



Regular service schedule resumes September 14: Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

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Sunday, September 7 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM
(Resumption Sunday)

"Resuming, Re-Zooming"

Rev. Chip; Intergenerational; UUCGT Orchestra

Join us as we kick off the 2008-'09 program year. Come hear what big plans we have!

Sunday, September 14 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"Teaching to Transgress"

Rev. Chip

"Education is subversive, it threatens the status quo," writes bell hooks, in her book, *Teaching to Transgress*. We'll explore how education is a necessary, transgressive, *religious* task. [Note: bell hooks does not capitalize her name.]

Sunday, September 21 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"Aging Well"

Rev. Chip

Discover the seven predictors of "successful" aging. It is neither too early, nor too late, to learn how to lead healthy, vigorous, fun lives into our 80s and 90s.

Sunday, September 28 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"Bioneers"

Maura Brennan

On October 17-19th, local environmental groups will again present the Great Lakes Bioneers Conference. "Bioneers," or biological pioneers, are at the forefront of a global movement for environmental and social change. One of the bioneers' messages is becoming increasingly clear—we must take care of the earth and each other as if our very lives depended on it—because they do. Maura will provide a sneak preview to this year's conference, highlights of past conferences, and discuss why this growing movement is more relevant than ever for UUs and all members of the human species.

Sunday, October 5 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"PostSecret: Secret Confessions and Forgiveness in the 21st century"

Rev. Chip

A new year has begun, according to the Jewish calendar. It began, as always, with forgiveness. We'll explore why the need to confess is so powerful, and ways that people confess anonymously on the internet.

Sunday, October 12 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"First Principles: Our Principles & Purposes #1 of 7"

Rev. Chip

We kick off our "Principles and Purposes" series with #1, the Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person. We'll also celebrate our UUA, with "Association Sunday."

Sunday, October 19 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"Healing Community"

John Schneider; Vocal Ensemble

[Service description will be available in the October *Beacon*]

Sunday, October 26 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"Of Memory and Hope"

Rev. Chip

Celebrate Dia de los Muertos. We'll commemorate our beloved dead, and notice how they continue to affect our lives.

Sunday, November 2 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"VOTE!"

Rev. Chip

The second of our "Principles and Purposes" series; this time exploring #5—the Right of Conscience and the Democratic Process.

Saturday October 4, 2008

AUTUMN AFFAIR TICKETS GO ON SALE NEXT SUNDAY!!

You will all be receiving a call in the next week or so encouraging a donation to the Autumn Affair ... we have lots of ideas if you just can't think what you might have that would be of interest!

- Consider a personal service: pet sitting, car detailing, fall lawn clean-up, handyman or woman for a day?
- Do you play a musical instrument? Teach a class or play for an evening!
- Share your talent: paint a picture (or a wall!), write a poem, tell stories, teach someone to knit?
- Prepare a dinner to serve in your home ... or to be delivered to someone else!
- Share your beachhouse or timeshare ...

Maybe you know a business you'd be willing to ask for a donation? Or perhaps you'd just like to make a cash donation? This is the biggest fundraiser of the year, so we hope to have your support! Questions??

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the BEACON

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Musings of Our Senior Minister

An Affair to Anticipate

01 September 2008

I am excited about attending my first “Autumn Affair.” I have heard about many of them that the congregation has held down through the years. It is a great combination: fun social event and fundraiser for our church community. I have been to other service auctions, in other UU congregations, but I haven’t yet experienced the special version that is our Autumn Affair. Part of the fun, for me, is to see the creative ideas that people offer. Becky and I are auctioning another Derby Day Party this year, and we have a few other ideas as well. See you on Saturday October 4th!

With Spirit,

the Rev. Chip Roush

ALL ABOUT US

Our Joys:

- ☀ Kim Gribi who saw an opportunity and made it possible for Dominic & John to come to TC from Uganda.
- ☀ Our high school graduates, Ariel Love, Ali Gribi, Emma McCarthy Stone, and Austin Jessip who have bridged into our adult congregation.
- ☀ Traci Griggs who has graduated and looks forward to a new chapter in her life but will miss TC.
- ☀ Ron Yatich who inspires us with his courage and positive attitude to successfully go on with his life.
- ☀ The UU’s who provide care to one another, often without anyone else knowing about it.

Our Concerns:

- ❖ All our fellow UU’s in Knoxville, Tennessee who experienced a terrible tragedy.
- ❖ Charlotte Shea whose father died August 8 and mother and sister died earlier this year.
- ❖ Maggie Gingras who was recently hospitalized and is dealing with lupus.

- ❖ John Gingras who is keeping the family business going while Maggie mends.
- ❖ Margaret Tarsa and her family who bravely deal with her end of life period.
- ❖ Boyd Baird and Arline Howe who face daily changes and decisions due to his degenerative disease.
- ❖ Dan McKeen whose 95-year-old mother is losing her independence and must move in with her daughter.
- ❖ Ann Dressel who awaits hip surgery October 2.

In our hearts and minds:

- ♥ Linda Dunigan and her son Shane
- ♥ Richard Myer
- ♥ Pat Trezise
- ♥ Linda Martin
- ♥ Kay and Bob Reinhardt
- ♥ Jim and Mary Ellen Thero
- ♥ Daniel Cote and his children
- ♥ Carole Greilick and her children
- ♥ Gary Singer, his daughters, and Patty Pelizzari
- ♥ Maggie Zimmerman and Joe and Danielle Tiedeck

—The Pastoral Care Team

YOUTH AND CHILDREN’S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Love Goes Toward Love

*Love goes toward love, as schoolboys from their books,
But love from love, toward school with heavy looks.*

—Romeo in “Romeo & Juliet”

The children (and adults!) in your life may be moving toward school with heavy looks, but gearing up for our autumn Religious Education program feels as joyful as love going toward love.

September will begin with an intergenerational worship service on Resumption Sunday, Sept. 7 (Resuming, Re-Zooming), and then we’ll spend two Sundays working on projects to be auctioned at the Autumn Affair, our congregation’s special fundraiser. We’ll round out the month with some All-Ages RE Getting-to-Know-You Games.

October will bring activities about voting for all ages, taking our cue from the presidential election, and our 5th Unitarian Universalist principle (“we covenant to affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process in our congregations and in society at large” or, as we sing in RE: “all people have a say”). We’ll discuss what it means to make decisions democratically, and our older kids will hold a mock election.

November will focus on preparing for our annual All-Ages RE Pageant. This year, we’re presenting “The Quiltmaker’s Gift” on December 14.

Volunteers are always needed – in the classroom and behind the scenes! Contact Karen McCarthy, Director of Religious Education, at 947-3117 or dre@uucgt.org to volunteer.

What do you love? What pulls you like schoolboys away from their books?

—Karen McCarthy, DRE

ADULT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Wednesday Suppers and Programs

Wednesday suppers will start at UUCGT with a potluck on the first Wednesday of October; programs to start the following Wednesday, October 10. Social time at five thirty; Supper at Six. Everybody is welcome. Program is separate—that is, we can come to the programs without having supper, or come to supper also.

Programs start at seven, conclude by eight, including discussion time. We have lots of ideas but always want more! Have some ideas? Contact John Hoffmann, Sally Mitchell, Mercedes Kimling, LE or HG Smith, or Ann Dressel. Here are some categories to get you thinking:

- travel (been some place?), art, musical performances, Unitarian Universalist history & ideas or organization, food, health, dancing, exercise, discussion topics (want to talk?)
- games, plays, readings (poetry reading, anyone?), science, digital photography, recreational interests -(know of some good hiking trails?), experiences to share (been to a political convention?), written a book lately (or know someone who has, demonstrations (know any magic tricks?),
- good books, helpful news articles, essays to review, making things, ... and on and on. Let us know.

—Sally Mitchell

Henge of Seekers Events

The Celtic nature-spirituality group, The Henge of Seekers, will host two gatherings this month. A Full Moon Circle will be held on Monday, September 15th at 7pm. This will include a ceremony with an Eistefodd

(time for sharing spiritually meaningful events, poetry, prose, etc) in our safe and sacred space. The Henge will then host a ceremony to honor the Autumn Equinox on Sunday, September 21st at 4:30 pm. More details to come in the Flash and Order of Service. All are welcome who wish to explore nature spirituality from a Celtic perspective and who will honor our sacred Selves. We hope you will join us! /\

The Men's Group...

...will not meet in September. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 13. Details to be announced.

Crones and Scones...

...will meet Saturday, September 13, at Pinkie Hoffmann's, at 10:30. Bring a sack lunch. We will go for a hike in the area and return to Pinkie's for lunch. Coming from Traverse City: Go out west Front Street past West High School, to N. Long Lake Road. Take Long Lake Road to Thiel Road. Turn right for 0.8 of a mile to Snowshoe. Turn left. It is the 3rd house on the right, 1878 Snowshoe.

The second September meeting will be Wednesday, September 24, at 10:30, starting at the new Nature Center on Cass Road, about 2 miles past South Airport. Bring a bag lunch. We will hike one of the nature trails.

New ways to learn at Meadville Lombard, a Unitarian Universalist Seminary

Weekend and Week-long formats allow flexibility for Ministers and Lay Leaders.

Meadville Lombard is now offering courses in formats that make it easier for working religious professionals and lay leaders to broaden or deepen their theological and congregational understanding. Below is a sampling of some of these opportunities. Visit our website for a full listing and

course syllabi: http://www.meadville.edu/Ac_CourseOfferings.htm or contact Erika Chavez, Director of Admissions, at 773.256.3000 x 250 for more information.

Weekend Courses:

Lay Leadership Development with Rev. Brian Covell; October 3-4 and 24-25, and November 14-15, 2008.

Designed to help ministers, lay leaders and post-internship seminarians become acquainted with the paradigms, problem-solving and relational skills necessary for effective lay leadership development. Because of the nature of this course, we offer this incentive for congregational teams: **Pay for two team members from your congregation and register a third for free.**

Real Peace/Real Security: UU Perspectives on Peace and War with Dr. Sharon Welch; January 17-18, 2009. In this half-credit course, address the issues posed by the UUA CSAI study/action issue on peacemaking. Examine options for enhancing peace and security in our contemporary world and explore perspectives held by Unitarian Universalists on: strategic peacebuilding, just peace, just war, preventive defense, nonviolence and pacifism. Then discuss the concrete ways in which congregations best foster open dialogue and informed engagement on these crucial issues of peacemaking and conflict transformation at all levels: interpersonal, congregational, national and international.

Problems in Public Ethics with Rev. Dr. William Schulz and Dr. Sharon Welch; January 23-25, 2009. Learn to clarify the theological and ethical underpinnings of your approaches to public problems; consider five of the most pressing such problems on the national and world stage today: torture, military intervention, abortion, death penalty, and poverty and learn how to articulate your

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perspective and navigate the complexities of dealing with such issues in an institutional context.

Week-long Courses:

Fling Wide the Doors: Children and Church Growth with Rev. Greg Stewart; January 12-16, 2009. How well do we welcome children into the church family and what impact does that have on church growth?

Afro-Americans and the Universalists, Unitarians, and Unitarian

Universalists with Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed; January 26-30, 2009.

Become familiar with both the Afro-American experience within the liberal religious community and the community's attitudes toward Afro-Americans. Who were these Afro-American women and men and when and how did they become part of this religious movement? What were the attitudes they met among Anglo-Americans and what was the institutional response to them? One objective of the course is for students to create a historical record of their home congregation with regard to race.

MINDING THE STORE

A Note from the Finance Committee

You may have heard that our Congregation ended the fiscal year on June 30th with a *surplus* of \$10,943.82. This is indeed good news. We thought you might like a bit more of an explanation.

Why did this happen? At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Congregation approves a budget based on the best information we have at



the time. In some cases, such as utility and insurance costs, assumptions are made. This past year we had more income (donations) than anticipated *and* our expenses were down from the estimate made at the beginning of the year.

What happened to the extra funds? The Board approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the funds be distributed as follows:

- 50% was rolled into our Capital Improvement Reserve Account, bringing the balance in that account to \$21,260.67. This account is used for *major* improvements to our building, big-ticket items such as a new roof or paving of the parking lot. With an ageing building we think it's prudent to build this account.
- 50% was rolled into our Fund Balance, bringing that account to \$116,475.83. Known as "retained earnings" in the for-profit world, this is basically our savings account or "rainy day" fund.

If you have further questions about the surplus or any financial aspect of the Congregation, please don't hesitate to call our treasurer, Leslie Cook, or one of the Finance Committee members. If you'd like to become more involved in the finances of UUCGT we'd love to have you join our group!

Autumn Affair Donated Dinners

The Autumn Affair is returning to UUCGT on Saturday, October 4th. If you would like to be a part of this fund raising event, please consider hosting a donated dinner. These dinners have proven to be an enjoyable, fun activity that both helps the Congregation financially plus promoting a sense of community for the participants. Last year, for example, we had 14 "dinners" donated

(including a Martini party, 2 Sunday brunches, a winter beer tasting, and a X-country ski outing). These events raised \$2,600 with approximately 120 people participating. If this is an activity that you might be interested in, please contact John and Pinkie Hoffmann at 275-3602. We hope to have our list of hosts confirmed by Sunday, September 21 to be included in the Autumn Affair event on October 4th.

Fall Clean-Up...

...will take place on Saturday September 13 from 9 AM until 1 PM. Please bring whatever cleaning and landscaping tools you think will be helpful, and arrive at 9 AM ready to work. For further information contact Dan McKeen or Linda Martin in the church office.

Sunday Service Greeters

Help, help!! The Greeter program needs more participants. It is a rewarding way to get to know everyone, make new people feel welcome and contribute to the church. Please see Ann Dressel or Charlotte Shea, or call Ann at 922-0483 or the church office at 947-3117. Thank you. I look forward to working with you.

—Ann Dressel

***Soup Lunch and Special Meeting!
Coming soon!
For all RE parents and grandparents!***

and anyone interested in the Religious Education program at UUCGT!

Come hear about our plans for the year!

From Our Minister of Music

At this time of year, I love to feel energized by the thought of the new church year, by possibility and creativity, by the open road ahead. And yet, I still have music (and much else) to file away from last church year, all of which exerts a drag on my forward momentum. Nonetheless, ready or not, here comes Resumption Sunday, and resume we shall! I've discovered, that simply by starting to dig into the work at hand, I can begin to raise my own energy level. I'll also try to get a few more things put away soon!

As I am about to contact musicians to fill various roles and to accomplish various tasks throughout this coming year, (more than usual, since I'm half-time this year) I am aware that the roles and the tasks are means, not ends. I look for ways in which making music can serve the musician's soul and well-being at the same time it serves the members of the congregation and larger community who enjoy and appreciate that music. I find myself wanting most to know where our individual musicians are in their personal, spiritual, life journeys, and how they see their musical participation here fitting into those journeys. Yes, I've got a "to do" list, but it serves a larger end than the separate individual tasks, and my goals are larger than merely getting items crossed off a list.

We have an endless number of tasks, small and large, that need to be accomplished in the course of a church year, but accomplishing those tasks serves the larger reasons that we gather. Here, at the edge of "resuming,"

I invite you to consider carefully and thoughtfully the nature of your volunteering within the congregation this year.

- ✓ Volunteer enough time, energy and talent, deeply enough, that you have a chance to give something of real value and substance, a chance to give in ways that inspire, challenge and change you at the same time you serve others.
- ✓ Volunteer enough to stretch your generosity, but not so much that you pull apart or feel completely drained.
- ✓ Discern for yourself – perhaps with the help of others – how your efforts here nurture the journey of your spirit and the wellbeing of others. Connect your choices to the reasons this congregation exists in the first place.
- ✓ No matter how simple the task at hand, give of yourself in ways that matter. Understand that you make a difference. That is where the energy comes from.

The road ahead stretches out open and wide before us—all possibility and promise.

We walk together.

How and why will you make the journey this year?

And what will you do along the way?

Yours,

Rev. Kevin Tarsa

MUSICAL NOTES

Music Thank-You's...

- ♫ to Jeremy Treadwell and Treva Jaffe for teaming up to offer engaging music on August 3.
- ♫ to Anneke and Kaaryn Gustafson and Kim Gribi for a delightful violin trio on August 10, and to Andy and Theresa Evans for a beautiful offering of "When You Come Back Down" in our "Bridging/Life Wisdom" service. Special thanks too to William Ward, Heather Shumaker, and Helen Sullivan for sharing their marvelous life insight.
- ♫ to Mercedes Kimling and Jeremy Treadwell, once again, for enthusiastic music on August 17.

♫ To R. Gary Deavel ("our" Gary Deavel, the Vocal Ensemble says) and Andy Evans for their magical piano/bass music making.

UUCGT Orchestra

Wake now your senses ...and your instruments! Musicians, please plan to join us at our Resumption Sunday service on September 7. 9:00 rehearsal, 10:00 service. Contact Rev. Kevin for music, and/or to let him know you are planning to play. 922-8146 or revkevin@uucgt.org

Vocal Ensemble (choir)

Resumes

Our choir, the UUCGT Vocal Ensemble

begins rehearsing on Thursday, September 11. We'll open with a 6:00 potluck and rehearse from 7:00 to 9:00. We'll even have a chance to meet Seth Castleman, the new rabbi of Congregation Ahavat Shalom.

The choir includes accomplished, trained musicians, as well as people who simply love to sing, and all sorts in between. New members, teens and adults, are welcome. Contact Rev. Kevin to get on the mailing list, to have questions answered, and to determine voice part.

Musicians

Now is the time to map out our music plans for the year. Please contact your fellow musicians and Rev. Kevin to get your music on our map.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTION

There are many opportunities with the advent of the “new year.” Fall is really a new beginning in our society, with kids returning to schools and the excitement of fall in the air. There are three events coming up that are free and educational!

Sunday September 7 at Lars Hockstad Auditorium from 6-9 pm, Bill McKibben, award-winning author of *Deep Economy: The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future*, will explain how doing simple and actually quite attractive things like eating more local food, living in more vibrant urban communities, investing locally instead of in Wall Street, and enjoying our own area’s entertainment and culture can be a big part of stopping global warming. These simple yet effective solutions are not only good for the planet, they will make us happier by improving our quality of life each and every day. Come, listen, learn, act!

The other is the opportunity to hear an amazing speaker, Greg Mortenson, author of *Three for Tea*. He is raising the educational opportunities of Pakistan, especially for girls. He builds schools for them throughout the region with the backing of the local people, whatever their religion. Education is the best way to combat prejudices and terrorism. Although he would like and needs donations, you can hear him speak for \$10 at the City Opera House at 6 PM Sunday September 21. On Monday Sept. 22 at TC West High, he will speak with free admission to students at 9:25 AM.

Ecological gardening will be presented by Dave Jacke through several workshops and presentations September 22 to 27. Both Monday and Tuesday evenings there are free lectures. Please visit www.artmeetsearth.org for more details or call me.

—Emmy Lou Cholak 943-7999

Theme Nominations

The Social Justice & Action Committee requests your nominations for a Justice Theme for this church year, 2008-09.

Activities will be planned throughout the year, based on the topic that the congregation selects: sermons, adult and youth Religious Education opportunities, fundraisers and possibly even direct action events. Adults will vote on one, and children/youth will vote on one, then both adults and youth will have opportunities to learn about both topics. Nominations begin soon; the vote will be Sunday, October 5th.

Tides of Change: UUs Achieving Justice

The Michigan UU Social Justice Network invites all members and friends of Michigan UU congregations to attend the upcoming conference, “Tides of Change: UUs Achieving Justice” on Saturday, October 11. State Representative Rebekah Warren, chair of the Great Lakes & Environment Committee, will speak on “How to Affect Change in the Michigan Legislature.” Dr. Kathryn Savoie, ecologist, activist, and educator, will give a talk called “Climate Change: Consequences and Solutions” in which she will discuss climate change’s impact on Michigan and the Great Lakes.

Congregations will have the opportunity to share information about their social justice projects through presentations, workshops, and discussions. Youth in High School and Middle School Religious Education programs are especially encouraged to create poster presentations of their own social justice projects to share with other youth and adults from around the state.

To see the full brochure and register for the conference, visit www.ujustice.org. Questions? Contact Randy Block, MUUSJN Manager, at beelock47@comcast.net.

—Jeannie Miernik
MUUSJN Coordinator

Jeannie Miernik is the new Michigan UU Social Justice Network Coordinator

ODDS AND ENDS

Resource for Violence, Here and Shared

“A Terrible Thing Happened: a story for children who have witnessed violence or trauma” is a wonderful book, written by Margaret M. Holmes and illustrated by Cary Pillo. It talks about the various ways that people—well, in this case, animals—deal with seeing violence (studies suggest that it is often more difficult to *witness* trauma than it is to experience it). The book gives a context for children, and helps them process their feelings and feel “normal” about whatever emotions they have. Adults would probably benefit from the book, too. We have a copy in our UUCGT library, and the Pastoral Care Team sent one to each of the UU churches in Knoxville, where a gunman shot several people last July.

Seeking Poetry, Essays

Thank you for your submissions of poetry—we are now looking for poems and short essays having to do with elections/voting and forgiveness. Please email them to Rev. Chip, or drop them off in the office.

Interested in Something?

I am! Contact me and let’s arrange some canoeing/kayaking, hiking, biking, or even

camping! A UU friends group to enjoy the out of doors! I’ll await your call at

943-7999 or email at sjtc@charter.net.

—Emmy Lou Cholak



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4 Thur Family Mental Health, 7-8 p.m.
4 Thur Vocal Ensemble, 7-8:30 p.m.
6 Sat Board Retreat, 9 AM-4 PM
7 Sun "Resuming, Re-Zooming," Rev. Chip; Intergenerational; UUCGT Orchestra; Resumption Sunday, ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 a.m. Childcare provided
7 Sun Bylaws Review Committee, Mary Grover, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM
7 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group, Fleda Brown, 7:30-9 PM
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13 Sat Fall Cleanup, Dan McKeen, 9 AM - 1 PM
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23 Tue Sunday Services Committee, Maura Brennan, 7-9 PM
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29 Mon Bylaws Review Committee, Mary Grover, 5:30 AM-6:30 PM

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- 1 Wed Supper at Six, potluck, social time 5:30. Note: no program this time.
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