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SMALL GROUP MINISTRY
by Deseri Papendorp

Rev. Glenn H. Turner writes "We are more aware of the hunger, not just with Unitarian Universalists, but with people across the continent, for intimacy and spiritual growth. We live in a time when real participation and involvement in groups and civic organizations is markedly shrinking. Too often, what passes for 'individualism' is a withdrawal from the institutions that have long helped to carry and sustain our communal values.

Unitarian Universalism has been no less affected by the changed culture. Our growth has stagnated relative to the general population. It takes all the running we can do to stay in the same place. And, the kind of running we do, in trying to keep the church floating, too often leads to burnout and disillusion. ...we need first to address the basic spiritual and intimacy needs of our members! Hence the rising interest in 'small group ministry,'..." This excerpt is taken from *Designing and Implementing a "Small Group Ministry" Focus for Your Congregation.*

Small Group Ministry, SGM, is a relational ministry program. Participants are given a secure structure that allows for intellectual/spiritual growth, PLUS it assists church members by building relationships based on substance and depth, surpassing that of a casual acquaintance. Lay members come together to create a new dynamic of ministry; a place of belonging that aids us on our own personal search for meaning.

Now is the time for **you** to make your interest known. If you feel the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga should adopt this SGM program within 2009, shout it out!! It will take a team of interested members coming together in a spirit of courage, fun, and integrity (An interesting mix, huh?). *What is more worthy of your time and energy than nourishing yourself and fellow like-minded confidants?* Please contact our minister, Jeff Briere, or any member of the Board of Trustees, or the lay member with an SGM dream, Dez Papendorp, with your questions and/or interest.

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SUNDAY SERVICES ♦ 11:00 AM

APRIL 5 ♦ *Everything I Know About Life I Learned Playing Computer Solitaire*

Today we welcome Pat Daly to our pulpit. Pat will present a few life lessons and within the lessons, she will incorporate the philosophy and affirmations of Florence Scovel Shinn, an American artist and book illustrator who became a New Thought spiritual teacher and metaphysical writer in her middle years. Elaine Watkins leads this service.

APRIL 12 ♦ *Tales from the Afterlives*

This service will consider several of the forty possible afterlives in a new book by neuroscientist David Eagleman. Is heaven a bureaucracy, where God has lost control of the workload? Will we download our consciousness into a computer to live in a virtual world? Or is God actually the size of a bacterium, battling good and evil on the battlefield of surface proteins, and thus unaware of humans, who are merely the nutritional substrate? The Rev. Jeff Briere leads this service.

APRIL 19 ♦ *In Answer to Nancy's Question*

Today we welcome guest preacher Mike North. Before our church picnic last summer, Nancy Anderson and Mike discussed several topics, after which she asked him, "What exactly attracts you to our church?" Mike's answer will give Unitarian Universalists an opportunity to hear how the Seven Principles are understood and applied by someone looking at them from a different perspective. Maurine Olin leads this service.

APRIL 26 ♦ *There Will Be No Worship Service at the Church!*

We will enjoy a retreat this weekend at Fall Creek Falls State Park. At this time, plans are incomplete for a service at the retreat. Our minister, the Rev. Jeff Briere, will be in Fort Lauderdale, hoping to witness the birth of his first grandchild.

SUNDAY FORUMS

The Forum meets on Sunday morning downstairs in the last room on the left. Please feel free to join us for the always stimulating discussions. Matt Hoyt has planned the April agenda. All are welcome.

April 5 -- Jerry Smith, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God*. Jerry will lead a discussion on the importance and meaning of scripture in the Judeo-Christian tradition.

April 12 -- Matt Hoyt, *The Spectrum of Freethinking*. From deists to humanists, with stops for agnostics and atheists, a brief look at the nomenclature and history of freethinkers.

April 19 -- Blake Moore, *The Paedia Approach to Education*. Mortimer Adler's ideas and how they have been implemented here in Chattanooga and elsewhere.

April 26 -- Church Retreat. No Forum.

THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB
by Steve Hollingsworth

*But I tell you, a cat needs a name that's particular,
A name that's peculiar, and more dignified,
Else how can he keep up his tail perpendicular,
Or spread out his whiskers, or cherish his pride?*
-- T. S. Eliot

He came to us just called Kitty. But Daidee and I consulted him, observed his mask-like markings, and—with Wrigley Field in view—dubbed him Sir B. J. Purhoff, a nod to Milwaukee Brewers' catcher B. J. Surhoff.

Our best guess absent specific information from the Anti-Cruelty Society is that he was born twenty years ago this month. He's been a constant for us from the time I was an ambitious project manager at First Chicago—when First Chicago still existed. In 1989 our only regular religious observance was *CBS News Sunday Morning* with Charles Kuralt. So B.J. was there as we entered a Unitarian Universalist church for the first time—getting hooked by, joining up with—and as we eventually bought into the whole UU movement.

As UU impacted most every aspect of our lives and thought, BJ matured, bonded with one step-brother, feuded with another in between periods of measured contempt or distant tolerance, and

outlived them both. Now as a solitary cat, he seems more content than ever before, while always willing to express forcefully how things ought to be better. His natural athleticism is now tinged with obvious unsteadiness at times.

Some of UU's impact on me is to look at animals generally and pets in particular with more compassion than before and to realize that defense of animal rights isn't just for vegan tree-huggers. I remember a UU friend who declined to have her church directory photo taken without her dog and the photographer—citing unspecified danger—who refused to take it. File that one under special agreements necessary with the directory company. So many pets brought their owners to a blessing-the-animals service! I'm convinced that it is a UU sacrament to be celebrated periodically.

B.J., however, stayed home that day. He has never traveled gracefully. The trips to the vet have been as traumatic as the vet's pokes and prods, so he has accepted his blessings in accustomed surroundings. Without a doubt he has blessed us, and his remaining time with us is his final gift. The compressed span of a cat's life sharpens our perception of human finitude—including our own—and helps us live and love the moments we have.

INTERLUDE

4/8 Being of the Light

Interlude is a short service on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm. It is more reflective and more introspective than Sunday worship services. Included are responsive readings, meditative music, poetry and a guided meditation. It lasts about a half hour and all

are welcome. Interlude is suspended most of this month because our minister will be away.

PAGAN PERSPECTIVE

Dates of Interest in April

1 - 9:30 am Study Group –
Topic – Planning a permanent Labyrinth at the Church
9 - Full Moon



22 – Earth Day
24 - New Moon

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).

GREEN SANCTUARY
by Sandy Kurtz

Beauty Salons to the Rescue

The reason we shampoo regularly is because hair is very efficient at absorbing oil. That property now helps the environment and wildlife. Nicky Ozbek brings news of Duff's Beauty Salon in Cleveland taking green action. Duff's is one of 370,000 salons in the U.S. collecting cut hair to send it to Matter of Trust where it is turned into mats. These hair mats are used during emergency oil spills and for oiled bird and mammal cages. Hair mats can also be used under leaky machinery or as drip pans during car oil changes. Patronize Duff's or tell your beautician about this program. For gardeners, hair and hair mats can be used as a natural slow release fertilizer.

<www.matteroftrust.org/programs/hairmatsinfo.html>

**Privet Patrol & Pizza Party
April 5 after the Church Service**

Once again we arm ourselves with pizza, garden tools and privet pullers to continue the battle against invasive species that threaten our native plants and their diversity. Wear appropriate clothing and bring any weapons/tools you might have to stave off the enemies. There's fun for all as we also do some planting and grounds beautification. (Did you notice the dwarf iris we planted last year blooming along the walkway near the Peace Pole?) Mulch, compost and pickup trucks needed.

**Call on UUA Presidential Candidates to Make Earth Care
and Environmental Justice UUA Priorities**

At General Assembly 2009, UUs will elect Rev. Peter Morales or Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman as the new UUA President. Individual UUs and UU congregations are urged to actively participate in candidate forums in your Districts and to contact the candidates concerning the need for Earth ministry as an integral part of Unitarian Universalism. For candidate addresses and news about denominational environmental work, visit this site:

<www.uuministryforearth.org>

Interfaith Community Celebrates Earth Day

Official Earth Day is April 22. Plenty of events will be happening around that date in celebration, but we call your attention especially to those where our local Interfaith Power & Light chapter, the Global Warming Task Force, will have a presence:

- April 25 Party for the Planet, Chattanooga Zoo. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- April 26 Earth Day Celebration, Christ the King Lutheran Church in Dalton, GA, Sunday afternoon.

If you are interested in receiving the local interfaith group notices of meetings and information, ask Sandy Kurtz.

Rachel Carson Dinner June 6

Mark your calendars for this fourth annual affair celebrating life on our planet. This event is open to the general public.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

It's time to celebrate our April birthdays! Be sure to wish a "Happy Birthday" to each of these people on their special day.

Rebecca Cruz April 3
Cecile deRocher April 3
April Waggener April 6
Christina Koch April 7
Megan Boshers April 12
Caroline Vanderhoof April 13
Carolyn Moore April 16
Shela Van Ness April 17



Brenda Ford April 18
Claire Hale April 21
Jan Allen April 25
Greg Kertay April 25
Linda Phelman April 25
Bill Kurtz April 26
Noel Dillard April 29
Sue Knight April 29

Be sure to sign up for the
PASSOVER SEDER, FRIDAY, APRIL 10th 6:30 pm
Sign-Up Sheet is in the Fellowship Area or you can call the Church Office
\$8 per adult \$4 children 4-12; children under 4 free
Details in the March nUUsletter
For more information contact Lee Adler or Daidee Springer

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UUPDATE
by Jamie Sullivan, Director of Religious Education

Greetings to all! Once again this year, it is time for our Easter Egg Hunt. It is such fun to watch the children hunt for eggs and see the excitement on their faces as they open them to find the hidden treasure inside. This year, we have a special treat. The Easter Bunny is going to visit the church to bring warmth, kindness, and fluffiness to the fun! Please see more information about this in this nUUsletter.

Earth Day is April 22. Has anyone thought about activities to do as a family to focus your attention on such an important day? Earth Day really is every day, but on the 22nd, I would like to encourage our UU families to research the many ways we can reduce our carbon footprint, and most of all, I think we all need to simply get outdoors and find our local farming network. Visiting local farms, such as Crabtree Farms, and speaking with the folks working directly with the land can spark much enthusiasm in children and adults. Purchasing food, plants, or seeds from our local farmers is a way to reconnect with the meaning of becoming a true UU, and "Caring for Life's Earthboat". Our children need to understand where food comes from. They need to experience neighborhood gardens and learn what it takes to grow food. They need to see how they are connected to the food which nourishes their bodies. Earth Day is about finding new ways for us to give

back the energy and sustenance we are blessed to receive from the Earth. It is a day to educate ourselves and our children and create simple earth conscious goals in our own homes, as well as in our communities. I hope our RE parents will honor this special day with their children and teens, and I hope these suggestions are a helpful tool!

Upcoming Events:

- Our next RE Committee meetings will be held on April 12th and May 3rd at 9:30 am.
- May 3rd is Teacher and Volunteer Appreciation Sunday. Please show up so we can say Thank You for all the time and energy you give to our program!
- May 17 is Children Appreciation Sunday. The kids will not want to miss out on this. Stay posted on the plans we have for the children on this special Sunday.
- May 31 our Medieval class will display the 1,000 paper cranes they created from their book club.
- The whole month of May is also dedicated to learning about Heifer International and the important work they do. We will find out how we can be more involved in this work.

WHO'S PREACHING?

On April 5th, **Pat Daly**, cousin to Elaine Watkins will join us and preach at the morning worship service. Ms. Daly grew up outside of Philadelphia and spent seven years living a monastic life. She volunteered for a year in New Mexico and then received a year of Clinical Pastoral Education at a state hospital in Minnesota and in Omaha. She received a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in the mid 80s and moved to Florida where she raised a son. She works as a grant writer for the County

Sheriff's Office, enjoys creative writing, and is looking forward to retiring soon.

On April 19th, a frequent visitor, **Mike North**, will be the guest in our pulpit. Mike North is a professional land surveyor and former opinion columnist for News Publishing Company. He spent more than 20 years as a lay-minister and deacon in the Church of Christ, and has recently decided that truth isn't found buried beneath mounds of doctrine and dogma.

TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

May 10th at 9:30 am in the Sprouts Classroom

We are asking all RE teachers and volunteers to join us for a light breakfast of bagels, muffins, fruit, and coffee.

CHURCH RETREAT

Sign up now! UUCC retreat at Fall Creek Falls state park. April 24-26. \$10 to attend. Lodging is \$15 per adult in group lodge, \$17 per night for camp site, \$79-\$190 per night in park hotel.

SATURDAY AT THE PROCRASTINATING MINISTER'S HOUSE
by the Rev. Jeff Briere and the Rev. Alison Barrett

Recently, a congregant asked about my writing habits. He thought my sermons were written a month in advance. "Not exactly," I said. What appears below is a pretty good explanation of my writing habits.

open eyes
consider getting up
close eyes
groan & get up
make coffee
boil eggs
eat breakfast
sip cup of coffee
read paper
read email
read NY Times online
fret about sermon
feed goldfish
unload dishwasher
load dishwasher
wipe down counters
take shower
get dressed
replenish bird feeder
scratch the kitty cat
check e-mail
thumb through magazine
fret about sermon
jot down two ideas for sermon
sip another cup
water plants
check e-mail
stare at computer screen
play two games of computer solitaire
go to the bathroom
fret about sermon
begin to feel guilty
write opening words
erase them
re-write opening
play guitar
make more coffee
daydream
write saccharine tripe

erase saccharine tripe
write slightly less saccharine tripe
cuss & swear
4:00 pm have a drink and begin to fix dinner
check e-mail
fret about sermon
pace around the house
Why did I pick this topic?
swear it will never be like this again
get a brain storm - write one good paragraph
dinner time arrives as inspiration arrives
get depressed
self-flagellation
shower after flagellating
early dinner
check e-mail
what's on TV?
panic attack
Why did I ever want to be a minister?
SIT DOWN AT THE COMPUTER
make a confession
ask for absolution
ask God to write the damn sermon
ask the Spirit of Life to write the damn sermon
poach sermon chunks from another minister's work
poach sermon chunks from my own work
write e-mail to commiserate with clergy friends
bear down
breathe
push!
WRITE SERMON
deliver sermon
collapse
do it again next week
do it once a week until dead
move up one plane of existence
come back as a rock
relax

THIRD THURSDAY CINEMA

On Thursday, April 16th, 7 pm don't miss the *Third Thursday Cinema* event. See the e-blasts for more information about this month's movie.

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

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU (ROUND 1)*by David Reed, Vice-President, Ways & Means*

At the time of this writing, we have almost \$100,000 in pledges, which is over halfway to the goal. This amount comes from our Celebration Sunday, and some very generous advance pledges. While we still have follow up work to do, we are optimistic about this year's Stewardship campaign. I want to thank everyone who has pledged for their generosity. We hope to have the final tally for next month's *nUUsletter*.

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

First of all, I wish to thank Daidee Springer for the excellent job she's done in chairing the campaign. Her enthusiasm is contagious and her organizational skills are leading us to what we believe will be a successful campaign. She has done an outstanding job.

Once again, Bill Berry has been a stalwart member of the team. Bill can always be relied upon to provide invaluable aid and counsel in these endeavors. This year, he's helped with the advance campaign and will also play a role in the follow-up campaign. His experience is a godsend, as he has been involved in every Stewardship campaign that I can remember.

I also wish to thank the Rev. Jeff Briere for his advice and counsel in the planning sessions, and for taking on a key role in the advance campaign. Inga Johannesen did a great job with the pledge cards, packets, and other promotional materials, as she has in years past as well.

We also have to extend kudos to Maddie Kertay for taking charge of the arrangements for the Friday Reception and the Celebration Sunday luncheon. Maddie also provided invaluable help with the advance campaign. And Kate Briere once again provided the inspiration for the entertainment.

There are some other folks to thank, too. For one thing, we need to thank the follow-up stewards, but since we just held the Celebration Sunday as of this writing, we don't have a full list to add just yet, so we'll mention some more folks next month.

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

More later.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE*by Daidee Springer, Stewardship Campaign Chair*

I'm writing this on the Ides of March, the last day for submitting an article to the *nUUsletter*. Right now, I'm reveling in the joy of community apparent on Celebration Weekend. The Fellowship Reception Friday night was a blast: incredible food, drink, entertainment and camaraderie. If you missed it this year, you definitely don't want to miss it next year. Today, Sunday March 15, we passed out and collected pledge cards and enjoyed a marvelous catered brunch. At the end of the day, we had forty-five pledges. We are truly grateful for each and every one of them. If you're into numbers, we have 130 "pledging units." Doing the simple math means there are still some 85 individuals or families out there that we need to hear from. If

you committed to our church between the time this was written and the time it was published, thank you. If you haven't committed, then there's no time like the present. Every member of this church is suffering from, or at least worried about, the dive in the economy. But the effect on day-to-day living is different for each of us. I'm hoping those who aren't immediately impacted by the downturn will step up to the plate (Sorry, I can't avoid a baseball analogy) and give more generously than ever. We want our church to keep moving forward and we can only do that with the help of those who step up to the plate. We are all in this together.

SPRING IS HERE!

by Maddie Kertay, President, Board of Trustees

Spring is here and with it comes many wonderful things to look forward to such as the Easter Egg hunt for the young and young at heart and the not to be missed *Somewhat Annual UU Rummage Sale*, both coming up very soon (check the newsletter for related articles). As we look forward, we can also look back on a fabulous Celebration weekend where we enjoyed great food and tremendous fellowship as we renewed our financial dedication to the church.

In economic times such as these it is good to know that the welfare of our church is still an important priority to our members. We know that some even make sacrifices to support the mission of the church, and for that we are grateful. It enables us to be here for all who need a warm accepting religious home. We can be quite proud that each dollar spent by the church is done thoughtfully and with great consideration to how it supports the ongoing work of the church and the broader issues that lend

stability to our congregation. You can also be assured that the church is responding to the recent down turned economy by addressing the spiritual needs through meditative and restful Wednesday night services, not to mention addressing practical matters by offering classes on fine turning your budgeting skills and even hosting a grocery coupon swap! (again, check further in the newsletter and watch the e-blasts for more details).

So while you dust off those Easter bonnets and baskets and dig through your basement looking for things to donate to the Rummage Sale, take the time to watch the season of renewal as it unfurls around us knowing that even in these difficult times each day we grow stronger as a church representing the best in liberal religion.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN APRIL 1 ~ 6:30 PM

Ruby Bruns has volunteered to host Wednesday Night In (WNI) for April. Please sign up in the fellowship area if you plan to attend. We ask for \$5 per adult and \$3 per child to defray the cost of food preparation.

We have had several people gracious enough to step forward as hosts, but we will need hosts for May and June before we take a break for the summer. If you are interested, please contact Leslie Brock.

CHATTANOOGA INSTITUTE OF NOETIC SCIENCE April 11, 2009 Meeting, 10:30 am-noon *Fossils of Southeastern Tennessee* presented by Dr. Ann Holmes

Dr. Holmes, a UTC Geology professor, will provide information on the kinds of fossils that can be found in our part of the country. She will review the stratigraphy of the area, include reconstructions of ancient continents and indicate how scientists built these reconstructions using rocks, and also bring a collection of local fossils, and encourages members to bring rocks and fossils they'd like to have identified.

Annie is from Chattanooga originally, but she moved away in the mid-1970s to pursue a graduate degree from Alabama, worked in the oil industry in New Orleans, and obtained another graduate degree from Columbia University. Her doctoral research was conducted in Australia on Devonian sea-level changes. She has taught at University of Missouri in Columbia and at the Biosphere 2 Center in Arizona for Columbia University. She returned to Chattanooga in 2000 to teach in the UTC Geology department.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The UUCC's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 12th! Our playground and surrounding lawn will serve as the hunting grounds, and we welcome all kids to participate! Parents, please be advised that chocolate and other sweet treats will be enclosed in each egg, so if your child has dietary restrictions, you will need to supervise him or her. Also, if your child already has

his or her own Easter basket, feel free to bring it along. If not, the church will provide a basket.

Rumor has it that a Special Guest Appearance will be made by a large furry creature with floppy ears...Questions? Contact Kay McCurdy at <mcfamily@comcast.net>.

PET THERAPY

by Ira Long

Hospice of Chattanooga is dedicated to the philosophy that no one should reach the end of life alone, afraid or in pain, and that people of all ages have the right to appropriate end-of-life care regardless of disease or ability to pay. Often, a hospice patient's greatest need is just simple companionship, usually provided by volunteers of the two legged variety. However, some volunteers are furry, four-legged and visit patients with a wagging tail and that boundless always-glad-to-see-ya spirit.

It has long been known that interacting with animals can help transform a dying person's moments of fear and sadness into ones of happiness, hope, and warm memories of childhood pets, or pets which had to be left behind. Pet therapy enables people to ease anxiety, manage pain, reduce stress, and maintain a more healthy balance in their lives.

Hospice of Chattanooga has established a pet therapy program in which dogs and their owners visit terminally ill patients in area nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities and private homes. Purebreds and mixed breeds, small and large dogs, are equally welcome. Dogs must be at least one year old, must have basic obedience skills, and most of all be loving, friendly and trustworthy. The handler must attend routine hospice volunteer training. Canines must be certified as pet therapy dogs. The tests are easy for good natured dogs with good people skills and minimal obedience training. Many canines are tested through Therapy Dogs International <www.tdi-dog.org>, which periodically offers testing in Chattanooga.

If you are interested in learning more, please call Pat Street at Hospice of Chattanooga, 892-4289. <www.hospiceofchattanooga.org>. A feline therapy program is just getting under way.

Our family's Labrador, Lucy, is a volunteer. I would be happy to share our experiences if you are interested.

DOUBLE THE PLATE COMING AGAIN IN APRIL

Double the Plate is a program where an anonymous member offers to match the Sunday collection up to a given amount. If we don't collect that amount, the donor only matches what we do collect. Despite the similarity in names, it is separate from Share the Plate whereby we give the collection to a charity.

On Sunday, April 12th, we will again have an opportunity to make an anonymous donor open up (Her? His? Their?) wallet to Double the Plate. So far this year the congregation has contributed over \$1,100 to the church through Double the Plate,

successfully challenging our donors to match about the same amount. Both congregation and donors have shown themselves to be extraordinarily generous.

This time the donor has volunteered to match up to \$400. Come prepared with plenty of green to continue our sterling track record!

READY TO GO THE BLACK BELT LEVEL OF FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT?

Want to tell your money where to go instead of letting it be your boss? Want to sleep better at night knowing that you have the skills to manage a budget even in these tough economic times? Learning to budget is not just for those in trouble, in fact one of the best times to learn to budget is when things are good. This class benefits anyone who wants to get a better handle on their money, no matter if there is enough or if there ends up being too much month at the end of your money. If interested, drop a note

to the church office at <office@uuc.org> and put your name on the waiting list for a class that will cover using simple budgeting software, and the very effective envelope method to tell your money where to go! Watch the e-blasts for more details. *Be assured that no personal financial details need to be disclosed, this is about learning new skills and mock budgets will be used for teaching.*

CALLING ALL COUPON CLIPPERS!

The UU Clippers are planning a fast paced coupon trade on Sunday, April 19 in the sanctuary after the service. If you are interested in trading grocery coupons or just learning how to make the most of your grocery budget with them please contact Elaine Watkins <caprising2004@yahoo.com> for further details.

THOMAS JEFFERSON DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

This is official notice of the Thomas Jefferson District Annual Meeting, which will be held on May 9, 2009, at The Summit Conference Center in Haw River State Park, Browns Summit, NC. You are encouraged to attend. You may register at <www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=8JxOqXuYUr1i_2fne0e6_2fzzw_3d_3d>. The meeting agenda will include one bylaw change (a revision of Article XII) to be considered.

UNIVERSALIST CONVOCATION 2009

Celebrate the religious heart of Unitarian Universalism May 15-17, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham, Alabama.

Information will be posted at <www.nmuc.org/Convo>

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

On May 24th, we will induct new members into the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga. Membership in the church is open to anyone who supports the principles and ministry of the church. We are a non-creedal church.

If you are considering joining our members in the church, please contact the office of our minister, the Rev. Jeff Briere.

SOMEWHAT ANNUAL UU RUMMAGE SALE

Collection of all the treasures you no longer need begins on the first Sunday in April. Look for the large storage pod in the upper parking lot. Drops offs will be taken Sunday mornings from 9:45 till 10:45 am. If you have larger items that need to be moved, or need help with boxes that are too heavy, please contact Maddie Kertay. Drop-offs at other times can be scheduled through Chris in the office or by calling Maddie. PLEASE do not leave items by the POD or at the front door of the church.

per person you can come that night from 6:30-8 pm, have a nice glass of wine and some tasty cheese while you look through and purchase all the good stuff that has been donated by our members. The full sale will be on Saturday, May 2, 8 am till 2 pm.

The Rummage Sale is on the first weekend in May. Friday night, May 1 will be the Wine, Cheese, and Treasures event. For \$5

Rummage Team members are still needed! Discounts and free admission to the Friday night event are just part of the rewards for helping out with this event. Contact Maddie Kertay for details.

ANGEL NUUS

As usual, there is no shortage of angels here at our church. Here are just a few who deserve to be recognized.

The members/friends of the church contributed \$657.58 to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee with Guest at Your Table, and we received a thank you for our support of the UUSC.

Thanks to Bonny Sinclair and James Joyner who arranged for our teens to attend the recent Youth Con at The Mountain. Thank you to Jamie Sullivan and April Waggener for their assistance and support for the trip.

Many thanks to John Spehar and his crew for rebuilding the steps to the lower lot.

Angel wings to those who worked on the Celebration weekend: the McCurdy family, the Kertay Family, Diane Davison, Nancy Beel, The Dillard family and Donna Crompton.

Thanks to our guest editor, Leslie Brock, for volunteering while Wendy is with her family.

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LEADER	Pat Daly	the Rev. Jeff Briere	Mike North	N/A
BOT MEMBER	April Waggener	Maddie Kertay	David Reed	N/A
GREETER	Linda Park	Eric Slaton	Sue Knight	N/A
VISITOR TABLE	Monique Lewis	Stacie Tippins	Kay Spehar	N/A
USHER	Richard Ralston	Carol Hobbs	Pat O'Brien	N/A
MUSIC	Steven Hollingsworth	Kate Briere	Marcia Jenison	N/A
SOUND TECH	David Reed	Rich Dwyer	Joshua Goldman	N/A

*It is better to know some of the questions
 than all of the answers.*

~ James Thurber