



GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

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Thanksgiving will be here soon and inviting a **Guest at Your Table** is a tradition at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga. This is a program where members and friends of the church take home a small box featuring people the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), worked with during the year. People pictured on the box are your 'guests'. This program has been an important part of the Unitarian Universalist culture since 1975.

Guest at Your Table supports UUSC efforts to develop sustainable practices that fight poverty and hunger. It also supports programs to strengthen human rights wherever tyranny raises its head. By donating, you are helping nurture a spirit of gratitude and "justice, equity, and compassion in human relations."

Nancy Anderson began to coordinate **Guest at Your Table** when she joined our church in 1997, but we participated many years earlier. This year, Nancy and Martha Berry will coordinate the effort. In 2009, we contributed \$650.91 and in 2010 \$603.50. The boxes and envelopes will be available beginning the Sunday before Thanksgiving and they must be returned early January. Following are some examples of how your donations were used last year:

- **\$25** can inspire future leaders in the Middle East and northern Africa by helping a youth activist to print and distribute five Arabic-language copies of *The Montgomery Story*, a comic book about Martin Luther King Jr.'s use of nonviolence during bus boycotts in Alabama.
- **\$40** helps 30 families in Myanmar bring their crops to market successfully. Participating in revolving loans allows farmers to buy food and meet basic needs while waiting for their harvest, when they will be able to sell their rice at a better and fairer price.
- **\$60** pays to distribute 15 copies of the Restaurant Opportunities Center United National Diners' Guide, which will be released in late 2011. The guide will educate consumers about the labor practices of the 150 most popular fast food, casual, and fine-dining restaurants in the country.
- **\$75** helps workers in Arkansas, enabling the Northwest Arkansas Workers' Justice Center to conduct outreach and education projects tailored to specific challenges faced by poultry-processing and construction workers.

[RETURN TO UUCC
HOMEPAGE](#)

Please join hands with UUSC and work together to advance human rights and promote social justice. For more information, please see Nancy Anderson or Martha Berry.

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SUNDAY SERVICES ♦ 11:00 AM

NOVEMBER 6 ♦ AN INCORRECT FAITH

The Rev. Jeff Briere leads this service, but he invited Dana Lise Shavin to share her thoughts and experiences as a Jew concerning the meaning of home in this heavily Christian part of the country. Dana Shavin is a mixed-media artist, painter, and writer. You can read her columns in the Times-Free Press, usually in the first week of the month.

NOVEMBER 13 ♦ IMMIGRANTS R US

Immigration reform is badly needed, but in the rush to reform, states have over-reacted and unintended consequences have given everyone headaches. The Rev. Jeff Briere leads this service in which he previews a movie, *Tony and Janina's American Wedding*. See article on page 12 about the full showing on November 17th.

NOVEMBER 20 ♦ I AM THANKFUL . . .

Gratitude is a highly beneficial aspect of our psychological makeup. But it can be elusive and it can take some effort to develop and maintain. The Rev. Jeff Briere leads this Thanksgiving service.

NOVEMBER 27 ♦ IN SEARCH OF WALDEN THREE

Our guest speaker will be David Pope. Yes, there is human nature, but we can see ways in which lifelong nurture can powerfully direct us to the social ends we need for our long-term survival. Jesus' teachings, before the Christian establishment corrupted them, tried to model what such a society might be. In our time, B F Skinner has also shown clear-eyed understanding of how our faulty nurturing has failed us.

MORE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

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

November 6 – Is 2012 the time to launch a serious effort for a third political party?

Dr. David Brodsky, Dalton Roberts Professor of Public Administration at UTC.

November 13 – Charles Dickens, Favorite Novels

Elizabeth Ruh, retired instructor at Dalton College, with a special interest in Charles Dickens and Bret Harte

November 20 - Native American Migrations In and Around Cvtonuga

Our own tom kunesh, a founding member of the Chattanooga InterTribal Association, Moccasin Bend advocate and active in other Native American activities

November 27 - Pursuing Unanswered Questions from Previous Programs

Claire Hale, facilitator, with help

The Pagan Study Group meets November 6 at 9:30 am downstairs in the last room on the right. Inga Johannesen will lead the discussion.

Chalice Circle meets November 27 at 9:30 am downstairs in the first room on the right. The topic is *What We Are Thankful For*.

THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB
by Steve Hollingsworth

When someone commits a heinous crime our position is that they are responsible and **aware** that they have committed a heinous crime. But do we ask why a mature human would do something like that? On purpose??

~ David J. Pope

I do not pretend to understand the moral universe; the arc is a long one, my eye reaches but little ways; I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by the experience of sight; I can divine it by conscience. And from what I see I am sure it bends towards justice.

~ Theodore Parker

It's time for me to see if I have any chips to call in with my readers out there. So here's the ask: If you're in town on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, do come to church even if you weren't planning to. I will be the service leader that day and for the fourth time I will introduce guest speaker David Pope, a thoughtful and intelligent friend who has devoted a fair portion of his retirement confronting the danger of unbridled intelligence in the hands of humans equipped with stone-age socialization. Each time before, he has had very meaty material for us to digest that, at times, has been challenging to assimilate at first hearing. Reading an advance copy of his sermon, I feel he gives those of us who have tried to keep up excellent new food for thought while at the same time makes his key points digestible for newcomers—a remarkable achievement.

It is also remarkable, although he comes out of a Lutheran background and claims neither Unitarian nor Universalist traditions, how much our Unitarians and Universalist forebears were wrestling with similar issues and would embrace David as a fellow traveler on the road to reason.

My dad Bruce Hollingsworth was also Unitarian Universalist (UU) fellow traveler for most his life, joining a UU church at age 77. A major preoccupation of his last years was a monograph, the last title of which was *Beyond Punishment*. He decried the waste of human potential locked behind bars and the moral vacuity of revenge.

In discussing his position with him, I impatiently pointed out how naively he glossed over the part about how we could actually achieve his vision. David provides a missing link for me. Realizing the vision, if possible at all, surely must begin with proper nurture from cradle to grave.

So many threads seem to come together. It is very UU to argue ways our human race itself might improve; our American experiment was founded on a similar faultline. Jefferson imagined a new kind of society would create a new kind of human being; Hamilton saw little malleability in human nature. I see how both men owned a part of the truth whose whole is synthesized in David's vision of lifelong nurture.

It doesn't seem to me that this fantastically marvelous universe, the tremendous range of time and space and different kinds of animals, and all the different planets, and all these atoms with all their motions, and so on, all this complicated thing can merely be a stage so that God can watch human beings struggle for good and evil—which is the view that religion has. The stage is too big for the drama.

~ Richard Feynman

GREEN SANCTUARY INITIATIVE
by Sandy Kurtz, Green Sanctuary

WHO TO THANK

It's November. Time to say thanks now that the harvest is in with frost on the pumpkins. For Unitarian Universalists (UUs), that may pose a bit of a dilemma. To whom do we say thanks? In other denominations, it's "Thank you, Lord for our many blessings," but that seems too fundamental and simplistic. It smacks of a great father above who is able to wreak vengeance or bestow goodies upon you without your understanding why as Job found out in the Bible. One would certainly want to appease such a being in order to gain favor and to reap benefits. There's that old saying, 'There, but for the grace of God, go I,' but I'm not sure UUs would subscribe to that way of thinking.



I'm pretty certain I can't depend on God's grace, but still on Thanksgiving Day, I am especially thankful. Is grateful the same as thankful? I'm thankful/grateful just to be part of a loving community on a planet that provides the ecosystem giving us what we need for living. I'm thankful to all LIFE in general for that interdependent web and the work ethic that brings abundance and opportunities to us. That's more than enough. Perhaps William Jennings Bryan said it best: *On Thanksgiving Day we acknowledge our dependence.*

Happy Thanksgiving and may the Force be with you all!

GROUNDS NEED LOVING CARE

Our church grounds look better thanks to the work of the bushwhackers and privet pullers on October 23. Many of you may not know that we have a landscaping plan originally created by the Green Sanctuary Initiative. If you would like to become part of a garden group to help make the plan a reality and help with ongoing grounds upkeep, please contact Sandy Kurtz and ask to see the plan.

PAGAN NUUS**November**

October 31- November 2 - Día De Los Muertos

1 - All Saints Day

6 - 9:30 am - Pagan Study Group - Discussion led by Inga Johannesen

10 - Full Moon 3:16 pm

25 - New Moon 1:10 am

**Día De Los Muertos**

More than 500 years ago, when the Spanish Conquistadors landed in what is now Mexico, they encountered natives practicing a ritual that seemed to mock death. A ritual known today as Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead. Unlike the Spaniards, who viewed death as the end of life, the natives viewed it as the continuation of life. Instead of fearing death, they embraced it. To them, life was a dream and only in death did they become truly awake.

In their attempts to convert them to Catholicism, the Spaniards tried to kill the ritual, but like the old Aztec spirits, the ritual refused to die. To make the ritual more Christian, the Spaniards moved it so it coincided with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day (Nov. 1 and 2), which is when it is celebrated today.

The Day of the Dead is a time for the dead to return home and visit loved ones, feast on their favorite foods and listen to their favorite music. In the homes, family members honor their deceased with ofrendas or offerings which may consist of photographs, bread, other foods, flowers, toys and other symbolic offerings.

UPSTAIRS/DOWNSTAIRS
by Kay McCurdy, Director of Religious Education

Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire.

~ W.B. Yeats

A few weeks ago, a member of our Board of Trustees stopped by my office to chat. During our conversation, the question was posed—*What exactly do you all do with the kids in R.E.?* It was a question that caught me by surprise initially, but one that I quickly realized I'd neglected to answer in this column. No wonder the BOT member felt uninformed. Clearly, I needed to communicate exactly what happens after the congregation sings our kids out of service, and into their classrooms.

Let's take this month to get acquainted with our UCC Religious Education program. This is an open invitation to any of you who secretly long to be a part of what's happening downstairs between 11:15 and 12:00. Come on in: the water's fine!

First of all, we have three classes currently running in R.E. The Sprouts class (ages 5-8) is taught by Wendy Sapp and Carlene Conway. This year they are using the UUA's *Creating Home* curriculum, which illustrates how to establish both a physical and spiritual sense of belonging. On any given Sunday, you might observe them walking a labyrinth, creating affirmation badges for their family, or learning a rhythmic chant. This class is high energy and completely magical, and both Wendy and Carlene work to make it a supportive, and loving, place to be.

Our next age group (9-12), is the Medievals Class, taught by Nicole Barnhart, Eric Papendorp and Betsy Archer. These kids are working through the UUA's social justice curriculum, *In Our Hands*. During the course of the year, they will be addressing issues such as fairness, equality, and activism. If you take a moment to peek in their classroom, you might find them creating an anti-bullying campaign, considering how best to promote fair practices in their communities, and learning how to speak out for the underserved. This is a bright and engaging group, and their ideas never fail to inspire all of us lucky enough to work with them.

Further down, at the end of the hall, is our Teen class (ages 13-18), taught by Maddie Kertay, Dez Papendorp and Thorin Alexander. This year, our Teens are trying something new: a Small Group Ministry curriculum developed specifically for their age group by the Reverend Helen Zidowecki. For those of you unfamiliar with SGM, it requires a level of patient and active listening that is often challenging, but always rewarding. The

Teens are meeting this challenge head-on, and are learning new and valuable lessons about communicating with each other, and with the world at large.

Our schedule this year is also a bit different than in years past. On the First and Second Sundays, the kids work on curriculum with their lead teachers. On Third Sundays, UU Kids remain with their families in service, and there is no R.E. programming. (This is also the DRE's day off.) On Fourth Sundays, all three of the classrooms work on community service projects. For example, in November, the kids will be hosting a blanket and canned food drive, as well as participating in the Grateful Gobbler Walk to benefit the homeless citizens of Chattanooga. On the occasional Fifth Sundays, all classes participate in team building exercises and games.

I hope this has uncovered a bit of the mystery surrounding *what it is we do with the kids* on Sunday Mornings. We are lucky to have so many caring and committed volunteers, and a group of phenomenal UU kids. If any of you ever want to stop by our classrooms for a visit, or drop by my office to ask questions about the work we do, please don't hesitate.

**WHAT AM I DOING WITH THIS ROPE?
SMALL GROUP MINISTRY NEWS**
by Wendy Sapp, SGM Co-coordinator



Last week, I took my car in to have it serviced. It was overdue for a service, but I hadn't had time to get it to the mechanic. I won't bore you with the long list of work, church, and family obligations that had me behind schedule and feeling overwhelmed. Let's just say I had more to do than there were hours in the day. As I was picking up my car to leave, I saw a plaque behind the desk: *Life's been so busy lately, I don't know if I found a rope or lost a horse.*

The sign made me laugh. It certainly summed up how I had been feeling. It also made me stop—I decided I was tired of wondering about the rope in my hand. I try not to let my commitments build up to such an overwhelming level, but once or twice a year it happens anyway. One of the commitments that was keeping me busy was preparing for the Small Group Ministry workshop that was coming up in a few days. I thought about Small Group Ministry and its emphasis on being present in the moment. In SGM sessions we practice being fully present with each other, but I didn't see any reason I couldn't practice being present with myself. I realized that even if I had too much to do, I could only do one thing in this moment. Only when this moment passed could I move on to the next. Worrying about all the unfinished tasks on my to do list or what I needed to do next wasn't going to help. As I began to focus on the moment, amazingly, my stress level began to melt away.

One item at a time, everything came together for the workshop. On Saturday, October 15, the church opened its doors to host *Small Groups, Big Returns*, a workshop on Small Group Ministry. For 6 hours on Saturday, 34 people from 7 churches in 3 states came together to share our experiences and learn about small group ministry from our invited speaker, Rev. Helen Zidowecki, and from each other. We were a diverse group: 29 adults and 5 teens; 4 ministers and 1 Director of Religious Education; people who had only heard of Unitarian Universalism the day before and people who had been UUs for over 50 years. I was amazed at the sense of community that developed among us in such a short time. I find myself regretting not having time to get to know each person better and wanting to hear how they are doing as they return to their home churches.

Sunday morning, Rev. Zidowecki delivered the sermon, and that afternoon 10 members of our church met with her to learn about writing session plans for Small Group Ministry. We created 3 session plans that our Small Group Ministry will use and revise before posting on the SGM network for use by churches around the country.

I intentionally chose to be present at the workshop. I intentionally decided to be present with the people around me. For those two days, we explored our truths, we deepened our spirituality, and we found ways to take this experience with us to improve our churches and communities. I gained more from the workshop than the knowledge I learned, more than the skills we practiced.

Are you looking to gain something more? Do you want to be present with Small Group Ministry? Groups are always open to new members. Email sgm@uuc.org if you would like to learn more about joining a group.

NEW MEMBER



Juniper Russo is a freelance writer, activist, agnostic pantheist, and dedicated mom native to Alabama. She and her three-year-old daughter, Vivian, have been living in Chattanooga since May and have found a spiritual home within the UU congregation. Juniper's interests (both professionally and recreationally) include green living, vegetarianism, parenting, animals, feminism, queer rights, philosophy, science, and health.

HEALTHY CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEES
REFRESH | RENEW | ROTATE

by Wendes Jones, President-Elect, Board of Trustees

Are you familiar with the term, 'Healthy Congregations' which has been promoted within our denomination for the past decade? Much research has been done to determine those qualities broadly shared by healthy, thriving congregations. At the September Quarterly Council Meeting we talked about some of those qualities and how they apply to our work in congregational committees. I will only list a few here:

HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS

- are **enthusiastic**; lay leaders are committed people nurturing a goal of a strong congregation.
- are **visionary**; advancing a clear vision of a powerful Unitarian Universalist community.
- are **entrepreneurial**; they reach beyond their comfort zone.
- promote the **big-picture**; people are able to move beyond their self needs toward advancing needs of the community as a whole.
- are **visible**; the congregation is involved in community projects and publicizes its existence continually.
- are **focused**; energies are directed in a few areas at a time so that success can be recognized before moving to the next issue.
- are **vibrant**; they are excited about living a religious life.
- encourage **broad participation**; they support and encourage volunteers through an organizational culture which paves the way for everyone to give of their time and talent.

As you read this list did you find yourself applying the concepts to our congregation? How do we fare? What can YOU do to improve the health of our congregation?

One thing each and each of us can do is become involved in some function, task force or committee within our church. That would fall under the banner of **broad participation**. And in order for this concept to really work well, we need to make a conscious effort to include everyone, to be **entrepreneurial** moving beyond our comfort own zone as we take on new tasks and, in so doing, make room for new folks with new ideas.

This naturally brings us to the reality that stagnant leadership leads to stagnant congregational life. New ideas, hence new people, are needed to keep a fresh perspective and prevent stagnation. The Unitarian Universalist Association recognizes that we need to balance experience with fresh viewpoints and limits committee chairs to serving only two consecutive year. If no one steps up, the chair remains vacant.

Rotating leadership, assists in recruiting efforts, protects against 'burnout', provides opportunity to contribute, builds an atmosphere of inclusion, discourages territoriality, injects fresh ideas, maintains interest, is an important factor supporting growth, and is part of the culture of Healthy Congregations. But how is this achieved? How do we prevent stagnation and inject new ideas? Listed in the handbook 'Leadership In Small Congregations' are key components of recruiting and motivating people to lead programs, which include:

- Term limits/service limits
- Leadership succession planning
- Establishing mentorships
- Planning transitions

Refresh: We need to identify new areas of interest for ourselves and, after investing several years in one area, be prepared to invest our energies into something different so that we do not become stuck in a rut.

Renew: We need to allow room for new people with new ideas to step into our former roles. We do this by serving as a mentor and developing leadership as we go.

Rotate: We need to plan to move on. As leaders, we must accept that the most important role of any committee chair is to identify and train our successor.

This is a gift to our community as it is a gift to ourselves.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE CHURCH
THURSDAY, NOV 24, 3PM**

Kate and Jeff Briere happily host the annual Thanksgiving dinner at the church. They will prepare turkey and stuffing and gravy. You bring a green vegetable, a casserole, squash, sweet potatoes, a dessert or something else to make the table groan. Also, bring something you'd like to drink.

With apologies to Emma Lazarus, we say: Bring us your tired, your poor, your empty bellies yearning to be filled. Your hungry masses yearning to eat free.

Bring your friends, relatives and any other hangers-on who have no family with whom to eat dinner, or whose families are too far distant to eat together. We start serving at 3 but come at 2 for munchies.

Please sign up on the roster by the kitchen so Kate and Jeff know how much turkey to prepare.

SERVICE SUNDAYS

This fall, the kids in our Religious Education program will be devoting their time to service projects one Sunday per month. Some of these projects will be for the larger community and some will be centered on our church. For example: the week before Thanksgiving is National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. During the month of November, we'll be discussing the issues of hunger and homelessness, and everyone is invited to bring in nonperishable foods and gently used coats and blankets to donate to the Chattanooga Food Bank. On Thanksgiving Day, the children and their families will join others from our church as we participate in the Grateful Gobbler Walk, to benefit the homeless.

*The world is not yet exhausted: let me see something
to-morrow which I never saw before.*

~ Samuel Johnson

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lee Adler ~ November 4
Inga Johannesen ~ November 6
Ira Long ~ November 9
Roger Davis ~ November 10
Sandra Vanden Branden ~ Nov. 10
Keegan Ford ~ November 12
Leslie O'Rear ~ November 15
Bill Reed ~ November 15
Harold Linn ~ November 16



Gary Sottong ~ November 20

Sharon Locke ~ November 21
John Standridge ~ November 21
Rose Ann Copeland ~ November 23
Matt Long ~ November 23
Amy Stephens-Frizzell ~ November 23
Stacie Tippens ~ November 23
Bart Johnson ~ November 26
Pat Whitaker ~ November 27
Chris Boshers ~ November 28

SOCIAL JUSTICE

A Social Justice Planning Committee has formed. If you would like to be a part of this planning committee, you are invited to attend our next meeting on Monday, November 7th at 7:00pm. It will be held at Eileen Mulcahy's home. Meetings are held once a month on Mondays. We will make decisions and write out the policies for the Social Justice Committee. We will meet until we feel we are through with this first phase but for no less than 6 months. If you would like to attend and need directions please contact Chasity Masters at ytisahc2@yahoo.com.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

On Tuesday, October 18th, the board of trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga met. Items discussed during their meeting include:

- RE is sending additional children to Youth Conference at The Mountain Oct 21-23
- \$10 Registration requests for UU Kids for Grateful Gobbler Walk
- New furnace will soon be installed downstairs.
- Music Committee Survey will be distributed 10/30 and 11/6

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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.

MUUSIC NUUS
by Kate Briere, Music Director

The Music Ministry has been very busy this past month.

The chattanUUGans have been busy starting a covenant process to guide our policies and procedures for rehearsals. Three choir members have volunteered to guide this process. They are Catherine Long, Rich Dwyer and Tacie Overbeck. This is a long process which takes several weeks to gather information and data and then write a covenant for all to agree on . . . and we all know how difficult that could be! Thanks to Catherine, Rich and Tacie for agreeing to be choir wranglers!



We now have a **Music Committee!** Those who have agreed to serve are John Standridge, Bill Kurtz and Tacie Overbeck. They had their first meeting Sunday October 2 to set some goals and create a congregational survey about the music ministry. This survey will be available soon and we hope everyone will take advantage of this opportunity to voice their opinions and suggestions for the future of music in our UUC community.

The Music Committee has THREE goals.

To discover the place and importance of the Music Ministry at UUC.

To support the Music Ministry of UUC.

To provide vision for long term planning for the Music Ministry.

Anyone who wishes to be a member of this committee should contact Kate Briere.

Music Survey

The congregational survey is a very important tool for the music ministry. We need this information for future planning and budgetary concerns. There will be several opportunities to respond to the survey. It will be distributed in church on October 30 and November 6. Choir members will be available to collect them at a table in the Fellowship area. You can also click <http://uuc.org/archives/1684> to go to the church website and answer it online.

Results will be sent directly to Kate Briere.

Take your time, tell the truth and sign it or not as you desire.

SURVEYS! SHMURVEYS!
by the Rev. Jeff Briere

I don't like surveys, especially long ones. Poorly-prepared short ones are just as bad. And dunderhead questions bother me, too. (Are you happy with your life? What's the best thing about being married?)




But sometimes surveys are an important way to understand people's needs and desires. This is even more important in religious societies. And so I put aside my frustrations and fill out surveys when asked.

In the coming months, I expect that you will be surveyed by people in our church. I know of one coming soon about music, and another after that about social justice. I believe there will be more.

I urge you to complete the surveys when you are asked. We need to know more about what you expect from the church. And the only way to find out is to ask you.

Congregational Music Survey

Please check the box that best reflects your feeling. 1 is the worst and 5 is the best.

Question	1 	2	3 	4	5 
Music is important to my worship experience					
I enjoy hearing the choir					
I enjoy hearing the children sing					
I enjoy the Children's Bell Choir					
I prefer live music to recorded music					
I would support fund-raising activities dedicated to music					
I think hymns should be related to the sermon topic					
I enjoy the hymns we sing					
I would like to learn new hymns					
I enjoy singing congregational rounds					
Rate the quality of our music program					
My musical needs are being met					

What musical styles do you appreciate? (Circle all that apply) Classical New Age World Music
 Popular Folk Jazz Other? _____

What forms of music do you appreciate? (Circle all that apply) Hymns Responses Interludes Pianists
 Choir Guest musicians Member's performances Other? _____

What other musical activities do you suggest? _____

What are your 2 favorite hymns? (Use hymnal to find numbers) _____

How would you improve the music program? _____

Other comments? _____

Your input is greatly appreciated and will be taken under careful consideration. Please take your time to complete this survey and return it as soon as possible. No signature necessary unless you wish to sign it! Thank You!

MOVIE NIGHT!
Tony and Janina's American Wedding



Join us **Thursday evening, November 17th at 7 pm** for a screening of *Tony & Janina's American Wedding*, a feature length documentary that gets to the heart of the broken, red tape ridden American immigration system. After 18 years in America, Tony and Janina Wasilewski's family is torn apart when Janina is deported back to Poland, taking their six-year-old son Brian with her. Set on the backdrop of the Chicago political scene, and featuring Illinois Congressman Luis Gutierrez at the heart of the immigration reform movement, this film follows the Wasilewski's three-year struggle to be reunited, as their Senator Barack Obama rises to the Presidency. With a fresh perspective on the immigration conversation, this film tells the untold human rights story of post-9/11, that every undocumented immigrant in America faces today with the power to open the conversation for change. Free admission. A free will offering will be received to defray the cost of this movie.

WHO'S PREACHING?

Dana Lise Shavin is originally from Atlanta, but after graduate school (MS clinical psychology, 1986, Augusta College), moved to the north Georgia mountains. For eleven years she worked in a variety of mental health capacities, including as a behavior specialist for the developmentally disabled, and as a therapist, psychological examiner, and school psychologist. In 1997, eager for a new direction in life, she left her career to pursue art and writing full time. Three years later her husband-to-be, Daryl Thetford, left his career as mental health center manager and Director of Rehabilitation Services to pursue a career as a fine art photographer.



Today they live in a house which was allegedly built by a one-armed man, and it is this house, along with five others, that inspired her essays and her mixed media photo project about home.

For a preview of Dana's message, go to <www.danashavinart.com>.

David J. Pope is a concert pianist, educator, entrepreneur, aviator, and author of *Interrupting Behavioral Evolution*. He and his wife Ann (a Cleveland, TN, native) moved to Chattanooga in 1996 to enjoy a busy and productive semi-retirement.

David began his career by appearing in concert and with orchestra in the U.S., Asia, Latin America, and Europe. At the time he was offered a managerial contract in Germany he decided to opt out of the intensely focused concert world to pursue a wider range of activities that provided fuller satisfaction.

He served as Professor of Piano and Assistant Dean at Bowling Green State University, where he also took the MBA degree as a challenge to his under-developed, non-artistic proclivities. He holds an FAA certificate as a flight instructor, and has jostled with the U.S. Department of Energy as a consultant to a clean energy company.

Upon moving here he joined his wife of fifty years as a failed retiree. His parochial school education and some very liberal clergy friends have driven him to us today.

SHARE THE PLATE

This month we will Share The Plate with the Chattanooga Homeless Coalition. The annual Grateful Gobbler Walk is a fundraiser that helps to

- Promote an awareness of the issues faced by the homeless population in an effort to seek better long term solutions.
- Promote cooperation within our diverse faith community to respond to the needs of our neighbors.
- Promote philanthropy as well as a healthy lifestyle on a day characterized by overindulgence.
- Raise a significant sum to benefit the homeless population through the Homeless Coalition and its member agencies (Community Kitchen, Interfaith Homeless Network, Chattanooga Area Food Bank, etc)

This year, you can double the good your donation does, because we will be making the donation through our church team. The kids will be walking in the Gratefull Gobbler walk as a team — UU Kids. So your donation will support our kids as they support the Chattanooga Homeless Coalition.

SHARE THE PLATE THROUGH THE YEAR

Month	Share the Plate with	Amount Donated
November	Chattanooga Homeless Coalition	???
October	Tennesseans for Fair Taxation	
September	Walker County Foster and Adoptive Parents Association	\$300.04
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

In every place, where there is any thing worthy of observation, there should be a short printed directory for strangers.

~ James Boswell

PIANO CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 Saturday, December 3, 2011, 7pm

A Piano Christmas Concert
 with
**Joseph Akins &
 Michael Dulin**
 Original Piano Arrangements
 of Holiday Favorites!
 Saturday, December 3 @ 7:00 pm
 Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga
 3224 Navajo Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37411
 Free Attendance with donation accepted
 support the arts

Dr. Joseph Akins and Michael Dulin will perform a piano Christmas concert with original arrangements of holiday favorites. Each pianist has a Christmas album and they will be performing selections from. It will be a fun and delightful evening of solo piano music with a few surprises! There will be door prizes and giveaways. There is no charge to attend, and a free will offering will be collected for the musicians and to support the music enhancement fund of the church.

For many years, Dr. Joseph Akins (pronounced "Ache-ins") has lived a parallel life between being a college professor and a performing and recording artist. To date, he has released three solo albums titled *Keys to the Heart*, *Masterpeace*, and *Spirit Touch* that feature him as a piano artist. The latter reached #7 on the Zone Music Reporter Top 100 Radio Airplay Chart in 2009. For the last several years, Joseph has been touring the country performing his heartfelt music in churches, homes and performance halls often sharing the stage with piano artists such as David Lanz, Liz Story and David Nevue. In addition, he is an award-winning associate professor at the prestigious Department of Recording Industry at Middle Tennessee State University. He completed a doctorate of education in 2006.

Micheal Dulin, a native of Brookside, Alabama, studied music since a child and completed his musical studies at The Julliard School in New York, working with master teacher and concert pianist Adele Marcus. Michael's albums of original music and his performances have received national awards. In addition to performing his original music throughout the United States, Michael appears both solo and with orchestra in performance of classical music. He has also toured as keyboardist with the legendary Motown group, the Temptations. Michael and his business partner, Daniel Whiteside, own and operate PSI Studios, a digital recording facility in Birmingham, Alabama. Michael is president of Equity Digital and Equity Digital Music. In addition to being an award winning composer of music for radio, television, theater, and film, he is in demand as a session musician and producer.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

- WHO?** EVERYONE IS INVITED!
- WHAT?** A PARTY TO DECORATE THE CHURCH!
- WHERE?** AT THE CHURCH!
- WHEN?** FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH @ 1:00 UNTIL WE ARE DONE! DROP IN ANY TIME!

THIS IS A COMBINED EFFORT OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY AND ART ON THE WALLS.
 SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FOR SUCH AN EVENT, WE NEED LOTS OF HELP!

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF ARTIFICIAL PINE GARLANDS AND STRINGS OF LIGHTS THAT ARE WHITE OR CLEAR. IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE PLEASE BRING THEM TO CHURCH. THERE WILL BE A BIN OUTSIDE THE MINISTER'S OFFICE TO PUT THEM IN.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

DATE	11/6	11/13	11/20	11/27
TOPIC	An Incorrect Faith	Immigrants R Us	I Am Thankful . . .	In search of Walden Three
LEADER	Rev. Jeff Briere and Dana Lise Shavin	Rev. Jeff Briere	Rev. Jeff Briere	David Pope
GREETERS AND USHERS	Jesse Blue Betsey Hoyt Matt Hoyt	Sue Knight Monique Lewis Kristie McKinley	Linda Helton Carol Hobbs Nicky Ozbeck	Harold Linn Eric Slaton Jim Joyner
BOARD REP	Alan Larson	Eric Papendorp	Miranda Cagle	Frank Caperton
MUSIC	Steve Hollingsworth	Kate Briere	Joseph Akins	Marcia Jenison
SOUND REINFORCEMENT	Karl Hunt	Roger Davis	David Reed	Catherine Long

COFFEE (AND TEA AND SNACKS) HOUR

If you enjoy the coffee, tea or snacks before or after service, then you need to volunteer to help one week. Even if you don't, you can still volunteer! You can help before, after or both. Trust me, you can do it, anyone can do it! As you can imagine, it isn't fair for just one person to handle the set-up, serving and clean-up. So, let's all pitch in and help. If you don't drink coffee, but you partake in the lovely snacks brought in by our wonderful folks, you should volunteer. Just because you don't drink coffee, doesn't mean you can't make it! And, think of all the great folks you get to meet, talk to and just greet with a smile! Come on! Email Stephanie at stephaniepolen@gmail.com. Tell her what date you would like to help, and she'll be sure to remind you. Thank you!

UCC CHESS CLUB

Tired of playing chess online? Come and join us for the inaugural meeting of the UCC Chess Club. We will be meeting on Monday, November 21st from 7-9pm. Bring your own chess set, if you can. All ages and experience levels are welcome. Any attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Child care is not provided. If you have questions, please contact Thorin Alexander at thorin.alexander@gmail.com, or call 423-544-5732. Hope to see you there!

CHATTANOOGA INSTITUTE OF NOETIC SCIENCE

NOVEMBER 12, 2011 MEETING

10:30 A.M-NOON

WALKING THE WAY

THE ADVENTURES OF A MODERN-DAY PEACE PILGRIM

Scaughdt will share his inspiring message of "radical kindness" and the very practical nature of selflessness. He will also answer questions related to both his lifestyle in general, as well as the 900+ mile peace pilgrimage he took earlier this year—when he walked "on faith" (without money) from Wildwood, Georgia to Pompano Beach, Florida.

After intensely studying the mysteries and wisdoms of various Masters (including Lao Tsu, Buddha, Gandhi, Rumi and Jesus Christ), Scaughdt decided in 2003 to radically test their teachings in our "real world." He has been walking a pilgrimage of sorts ever since, practicing the Truths he has experienced as a result. He calls himself a "numinous nomad" – "numinous" because it is his intention to reawaken the light of Inner Peace in everyone he encounters, and "nomad" because he has no home of his own; purpose-fully wandering from community to community relaying a message of acceptance and compassion.

POETRY CORNER

White Heart

The heart
is a porcelain tub
all slick and cool
and white
it shines like
steel, a perfect
container
its steep
sides towering
like a great wall
so that the beetles,
whose jackets are
inlaid emeralds
sparkling like
colored glass
against the white,
climb up the sides
only to slide back
down, over and over,
climb on top of
each other to get
out, but the great
slippery white
heart sends them
sliding back down again
every time.

~ Nancy Beel