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**Beginning September 20th, 9:00 - 9:45 AM
Contemplative Reflection**

“Muddy water, let stand, becomes clear.” — Lao Tzu

Join us in the sanctuary for an additional offering beginning in September: A time of quiet contemplation with our beloved UU symbols—bell, chalice, joys and concerns—in addition to silence and a short teaching from Rabbi Chava. Begin your day in peace.

Stay for coffee and join us for the 10:30 AM service as well!

(September 27 (leader TBA); October 4, 11, 18 (leader TBA) and 25)

**September Sunday Services, 10:30 AM
Seekers Together**

In September, we will explore a pairing of UU Principles and sources, beginning with the first and fourth UU Principles: the inherent worth and dignity of individuals, and the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. The richness of these solid UU traditions will guide us through the year, helping us stay rooted in great ideals of Unitarian Universalism.

Sunday, September 6th, 10:30am, *Childcare and RE at 10:30*

“What Does it Mean to be a UU Seeker? What Exactly are We seeking?”, Rabbi Chava

As we begin this month of exploring our UU principles and sources, let’s explore exploration itself. How do UUs seek truth? Are we spiritual seekers? What are we seeking? What is your deepest longing?

Sunday, September 13th, 10:30am, *Childcare and RE at 10:30*

“Resumption Sunday”, Rabbi Chava - All Congregation Service

Come one, come all, join us for Resumption Sunday – when we jump into our Fall schedule and begin the congregation’s worship year. All students—please bring your backpacks or school bags for a Blessing of the Backpacks! This day also falls on the eve of the Jewish New Year, so it is a time of new beginnings and deeper self exploration, as well as commitment to living our ideals. UUs and friends of all ages are welcome!

Sunday, September 20th, 10:30am, *Childcare and RE at 10:30*

“Under One Roof: When Fellow Seekers Differ”, Rabbi Chava

Our congregation, like many UU congregations, boasts a range of theological beliefs: atheist, agnostic, ignostic, theist, deist, pantheist and panentheist ... and others! We live under one roof, and we do not always agree. How do we build a strong congregational community when a single set of beliefs does not define us?

Sunday, September 27th, 10:30am, *Childcare and RE at 10:30*

“Many Paths to Seeking Truth”, members of the UUCGT congregation

As we close this month of exploring our shared search for meaning, join congregants who represent a range of view points – theist, nontheist, atheist – as they reflect on what draws them to this congregation, to Unitarian Universalism and how they address a rich topic: What happens after we die?

BEACON Deadline:

No later than the 25th of the month
preceding the issue date

Stan Cain, Editor

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Send submissions to
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October Sunday Services, 10:30 AM Love and Listening

In October, we will explore our third Principle
Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation

Sunday, October 4th, 10:30am, *Childcare and RE at 10:30*

“What is Spirit?”, Rabbi Chava

SBNR – “spiritual but not religious” is the fastest growing category of religious identification in the United States, according to a recent Pew survey. What does spiritual mean for UUs? In unpacking our third Principle, “encouraging spiritual growth,” we must ask: What does spirit mean to us?

Sunday, October 11th, 10:30am, *Childcare and RE at 10:30*

“Sharing Sacred Spaces”, Rabbi Chava

Early in our congregation’s history, the local Friends church made space for us to meet. Later, this gift of sharing was paid forward when the UU welcomed Ahavat Shalom into this space. Opening our doors to each other is part of the fabric of this community. Join planned guest speaker, Rabbi Raachel Jurovics, whose synagogue in North Carolina shares a church space, and Rabbi Chava as they explore sacred spaces.

Sunday, October 18th, 10:30am, *Childcare and RE at 10:30*

“Listening as an Act of Love”, members of the UUCGT congregation

Since 2003, when StoryCorps was launched, about 15,000 conversations have been recorded as part of the project. "What Story Corps is really about," founder Dave Isay says, "is families taking the time to kind of turn off the computer screens, turn off their BlackBerrys and look each other in the eyes and tell them that they love them by listening." Join our lay leaders for an amazing service about listening as an act of love.

Sunday, October 25th, 10:30am, *Childcare and RE at 10:30*

“Process, Process, Process”, Rabbi Chava

As we end our month of exploring love and listening, let's spend some time on the idea that we do not all process information the same way. What determines how we process information? How can awareness of these processes help us become better communicators?

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

Brew Crew

Brew Crew meets September 11 and October 23 (note change of date) 10 – 12 Noon @ Brew.

They’re back!! Come to Brew on Front Street - September 11 and October 23 - for some high quality hanging out with Rabbi Chava and UU friends! Informal gatherings are part of what build the fabric of friendship – coffee helps, too! :)

Contemporary Buddhism Class at NMC with Rabbi Chava Bahle

Join Rabbi Chava and fabulous guest speakers for a 3 week exploration of contemporary Buddhism. September 17, 24 and October 1, 3 to 5 PM at NMC Extended Education. Please call (231) 947-3117 or visit nmc.edu/ees for registration information.

Best wishes

Best wishes to our beloved Business Administer, Leslie Cook, who retired from her official duties at the end of August. Les' service to this community has been extraordinary: as a volunteer, board member and administrator, Les' clear vision and love of this congregation have pervaded so much of how we work together. She will be deeply missed by the staff, and we are delighted that Les looks forward to continued volunteer service in the congregation. At the same time, we welcome our new Business Administrator, Sheri Novak. Sheri comes with a strong business background and is already a welcome addition to the team. Please stop in to say hello!



R. Chava's Column

Living in Covenant Living the UU Tradition

Unitarian Universalism is not a creedal tradition – there is no single article of faith upon which all must agree to be part of a UU congregation. Instead, we are a covenantal tradition. "Covenant" is Latin for "come together" and means a "solemn agreement" or "promise from the heart" regarding a course of action between parties, say the UUA website.

Eunice Benton, District Executive of the Mid-South District, and Connie Goodbread, Program Consultant for the Florida District, offered some tips for creating a congregational covenant.

"It's about making respectful behavior the norm," said Benton, describing a congregational covenant in plain language. "It's about good manners, what your momma taught you when you were small.... It's about valuing your religious community." Benton added, "It's a good investment" in helping maintain the individuals and the whole community.

One part of our congregation's covenant asks that we live by assuming each other's good intentions. This is actually one of the more challenging things our congregation asks of us: Are we able,

when we disagree, to pause for long enough to remember each other's good intentions?

Barbara Frederickson, professor of psychology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, explains that positive emotions allow us to see more, whereas negative emotions literally narrow our thinking. Her research reveals how positive emotions, fleeting as they are, can tip the scales toward a life of flourishing. When we experience more positive emotions, we form closer bonds with people, increase resilience, and become more satisfied with life.

As we kick off the Fall worship season with a year of diving deeply into the UU principles and sources, let's begin with a basic covenantal agreement: Let us look for the best in each other, let's assume, not the worst, but the best in each other's motivations. In this way we will live the tradition of individual dignity, build a community of acceptance and grow in our interdependence.

With blessing –

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All About Us

We hold in our hearts

The family of Dick Dancer who died August 14. He was remembered by many UU's and friends and family at a memorial service August 30 at 2:00 p.m.

Bill Wells as he travels to Mayo clinic for treatment of his multiple myeloma;

Ben Hansen, as he continues to battle a malignancy;

Greg Stone who had open heart surgery August 26th.

We continue to be mindful of:

Mark Gustafson who now has a pacemaker;

Peg Kauffman as she heals from two breaks in her right ankle. She is now in a walking cast. A visit, a meal for 3, transportation to take her to UU, or quilting or out to lunch would be welcome.

Mary Kiner following her ankle surgery who is now using a scooter to get around;

Karen Mars who had hand surgery;

Christine McGue whose knee surgery is Sept 2nd;

Max Old Bear who is gradually recovering from hip surgery;

Ron Yatich as his fractured leg heals.

We Share In the Joys:

Marge and Gene Rundell celebrated their 60th anniversary last month. Gene is in French Manor and enjoys visitors.

Kay Boyne and Jon Mead celebrated their 40th anniversary.

Submitted by the Pastoral Care Team

What's up with the Board?

This month's board meeting of 8/18/2015 was attended by: Rebecca Somsel, Jerry Beasley, Shelley Burnes, Marco Cabrera, Mike McDonald, Gail Trill, and guest, Ann Swaney.

Following routine approval of the July minutes, Finance Committee Reports and Staff reports, the Board discussed the following items and took the following actions:

- The recent tragedies have gotten the media interested in us. Mike McDonald brought to the board the reminder of our policy on interaction with the Media. He reminds us that ONLY the minister and the President of the Board may speak for the congregation. Our External Communications policy can be reviewed on our website: go to <http://uucgt.org>, Select "About Us", then "Board". On this page, look for: "Manual on Board, Staff, Committees061115", Page 65. Please take a moment and do so.
- Approved a motion for the staff to work with M. Cabrera toward building a new website.
- Concerns for Chava's overfull schedule continuing to be considered by the board.
- Conversation about allowing the Personnel Committee to have the ability to administer staff, keeping the board in the loop, but having the authority to make decisions.
- Reminder to Committees: Please work towards the new Framework for structuring your committee. (Feel free to contact our Policy Committee with Questions).
- Approved: Hire of Sherri Novak as our new Business Administrator.
- Approved: Remove Leslie Cook from bank signatory card.
- Approved: Working with Critter Control to rid our building of the rodent invasion.
- Use A Responsibility Matrix to assist the board to continue to improve our internal communications and efforts.
- Conversations about a potential waiver from the spiritual ministering leader in regards to pledging vs non-pledging members.
- Facilities has been requested to re-open the conversation on Wheel Chair accessible signage for our restrooms for ADA compliance.
- Two more Congregants needed for Personnel Committee.

As always, we welcome comments, questions, and concerns. Feedback can be sent to board@uucgt.org, or feel free to discuss your thoughts or questions on any of the above items with any of the Trustees. Thank you for taking the time to catch up!

Marco Cabrera
Board of Trustees

Dear Members and Friends of UUCGT,

The UUCGT Board of Trustees has received and accepted the resignation of Nancy Flanagan, Director of Music, effective 8/25/2015. Over time, increasing differences over how to proceed with the ministry at UUCGT have emerged, and in response, Nancy has decided to resign. Nancy's musical prowess has been a valued part of our worship services since 2012, and she helped stabilize this part of our program during the ministerial transitions. She has worked with wee little UU's, "elder-statespeople" of the congregation, and everyone in between. In addition to singing, there has been clapping, snapping, whistling, & humming. She has encouraged people of all backgrounds to come sing (No-Fault Choir!) as well as encouraging instrumentalists who haven't picked up an instrument in years to play for services. Nancy will be missed by many, including our members of the Vocal Ensemble. Be assured that music will continue to be an important and integral part of our worship services.

Warmly,

Becky Somsel
President of your Board of Trustees



Membership News



The entire Membership Team — Cathy Annelin, Lee Edwards, John and Pinkie Hoffmann, Sue Pyne, Charlotte Shea, Chris Walter, Rick Walter, Jane Watts, and Karen Williams — looks forward to Welcoming, Greeting and Nurturing (in Partnership with other groups at UUCGT)

prospective, new and current members this Fall.

Our Team is looking for more members to help **staff the Welcome Table** on Sunday mornings, **organize Orientation sessions** for prospective new members, and **coordinate New Member Joining Services**. Anyone wishing to be part of this vibrant, friendly, welcoming group that promotes membership development, please contact me, or visit any of our members at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings.

Sunday Morning Greeters: Another function of the Membership Team, is coordinated by Charlotte Shea. We all appreciate seeing a smiling, friendly person when we enter the building on Sunday mornings, and Charlotte understands this crucial need. To join this important cadre of Greeters, please contact Charlotte or anyone at the Welcome Table. The main ingredients for service are friendliness, welcoming people and handing them a service

program. Greeters also assist with collecting Offering. You can be paired with a veteran Greeter if you wish. Charlotte can be reached by phone 883-9357 or email charshea35@gmail.com. Thank you So Much Charlotte!

For Prospective Members, please stay tuned for news of the next Orientation Session. The Membership Team will meet August 31 to brainstorm about future sessions. **In the meantime, Membership is open** to anyone who is 16 years of age or older who find value in the purpose of the congregation and have signified their commitment by **First having an appointment / discussion with Rabbi Chava Bahle**. Members also actively support the operation of the Congregation through attendance, service and an annual monetary pledge commitment. We look forward to you being a part of our community!

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The Autumn Affair

“It feels like fall!” is the oft repeated phrase on a cool August day. While summer still remains on the calendar, fall will soon be arriving with its colored leaves, smoky bonfires, pumpkin lattes, and the Autumn Affair! The Autumn Affair is a vivacious party scheduled from 6 to 9 pm on Saturday, October 10 at UUCGT. It centers around a silent and live auction, raffle and bazaar.

There will be food, wine, music, and mirth. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Child care will be provided.

You can further participate, even if you cannot be there in person, by donating an item or service for auction or sale. Perhaps you

have a painting that clashes with your furniture and you no longer want it — donate it! Whether it’s a Rembrandt or an I-Don’t-Remember-Who-Painted-It, someone else may love it. Do you have a condo in Maui, Miami, or Mackinac Island that you cannot use this year? Put it on the auction block! Offer a sunset cruise on your boat around the bay, or a fishing trip on Lake Michigan. Maybe you have extra box seats for a Lions game. (Remember we are a people of hope and optimism!)

Other ideas for the silent auction are a home cooked dinner at your home. Make a Halloween costume for a child. Paint a portrait or the walls of a room. Donate your services to weed a garden or shovel a drive.

Bake a birthday cake or a pie-a-month. Are you a talented jewelry maker or knitter? Have you been making jam, putting up peaches, or pickling dills? Smaller items are needed for the international bazaar shop. Use your imagination and ask others if they might like to contribute goods or services.

Whether you can contribute an item or not, please plan to be there!

Again: October 10, from 6-9 pm with childcare provided. Tickets will be available soon. If you have questions or wish to donate an item, please contact:

Gail Trill
Chair, Autumn Affair
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Social Justice and Action

I have heard quite a few comments on my article last month. But I wonder how many of you have followed thru to register at the MUUSJN website and get on the list to receive notices? Our actions thru emails, letter writing, and petition signing can and does have an impact. It feels good to do something, to try to do anything that will help another. There was a popular saying a few years ago: Perform Random Acts of Kindness. We can be kinder to our neighbors and strangers by signing petitions for universal health care, raising minimum wage, voter rights, etc. It is up to each of us to do our part.

I had a discussion the other week about profiling. My response is that we all profile. We are not color blind either. We are aware and observant people. It is what we do with the information that matters.

In dictionaries, profiling means a sketch or representation of someone, or a biographical brief. Some synonyms would be a stereotype, silhouette. But criminal profiling means a psychological profile of a criminal by studying the subject's behavior and ac-

tions before, during, and after a crime. The development of that understanding has helped to solve many a crime.

But to take one characteristic of a criminal profile, like color of his skin, or wearing a hooded sweatshirt, and jump to the supposed completed profile of a criminal, there lays the problem! That is what profiling has come to mean today. Jumping to conclusions after that kind of misuse of "profiling" has done tremendous harm, misunderstandings, and lead to too many unwarranted deaths to too many black men and boys.

A white man with lots of tattoos of naked women on his bare arms, leaned towards me over the rail the other day to ask me a question. Was my gut reaction profiling? Yes, it was. Did I do anything? No. More conversation, taught me more about him. We all profile all the time and hopefully use it to the betterment of ourselves and others. We hopefully do not react so quickly with hateful remarks and hurtful actions. Criminal profiling in the hands of trained personal can help solve crimes. But done quickly on

the street by untrained and prejudiced people with guns can lead to disastrous results.

So how can we help this problem? There are two things that can be done, and you know what they are. One is education. I do not mean book learning. I mean getting to know other people, know your neighbors, make new friends. The other issue is getting guns out of the hands of so many people and off the streets.

I have heard two interpretations of what NRA means: No Reasonable Argument, and No Reading Allowed. Both are needed to keep the NRA alive.

Have a good month of healthy profiling and enjoy doing random acts of kindness. And maybe you could find time to help a child learn to read this year in school. That is allowed, even encouraged here.

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Announcements (continued)

!Save the Date! **Small Group Facilitator Training**

Please mark your calendars for 12pm (following service) on Sunday, October 11th for Small Group Facilitator Training. Please plan to attend this training if you intend to lead (or are currently leading) a small group at UUCGT. Watch for more details in next month's Beacon, as well as future FLASH articles.

Questions? Ask
Rabbi Chava or Sarah Montgomery-Richards

UU Book Club

I found I didn't get as much reading done over the summer as I had hoped. But Fall is around the corner, and I'm ready to stay inside more and settle into my comfortable reading chair as things cool down and maybe even slow down.

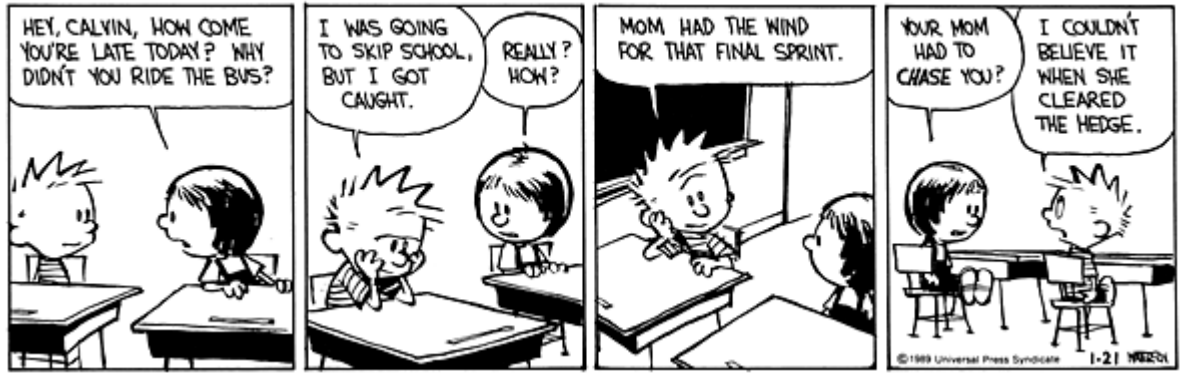
I want to make sure that everyone knows that we had to make a switch in our schedule for the September meeting. On September 13th, we will be meeting at Barb Bloomer's at 3737 Creekside Drive. As always, the gathering starts at 2 p.m. The book for the month is "The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt. Make sure you call Barb at 590-5678 to let her know that you will be coming.

Start thinking about the book you would like to suggest for next year. We will choose books, hosts and discussion leaders at our October 11th meeting. They should be fiction, available in paperback, and not too long. We usually plan to do a couple of classics. Hopefully you will want to be the discussion leader of the book you suggest.

Enjoy the cooler weather — and good reading!

The UU Book Club Communications Guru
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Lifespan Religious Education Update



Religious Education and Programming for Children, Youth, and Families!!

“Specialty Class Summer” runs through Labor Day Weekend.

Labor Day weekend will look and feel like just another summer Sunday at UUCGT. Likewise, September 13th (Resumption or Homecoming Sunday) will be familiar in that it is an All-Congregation Sunday and children and youth will remain in the service for the duration of our time together.

Sunday, September 20th will be the first Sunday with “new” additions. Starting at 9am, adults, children and youth (teens 12-18) will gather in the sanctuary for Contemplative Reflection. Children and Youth will remain in the sanctuary for the chalice lighting and the ringing of the bell, and then will be released to their **Religious Education Experiences**. These classes will offer a more focused and engaging curriculum based offering, with an expectation around *participation*. I use the term *participation* very intentionally. I am aware that many families (myself included) cannot have their children here every week – even best case scenario. This being said, families that would like this content based, interactive option to be part of their family’s lives are encouraged to sign up for the 9am program – even if their children cannot be in attendance every week. We will provide the materials (via email) a month at a time for families to “keep up” on the classroom happenings while they are unable to attend. We will continue to offer Contemplative Reflection through the end of October, and at this point intend to switch to offering classes and small groups for adults in November (alternating months from there on out with Contemplative Reflection). RE for children will remain consistent. We are also excited to offer our youth (teens 12-18) a dynamic opportunity to participate in the creation of their own experience as they prepare for Coming of Age next year.

We will continue to offer opportunities for children at the 10:30am service as well. As has become customary, the children will remain in the service until the Children’s Benediction, and then be released to **Children’s Programming**. This will be a one-room-schoolhouse style setting with multiple activity stations (such as the “library lounge”, “art works”, “word blocks”, “story center”, etc.) that will focus on UU values, principles, and ideals. This option will meet a variety

of learning and energy needs, is more conducive to “drop-in”, and will promote our highest aspirations. We encourage youth (12-18) who join us to attend the 10:30am service, affording them the opportunity to build connection with adults in our community and begin to take more active roles in the service itself.

Please take note that you are not expected to do *everything!* We are providing options so that you can choose what fits your family’s needs. You could attend at 9am and leave immediately following those programs – you could attend the 10:30am option – or you could do both! I invite you to find ways to embrace the more expansive nature of these opportunities – we are looking to find ways to meet a variety of wants, needs, and desires.

Registration materials for 2015/2016 are available via a link in the FLASH or for pick-up in the office if you still need a copy. Please read them carefully and submit them to my mailbox in the office by **September 11th**. You will notice that there are check boxes at the top for you to indicate the options you are registering children for. You will see the “BOTH” is an option. :) Likewise, if you are only interested in the 10:30am program option but would be interested in learning more about the materials offered at 9am, I would encourage you to contact me. We can discuss options that might be available.

“Friday Night Out” is September is 11!

Please register by September 7th – thank you.

Family Potluck Gathering!

Our potluck for children and parents who participate in, or are interested in participating in our Lifespan Program is tentatively rescheduled for Sunday, September 13th at John and Pinkie Hoffmann’s home. Once again, hot dogs and veggie burgers will be provided. Please bring table service, dish to pass and beverage of choice. Please watch your Flash for more details and RSVP to the Hoffmanns.

Summer Camp at UUCGT was a Success!

Thank you to Debbie Rettke, Mary Cheney, and Bernie Hanchett for their wonderful work with our children at Puppet Camp! Such joy was shared by all. Many thanks also to the wider UUCGT community who generously supported the scholarship fund that made camp possible for our young people.

Brewing Community/Wednesday Supper:

Brewing Community will move back to its regular schedule starting in September – the last Thursday of each month. We will gather at The Workshop Brewing Co. on Thursday, September 24th from 5-7pm.

Wednesday Supper returns to its regular format as well in September. Generally speaking we will gather at UUCGT on Wednesdays with the following schedule:

1st/3rd Wednesdays of each month are POTLUCK.

2nd/4th Wednesdays of each month are “\$5 nights” when the meal is provided for you.

Pizza will be offered if there is a 5th Wednesday, with the cost of the meal to be divided amongst the diners.

Social time is 5:30-6pm, with dinner served at 6pm. Colloquiums will begin in October. Our first supper will be **Wednesday, Sept 9th – this is a “\$5 night”**. Please watch your FLASH for greater detail about Wednesday Suppers.

CUUPS - Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans

This CUUPS Chapter (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) will meet on **Thursday, September 10th from 6-7pm**. We are working toward hosting an event on Saturday, October 31st – look for more information to come to our “Pagan Fair”!

Closing Thoughts...

I have to admit I chuckled out loud when I read this month’s “Calvin and Hobbes” – “I couldn’t believe it when she cleared the hedge” – HaHa! On a deeper level, with the start of the school year also comes the kick-off to the “regular schedule” here at UUCGT. This year the “regular schedule” includes lots of new and exciting things! I would encourage each of you to find ways to get involved, participate, volunteer and support your community. We don’t want to have to “chase you”! I DO have “the wind for the final sprint”! :)

“No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace as I have seen in one autumnal face.”

[*The Autumnal*]

— [John Donne](#)

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Green Sanctuary



The Great Platte River Float ! September 19, 2015

This is it – the big UUCGT canoe and kayaking trip on the Platte River! It is free if you have your own canoe/kayak and flotation device and you bring your own lunch. If you don’t have your own gear, we can rent it for you from Riverside Canoe Livery. A canoe costs \$43; a kayak \$35; a two person kayak \$58; and a tube is \$16. Lunch is either \$6.50 or \$4.05. The enrollment form is on the wall in the Coffee Room under Green Sanctuary. If you are bringing your own gear and lunch do fill

out a form and put it in the Sanctuary box so we have an idea of how many people to expect

Green UUs on the Environment

Dottie Cain says that being in nature restores her soul. She doesn’t take any books when she goes camping because she wants to be involved with nature. Her husband, Stan, said that when the UUCGT camping trip was cancelled due to the extensive damage from the August 2nd storm, they were very disappointed. Stan had set the tent up in the basement to make sure all the pieces were there, and they were ready to go camping! So they went to the Upper Peninsula to the Fox River Campground just south of Grand Marais. The Fox River is the actual river that Hemingway wrote about in his short story, “The Big Two-Hearted River,” but he thought the Two-Hearted River name was more interesting. (And there is a Big Two-Hearted River to the east of there).

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The Recycling Tour

The UU / Northern Michigan Mensa’s tour of the American Waste Recycling Plant showed us what a modern state-of-the-art facility can do to help us all be better stewards of our world.

The plant takes in a stream of mixed paper, plastic, glass and metal materials and produces output streams of segregated components, which can then be used in new products. We

started with an introduction followed by a tour of the plant. As you can see from pictures, much of the process was automated such as the separation of magnetic materials, but some of the separating seemed to need a visual human touch such as separating some miscellaneous bits of plastic and paper that had gotten past the automation. By selling the separated components, the company is able to make a profit as well as helping the environment. The first photo (top left) shows input material piles, while the final photo shows the group standing in front of a pile of separated and baled papers.

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Calendar

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September 2015

- 01 Tue Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM 4:30 PM
 02 Wed Silent Meditation Rabbi Chava 10:00 AM 10:30 AM
 02 Wed Exercise Class 11:00 AM 12:00 PM
 02 Wed Sun. Services Committee Nancy Cotcamp/Hal Gurian 1-3PM
 02 Wed **No Wednesday Night Supper**
 03 Thu Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM 3:30 PM
 03 Thu Vocal Ensemble 7:00 PM 8:30 PM
 04 Fri Facilities Committee Dave Halstead 10:00 AM 11:00 AM
 05 Sat LGBTQ Support Group Nick Erber & Rachel Snyder 1-2:30 PM
 06 Sun **What Does it Mean to be a UU Seeker? What Exactly are We Seeking?, Rabbi Chava Service @10:30**
 06 Sun Arts & Exhibitions Group Beryl Striewski 12:00 PM 12:30 PM
 06 Sun Mindfulness Meditation Group Fleda Brown 2:30 PM 6:30 PM
 07 Mon Open Gay AA Meeting 7:00 PM 8:30 PM
 08 Tue Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM 4:30 PM
 09 Wed Silent Meditation Rabbi Chava 10:00 AM 10:30 AM
 09 Wed Exercise Class 11:00 AM 12:00 PM
 09 Wed Wednesday Night Supper; \$5 donation Sandra McDonald, 5:30 PM 7:30 PM
 09 Wed International Folk Dancers Richard Fidler 7:00 PM 9:00 PM
 10 Thu Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM 3:30 PM
 10 Thu CUUPS Sarah Montgomery;Richards 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
 10 Thu Vocal Ensemble 7:00 PM 8:30 PM
 11 Fri Brew Crew Rabbi Chava Brew 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
 11 Fri Friday Night Out Sarah Montgomery-Richards 5:30-9:00 PM
 12 Sat LGBTQ Support Group Nick Erber & Rachel Snyder 1-2:30 PM
 13 Sun **"Resumption Sunday", Rabbi Chava Service @10:30**
 13 Sun Arline Howe's 90th Birthday Celebration, 12:30 PM 2:00 PM
 13 Sun Mindfulness Meditation Fleda Brown 6:30 PM 8:30 PM
 14 Mon Open Gay AA Meeting 7:00 PM 8:30 PM
 15 Tue Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM 4:30 PM
 16 Wed Leadership Development Dottie Cain 9:30-11:30AM
 16 Wed Silent Meditation Rabbi Chava 10:00 AM 10:30 AM
 16 Wed Exercise Class 11:00 AM 12:00 PM
 16 Wed Art Opening: Liz Paxton Beryl Striewski 5:00 PM 6:30 PM
 16 Wed Wednesday Night Potluck Sandra McDonald 5:30 -7:00 PM
 16 Wed International Folk Dancers Richard Fidler 7:00 PM 9:00 PM
 16 Wed Q&A with artist Liz Paxton Beryl Striewski 7:00 PM 8:00 PM
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- 17 Thu Vocal Ensemble 7:00 PM 8:30 PM
 19 Sat LGBTQ Support Group Nick Erber & Rachel Snyder 1-2:30 PM
 20 Sun **Under One Roof: When Fellow Seekers Differ, Rabbi Chava Service @10:30**
 20 Sun Mindfulness Meditation Fleda Brown 6:30 PM 8:30 PM
 21 Mon Death Cafe Donna Stein-Harris 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
 21 Mon Planned Parenthood Parent Night Sarah Montgomery Richards 6:00 PM 7:30 PM
 21 Mon Open Gay AA Meeting 7:00 PM 8:30 PM
 22 Tue Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM 4:30 PM
 23 Wed Wednesday Supper Out MI Grille 5:30 PM 7:30 PM
 24 Thu Restorative Arts Group Karen Williams 10:30 AM 11:00 AM
 24 Thu Peacemakers Needleworkers PW2 1:30 PM 3:30 PM
 24 Thu Brewing Community John Hoffmann Workshop Brewery 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
 24 Thu Vocal Ensemble 7:00 PM 8:30 PM
 26 Sat LGBTQ Support Group Nick Erber & Rachel Snyder 1-2:30 PM
 27 Sun **Many Paths to Seeking Truth, Service @10:30**
 27 Sun Mindfulness Meditation Fleda Brown 6:30 PM 8:30 PM
 28 Mon Open Gay AA Meeting 7:00 PM 8:30 PM
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 04 Sun **"What is Spirit?", Rabbi Chava, Service @10:30**
 04 Sun Arts & Exhibitions Group Beryl Striewski 12:00 PM 12:30 PM
 04 Sun Heart to Heart group Penny Ort / Lauren Keinath 12-1:30 PM
 04 Sun Mindfulness Meditation Group Fleda Brown 2:30 PM 6:30 PM
 05 Mon Exercise Class 11:00 AM 12:00 PM
 05 Mon UU Men's Group Dave Halsted Minerva's 5:30 PM 7:30 PM
 05 Mon Open Gay AA Meeting 7:00 PM 8:30 PM
 06 Tue Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM 4:30 PM
 07 Wed Silent Meditation Rabbi Chava 10:00 AM 10:30 AM
 07 Wed Exercise Class 11:00 AM 12:00 PM
 07 Wed Sunday Svcs. Committee Nancy Cotcamp/Hal Gurian 1-3 PM
 07 Wed Wednesday Night Potluck Sandra McDonald, 5:30 PM 7:30 PM