



**WHY OUR CONGREGATION EXISTS**  
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Have you ever asked why our congregation exists? Our congregation exists because Helen and the late Ray Solomon, and twelve others, had a PURPOSE. On January 27, 1952, this steering committee met at the Hamilton County Courthouse. Helen held in her hand, a bound notebook inscribed with the word PURPOSE. On the front page were these words handwritten by Helen Solomon:

***In the discipline of Truth, irrespective of its source,  
and in the spirit of Universal Brotherhood, undivided by nation, race or creed,  
we unite to strengthen our convictions in the value and  
need for liberal religion,  
and through the strength of unity, to give such expression to these convictions  
as the Fellowship decides.***

Because Helen and Ray were living in Chattanooga, and had been affiliated with the Church of the Larger Fellowship in Washington, DC when the Unitarian Church had a great campaign for expansion, they were contacted to form a Fellowship in Chattanooga. They organized a steering committee of fourteen people and in less than two months formed a Fellowship, a small group of religious liberals who would function as churches, but without ministers. In 1956, a new building brought a new name, The Chattanooga Unitarian Church.<sup>1</sup>

Almost sixty years later, The Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga still exists with a PURPOSE and now, also, a MISSION, which defines the fundamental purpose of the church and focuses on what we do so that every ministry builds off the other.

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga Mission:

***The Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga is an inclusive liberal religious community dedicated to the Unitarian Universalist Principles. We provide an environment which celebrates life, stimulates creativity and exchange of diverse ideas, and fosters spiritual and intellectual exploration. We support responsible actions to reduce oppression, preserve the ecology, and promote compassionate justice in our larger community.***

It is important to have the MISSION displayed. Try taking a look at it in your committee meetings when there is discussion about a program or project. It offers a sense of direction when considering different functions of the church. It helps to identify our intentions.

<sup>1</sup>History of Liberal Religion in the Chattanooga Area, Helen B. Solomon, p 21.

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**SUNDAY SERVICES ♦ 11:00 AM**

**SEPTEMBER 4 ♦ CLEAR EYES, FULL HEART, DISPELERAMUS**

Recently two good things came to the end of their days: "Friday Night Lights" and Harry Potter. There will be no more Texas football, except in reruns and Harry won't play another Quidditch match except on DVD. We mere muggles will be less without them. The Rev. Jeff Briere cries over the departure of characters that have lived with us for nigh 'bout ten years.

**SEPTEMBER 11 ♦ ANNUAL WATER COMMUNION AND 9/11 REMEMBRANCE**

This Sunday we celebrate our annual ingathering. See the article on page 10 for more information.

**SEPTEMBER 18 ♦ SAVING THE WORLD, 10 PEOPLE AT A TIME**

The Rev. Jeff Briere and Wendy Sapp present the vision of small group ministries and how it serves our spiritual development and our growth as a religious society. Tiffany Envid will be our guest musician; read more about her talents on page 10.

**SEPTEMBER 25 ♦ FINALLY COMES THE POET**

Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Jim Philpott. The poet Stephen Dunn suggests that poetry is an effort to put into words what we already know to be true but do not yet have the words for. Perhaps this is why we listen to music and read books and look at art. Some truths are more than the sum of our explanations. There are truths that cannot be contained in the vocabulary of statistics or the tests of empiricism. Only the voices of the poet can put into words what we know and want to know better. Rev. Philpott is a frequent guest preacher and you can learn more about him on page 10.

**MORE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**

**The Forum** meets downstairs in the last room on the left at 9:30 am. All are welcome to attend.

Sep 4 - A review by Nancy Anderson of this year's UU General Assembly meeting, held in Charlotte, NC on June 22-26.

Sep 11, 18 and 25 – *How Jesus Became Christian*, based on the book by Dr. Barrie Wilson, and facilitated by Dr. Colbert Whitaker.

The **Pagan Group** will meet on September 4 at 9:30 am downstairs in the last room on the right. Nicole Barnhart will lead the group in a discussion of Nature and Spirituality.

**Chalice Circles** will meet the September 25 at 9:30 am downstairs in the first room on the right. The topic is Life Lessons.

*The follies which a person regrets most in his life are those he didn't commit when he had the opportunity.*

*~ Helen Rowland*

**THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB**  
*by Steve Hollingsworth*

Last month I started considering a UU's bucket list and shared five UU related things I've done that might qualify. This month, I present the five top UU things I hope to do before I kick the bucket.

In fifth place, my perennially renewable choice: To worship with one more UU congregation. Every new church or fellowship renews my spirit in some way. There are remarkable people in every gathering. Some way they do something is novel and helps keep my juices flowing.

Number 4: To see a production of Douglas Moore's opera, *The Ballad of Baby Doe*. Not only is it a gripping and true story with great music, but the jilted spouse, Augusta Tabor, was the one who was a sensible steward of her money. She left much of it to the First Unitarian Society of Denver, Colorado, where you can still see evidence of her legacy.

3. While I will forever be a part of The Mountain community in North Carolina, there are also Ferry Beach in Maine and Camp de Benneville Pines in California that have devoted followings. I'm willing to put my loyalty to the test and visit one or both places to experience their appeal.

2. SUUSI, the Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute is one of several annual UU gatherings around the country. When I was in Chicago, it was Summer Assembly at Lake Geneva. All of these events are places where UUs of all ages play hard at indoor and outdoor sports and always show off how complicated and wonderful we all are. Some year, I promise, I will see it for myself—even though it is always so close to General Assembly which I also love. Sigh.

And, ta-da! My greatest coming attraction:

1. Justice General Assembly (GA) 2012 in Phoenix. Delegates at GA last year voted for an annual meeting focused on doing justice for Arizona immigrants who are under fire because of the state's unfair law, HB1070. Right now, it's fair to say that the UU Planning Committee is tied in knots and the UU Association leadership is flailing, trying to figure out how we can best fulfill that mission. Nevertheless, not since our UU witness in the 1960s for racial equity and against the war in Vietnam have we been so mobilized to answer to our principles. And to our leaders, I say, do your best and I will be there! Even if we end up feeling we have failed in Phoenix, I know we must go on trying, again and again, until we become the people we seek.

¡Sí, se puede! ¡Venceremos!

**CHALICE LIGHTING AND YOU**



Chalice Lighting is a very important part of our service. It brings light with all its various meanings. It signals the beginning of this wonderful time of worship and fellowship, of being together in spirit. The extinguishing of the flame reminds us to take this spirit out into the world.

We are in the process of including more people in this act of chalice lighting. We want everyone to have the opportunity to feel a part of the service. The added benefit is that we get to put a name with a face. It is difficult to know everyone in the church, and this will help.

There is a signup sheet on the glass wall in our fellowship area. Please feel free to sign up for a Sunday you would prefer. If a couple or an entire family would like to participate, that would be terrific. Be sure to leave both email and phone number so we can remind you as the date approaches. Thank you for helping in our worship service.

**GREEN SANCTUARY INITIATIVE**  
*by Sandy Kurtz, Green Sanctuary*

**REMEMBERING HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI: NEVER AGAIN**

It was in 1945 when atomic bombs, created at the Oak Ridge Y12 Nuclear Weapons Plant, destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This August, 66 years later, the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance held a weeklong series of events to say "Never Again." The events included a Names & Remembrance Ceremony where names of victims were read, a March for Nuclear Abolition, Peace Lantern Making and Nagasaki Commemoration, and a Buddhist Fast for an End to Nuclear Weapons. Peace cranes were tied to the fence around the bomb plant. All activities were meant to raise the call of the *hibakusha* (bombing survivors) for the world to step away from the nuclear abyss and move toward complete disarmament—the only guarantee that the world will never again know the horror of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. May it be so.

**PAGAN NUUS**

**September**

- 4 - Pagan Study Group - 9:30 am - Topic: Nature and Spirituality (led by Nicole Barnhart)
- 12 - 5:27 am Full Moon
- 21 – Mabon/Autumnal Equinox
- 27 - 7:09 am - New Moon



Mabon is named for the Welsh God and it is seen as the second of the three harvests- particularly as a celebration of the vine harvests and of wine. The Autumn Equinox divides the day and night equally, and we all take a moment to pay our respects to the impending dark. We also give thanks to the waning sunlight, as we store our harvest of this year's crops.

**NEW ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY THIS FALL**

**Rise Up And Call Her Name:  
A Woman-honoring Journey into Global Earth-based Spiritualities**

This Unitarian Universalist curriculum will be offered this fall in 13 sessions, each lasting approximately 2 1/2 hours. We will meet on Sunday afternoons, 1:00-3:30 September 18 through December 18, excluding Thanksgiving weekend. Please sign up in the Fellowship area as soon as possible. If you have any questions, contact Leslie Brock.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- Heidi Davis ~ September 3
- Bart Solomon ~ September 10
- Ken Nickerson ~ September 11
- Ron Pasch ~ September 13
- D. Michael North ~ September 16
- Mary Hunter ~ September 22
- Katy Couch ~ September 23



- Les Kertay ~ September 23
- Julia Nelson ~ September 24
- Rich Dwyer ~ September 25
- Kay McCurdy ~ September 25
- Wolfgang Poe ~ September 27
- Charlotte Davis ~ September 28

## CHANGES

by Kay McCurdy, Director of Religious Education

*....And these children  
That you spit on  
As they try to change their worlds  
Are immune to your consultations.  
They're quite aware  
Of what they're going through.*

~ David Bowie

I'm just back from The Mountain, the Unitarian Universalist retreat center in beautiful Highlands, North Carolina. Each July, our southeast LREDA chapter (Liberal Religious Educators Association) sponsors Religious Education Week at The Mountain, and facilitates a renaissance module from the UUA. This summer, the focus was on Ministry with Youth. Module classes, led by Jesse Jaeger of Boston, and Dana Poss of Atlanta, were held in the mornings. In the afternoons, Reverend Dr. Monica Cummings of the UUA led sessions on how best to support and work with LGBTQ and Multiracial youth. DRE's from Louisiana, New York, Florida, and New Mexico, as well as those from neighboring states Virginia, Georgia and Alabama, were in attendance. A great experience, no doubt. Building community with other religious educators, learning how best to serve the kids in our congregations, and sipping a cold beer on the porch at the end of each day....what could top that? As it happens, on the last evening, something even more interesting happened. We'd invited a group of Counselors from The Mountain Camp to speak with us about their experiences growing up as Unitarian Universalists. These young men and women were in the 19-24 age range, and all were articulate, bright, and full of insights. And each of them, having grown up in the church, were (and are) the elders of our faith (as compared to myself and many of the other DRE's in attendance, who came to the UU as adults). Here's what they had to say....at least a part of it:

- *I didn't like it when I brought my Christian friends to church and they were not made to feel welcome because of their belief system. It ticks me off me that UUs are so offended by Christianity, when supposedly the door is open to everyone.*
- *Why didn't the people in the congregation want to get to know us? The only people who ever volunteered in our classrooms were parents. Weren't we a part of the church, too?*
- *OWL<sup>1</sup> classes really made a difference in my life. They helped me to see my way more clearly.*
- *Give us something to do! We could contribute to the church if we only had a job to do. Just sitting around talking about our principles gets boring.*
- *Spending time at The Mountain as a camper and at Youth Cons helped me figure out how to live life as a UU more than any UU curriculum.*

After a week spent theorizing about how best to work with youth, it was refreshing to actually hear from young people and allow them to voice their complaints, frustrations, and triumphs. As a DRE, some of what I heard stung a bit, like when they dismissed much of our available curriculum as trite, or not particularly worth their time. But, in the end, it was exactly what we all needed to hear. It was the unvarnished truth, at least for that particular group of young UUs, and it bears repeating. How can we be more welcoming as a congregation? Where do the youth of our church fit into the scheme of things? And can we begin to acknowledge the importance of OWL training for our UU Kids, and move toward making it happen?

<sup>1</sup> OWL, or Our Whole Lives, is a series of sexuality education curriculum developed by the UUA.

### YOU MIGHT BELONG IN SMALL GROUP MINISTRY IF...

You might belong in Small Group Ministry if...

- you like to listen, you like to talk, and especially if you like to do both: listen and talk!
- you like all UUs, some UUs, want to learn to like UUs!
- you like sharing your thoughts ideas or if you like to keep them to yourself.
- you want to have more people to hug on Sunday mornings.
- you want to be a more involved UU.
- you need to get away from the house on a regular basis.
- you want to help others through service projects with other UUs.
- you enjoy getting to know people better.
- you want to explore different ideas and thoughts.
- you want to join with other UUs to make the community a better place.
- you want to know what this SGM stuff is all about.

This fall, three Small Group Ministry groups are forming. Each group will meet twice a month for two hours each time. During the meeting, members will have the opportunity to share their personal experiences on a central theme or topic for the meeting. Just as important, members will have the chance to truly listen to the experiences of the other members of their group. In addition to the monthly meetings, each group commits to completing two service projects throughout the year, one for the church and one for the community.

Groups are open to anyone. Participants commit to attending the sessions and to participate in the service projects, but we realize that occasionally life will interfere and make someone miss a session or project.

If you are interested in joining a group, registration will occur after service the first three Sundays in September. You can also register by contacting the co-coordinators of the SGM program, Dez Papendorp and Wendy Sapp. You can also contact Dez or Wendy if you have questions or want additional information. Dez can be reached at 706-820-4006 and Wendy can be reached at 706-694-0940. Both can be contacted at [sgm@uuc.org](mailto:sgm@uuc.org).

So...do **you** belong in Small Group Ministry?

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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).

### UU 101

New members, those considering membership, and anyone interested in learning more about the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga are invited to attend *UU 101*, a three-session class on October 5, 12, and 19, each night at 7 pm.

The sessions will examine personal faith journeys, cover a little Unitarian and Universalist history, the story of liberal religion in this area, explain how our church is managed (like who does what), and answer all your questions about Unitarian Universalism.

This is a good chance for newcomers to meet each other and learn more about the church. Childcare can be arranged if needed.

To register, use any of these methods:

1. Sign up on the roster posted by the kitchen door
2. Send a message to [minister@uuc.org](mailto:minister@uuc.org)
3. Call the church administrator at 423-624-2985

### SMALL GROUPS, BIG RETURNS HOW TO INFUSE YOUR CHURCH WITH A SOLID SGM PROGRAM FOR TEENS AND ADULTS OCTOBER 15-16

Rev. Helen Zidowecki, president of the UU Small Group Ministry Network, will lead a workshop for all adults and teens interested in learning more about Small Group Ministry (SGM). The one day workshop on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, will address SGM for teens and adults, how churches can develop a healthy long-term SGM program, and the differing roles of ministers, coordinators, and facilitators in SGM. The morning will focus on all ages, and in the afternoon, teens can choose to continue participating in the workshop or join in fellowship together elsewhere in the church. Registration fees include a boxed lunch.

On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Zidowecki will participate in our morning worship service. In the afternoon, she will lead a 1 ½-2 hour workshop on creating and critiquing sessions for Small Group Ministry and answer questions about Small Group Ministry. There is no fee for Sunday's activities.

Registration Fees for Saturday Workshop:

- Early Bird Registration (until September 15): Adults \$35, Teens \$15
- Regular Registration (September 16-October 5): Adults \$40, Teens \$20
- Late Registration (October 6-15): Adults \$45, Teens \$25

Note: All participants will be provided with a boxed lunch at no additional charge.

To register click [here](#) or go to <http://uuc.org/small-group-ministry-workshop>.

Or use this image to go straight to registration with your smart phone.

For more information or to volunteer to help with the workshop, contact Dez Papendorp or Wendy Sapp at [sgm@uuc.org](mailto:sgm@uuc.org) or 706-694-0940 (Wendy) or 706-820-4006 (Dez).



**I MEAN THAT**  
*by the Rev. Jeff Briere*

Sunday mornings are always very frantic for me. I can't think or make commitments on the fly on that busy day. I wish I had time to speak to each of you in-depth on Sundays, but there just aren't enough minutes. Luckily, Sunday mornings aren't the only time we can talk.

The reality is that I have made my home phone number and my cell phone number and my email address widely available. You can call or email me anytime. *I mean that.*

I work out of my home, mostly. So since my home is my office, you are not intruding when you call me there. It's OK. Really.

There are some practical considerations, though. For routine or non-critical matters, I'd prefer not to receive a phone call after 9 pm or before 8 am. And Monday is my day off.

Emergencies are a different matter. If it's critical, call anytime. Wake me up. *I mean that.*

No matter when you call, I may be engaged with something else, so leave a detailed message and alert me if it is a time sensitive matter.

If you wish to meet with me, please make an appointment; I can usually meet you within a few days. If you must meet me in a hurry, I can be ready within the hour.

I say again: you are not bothering me with your call. *I mean that.*

Each member and friend of this congregation is important to me. Only through dialogue can I know what is going on in your head and your heart. We are all part of a network of caring, but that network only supports us when we share our needs and gifts with each other.

My cell number is 423-667-0855; home, 423-624-8152. Send a message to [minister@uuc.org](mailto:minister@uuc.org).

Many years ago Unitarian Universalist minister Rev. Peter Lee Scott wrote a column called "When to Call the Minister." In the intervening years, his column has been adapted and expanded by others. Here's the latest version:

Call the Minister...

When you don't know me, but would like to.

When you have problems you would like to discuss; your job, children, marriage, or anything else where a sympathetic ear might help.

When you are going to the hospital or know of someone else in the congregation who is.

When someone close to you has died or is critically ill or you're dealing with a significant loss of some kind.

When you are planning to be married or divorced.

When you would like your child dedicated.

When you are pregnant and glad you are or wish you weren't, or if you want to be pregnant but aren't.

When you feel ready to join the congregation.

When you have concerns or suggestions.

When you have religious or spiritual questions.

When you are seeking to deepen your spiritual life.

When you are upset with me or would like to express appreciation.

When you have won the lottery and want to make a large donation to the church.

### **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

On Tuesday, July 16th, the board of trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga met. Some highlights of their meeting include:

- Assistive Listening Equipment in the sanctuary approved.
- Nov 13 - *Tony and Janina's American Wedding*, a movie based on a theme about immigration.
- Dec 3 - A Piano Christmas Concert with two artists, Joseph Akins and Michael Dulin.

### **BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

For 2011-2012, the Board of Trustees meets on the third Tuesday of the month, except for April.

The dates of the meetings are September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20, January 17, February 21, March 20, April 24, May 15, and June 19. The Annual Meeting is May 20.

### **QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING**

Board of Trustees President Elaine Hill is calling all committee chairs and operation/function heads to gather quarterly with BOT members and staff in order to enhance communication and programming at UCC. This first Quarterly Council Meeting will be on Saturday, September 10, 8:30-11:30 am. Contact Linda Helton with questions, or if you think you should be at the meeting but haven't been asked! Email [LKWH67@gmail.com](mailto:LKWH67@gmail.com), or call Linda at 423-875-8347.

### **INSTALLATION OF THE SECURITY FENCE IN THE OVERFLOW PARKING LOT** *by the Building and Grounds Committee*

For a long time there have been problems concerning unauthorized use of the overflow parking lot by individuals from outside the church community. This has become a major problem within the last six months as a result of large numbers of used car tires being dumped at the unlit end of the lot. A few months ago it was necessary to remove 395 tires from that area, at the cost of \$2.00 per tire.

It was painfully obvious that some action had to be taken to attempt to eliminate this problem. Building and Grounds recommended to the church Board of Trustees that a fence be installed to block off the area of the overflow parking lot where these infractions had occurred.

In the interim, a camera was installed in the area to evaluate whether or not this step would be effective in determining who was entering this part of our church property. Unfortunately, before this was accomplished 50 more used tires were found in the lower lot, again from sources unknown. It was subsequently determined that the camera would indeed pick up and record invasions of that property area.

The Board responded rapidly to Building and Grounds request, and approved the installation of the fence. The fence was designed with a 14 foot wide lockable gate that would allow authorized individuals entry to that portion of the property. The six foot chain link fence and gate, with 3 strands of barbed wire at the top was installed, and is positioned so the area of the lot that is unlit at night is behind the fence.

It is expected that the camera will be re-installed in a locked steel security box. The camera will be positioned so as to detect all traffic in the area within 15 to 30 feet.

## WATER COMMUNION SEPTEMBER 7



On Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our annual ingathering to begin our new church year. During this service, each person is invited to bring a small container of water (about the size of a film canister) and add their water to a vase. When adding the water, each person will have the opportunity to briefly share the story behind their water and what it means. This water will be sanitized and used throughout the year for other services such as child dedications. Many people gather water from places that carry special meaning or memory—the home of a relative or friend, a sink from a vacation, water from a stream or lake or ocean. Even a swimming pool, garden hose, or kitchen sink can be a meaningful source of water.

This year, we will reserve a portion of the service to remember those who died on 9/11 and their families and friends.

**If you choose to participate in this service, please prepare by gathering water and deciding on a few sentences you would like to say.** Children are always welcome to participate individually, in groups, or with their families by adding their water and sharing their stories. This intergenerational service is meaningful to many of our children as it gives them a chance to be heard and respected by the entire church family.

## WHO'S PREACHING? SEPTEMBER 25



**Rev. Jim Philpott, Th.D.**, a minister in the United Methodist Church, has conducted a community-based pastoral counseling practice in Chattanooga for the past 28 years. He is licensed as a Marital and Family Therapist and a Clinical Pastoral Therapist and is a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Jim served on the Board of Education of the Chattanooga Public Schools from 1989-1993 and as Director of Pastoral Care at Valley Behavioral Health Hospital in the 1990s. He currently serves as Pastoral Counselor for Christ UMC and the Chattanooga District of the United Methodist Church. On work days he provides counseling services to individuals and couples in his Georgia Avenue office and on off days he can be found in his shop turning wood art on a lathe or in a trout stream testing the waters. He is husband to Jeane, father to Ben and Sarah, and “granddaddy” to two granddaughters.

## WHO'S PLAYING? SEPTEMBER 18

As a full-time professional harpist, **Tiffany Envid** plays the harp regularly for weddings, dinner parties, church functions, and other special events. Some of her achievements have been playing Mozart's Flute and Harp concerto (2nd movement) and The Poem with Lee's Chamber Orchestra; accompanying various choirs such as Lee's Chorale, Choral Union and Children's Chorale, the Chattanooga Girls' Choir, and the Baylor School Upper Choir; as well as participating in many local church and university musicals and music services. Tiffany has also performed *The Fantasticks*, the world's longest running musical with an orchestration of harp and piano, as well as *Two From Galilee*, a Ripple Productions Christian musical. Tiffany has taught the Salzedo method of harp for the past seven years with student ages ranging from five to seventy-five. She is a founding member and director of the Chattanooga Harp Ensemble, the harp instructor at Westmore Music Academy, and a member of the American Harp Society.



### SHARE THE PLATE

On September 11 we will Share The Plate with the Walker County Foster and Adoptive Parents Association. Dez and Eric Papendorp are among some of the awesome of volunteers who commit long hours and share their lives with stranger's children in the hopes of making our world a better place in the future. For more information, check out their website at [www.wcfaapa.org](http://www.wcfaapa.org).



Month	Share the Plate with	Amount Donated
September	Walker County Foster and Adoptive Parents Association	???
August	Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep	\$215.00
July	UUC in Brunswick, Maine	\$640.00
June	Himanchal Education Foundation	\$302.00
May	The Children's Home/Chambliss Shelter	\$331.00
April	Northside Neighborhood House	\$242.23
March	The Mountain	\$755.52
February	Interfaith Homeless Network	\$505.00
January	Newton Child Development Center	\$381.68
December	Pet Placement Center	\$222.61
November	Community Kitchen	\$471.25
October	UUA	\$268.00

If we are to reach real peace in this world and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with children; and if they grow up in their natural innocence, we don't have to struggle; we won't have to pass fruitless idle resolutions, but we shall go from love to love and peace to peace, until at last all the corners of the world are covered with that peace and love for which consciously or unconsciously the whole world is hungering.

~ Mahatma Gandhi

## MUSIC NUUS

This is going to be another great year for the UU music program. It actually began for me last June when I started picking out choir music, writing some Bell Choir music, and practicing piano with some new music I bought from Joseph Akins, who played for the worship service June 12. He was so well appreciated, receiving the first standing ovation I have ever seen at our church! His music was beautiful and I hope to play some of it for you this fall.



The chattanUUGans, our famous choir, begin rehearsals Sunday August 21. Everyone is invited to join us. If you love to sing and would like to be part of our group, please come Sundays at 9 am. It is the perfect way to start your Sunday (We laugh! We cry!).

Our Children's Choir is in transition. I will be contacting those who have come in the past. If your child is interested in singing in a children's choir, please contact me at [music@uuc.org](mailto:music@uuc.org)

We are planning two Coffeehouses this year, one in the fall, November 18, and one in the spring, February 24, 2012 . Please participate as a performer or audience member.

Yes, music will be "bustin' out all over!" We will have some guest musicians, so keep checking the music rotation notices for who is coming. We will have a Christmas piano concert with Joseph Akins on Saturday, December 3, and at some point we will be doing a video of Good News with our musicians and choir to be posted on YouTube! The fun never ends! Won't you come and join us?

## SINGING MEDITATION

Singing Meditation sessions will resume this fall on August 31. I realize that the date is before this nUUSletter is published, but we must begin somewhere. It is something you can drop in on and certainly do NOT have to attend every session. Last year we met once a month and it didn't feel like enough, so this year we will meet the second and last Wednesdays of the month. Posters will be in the fellowship area to announce the coming dates! Please come whenever you need some solace, some quiet, some meditative silence.

Questions? Call or email Kate at 423-624-8152 or [music@uuc.org](mailto:music@uuc.org).

## LET'S CELEBRATE

*By Elaine Hill, Board President*

There is going to be a birthday on January 27, 2012. Our church will be 60 years old!! Now that is something to get excited about. This is a meaningful milestone and there is much to commemorate. It's a culmination of a lot of hard work for sixty years.

This is special to all of us because it is a celebration of sixty years of liberal religion in Chattanooga. It's a time to realize anew that we are standing on the shoulders of fourteen people who brought liberal religion to Chattanooga. Let's wrap our minds around this anniversary and make it a memorable event. We need to start now to **PREPARE, PLAN** and **PULL IT TOGETHER**.

First I need to know if you, a member or friend of this congregation, think this is a good idea. Please respond to [pres@uuc.org](mailto:pres@uuc.org) and answer either YES or NO. If you are willing to be on the committee to prepare, plan and pull it together, please give me your name, phone number and e-mail address. Looking forward to hearing from you before Sept 15.

## NEW MEMBERS

Several new members recently joined the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga. Here is a brief introduction. Welcome to each of you!

**Chasity Masters** is also known as CJ or Chas to friends, family, and those that find it difficult to pronounce her name. She will graduate from Chattanooga State in May of 2012 with a degree in Web Design. Currently she is interning at the Hamilton County Mayor's office in the IT Department. Chasity is engaged to be married to the love of her life in September of 2012. Together they have three fantastic children, an awesome black lab, and a beautiful (although finicky) cat. Chasity cooks fabulous meals when she has the time and energy, and she has an addiction to books. She helps organize and run Chattanooga Poi, a group that practices the performing art of poi spinning. She says she is "delighted to be a member of the church!"



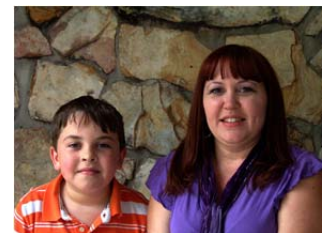
Once **Eileen Mulcahy** saw the Tennessee mountains for the first time in 2010, it was easy for her to make the decision to relocate to Georgia from Attleboro, Massachusetts. She was raised Catholic, by an Irish mother who was a closet pagan. She is happily married to her wife because the state of Massachusetts said she could be and her religion today is neo-pagan. She looked for a long time for a community and once finding the UU Church of Chattanooga, she says she feels "totally comfortable here." She has three children and five grandsons from 3 to 13 years old.

**D. Michael North** decided to become a member not because of the theology, the manner of worship, the music, nor the activities. He wanted to join the congregation because of the people. While he is interested in those other things, the friendly and thoughtful people he sees every time he attends are the best reasons he associates with the congregation. In addition to working as Project Manager for the Shoher Group, Professional Land Surveyors, he works at Flying Turtle Farm in Dade County, GA. Flying Turtle practices natural and sustainable farming methods for producing heirloom vegetables and fruits, grass-fed beef and pastured pork. His interests include history, political philosophy, economics, golf, and college football. He enjoys and enthusiastically supports the local music scene and local nano and micro-breweries.



**Bill Reed** is a Chattanooga native having lived here most of his life. For the past twenty plus years, he worked in the mental health and alcohol and drug counseling fields. After retiring this past April, Bill is catching up on his reading and doing some genealogical work as one new hobby—among many other interests. He attended the UCC in the past and says he is at a point in life to improve spiritual connections.

**Angelia Stinnett** and her family relocated to Chattanooga a year ago with Volkswagen. She studied political science and communications at UT Martin. She is heavily involved in local politics and works as the public relations manager of the newly established Chattanooga Socialist Party. Her son **Hunter** is ten years old, in 5th grade at Alpine Crest Elementary, and involved with the area chess club. They are very excited about being members of the UCC and look forward to making positive contributions.



# Welcome!

**ART-ON-THE-WALLS**



The UU Kids and our RE teachers have contributed their time and immense talents to the art that is now displayed on the walls of the sanctuary. These various one of a kind art pieces are reflective of the Heifer curriculum that was completed in August.

Heifer's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, they empower them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope.

With gifts of livestock and training, they help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. They refer to the animals as "living loans" because in exchange for their livestock and training, families agree to give one of its animal's offspring to another family in need. It's called Passing on the Gift – a cornerstone of the mission that creates an ever-expanding network of hope and peace



To find out more about the work this organization does, go to [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org). And, the next time you're in the sanctuary, take a moment to look at the wonderful artwork created by your very own UU Kids!

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

DATE	9/4	9/11	9/18	9/25
TOPIC	Clear Eyes, Full Heart, Dispelaramus	Annual Water Communion and 9/11 Remembrance	Saving the World, 10 People At A Time	Finally Comes the Poet
LEADER	Rev. Jeff Briere	Rev. Jeff Briere	Rev. Jeff Briere and Wendy Sapp	Rev. Jim Philpott
GREETERS AND USHERS	Kristie McKinley Linda Helton Yvonne Derrickson	Carol Hobbs Harold Linn Susan Kennedy	Steve Sherman Elaine Hill Forney McClellan	Nicky Ozbek Eric Slaton Marge Pasch
BOARD REP	Eric Papendorp	Wendes Jones	Alan Larson	Miranda Cagle
MUSIC	Steve Hollingsworth	Kate Briere	Tiffany Envid	Marcia Jenison
SOUND REINFORCEMENT	Eric Davis	Kristie McKinley	Karl Hunt	Roger Davis

POETRY CORNER

**Snake Island People**

I come from broad hipped women  
with watermelon breasts,  
women named Zelma, LaVonnia and  
Lillie Pearl,  
mommas birthing ten pound  
babies in houses with dirt floors,  
fried catfish, hushpuppies and  
black eyed peas.

I come from summers on  
Snake Island and driving  
twenty miles to man  
the make-up counter at  
Woolworth's, from dreams  
of glamour and getting  
married too young to the  
wrong man.

Bluegrass,  
trailer parks, my people  
gathering in tiny tin rooms  
thick with smoke from  
Tareyton cigarettes.

I come from the rodeo  
and lazy smiles, the dust  
and the sweat and the  
cowboy named Johnny  
packed firmly into  
sweet black jeans.

I come from orchids  
in the greenhouse,  
Gerbera daisies, and cool patios  
swept clean every day.

I come from factory workers,  
Avon ladies, farmers, and  
Christians born again - from  
people who will swing a baseball bat  
at the drunken head of their father,  
should he hit their mother  
one more time -  
people who forgive,  
and people who never will.

~ Nancy Beel

# September 2011

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4 9:00a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Pagan Group 9:30a Forum 11:00a Worship 11:15a RE	5	6 6:30p Stewardship Mtg. (Fellowship Area) 7:30p Rental	7	8	9	10 8:30a Quarterly Council Mtg. 10:30a CHIONS 12:30p CofG
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25 9:00a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Forum 11:00a Worship 11:15a RE 1:00p Adult RE Class (1 to 4)	26	27 7:30p Rental	28	29 10:00a Church of God (until 6pm)	30	