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Message from the Board: All A'Board!

What an exciting and quick year it has been! I can't say THANK YOU enough to the people with whom I've served. The Board meetings were often spirited but usually fun. They came with opinions, not agendas. With that attitude and an open mind, it is hard to fail. I hope you will take a moment to thank these folks and to give a gift of your support. I valued so much the encouraging comments we received from people over our term. The incoming Board is also similarly filled with talent and will serve the congregation well.

I must also ensure that Lee Reading and Robyn Schuster are highlighted for their work as treasurer and secretary. While not the most glamorous of jobs, this is the kind of behind the scenes work that keeps things running.

I never cease to be amazed at the ingenuity and energy of this congregation. It has been my pleasure and honor to be associated with each of you.

Please join me in thanking our outgoing Board Members:

Bette Bates

Peter Boggs

Jey Hiott

Geoff Stone

Kim Taylor

And welcoming the new Board Members:

Heidi Blozan

Jim Carillon

Jo Motzko

Tim Perry

Robyn Schuster

Angie Underwood

And thanking the remaining Board members:

David Blanchard-Reid

Jay Ellis

Norm Kowal

Connie Krochmal

Pat Middleton

Jerry Pope

~*~ Margaret Bumgarner, *President, Board of Trustees*

Wanted!! Church Historian

Do you like scrapbooks and boxes of old pictures? Are you the one in the family who can always remember Grandma's stories?

There have been an incredible number of milestones in the short life of the UUCSV. Buildings, protests, Coming of Age, Trillium festivals, etc. Not to mention people who have contributed so much and are no longer with us.

We are looking for an energetic, tenacious individual who will develop and maintain UUCSV archives. This would include talking with people, researching past Orders of Service and newsletters for archive-worthy events as well as soliciting copies of photos, etc.

If you (or a couple of you) are interested please contact the Board. Tim Perry (669-8050, admin@uusv.org), our office administrator (and incoming Board member) can route your interest to the appropriate person.

Cleanup Followup

We are grateful to Frohm Lutvack for bringing his pressure washer to the church on the morning of June 13th to clean the entire outside of the church building. Not an easy or quick task for Frohm or for Jim Carillon and David Brown who washed all the windows inside and out. When David's little son Tre, who accompanied his father, was asked how he was doing, Tre replied, "two." Tre is indeed "doing two" in grand style and helped us move some things. Deep appreciation to these men.

~*~ Jane Carroll

Building and Grounds

Many thanks to all those who attended our work parties on June 9th and June 13th. Thanks to all your hard work the building and grounds looks so much better now.

Sunday Programming

Please join us for Social Hour after each program

Sunday, July 1, 2007 11 a.m.
"Breaking Free"
Dick Stennett

Today we celebrate the third anniversary of this place, 500 Montreat Road, as the home base of our religious community. And what better way could we celebrate than to focus on the essence of what it means to be a human being which I believe is the same thing as the essence of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. Appropriately today is also the beginning of the Fourth of July Celebration. The time when we remember the birthing of this our homeland, the celebration of our Independence, the "breaking free" from the rule of British authority. "Breaking Free" is our theme today as we seek to give expression to that "essence" of who we are as human beings, remembering all the while that we shall once again fail in this endeavor for as Rumi said it so poignantly: "All words and images deceive our glory."

Sunday, July 8, 2007 11 a.m.
"Rev. Hannah Jewett Powell, Inmans Chapel, and COLD MOUNTAIN"
Carol R. Simmons

The service will present a monologue of Rev. Hannah Jewett Powell and a tribute to the leadership of this remarkable Universalist minister under the sponsorship of the Universalist Women's National Missionary Society. Her devoted service and leadership invigorated the defunct Inmans Chapel (located near Waynesville, NC) and provided many social, educational, and health service projects so needed by the community which was suffering from very difficult economic times resulting from the reduction of operations of the local Suncrest Lumber Company, the largest employer in the area. The service will reveal the connections of Miss Powell, Inmans Chapel Universalist Church; the founder of the church, the Rev. James Anderson Inman; and the fictional novel COLD MOUNTAIN, written by a descendant of Rev. Inman and the son of one of Miss Powell's students. The program will be followed by a "field trip" for any who want to drive out to visit the historic Inman's Chapel building.

Carol R. Simmons is a 5th generation Universalist, having grown up in the now closed Unitarian Universalist Church in Kinston, NC. She is presently a member of Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church in Duplin County, NC and is a retired librarian/media coordinator and graduate of East Carolina University with a MAEd Degree in Library Media Services. She retired after 32 1/2 years in the public schools in Lenoir County, NC. It was at a youth institute at Inman Chapel that she and her husband first met before they were teens. So Inman Chapel has always been a very special place for them. Carol also served on the first Liberal Religious Youth Continental Board as southeast (southern states) representative, and attended the first LRY Continental Convention in Cheshire, CT. So she has been active in the denomination for many years!



Sunday, July 15, 2007 11 a.m.
"Getting Body and Soul Back Together"
Rev. Sarah York

In the early centuries of the Christian Church, body and soul got separated, and the body has had a bad rap in Western culture ever since. We will explore how the church influenced our attitudes toward our bodies, consider the consequences, and think about how we can get body and soul back together.

Sunday, July 22, 2007 11 a.m.
All Church Picnic
See article below.

Sunday, July 29, 2007 11 a.m.
"To See Yourself in the Other"
Annelies Fryberger

This Sunday, Annelies will share her recent experience of visiting Black Mountain's partner church in Medeser, Romania. We will contemplate such questions as: Why travel? What is "foreign"? How far do you have to go to get truly lost? We will learn about and experience another interpretation of Unitarianism, we will sing in Hungarian, and funny stories involving various barnyard animals will be told.

Annelies Fryberger is the prodigal daughter of Phil Fryberger and Dawn Wilson. After graduating from Oberlin College and Conservatory with degrees in French and piano performance, she spent two years teaching English in the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe. She spent the summer of 2007 traveling in Europe, one of her stops being our partner church in Medeser, Romania. She will begin work on her master's degree in interpretation in Paris in October.

Sunday, August 5, 2007 11 a.m.
**"From Then Until Now:
 August 6, 1945 Until Today"**

Tomorrow is the anniversary of our dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Sitting in a circle with shared silence, readings and reflections we will seek to remember, grieve, heal and hope. If you would like to help prepare and participate in our service please contact Don Pfister (255-1932, pfisherdon@yahoo.com).

Monthly Committee Meetings, etc.

(CG = Covenant Group)

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
FIRST	RE Committee 10:00 Congregational Care Committee 12:30			Wed Nite Open Topic CG 6:30-8:15	Third Principle CG 7:00-8:30 Seventh Principle CG 7:00-8:30
SECOND	Membership Committee 12:30			The Creative Life CG 1:00-3:00	Social Action Committee 5:30
THIRD	Warblers 12:30		Board of Trustees 6:00	Wed Nite Open Topic CG 6:30-8:15	Third Principle CG 7:00-8:30 Seventh Principle CG 7:00-8:30
FOURTH	Warblers 10:00 SOLS 1:00			The Creative Life CG 1:00-3:00	

For the dates, times, and locations of specific events during the current month, go to the UUCSV website (www.uusv.org), and click on the UUCSV Calendar.

Getting to Know You: Madeleine Claire Pope

Madeleine, one of our newest members, lives in Asheville and Swannanoa, but grew up in Norfolk, Virginia, site of the largest naval base in the world. For four months last semester she lived in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. She claims as major interests music and movies, lucha libre, the apocalypse, gonzo journalism, bugs, sharks, and zombies. Her hobbies are sewing, cooking, and “fulfilling domestic demands of my gender” (whatever that is). She has as pets “samba the beautiful cat-dog, micky the old, sick cat who I love, my evil brother rusty the mongrel.” For summer employment Madeleine is a barista at the “earth bar” in the Earth Fare off Hendersonville Road; during the college school year she is a circulation assistant at the school library.

Ours is the first Unitarian Universalist congregation she has joined., and she claims as a spiritual/religious path “some rare species of zen atheist agnosticism.”

Finally, she shares with us that “this is the first time my hair’s been a natural color in 5 years—it’s probably the most radical thing I could do at this point.” We’re so excited for her!

Green Sanctuary Committee Forming

If you want to make a significant contribution to UUCSV and to our greater local and global communities, consider joining the UUCSV’s efforts to become a Green Sanctuary. The Social Action Committee has named Jane Carroll and Connie Krochmal co-chairs. They hope to have a kick-off in September. Contact Jane (828-664-1695, dr_jcarr@msn.com) or Connie (828-664-9286, cbk119@hotmail.com).with your questions or comments.

Greeters for July

July 1: Monroe Gilmour, Caroline Metcalf, Fern Martin

July 8: Bette Bates, Friend Skinner, Robert Tynes

July 15: Jim Carillon, Evelyn Carter

July 22: Esther Miller, Mary Soyenova

July 29: Ann Lutz, Sue Miller, Lee Reading

*Volunteers: call Angie Underwood at 669-0869
if something comes up and your date doesn’t work out.*

Note: Greeters are asked to set up folding chairs if they aren’t already in place.

Room in the Inn in August

Save the date. The next Room in the Inn will be on Friday, August 24th at the Black Mountain Methodist church. We’re looking for volunteers to drive the church van, spend the night, serve, and cook meals. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the foyer. For more info, please contact Connie Krochmal, 664-9286. Thanks for all your help.

Hospitality News

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help with coffee hour this summer. We are still looking for more volunteers to either make coffee and set up tables before the service or to clean up after the service. Check the sign up sheet in the foyer.

Birthdays in July

July 5th Nancy Burns
July 7th Emily Eliot-Gaines
July 13th Elaine Stennett
July 14th Bette Bates
July 15th Elaine Everly
July 18th Ashley Michalove

July 22nd Bob MacDicken
July 23rd Phyllis Green
July 24th Minda Pierce
July 26th Jey Hiott



All Church Picnic on July 22nd

In lieu of a formal service on July 22nd, we will be celebrating our church community with a picnic. We will gather in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. where we will be welcoming everyone, lighting candles of joys and concerns, and reading a meditation about community. **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO AND BRING:** Sign up at church or email Milt and Carolyn (cashorkey@bellsouth.net) so we can estimate supplies, tables, and grills that will be needed. Bring a dish to pass with a picnic theme and protein to put on the grill. Carolyn and Milt will provide buns and condiments. Hospitality Committee will provide beverages and place settings. Evelyn Carter will be leading a People Bingo game, and feel free to bring any lawn games you have. You are welcome to bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets to the gathering as well. Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic.

Religious Education Corner

We are full-swing into our eclectic, exciting summer programs for our elementary and middle school kids. Many thanks to everyone who has agreed to offer their time to lead a Sunday morning. We have so many talented, giving people in this congregation. What a wonderful example for our children. In May and June our programs included a games day, kite making, science and magic, dream catchers, and a hike in Montreat. Coming up in July we’ll have a morning of making celebration banners, printmaking, theater games, and pottery. July 22 will be an all-church picnic. Attendance has averaged ten children each week, including some visitors.

During the summer, our preschool program continues as usual, with cooperative game-playing and some outside time. I sound like a broken record, but we still need several more volunteers willing to help out over the next few weeks. Thanks to Evelyn Carter, Heidi Blozan, Eileen Eliot, Jo Motzko, Aaron Eliot-Gaines, and Penny Baker for signing up. Please contact me at merlasybpenny@yahoo.com if you think you can help one Sunday. The preschool has been averaging about five children each week.

The teens this summer have the option of attending services or joining the younger children for any of the planned activities. Robin Tynes will be leading the theater games program. I’ve seen several of our teens attending services, and I’m glad the connection is there through the summer months.

2007-2008 Church School Year:

Registration packets for the fall will be going out to parents by the end of July, so watch for those in the mail. We will need everyone’s help, parents and others in the congregation, to make our program run smoothly. We want to have teams of four teachers for each class so that we can always have two adults present, and so that each team can work out their own schedules to be able to attend services part of the time. Our curriculums will be:

Preschool	Chalice Children (full year)
Elementary	Experiences With the Web of Life (full year)
Middle School	Race to Justice/You the Creator (fall semester)
High School	Truth and Meaning (spring semester)

High School fall semester and Middle School spring semester:

OWL—Our Whole Lives human sexuality course (teachers for this program for middle and high school need to be specially trained. We have several folks ready to teach this program, and will be training others. Training will be August 17 – 19 in Charlotte)

Your time and experience is so valuable to our children. Please think how you can help.



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RE Committee:

Welcome to Jo Motzko, who has so graciously accepted the job of RE chair for the coming year. We appreciate your willingness to help out!

OWL parent meetings:

Parents of all rising 6th – 12th grade students must attend a parent orientation session on either July 1 or July 15 at 12:30 p.m. These sessions will give an overview of the OWL curriculum. Permission forms must be signed in order for your child to participate in this program. Please let me know which of the sessions you can attend so we can plan accordingly. If you cannot make either of these sessions, please let me know and I will meet with you individually.

Continue to have a relaxing summer and encourage your children to join us over the next couple of months.

→ Sybil Argintar, RE Coordinator

Habitat for Humanity

May and June saw numerous volunteers working at the large Enka Hills Habitat site, contributing time, sweat, and enthusiasm in everything from staining, to constructing porch railings, to landscaping. Braving the heat and the occasional Providential thunder storm were Jim “Lefty” Carillon, Bert “Beast Master” Gaines, Monroe “The Truck HAS AC” Gilmour, John “Unskilled Labor” Steele, Evelyn “Made in the Shade” Carter, Dick “I’m A Man, Baby” Stennett, and Elaine “Anything Dick Can Do, I Can Do Better” Stennett.

Work dates for July are Tuesday, 7/24, and Saturday, 7/28. Interested in volunteering? Contact John Steele at jhsteele@mindspring.com or (828) 337-0032.

Save the Date!

You’re invited for an all-church, end-of-summer camp out at beautiful Montreat on Saturday August 25th. We have several campsites reserved. This is open to all members and friends. More details to follow!

Work trip to Kiln, Mississippi

Not too late to sign up for a week of volunteer reconstruction work along the coast of Mississippi. We’ll be staying at a work camp in Kiln. (OK, it’s going to the hot!) We’ll be going with the Clemson and Greenville UU congregations. Lv. Saturday July 21 and return Saturday July 28. Check out the web site: <http://campcoastaloutpost.org>. Reservations are necessary so please call if you are interested. Monroe Gilmour at 669-6677.

Friday Fling

July’s Friday Fling, a fun party for grown-ups, will be held on July 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Refreshments (red and white) and some snacks will be provided. Bring finger food, so that we can make a potluck supper out of it. The movie “Harold and Maude” will be shown, and we can spend some time visiting afterwards. If anyone wishes to host Friday Fling at their home, offers will be graciously accepted. For further information, call Norm Kowal (669-4668).