



Sunday services 9:30 & 11 am; religious education classes, 11 am

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Summer service schedule, May 17 through September 13: ONE service only, at 10:00 a.m.

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

“Action From Depth”

Emily Mitchell; music information included below

In her long history of ministry and community organizing, the Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman, candidate for UUA President, found strength for outward action through spiritual depth. Emily Mitchell will introduce us to Laurel's way of reaching deeper, into that which can sustain us individually and as vital congregations, and, why many believe Dr. Hallman's approach will prepare Unitarian Universalism for the future. Music: Spirituals by Marin Tack, Shelley Burnes and Friends. **(A sermon about Rev. Peter Morales, also a candidate, was delivered on 3/15).**

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

“More than Resuscitation”

Rev. Chip

Virtually every culture has a hopeful story about new life springing from death. On Easter Sunday, we'll explore these myths, and how they cry out for truly *new* ways of being, not merely the resuscitation of old ways.

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

“Our Interdependent Web”

Rev. Chip; Vocal Ensemble

Not only our shared ecological and financial challenges, but also our common dreams of a world of peace and plenty, prove that our lives are interconnected. The last of our series on our UUA's seven Principles: “respect for the interdependent web of all existence.”

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

“Coming of Age”

Paul Seyfarth & the Coming of Age group

Come join us as we celebrate and hallow our youth's transition from childhood to young adulthood. Come support them as they clear their voices to be heard in our congregation and our world. We will give a forum for their Credo's in the UU tradition and honor the sacrifices that have made this ceremony possible within a tradition from this Congregation. Coming of Age rituals can be found in every culture; join us as we live our higher values by building a bridge for this ancient and ubiquitous custom into the ever-changing future.

Following this service: Congregational Conversation about the bids received for the Building Expansion

Sunday, May 3 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

“Pools of Sorrow, Waves of Joy”

Rev. Chip and Jeremy Treadwell; Musicians of the Congregation

At the end of a decade-long odyssey together, the Beatles attempted to make peace with themselves and each other, leaving us with a collection of

introspective songs on their final albums “Let It Be” and “Abbey Road.” This musical journey provides a metaphor for our lives.

Following this service: Vote of the congregation on the Building Expansion, and on revisions to the Bylaws

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

“Mom as a Verb”

Intergenerational Service; Special music by Marin Tack and the UU Band

What does it mean to “mom” someone? We'll explore this topic with story, poetry, conversation, visual art, and song—including a special performance by Marin Tack and the UU Band!

Sunday, May 17 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10 AM

“Praises for the Journey”

Rev. Chip; Vocal Ensemble

We'll welcome new members of the congregation, and explore what it means to belong to something larger than ourselves.

Sunday, May 24 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10 AM

“More Frightening Than the Storm”

Rev. Chip

On Memorial Day weekend, we'll memorialize those who gave their lives in service to the greater good—not only in our armed forces, but also martyrs to great causes. The same impulses, the same capacities exist in all of us—and that disturbs us.

Sunday, May 31 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10 AM

“The Goddess Persists”

Sarah Montgomery

Feminine aspects of the divine have persisted throughout history, all one has to do is look. Pan-Hindu worship of the Great Goddess (who goes by many names with many faces) has been nurtured and developed from antiquity to the present. Indigenous goddesses were incorporated into Christianity and have become vivid figures within that tradition. African goddesses (and gods) were mingled with Christianity to create totally syncretic traditions such as Yoruba and Santeria, which thrive today. Modern Neo-Paganists draw cross culturally from a variety of expressions and find great inspiration in goddess and feminine spirituality. In every age, a closer look into myth, ritual, symbol, and modes of spirituality reveals a goddess beneath the surface—just waiting to be discovered.

Our UUCGT Annual Meeting will take place after this service.

the BEACON

BEACON Deadlines: Last Sunday of each month, following the last service.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTION

The Interfaith Council of Traverse City is presenting a free speaker series at the Traverse Area District Library, on Woodmere Avenue on **Monday, April 20, and Monday, April 27, at 6:30 PM**. The program is moderated by Pastor Jeremy Williams. The presentation on Monday April 20 is "Islam: A Personal Experience," by Taoufik Nadji; and on April 27, Prof. David Terrell will discuss "Is Islam a Threat?" Mr. Nadji teaches Physics and Math at Interlochen Arts Academy and NMC. Mr. Terrell is a retired professor of World Religions and Philosophy at NMC. There will be Mid Eastern Snacks at 6 pm. The program is free and open to the public, but donations will be greatly appreciated to offset costs.

There is a VERY informative Forum on ENERGY, WATER, EARTH scheduled for the afternoon of Friday April 17 at 12:30 at the Waterfront Conference Center. The program is arranged by NMEAC with knowledgeable local activists as speakers: Lee Sprague from the Sierra Club; Steve Smiley, wind for energy; Sarah U'Ren from the Watershed; and Jim Olson with updates on the Great Lake Compact. That evening is the Environmentalist of the Year Banquet with keynote Speaker Holly Wren Spaulding. Plan to attend and learn!

On Monday, March 23, Traverse City was host to an unusual and outstanding Unitarian Universalist, Dr. Charlie Clements. He gave up a military career and honors to expose the horrors of war on the ordinary people living through it. The documentary, *Witness to War*, about his work in El Salvador during the revolution, was shown at the

State Theater. This film won an Academy Award and was truly amazing, well done, clear, and sad! Dr. Clements's work in that country gave hope to those who lost loved ones and homes as he worked with them. He is now CEO and President of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). And MANY THANKS to Pinkie Hoffman and Richard Miller who volunteered that night at the State!

The regular meeting of the SJA committee is on the first Tuesday of the

group of five people (or more) can nominate a cause; please email them to Linda Martin (office@uucgt.org) by April 21st. Nominated causes will be published in the May *Beacon*. We'll vote at the Annual Meeting on May 31st.
—Rev. Chip

April, Month of the Young Child: Diaper Drive

In keeping with the congregational social justice and action vote to concentrate this year on poverty and hunger in our local areas, UUCGT will be taking part in the citywide April Diaper Drive. There is need throughout our community for diapers, with special need for larger sizes (4, 5 and 6). A collection box will be available all month for your donations. The diapers will be distributed to various organizations that have expressed a need, including the Doula Program and the Grand Traverse Baby Pantry. Please help as you can. Thank you.

—Kay Sturgeon 929-0895

Safe Harbor Thank-You's

Many thanks for the extraordinary effort put forth by the many food preparers, kitchen/dining room helpers, overnight stayers, RE cookie makers and collectors of personal items and clothing, and donations of money, for the Safe Harbor project March 14th – 20th. Thanks also to

Beth El and Ahavat Shalom for their food and time on Thursday night. Ann Dressel and Pinkie Hoffmann are very grateful for the help and time of everyone involved. This was a very successful partnership with Bayview Wesleyan Church and their wonderful facility. Between 60-70 people made this successful week possible.

Tobi Karch, a member of Beth El congregation who worked with some of her fellow congregants as well as members of Ahavat Shalom on Thursday evening, wrote the following reflection on that experience:

I would like to thank Emmy Lou for getting me and Alex involved in this worthwhile community organization. I don't have experience working with the homeless, and this put so much into perspective. What do they look like? You and me. What do you talk to them about? The same topics you might talk to anybody else. Everybody was SO appreciative of our help, and when I got into my car to go home that evening, I knew that I had made a difference for a couple of hours, at least. In this day of being bombarded with constant sour news about the economic crisis that many of us are experiencing firsthand, I was reminded of the true stuff that makes life meaningful: my family and friends, a roof over my head and food to eat. I am hoping that next year we can expand our efforts and more of you will join us in serving our fellow Traverse City residents. ~Tobi Karch

Thank you, Tobi, for your sensitive insights, and for your willingness to share them with the readers of the Beacon.
—Ed.

month, April 7, in the UU office at 7 PM. All are welcome; please join us to help in this important work!
—Emmy Lou Cholak, 943-7999, sjatc@charter.net

Social Justice Proposals!

The Social Justice & Action Committee seeks proposals for our congregation-wide justice initiative for next year. Any

Musings of Our Senior Minister

Feedback

28 March 2009

According to UU ethicist (and keynote speaker at our Heartland District Annual Meeting, April 3-4) Dr. Sharon D. Welch, for our liberal organizations to have the significant impact we hope for, they must have strong leadership *and* strong feedback mechanisms, so that the leaders are accountable to the larger membership.

That is one of the charges given by our Board to the newly-expanded Committee on Ministry (CoM).

The CoM will create fair, effective and easy-to-use feedback processes, and communicate those procedures widely.

Many thanks to John Hoffmann, Peg Kauffman, Lucky McKeen, Dan Orr and Heather Shumaker for agreeing to serve on the Committee on Ministry.

With Spirit,

the Rev. Chip Roush

ALL ABOUT US

Our Joys:

- ❖ Emmy Lou Cholak who was our March Care Giver of the Month.
- ❖ All the UUs who participated in Safe Harbor.
- ❖ Our wonderful UU musicians and Vocal Ensemble who helped us welcome spring so joyously on March 22.
- ❖ Dr. Charlie Clements, President & CEO of UUSC, who was in TC to present his film *Witness to War* at the State Theater March 23, and inspired us with his life story.
- ❖ The UUs who provide care to one another, often without anyone else knowing about it.

Our Concerns

MaryAnn Force whose daughter-in-law Cindi died on March 23.

MaryAnn's son Tim and 15 year old granddaughter, Yvonne, who live in Hubbard, Ohio, where MaryAnn will travel for the funeral.

Janet Reed who had successful heart valve replacement March 12 and is staying with her family in St. Louis while she recovers. Cards and notes may be sent to her c/o Liz Lipka, 7350 Amherst, University City, MO 63130.

Pat Phelan who had surgery for a torn ligament March 3.

Gail Trill who is recovering from hip surgery March 2.

Carolyn Lewis who sprained her ankle.

Maggie Gingras who was in the hospital again from complications of her Lupus and congestive heart failure.

Emmy Lou Cholak whose sister-in-law Robin is near death in Cincinnati.

Pat Light who awaits hand surgery.

In our hearts and minds:

- ♥ Rev. Kevin
- ♥ Greg Boothroyd
- ♥ John Gingras
- ♥ Jalene Moore
- ♥ Paul Ward
- ♥ Kim Gribo
- ♥ Richard Myer
- ♥ Bob Reinhardt
- ♥ Jim and Mary Ellen Thero
- ♥ Lucky & Dan McKeen

—The Pastoral Care Team

Welcome new member
Carol Lewis

Welcome to our newest member, Carol Lewis. Carol grew up on Old Mission Peninsula, lived in New York for 36 years, and has been back Up North for about 7 years or so. Born Methodist, she raised her daughter in a UU church in New York, and is now joining us for herself.

New Member Orientation

The Membership Committee along with Rev. Chip Roush has scheduled a new member orientation for Wednesday April 29 from 7-9 PM, following the Wednesday Night Supper. This orientation session is for

newer members who have not previously attended, and for those individuals who are considering becoming members of UUCGT. We will provide a brief history of the congregation, a discussion of current programs and activities, and plans for the future. Rev. Roush will discuss the larger UU denomination and answer questions as needed. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Table in the hallway.

—John Hoffman

Change of mailing and email addresses:

Barbara Bloomer

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Traverse City, Mich. 49696

Email: Bloombrb@gmail.com

Please note that this information is incorrect in the new directory.

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Adopt-A-Road

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Grand Traverse has participated in the Grand Traverse County Road Commission Adopt-A-Road program for several years. We adopted McKinley Road from East Shore Drive to Peninsula Drive. Clean-up months are April, July, and September. The first clean-up will occur on either Sunday 4/19 or 4/26 (depending on weather) right after the 11 AM service. If you would like to help, contact John Hoffman, 275-3602.

MINDING THE STORE

Sunday Services Feedback

The Sunday Services Committee is launching a feedback process for Sunday Services. We'd like your suggestions on the format. The feedback questionnaire will be in the order of service, and anyone interested in giving feedback is welcome. Those who are not interested can put their form in the box for reuse next Sunday! Anyone who would like to give feedback can choose any or all of the items; it's not like a final exam!

We on the Sunday Services Committee hope to always and actively improve our services.

Your feedback gives us the data we need to begin that process. If you have suggestions to improve the format of our attached feedback form, please

contact any member of the Sunday Services Committee: Rev. Chip, Rev. Kevin, Holly Knibbs, Maura Brennen, Cal Boulter, Paul Ward, Paul Seyfarth, Richard Miller, Mary Van Valin. Thank you!

UUA elections

Peter Morales and Laurel Hallman are running for President of our UUA. Our very own Gini Courter is running unopposed for the position of Moderator, the highest volunteer position in our association. See www.uua.org/aboutus/governance/elections for more details, or ask Rev. Chip.

Benzie UU group

The Benzie UU group meets on the 1st and third Wednesday of each month (except in the summer when we meet once each month). We meet at the

Scenic View Resort at 1400 Highway US 31 between Honor and Beulah. Please park and enter in the back by the swimming pool. An optional potluck begins at 6:30 and then our service begins at 7:30 (please bring a dish to share and your own drink and table service). For more information, please call Robert or Mary Scholl 231-325-0085.

Photo Directory

The Membership/Directory Committee has been in contact with Life-Touch Company who will be publishing a picture directory for UUCGT. We have scheduled the dates of May 12-14 (Tuesday-Thursday), from 2:30 to 9:30

PM for the photo shoots. There is no cost to have your photograph taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait & directory for participating. You will be able to view your images

electronically immediately after the pictures are taken. At that time you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends (there is no obligation to purchase). Starting Sunday April 5th and continuing through Sunday April 26th we will have sign-up sheets available to make an appointment—bring your calendar and stop by our table in the hallway. Members and friends of UUCGT are encouraged to participate. Yes, pets can be included in the photo. Our last photo directory was in 1996, so it's time for an updated version. Questions regarding this project can be directed to Jane Watts or John & Pinkie Hoffman.



ADULT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Chalice Circles End and Begin

If you happened into church on an otherwise quiet afternoon one Thursday in late March, your senses would have first been awakened by the good, and common aromas of the potluck dishes prepared for the *Chalice Circle Lunch Celebration* taking place. Lingering longer, you might have wondered about what was promoting the calling out of words that went on for several minutes, such as: spiritual, friendship, connections, belonging, tentative, journey, listener, critical deepening, hope, nuance. Sharing key words and sitting in community felt very natural for the joint chalice circle gathering celebrating the culmination of the first Chalice Circle Eight-Week Series that began in late January for these two groups. The collective group was invited to share their thoughts in a response form—here are a few that seem exemplary of many comments shared:

“I felt there was an earnest effort put forth to listen, share, allow, and empathize.”

“This curriculum gave birth to the wonderful formation of a bonding group.”

“This has been my spiritual coming of age!”

“Many of us come here wounded by past religious experiences—this group is a healing process.”

“There was always something else that I'd like to have said, but I learned that it was more important to listen.”

The group then went on to explore ways that they can stay in community and work for the better good of the church. A service project idea was brainstormed and will take place on **Saturday May 9th**. Chalice Circle members will help recruit other members from the congregation for a **“Spring Clean Up”** and help organize work projects to beautify our grounds,

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plant small seedlings, shine up windows and bring order to the storage closet off the sanctuary as example—as we begin anew to care for our religious home.

Several of us are interested in participating in another Chalice Circle, beginning in mid-to-late April. New participants are warmly welcomed—if you are interested, please contact Judy VanDeWeghe (judyvdw@aol.com) or Rev. Chip.

—Judy VanDeWeghe
and Rev. Chip Roush

UU Men's Group

All interested men are cordially invited to join one another for fellowship, a lively conversation and a good meal on Monday, April 13 at 6:00 pm. We will gather in the back room at Ruby Tuesday's. We may discUU the following topic: The future of UUCGT??? or Where do we go from here? or Where have you been since Christmas? or Some more pressing topic of interest to you! We hope you can join us. Call John Ort w/ questions 932-8766.

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Beliefs Within Our Faith

Unitarian Universalism is a liberal religion that encompasses many faith traditions. Unitarian Universalists include people who identify as Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, Pagans, Atheists, Agnostics, Humanists, and others. As there is no official Unitarian Universalist creed, Unitarian Universalists are free to search for truth on many paths.

To quote the Rev. Marta Flanagan, "We uphold the free search for truth. We will not be bound by a statement of belief. We do not ask anyone to subscribe to a creed. We say ours is a non-creedal religion. Ours is a free faith."

Although we uphold shared principles, individual Unitarian Universalists have varied beliefs about everything from scripture to rituals to God.

Last updated on Thursday, March 1, 2007.

—From the UUAC website, UUA.org



The RE SCOOP

Looking back ...

In the past few months, the children and youth in our Religious Education program have:

- watched and celebrated the inauguration of President Obama
- learned about forgiveness, covenant, kindness, and friendship
- learned about Moses, Miriam, and David from the Hebrew Bible; and about Unitarian Universalist heroes King Sigismund and Christopher Reeve
- prepared a week's worth of desserts for Safe Harbor
- collected hundreds of personal care items for Safe Harbor
- learned about James Reeb and Pete Seeger; talked about what prayer means to UUs; and made UU prayer beads
- celebrated the Jewish festival of Purim
- experienced a wonderful Mystery Friends program
- begun a Coming of Age program (which will continue into April)

Looking ahead ...

In the next few months, our RE children and youth will:

- play games!
- celebrate the Christian holiday of Easter
- participate in the community's Earth Day parade
- take a Coming of Age trip
- prepare and lead a Coming of Age Sunday service
- participate in an intergenerational Sunday service on Mother's Day

Looking further ahead ...

During the summer, our RE children and youth will:

- have multi-aged RE experiences, on various topics, led by various members of the congregation

What would *you* like to do with our children and youth some Sunday this summer?

Karen McCarthy, DRE

dre@uucgt.org

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES					
Unitarian Universalist Congregation Grand Traverse					
Fiscal Year 2009, Period 8 (02/01/2009 to 02/28/2009)					
GL Acct #	Account Description	Current Period	YTD	Budget Annual	Budget Remaining
INCOME					
	Subtotal Contributions	5,884.78	139,510.14	218,000.00	78,489.86
	Subtotal Special Events	205.00	13,938.81	20,000.00	6,061.19
	Subtotal Other Income	935.85	4,838.68	-	-
	Subtotal Building Use	300.00	2,315.00	3,000.00	685.00
	Subtotal Dividends & Interest	(120.72)	891.93	1,500.00	608.07
	TOTAL INCOME	7,204.91	161,494.56	242,500.00	81,005.44
EXPENSE					
	Subtotal Salaries & Wages	10,792.52	85,124.83	129,210.00	44,085.17
	Subtotal Employer Payroll Taxes	426.83	3,377.54	5,160.00	1,782.46
	Subtotal Employer Benefits	5,491.98	24,016.65	43,412.00	19,395.35
	Subtotal Supplies	226.58	2,690.80	5,695.00	3,004.20
	Subtotal Printing & Copying	(2.00)	(62.69)	550.00	612.69
	Subtotal Postage & Shipping	-	755.32	1,000.00	244.68
	Subtotal Resources/Curriculum	(25.00)	494.19	2,620.00	2,125.81
	Subtotal Plant & Property	85.44	3,062.82	9,695.00	6,632.18
	Subtotal Service Contracts	1,431.00	5,717.75	7,000.00	1,282.25
	Subtotal Equipment	305.90	2,324.97	4,250.00	1,925.03
	Subtotal Utilities	472.28	5,580.53	11,200.00	5,619.47
	Subtotal Miscellaneous Expenditures	275.06	2,421.94	5,745.00	3,323.06
	Subtotal Dues & Fees	145.27	5,913.09	10,172.00	4,258.91
	Subtotal Professional Expense	539.55	4,719.25	6,700.00	1,980.75
	TOTAL EXPENSE	20,165.41	146,136.99	242,409.00	96,473.01
	NET INCOME	(12,960.50)	15,357.57	91.00	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Grand Traverse (UUCGT)	
As of February 28, 2009 (Period 8)	
ASSETS	
Total Current Assets	141,003.24
Total Long Term Assets	104,748.14
Total Other Assets	707,069.74
TOTAL ASSETS	952,821.12
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Total Current Liabilities	5,479.44
Total Temporary Restricted Funds	815,508.28
Total Fund Balance	131,833.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	952,821.12

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Calendar

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April

- 1 Wed Wednesday Dinner, Potluck; social time @ 5:30PM, supper @ 6PM, program @ 7PM: Krystal Ann Miller: Empty Bowls Event discussion
- 2 Thur Vocal Ensemble; Rev. Kevin, 7-9PM
- 5 Sun "Action from Depth," Emily Mitchell; services at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Childcare @ 9:30, RE @ 11:00**
- 5 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group: Silent meditation; Fledda Brown, 5-6:30PM
- 7 Tue Social Justice & Action; Rev. Chip, 7-8:30PM
- 8 Wed Peacemakers Needleworkers, 1-4PM
- 8 Wed Wednesday Dinner, \$4, social time @ 5:30PM, supper @ 6PM, program @ 7PM: TBA
- 9 Thur Vocal Ensemble; Rev. Kevin, 7-9PM
- 12 Sun "More than Resuscitation," Rev. Chip; services at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Childcare @ 9:30, RE @ 11:00**
- 12 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group: Silent meditation; Fledda Brown, 5-6:30PM
- 13 Mon Men's Group; John Ort, Ruby Tuesday's, 6:00PM
- 14 Tue Board; Joan Sheard, 7-9PM
- 15 Wed Membership Committee, John Hoffman, 4-5PM
- 15 Wed Wednesday Dinner, \$4, social time @ 5:30PM, supper @ 6PM; program @ 7PM: John Schneider: discussion about what we have to give one another in difficult times.
- 16 Thur Vocal Ensemble, Rev. Kevin, 7-9PM
- 18 Sat Smart Church Conference; Jeff Hawkins, 10AM-3:30PM
- 19 Sun "Our Interdependent Web," Rev. Chip; services at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Childcare @ 9:30, RE @ 11:00**
- 19 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group: Silent meditation; Fledda Brown, 5-6:30PM
- 22 Wed Peacemakers Needleworkers, 1-4PM
- 22 Wed Wednesday Dinner: social time: 5:30PM, dinner: 6PM; program @ 7PM: Congregational Conversation: Discussion of bids received for building expansion
- 23 Thur Vocal Ensemble, Rev. Kevin, 7-9PM

26 Sun "Coming of Age," Paul Seyfarth and Coming of Age group; services at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Childcare @ 9:30, RE @ 11:00

- 26 Sun Congregation Building Discussion, 12:30-1:30PM
- 26 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group: Silent meditation; Fledda Brown, 7:30-8PM
- 28 Tue Sunday Services Committee, Maura Brennan, 7-9PM
- 29 Wed Wednesday Dinner, \$4, social time @ 5:30PM, supper @ 6PM, program @ 7PM: Dan Orr: "Where are We? How Did We Get Here? An Assessment of Our Economic Prospects"
- 30 Thur Vocal Ensemble, Rev. Kevin, 7-9PM

May

- 3 Sun "Pools of Sorrow, Waves of Joy," Rev. Chip; services at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Childcare @ 9:30, RE @ 11:00**
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- 5 Tue Social Justice & Action; Rev. Chip, 7-8:30PM
- 6 Wed Wednesday Dinner, Potluck; social time @ 5:30PM, supper @ 6PM, program @ 7PM: Danielle Barnes 11/2005-11/2006, My Year as a Combat Medic in Iraq
- 7 Thur Vocal Ensemble, Rev. Kevin, 7-9PM
- 8 Fri Full Moon Group, Sarah Montgomery
- 10 Sun "Mother's Day," Rev. Chip; services at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Childcare @ 9:30, RE @ 11:00**
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- 12 Tue Picture Directory Photo Session, Jane Watts, 2:30-9PM
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- 14 Thur Picture Directory Photo Session, Jane Watts, 2:30-9PM
- 14 Thur Vocal Ensemble, Rev. Kevin, 7-9PM
- 16 Sat Futuring Process & Planning Lunch, Rev. Chip, 8:30AM-2PM
- 17 Sun "Praises for the Journey," Rev. Chip; service at 10:00 a.m.**
- 17 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group: Silent meditation; Fledda Brown, 7:30-9PM