/guardians should retrieve their children within 5 minutes of the end of service as a courtesy to those who volunteer in the program.

FALL READING

If you would like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism or want to have resources to share with your family and friends, you might enjoy these books available through the UUA bookstore.

- √ *The Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide*, edited by William Sinkfield
- √ *A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism*, by John A. Buehrens and Forrest Church
- √ *With Purpose and Principle: Essays About the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism*, edited by Edward Frost
- √ *ABC's for UU Newcomers: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism*, by William Cleary

WHAT IS THE COMMISSION ON APPRAISAL?

It's not really a "standing committee," but it walks and talks like one. The Commission on Appraisal (CoA) is charged to "review any function or activity of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) which in its judgment will benefit from an independent review and report its conclusions to a regular General Assembly." Here is their mission statement.

"Grounded in the living tradition of our free and responsible faith, yet charged with acting independently, the Commission's mission is to provoke deep reflection and to evoke timely, creative transformation of Unitarian Universalism, our congregations, and the Unitarian Universalist Association."

The Commission on Appraisal has recently undertaken a review of Article II of the bylaws of the Unitarian Universalist Association. You can read and/or download a copy of the current bylaws at www.uua.org/aboutus/bylaws/index.shtml.

Below is a message from the Commission to every Unitarian Universalist:

The Commission will recommend changes in Article II, usually referred to as "the Principles and Purposes" in the Association's By-Laws. We invite you to review the draft and comment on the changes we are thinking of proposing. Article II of the By-Laws includes other important sections on the Sources of Unitarian Universalism, Non-discrimination, and Freedom of Belief. A little background as to how the Commission has come to recommend these changes and planned timetable for the future of this review process might also be helpful.

The By-Laws require that a review of Article II take place every 15 years, and in 2006 the UUA's Board of Trustees asked the Commission to consider conducting such a review. The Commission is independent of the Board and any other entity of the UUA, and our charge is to review any issue we consider to be

important to Unitarian Universalism. After conversation and reflection, we decided to undertake the review of Article II. We reached out to every UU congregation, held a number of regional hearings—one each at General Assemblies in 2007 and 2008. We interviewed staff of the UUA, read sermons by UU ministers, and consulted with many UU "identity groups." We interviewed many leading UU scholars, and received dozens of unsolicited—but very welcome—e-mails, letters and telephone calls. We devoted time between and during meetings reviewing, compiling, organizing and reflecting on the mass of data we received; and we developed a revision of Article II of the bylaws.

Now, it's your turn. Once again we are asking for your assistance in engaging more voices in this process. Please make every effort to circulate this as widely as possible. We hope to hear from as many UUs as possible by October 16, 2008. You may send your response by letter addressed to the Commission on Appraisal, 25 Beacon Street, Boston MA 02108. You can send a message to coa@uua.org. Or, you can respond to the online survey at www25.uua.org/coa.

The time line for the rest of this process is:

- October 16, 2008: Deadline for congregational and other responses
- October 23-26, 2008: CoA meets to consider responses
- December 15, 2008: Final draft of our proposal sent to UUA Board
- June 24-28, 2009: General Assembly (GA). At GA the CoA will hold a hearing, provide a written and verbal report, and host a Mini-assembly. Delegates will vote on preliminary approval (simple majority required).
- June 23-27, 2010: General Assembly. 2/3 majority vote required for adoption

*Cross with me
I don't wanna crossover
Between this game, that game
Between my thoughts and boundaries
Is where I wanna crossover
Cross the line*

*I just wanna go further
Between here and there grow wiser
You and I, we can cross all borders, You and I
Only I can make me believe*

That I am me

by Will Tipton (Teen RE group)

RELIGIOUS GROUNDING

The following is an excerpt from *Inspired Faith, Effective Action: A Social Justice Workbook for Unitarian Universalist Congregations*, which is available in word and pdf formats at www.uua.org/documents/washingtonoffice/ifea.pdf

*We regard our living together not as an unfortunate mishap
Warranting endless competition among us
But as a deliberate act of God
To make us a community of brothers and sisters
Jointly involved in the quest for a composite answer
To the varied problems of life.*
-Steven Biko, South African Anti-apartheid Activist

From its very beginning, the precepts of our faith have had significant political implications: "We need not think alike to love alike". Frances David, court preacher to Unitarian king, John Sigismund, around 1568. Unitarians and their beliefs were a major influence in the founding of the US political system. Universalists and their beliefs were a major influence on US religion and culture.

Ours is a theology of engagement: we draw inspiration and truth from experiencing each other and the world around us. In doing so we necessarily witness both the beauty and brokenness of our world. And that's why we're here, because we have chosen to do social justice work in the context of our religious community. Being religiously grounded is key to effectiveness because it helps you frame issues from an authentic, religious perspective, and it helps you speak from a religious perspective when necessary.

Unitarian Universalist congregations are religious communities, not secular activist organizations. Our primary purpose is not achieving political goals—although that may be a

significant activity—but rather building relationships and meaning based on equality and justice.

How the work is done is as important as the end goal of promoting justice. If the justice work we do fails to build community—or worse yet destroys it—then we will not have served our congregations or Association well.

Utilize an appropriate, healthy process for decision making. Any congregational activity or decision can be divisive if done badly. The solution is not to avoid that activity or decision, but to assess the process.

Engage in personal transformation. Our ability to create social transformation is linked with our willingness to go through personal transformation in the process. How can we expect the world to change if we're not willing to?

Reflect on your actions. Educator and writer Paulo Friere, author of *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, argued that people learn best from conversations with each other (rather than teacher to student), and that only a small amount is learned from action, it is the reflection on action that informs values and thus makes the real difference.

Build Strong Relationships. The more we are in relationship with each other, and approach social justice in ways that value this relationship, the better off we'll be as a community. This type of sharing, namely personal, ethical, emotional, spiritual, and/or theological, is necessary both for effective justice work, and for personal and congregational development.

By facilitating personal development and building relationships, dialogue and reflection make social justice work more sustainable both individually and as a congregation.

Faithful Democracy: Unitarian Universalists and the 2008 Elections

Adapted from the full article available online at www.uua.org/socialjustice/issues/electionreform/118480.shtml

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) is proud to be a part of the national, interfaith coalition, Faithful Democracy. Founded in part by the UUA in 2004 to increase civic participation, Faithful Democracy has a strong web presence, valuable resources, and a commitment to turning out the vote in 2008.

The 2008 election provides a tremendous opportunity to engage and inspire people. Record numbers of voters participated in this year's primary elections. Let's build on that momentum so even

more people can—and do!—participate in our nation's democratic process!

Religious individuals and groups play a prophetic role in public life by calling attention to oppression, demanding change, and holding leaders and institutions accountable for their actions and policies. The Constitutional separation of religion and state protects the integrity of religious and political institutions. While religious organizations must remain nonpartisan, there are many activities that any religious group can do without jeopardizing its nonprofit tax-exempt status. Unitarian Universalist congregations can legally register, educate, and mobilize voters for the 2008 election.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UU-CRAFT COOPERATIVE

The UU Craft Cooperative will meet Mon., Oct. 13 at 6:30. Bring your favorite craft and come join other crafters as they knit, paint, weave, and solder their way to happiness. Child care available by RSVP only and is \$2 per child. Contact Maddie Kertay or Diane Davison for more details or to RSVP.

Welcome SINGERS!!
Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced
Sundays 9:15 - 10:30
Come join the fun!!!

COFFEE HOUSE

Saturday October 18 at 7 pm

Dust off those dancing shoes, grab that guitar, warm up your warbling voice, prepare that poetry and come to the next Coffee House!!

There will be light refreshments, great entertainment, and coffee, of course! All are invited to share in an evening of fun and fellowship.

If you plan to participate, please contact Kate Briere at music@uuc.org or sign up in the fellowship area or just come Saturday night!!!

CHIONS

CHIONS will meet on October 11 from 10:30 until noon. Katie Taft will present *Do You Hear What I Hear?*

In this age of improved communication why allow misunderstandings to persist? Difficulties arise as we each see the world from our own point of view and expect others to experience the same. Study of the Enneagram clarifies these differences and helps understanding of oneself and others in personal and professional relationships. The Ennea (nine) gram (point) is a diagram symbolizing a system of ancient wisdom reinterpreted by contemporary psychological knowledge. It points to impediments in our paths toward spiritual wholeness and suggests directions for growth.

Katie Taff is a long time student of C. G. Jung. She has taught the Enneagram system for the 15 years. She trained with Don Riso and Russ Hudson, leading Enneagram authors from New York, and is certified with Helen Palmer and David Daniels (California) to teach the Enneagram in the Narrative Tradition.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN

Wednesday Night In will meet the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** in October (Oct 8) since the church will be hosting families as part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network the first week. Wednesday Night In will begin around 6:30-ish, following the Interlude service.

FOR SALE

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga (UUC) Endowment Committee seeks to sell four cemetery plots and a bronze marker located 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 but the Endowment Committee will see the plots and markers for the following prices:

- * All four plots plus the bronze marker for \$4,500.
- * Two of the plots and the marker for \$2,300.
- * Two of the plots (without the marker) for \$2,200

If you are interested, please contact any member of the UUC Endowment Committee: David Reed, Buck O'Rear, or George Helton.

COTTON PATCH GOSPEL

Ocoee Players present *Cotton Patch Gospel*, a bluegrass musical based on Clarence Jordan's Cotton Patch version of the gospels. There will be a live band and fantastic singers. Performances are at Walker Valley High School in Cleveland, TN

Tickets are Adults \$10, Students and Seniors \$8. Groups of 10 or more receive \$1 off their ticket prices. Tickets may be reserved at 423-472-6587. For more information, contact Maurine Olin 423-479-2476

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