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Message from the Board: All A'Board!

We are rapidly approaching the beginning of our new fiscal year in July. If you chair a committee, consider starting to recruit leadership for the new year soon. If you serve on a committee, volunteer to take a turn as chair or consider alternative models such as co-chairs, rotating chairs and such. Try a new committee that uses your talents in different ways or just provides a break from your everyday activities.

Hopefully you have visited the Black Mountain Tailgate Market on Saturday mornings, which is currently located on our campus. Elaine Hamil, Market Coordinator for the BMTM and dear UUCSV member, requested the use of the grounds when the Market lost their previous location. The Board felt supporting the effort was in keeping with the UU Seventh Principal, our congregation's Green Sanctuary process and consistent with the congregation's goal of increasing our interaction with the larger community, as stated in the visioning session. The Market also provides a ready forum for UU committees who may want to sell home grown, made, etc. and/or who want to have an educational table related to current projects. We thought it could be an excellent venue for people to learn who we are and for us to contribute to sustainable, local agriculture and our community. As with anything new, there will be details to work out, anticipated and not, and the relationship will be evaluated on an ongoing basis. So we agreed to give it a try, and look forward to a good supply of fresh vegetables showing up at coffee hour!

I hope you are reading the Committee Reports posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. They are packed with information on the good works being undertaken by your neighbors. If you don't see your name mentioned, get involved!

↪ *Margaret Bumgarner, President, Board of Trustees*

New Members

The Membership Committee encourages everyone to welcome our congregation's newest members Teresa Ballinger, Sue Hibbitts, and Madeleine Pope. They attended our most recent orientation sessions, signed the membership book, and were honored on Sunday, May 27th.

↪ *Jane Carroll, Chair, Membership Committee*

Anna Olsen Chosen as TJD Trustee

For months now, Fred Anderson, Bob Gross, and Anna Olsen have traveled the width and breadth of the Thomas Jefferson District, campaigning for the position of TJD Trustee to the UUA. Forty-two congregations cast ballots. Anna Olsen received 105 votes; Bob Gross received 69; and Fred Anderson received 11. Congratulations to Anna Olsen! She will begin serving us for a four-year term July 1, 2007.

Building and Grounds Work Party

Building and Grounds is scheduling a work party for Saturday, June 16th from 9 am until noon. All Members and Friends who are willing and able are encouraged to join in the fun. Snacks and drinks will be provided. We will be sprucing up the building and grounds by cleaning windows and gutters, fixing the roof on the storage shed, pruning, and mulching, and other odd jobs that need done.

For more information from the Building co-chairs, please contact Tom Motzko (664-1557) or Kim Taylor (674-9515). For Grounds, call co-chairs Bob Box (664-9273) or Connie Krochmal (664 9286).

Room in the Inn

Many thanks to all of our wonderful Room in the Inn volunteers. With your help these homeless women had wonderful meals and a safe place to spend the night on May 18th. The Social Action Committee is very grateful for your support.

↪ *Connie Krochmal, Room in the Inn coordinator*

Sunday Programming

Please join us for Social Hour after each program

Sunday, June 3, 2007 11 a.m.

"Einstein and Technologies of the Sacred"

Rev. Dr. Calen Rayne

On this Flower Communion Sunday we will explore holotropic states of consciousness, known as "technologies of the sacred" in world wisdom traditions, and their relation to "Einstein's unfinished symphony," his theory concerning gravitational waves and the primordial sound of our universe. (Don't worry; it's not as complicated as it sounds.) Please bring a flower to share as we celebrate a UU tradition.

Calen Rayne has a MFA from Naropa University and a DMin degree from Wisdom University, where he is a consultant for special projects. Calen is minister of the Wisdom Tabernacle in downtown Black Mountain. The Tabernacle is an interactive, experiential, exploration of world wisdom traditions. He has been a circuit rider for UU churches since 1995.

There will be an RE potluck following the service at 12:30.

Sunday, June 10, 2007 11 a.m.
"Sunshine and Shadows"
Shari Spires

A presentation of poetry and the quilts that inspired them. Ms. Spires finds love, understanding and humor by using poetry to explore the peaks, depths and unexpected events of ordinary life.

She is a founding member of UUCSV and former congregational president. Before retirement, she was a newspaper journalist and began writing poetry after moving to Black Mountain in 1996. Her book *Sunshine and Shadows*, was published in 2002. Her grandmother taught her to quilt when she was 5 years old.

Sunday, June 17, 2007 11 a.m.
**"Men's Work: Healing Self,
Healing the World"**
Jeffrey Goldwasser

Men in our society have traditionally not taken care of themselves. They have been providers and protectors, but have not looked inside to understand themselves, their shadows and the effect they are having on their loved ones.

The man that I am is the father that I am.

In indigenous societies when a boy reached a certain age he was taken from his mother's world and initiated into being a man. This was done for his safety and the safety of the society as a whole. We have lost touch with this and suffer its consequences. Jeffrey will explore initiation, male archetypes, shadow and living in our modern world as a conscious man.

Jeffrey Goldwasser's passion is healing – healing self, family and community. He has been a chiropractor for 22 years and involved in the healing



arts for 30 years. Healing for him involves not just the physical, but also the mental and spiritual levels. He believes when we change ourselves, we change the world. He currently practices in Asheville and Sylva, and has lived in the area for 8 years since moving here from Greenfield, Massachusetts. Jeffrey has been actively working with men for 14 years, and for the last 7 years he has been a leader in the Man-Kind Project, a non-profit educational and training organization for men. He has led 27 trainings and has been a part of starting two centers, one of them in the Carolinas. "Men have suffered because of what they have done to themselves and the world," he says. Men's work is one way to heal both. Though not a father himself, he is a mentor, healer and teacher for many.

Sunday, June 24, 2007 11 a.m.
"Living from the Inside Out"
Rev. Sarah York

Whether you are a recent graduate or a retiree (or anything else in between), your task in life is to find meaningful employment of your time and your personal gifts. In this sermon, Sarah York looks at the challenge and the adventure of living from the inside out.

Sarah York (formerly Sara Moores Campbell) is a Unitarian Universalist minister and author of four books, including *Remembering Well: Rituals for Celebrating Life and Mourning Death* and *Pilgrim Heart: The Inner Journey Home*. She also authored three reading selections in the UU hymnal. She has a Bachelor's degree from Wake Forest, a Masters from Duke, a Masters of Divinity from Harvard, and an Honorary Doctorate from Meadville-Lombard Theological School. After serving in settled ministry most of her career, she became an accredited interim minister. Sarah is semi-retired this year to her farm near Asheville with her husband Chuck Campbell. She serves the Asheville church part-time as Pastoral Care Consultant. You can learn more about Sarah and her books at her web site, www.sarahyork.com.

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."



Artwork by Evelyn Carter

Greeters for June

- June 3: Bob Box, Phil Fryberger
June 10: Dean and Marjorie Alexander, Angie Underwood
June 17: Norman Kowal, Kim Taylor, Deb Vingle
June 24: David Blanchard-Reid, Jey Hiott, Marilyn Wells

Volunteers: Please call Connie Krochmal at 664-9286 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.

Welcoming Congregation Update

April Workshop: On April 24, we had 34 folks come to a powerful, poignant panel discussion. That 7th workshop, "Experiences of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and/or Transgender People" was a real learning experience for everyone. We heard the problems, joys, & challenges from wonderful speakers, each of whom is a Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian or Transgendered person living and working in our community. Jane Carroll & Deb Vingle did a great job facilitating and putting together the panel.

May Workshop: On May 22, we had the 8th workshop, "How Homophobia Hurts Us All" which included Katherine Cartledge sharing how she was offered a Chaplaincy job then had it rescinded at a Black Mountain state agency -- due to homophobia among the clerical staff. Bette Bates guided us through a fun and poignant exercise, producing a homophobia mural which will be displayed at the church in a later service. Angie Underwood and Monroe Gilmour facilitated and 23 folks attended.

June Workshop: There's one more workshop in this 9-part series. On June 26, we will pull together all we've learned and look to the future with a workshop entitled, "What Now On Our Journey?" The "assignment" for participants is to come up with concrete actions/changes/activities we can do in our congregation to institutionalize what we've learned during the Welcoming Congregation journey.

September Vote: Note that in September, the Congregation will vote on becoming a Welcoming Congregation. Prior to the vote, we'll do a service about this amazing Journey we have taken this past year.

Hospitality News

Snake Cake and Other Yummies: A BIG thank you to everyone who contributed food to our spring covered dish luncheon. Particular favorites were the two snake cakes, Marge's berry pie and grilled tofu entre, and last but not least, Pat's vintage recipe casserole and abundant bread tray! Watch for news of another special food event this summer!

Got a half hour to spare?: We are very interested in hearing from those of you who would like to help out for a half hour before OR after the Sunday Service with coffee hour set up or clean-up. A special thanks to regular volunteers, Connie Krochmal, Marilyn Wells, Margaret Bumgarner, Carolyn and Milt, and winter resident Kathi Rice. Helping with coffee hour is a very simple task. It is not thankless. Your effort will be appreciated by your friends in the congregation. They will thank you for being there when you wear the apron! Please sign up for KP duty, even if you are only able to help once or twice during the summer.

Birthdays in June

- June 2nd Joshua Michalove
June 3rd Amy Mullins
June 9th Denise Slicker
June 19th Don Pfister
June 22nd Lily Hiott-Millis
June 24th David Blanchard-Reid
June 25th Jane Carroll
June 26th Heidi Blozan



Religious Education Corner

Much of the month of May was spent wrapping up our activities from the school year and getting ready for the May 20 service. The children participated in this service, with the elementary and middle school classes presenting the faith traditions from around the world, and the teens giving brief presentations about their work as a covenant group this year. We also expressed our appreciation to all the Religious Education volunteers this year. These include:

Religious Education Committee:

Angie Underwood, Chair; Heidi Blozan; Evelyn Carter; Tim Perry; Bette Bates; Monroe Gilmour; Merrin Clough; Eileen Eliot

Teachers:

Heidi Blozan; Evelyn Carter; Denise Slicker; Dawn Wilson; Tim Perry; Bette Bates; Margaret Bumgarner; Merrin Clough; Carolyn Metcalf

Teaching Assistants and Program Presenters:

Robyn Schuster; Sabrina Mills; Monroe Gilmour; Fern Martin; Trish Byers; Racheal Hartwiger; Jerry Pope; Rebecca Williams; Karen McClelland

We begin our summer programs May 27, continuing through Labor Day weekend. We still have several openings, so PLEASE see how you can be a part of this. We need leaders and assistants. If you know someone in the community who could do a program for the kids, please let me know. The schedule for late May and June follows:

- May 27 games day
June 3 kite-making and potluck
June 10 science and magic
June 17 dreamcatchers
June 24 possible hike in Montreat

On June 3, we'll be having an RE potluck. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to attend. We'll have curriculums available for parents to see. On July 1 and 8 we'll be holding parent workshops for the Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality program.

We also still need volunteers to help out in the preschool this summer. Our goal is to have a rotating team of eight volunteers, with two adults in the room at all times. Each group of two would only be responsible for one Sunday per month. Summer RE attendance is sporadic, so if no children are there, volunteers would be welcome to attend the service.

~ Sybil Argintar, RE Coordinator

Warblers Rehearsal

CALLING ALL WARBLERS! The choir (that is, any folks who like to get together and sing), will be meeting this month on June 17th, after the service, and June 24, at 10:00, before the service. We hope you can join us!

Friday Fling

June's Friday Fling, a fun party for grown-ups, will be held on June 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the church, for the first time, since we now have a projector. 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 "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (with Kevin Kline, Calista Flockhart, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Stanley Tucci) will be shown, and we can spend some time visiting afterwards. For further information, call Norm Kowal (669-4668).



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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.*