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[RETURN TO UUCC
HOMEPAGE](#)

Recently, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga (UUCC) was privileged to welcome several new members: Sandra Vanden Braden, Amber Lilley, Alicia Martin, Forney McClellan, Jr., Linda Park, and Stephanie Polen.

Sandra Vanden Braden is originally from Green Bay, Wisconsin and moved to this area 6 years ago. She has one son who lives in Illinois and three beautiful granddaughters. She works for the federal government and enjoys sailing in her free time. She says she absolutely loves living in Chattanooga.

Alicia Martin began attending the UUCC last May. She was raised in the Church of Christ and says that “never sat right” with her. She is a single mother to Katherine Zille who will be four in April. She loves making and selling jewelry, but her primary career is as a dental assistant.

Forney McClellan, Jr. grew up in Anniston, Alabama and attended Auburn University. He moved to Chattanooga where he worked for TVA until his retirement in 1988. He likes to hike and read, but his favorite way to spend time with his grandsons who are 7 and 4 years old.

Linda Park was born and has lived in Chattanooga most of her life. She has two “progressive and liberal thinking” children who live in Asheville, North Carolina. She has worked in education and business. After several other retirement adventures, she currently volunteers at McKamey Animal Center and teaches an English as a Second Language class. She began attending the UUCC several years ago. When she decided to become a Small Group Ministry co-facilitator, she learned she would have to join the church to take on this role. With this push, she says she “joyfully joined and [is] very proud to be a full-fledged Unitarian and member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga.”

Stephanie Polen recently joined the church after searching for many, many years for an open, accepting church that made her feel at home. She is mom to two boys, Jeremy, 3 and Nathan, 8, who have thoroughly enjoyed their time with the other children at the church. She is also wife to her best friend, Derrick, an IT Analyst and musician. Stephanie is a homeschooling mom, contractor offering computer training in the area, and a Celedon Rd. Consultant. She says she is “excited about learning more and meeting more people.”

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SUNDAY SERVICES ♦ 11:00 AM

FEBRUARY 6 ♦ LEARNING ACCEPTANCE FROM MY CHILDREN

Wendy Sapp, a member of our church, will share lessons of acceptance she is learning, one lesson from each of her three children.

FEBRUARY 13 ♦ A NATURAL HISTORY OF LOVE

Drawing from Diane Ackerman's text, *A Natural History of Love*, the Rev. Jeff Briere finds love in many forms and fashions.

FEBRUARY 20 ♦ THE THEOLOGY OF CALVIN AND HOBBS

This is the first sermon topic that was suggested by a member of the congregation. The Rev. Jeff Briere reviews some classic comic strips and finds that (as we suspected) there was more to it than a kid and a stuffed tiger.

FEBRUARY 27 ♦ WHAT KIND OF HELP DO WE REALLY NEED

There is great difference between what we want and what we need. If our spiritual strivings can be reduced to "save me" from this or that experience rather than "what I can learn" from the journey of life, we may not mature. As C.S. Lewis once said (God) wants us to "get out of the nursery and to grow up." Yet, there is a tragic side to self sufficiency. Being self sufficient is not mature either.

Let's take a look at life through the movie, *Nanny McPhee*. The movie is based on a screen play by the wonderful and talented Emma Thompson, who also plays the role of Nanny McPhee in the movie. Be thinking about her words to the children of the Brown family, "*When you need me, but do not want me, then I will stay. When you want me, but do not need me, then I have to go.*"

Let's think together about dependence, independence, and "inter-dependence." The Rev. Jim Philpott preaching.

SUNDAY FORUMS

The Forum meets downstairs in the last room on the left at 9:30 am. All are welcome to attend. Contact Jim Welborn for more information.

- February 6 *Peak Oil and Peak Everything*. Facilitated by Richard Ralston and Ken Beaver.
- Feb. 13 *Local Prospective on Environmental Issues*. Facilitated by Sandy Kurtz.
- Feb. 20 *The Moral Dimensions of Health Care*. Facilitated by Dr. Cliff Cleaveland.
- Feb. 27 *Free Ranging Discussion of Politics, Music, Birds, Etc*. Facilitated by Dalton Roberts.

The articles in *the nUUsletter* are representative of the diverse and varied opinions and beliefs of the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga (UUCC).

THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB
by Steve Hollingsworth

Two months ago I called for new voices to fill this space that I've occupied so long. Recently, I was quite struck by some thoughts that Mike North shared on Facebook. Mike has been our guest speaker on several Sundays. In light of my own invitation, it seems appropriate that I offer his words in my space. Given recent events, they seem like a lifeline for all of us. Mike sez

- 1) There are exceptions to every rule. If I were to say, "Men are stronger than women," that might upset some people. Someone would write and tell me that their sister Martha could beat every boy in school in arm-wrestling. And I don't doubt that Martha could. But Martha is the exception, not the rule. If I have to address every potential exception every time I make a point, I would be writing books instead of columns.
- 2) Honest people can disagree. Just because I dispute a conclusion drawn by someone, don't assume that I am questioning their integrity or honesty. It is entirely possible that they could look at the same set of facts, and come away with a different opinion. If I don't trust their motives, or don't think they are being honest or straightforward I will say so. And that leads to my next disclaimer.
- 3) I say what I mean, and mean what I say. Just because you can infer something from what I have written doesn't mean that I implied it. As a rule (there are exceptions, see Disclaimer No. 1), I don't like to leave points up to inference. I like to spell out my position in clear and understandable language. So if I say that 77% of the people in Alabama support Roy Moore's display of the Ten Commandments, all I'm saying is that the people support it. Don't infer that I'm saying their support makes the display legal. If I want to discuss the legality of the monument, I will.
- 4) This is an opinion column. That's one of the reasons the word "opinion" appears in the title. If I say "Millard Fillmore is the greatest President that ever lived," you can understand that to mean "In my opinion, Millard Fillmore..." You may disagree. As I have always said, I love to hear from you, especially if you disagree. But if all you want to tell me is that I'm wrong and you're right, without any explanation as to why, then save your ink. I'll just reply by sending you a copy of Disclaimer No. 2.
- 5) I'm a nice guy. If you don't believe it, ask my mom. I'm the last person on earth who would want to see people starve and animals tortured (or, for that matter, animals starve and people tortured). I don't approve of bigotry, and injustice makes me angry. So if I disagree with you on a matter of policy, it's because I honestly believe that your proposal will make things worse instead of better. It doesn't mean that I'm a bigot, homophobe, racist, chauvinist, or xenophobe. I just believe that sometimes policies intended to help actually hurt.

I am thrilled that a libertarian like Mike finds our Unitarian Universalist church a comfortable place. Society needs civil debate and Mike offers a roadmap we can all use.

PAGAN NUUS

- 1 - Imbolc - Feast of Saint Brigid
- 2 - 9:31 pm - New Moon
- 6 - 9:30 am - Pagan Study Group - Topic - Five Phases of Taoism, led by Harold Linn
- 18 - 3:36 am - Full Moon



Brigid, (Brighid, Brigit, Bride,) was a Celtic goddess who in later times became revered as a Christian saint. Originally, her festival on February 1st was known as Imbolc or Oimelc, names which refer to the lactation of the ewes that heralds the return of the life-giving forces of spring. Later, the Catholic Church replaced this festival with Candlemas Day on February 2nd which is dedicated to the Virgin Mary and features candlelight processions. The powerful figure of Brigid the Light-Bringer overlights both pagan and Christian celebrations.

GREEN SANCTUARY INITIATIVE
by Sandy Kurtz, Green Sanctuary

Since February is the month in which we pay special attention to love, here's a thought:



Like music and art, love of nature is a common language that can transcend political or social boundaries.
-Jimmy Carter

SMALL VICTORY IN APPALACHIA

After reviewing 50,000 comments and witnessing appearances at numerous hearings from concerned citizens including people of faith, the EPA has vetoed the coal mining permit for Spruce No. 1 Mine. This action represents rejection of the largest single mountaintop removal permit in West Virginia history. The decision was also based on sound scientific studies showing that mountain top removal coal mining is deleterious to water and air quality long after the coal mining is completed. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga played a small part in this outcome thanks to **Carol Hobbs** and **Jeannie Hacker-Cerulean** who have worked to bring awareness on this issue to UUs and others in our area. To help keep momentum going and to find out more, go to www.ILoveMountains.org.

SALLY BINGHAM COMING TO CHATTANOOGA

The founder of the national Interfaith Power & Light will tour Tennessee in late March. Canon Sally Bingham is an Episcopalian minister. On March 27, at 2 p.m., she will lead a discussion at Grace Episcopal Church titled "What Does My Faith Have to Do with Global Warming?" The discussion is free and open to the general public.

On April 1, Canon Bingham will provide an opening presentation at the *Caring for Creation Conference* at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center. According to the website, the "Caring for Creation" experience provides the Biblical and theological support for developing opportunities for faith communities to be caretakers of our home Earth. It also offers plenary sessions provided by outstanding leadership to challenge us to move forward in our efforts to care for Earth. The conference ends April 3. The conference provides an experience for laity and clergy addressing how the faith community can promote justice for the Earth and its people. One can discover residential and faith community's role in environmental care. If you wish to attend, find out more and get a brochure at <http://www.lakejunaluska.com/caring-for-creation/>.

CLEANING FOR A REASON—AN UPDATE

Last month, *Cleaning for a Reason*, was mentioned in *the nUUsletter* as a resource for female cancer patients to access home cleaning service. Unfortunately, there are no providers in the Chattanooga area at this time, but 25-35 new cleaning services partner with *Cleaning for a Reason* each month. If you know of a cleaning service that might be interested in working with *Cleaning for a Reason* in our area, please direct them to the organization's website www.CleaningForaReason.com. If you or someone you know is undergoing cancer treatment and would like to apply for help from *Cleaning for a Reason*, check back with the website regularly to see if a cleaning service in our area has joined.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NUUS
WHAT DO YOU SAY?**

by Kay McCurdy, Director of Religious Education

I don't believe in heaven or hell. I just believe in trying to be a good person.

I'm all about peace. That's my faith.

Everyone is welcome here. No one is turned away. I think it's cool.

Well. I'm undecided. And my church is okay with that.

I think there might be a big something out there, but I don't know what it is or what to call it.

These are just a few of the responses given by the participants in the *What Do You Say?* workshop, held January 16th here at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga. I wish I could take credit for developing this wonderful idea, but that honor belongs to Deseri Papendorp, a much beloved Religious Education parent and volunteer. Dez had noticed that, although our Unitarian Universalist (UU) kids are proud of their church and their faith, it isn't always easy for them to put that pride (or those beliefs) into words. So, she did what any committed and caring person would do...she came up with a plan. That plan grew into a workshop: an afternoon of discussion, role play and reflection by our younger UUs.

Guided by a group of adults, the kids were asked if being UU ever led to them feeling like an outsider, or as though their beliefs were seen as strange or different by others. Many of them shared examples of moments when pledging their allegiance to Unitarian Universalism had left them out in the cold, metaphorically speaking. Regardless, all the children said they were grateful to be a UU and proud to belong to a faith where everyone is invited to worship in their own way. The difficulty was in communicating exactly what being a UU kid is all about—without breaking into a speed recitation of the seven principles.

After talking through those seven principles and sharing our experiences as UUs out in the world, we split into small groups. Each group acted out different scenarios where the kids had a chance to face some hard questions: *Do you believe in God? Have you been baptized? Who do you pray to? Have you been saved?* And, because their peers were playing the role of the questioner, they were able to try on answers until they found one that felt right. We came back together in a large group and the kids then took turns being questioned by one of our adult volunteers. By that time, we'd been working together for a few hours brainstorming, trying on ideas and expressions, and supporting each other as UUs. The answers began to take shape, the confidence level of the kids rose tremendously, and before long the adults were taking notes.

Did we solve all the world's problems in an afternoon? Nope. But I spent the day with some of my favorite people on the planet—our UU Kids—and together we grew in faith.

NURSERY DONATIONS

Ingrid and Carmen, our dedicated child care providers, are requesting age-appropriate toys for the four-years in the nursery. Puzzles would be a wonderful addition. Toys and games without a lot of tiny pieces to get lost would be great! Don't forget to include game instructions if the way to play is not obvious. The bookshelf could also use some new additions.

For more information or if you would like to drop off your donation, please stop by the nursery any Sunday morning.

TO HAVE AN EXPERIENCE
SMALL GROUP MINISTRY NUUS
by Wendy Sapp, SGM Co-coordinator

Ask anyone who participates in Small Group Ministry (SGM) just what SGM is and you will get a different answer. Many of us will probably stumble as we try to put our experiences with SGM into words. This isn't because we don't know what SGM is, it is just that it can be hard to define, especially for someone who hasn't experienced it. Often people want to know what they will "learn" if they join a SGM group or what the group will be "studying." While each SGM session has a topic and some groups meet around a theme, there is not a curriculum or set of facts to learn. What defines Small Group Ministry is the experience of meeting with a group of people who listen respectfully and share deeply.

I have been reading a book that has helped me articulate a better understanding of SGM. In *The Case for God*, Karen Armstrong explores the role of religion in human life throughout history. While I don't agree with all of her premises or conclusions, her discussion of religion as an experience, rather than dogma or doctrine, gave me a new perspective.

In pre-Christian times around the world, people came to religion and philosophy not to "learn anything but to have an experience and a radical change of mind." While a great strength of Unitarian Universalism is our reliance on reason and scientific understanding, we also respect that we learn from our own experiences. Small Group Ministry gives us the opportunity to share an experience that just might bring change to our lives. Our church provides many valuable avenues for learning about a topic, such as through the Sunday forums or listening to the sermon on Sunday morning. Small Group Ministry complements these opportunities by providing an opportunity for shared experiences through group sessions and service projects.

For me, SGM is not about learning facts, or dogma, or doctrine, but about experiencing something that results in a change in my life—perhaps not a radical change, but a change nonetheless. Everyone participating in SGM dedicate several hours each month to participate in their groups and additional time to complete two group service projects. Small Group Ministry must be impacting their lives enough to be worth the effort. Are you interested in joining the experience?

COFFEE, ANYONE?

It has been said that sharing coffee on Sunday morning is as close as Unitarian Universalists come to taking communion. Whether you drink coffee or tea, whether you munch on goodies or abstain from the sweets, it is likely that you enjoy the conversation and company after service on Sunday mornings. We all benefit from the efforts of those who manage Coffee Hour each week.



To continue the convivial nature of Sunday morning's Coffee Hour, we need some help. Volunteers are needed to set up the kitchen before service with cups, spoons, and the usual coffee accompaniments and to clean up the kitchen after service by running the dishwasher and putting everything back in the cabinets.

Can YOU help keep coffee hour a smooth-running part of our Sunday mornings?

Do you have an idea about lining up volunteers for Coffee Hour on a regular basis?

If so, please see our minister, Jeff Briere, or our Vice President of Programs, Kristie McKinley.

And in the meantime, please step up and help out with Coffee Hour one Sunday morning. You may find you enjoy helping as much as you enjoy the coffee!

LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by Eric Papendorp, President, Board of Trustees

I would like to use my letter this month to officially welcome back the Church of God. As many of you already know, the Church of God rented our building on Saturdays for almost a year. Of course their rental fees were a welcome addition to our bottom line, but, for me, our association with the COG was always bigger than the financial aspect of our relationship.

I had believed that cohabitating with a group whose creed was so different than our own would be a disaster. I could not have been more wrong. I was very pleased with both how they treated our facility and all of our interactions with them, both as churches and as individuals. They helped me to become a more broadminded Unitarian Universalist and a more tolerant person. I am glad to see them return.

I am even more excited and impressed with the foresight and judgment shown by the UUC Board of Trustees regarding how the rental income will be used. Rather than roll these funds into the church's operating budget, they will be placed in a restricted liability account. Our building is old, our membership is growing, and at some point, our congregation will have to seriously consider a capital campaign to fund a renovation of our current space or a new building. Saving funds such as these provides us with a head start when this becomes a necessity. I do not know when this will happen, but I do know that the Board's action shows the kind of integrity and leadership that UUC will need to be successful in such an endeavor.

Though some of the details of our agreement with the COG are still being ironed out, please be aware that they will be renting our building each Saturday in February from noon until 6:00 or 6:30. Thank you for being respectful of their time in our building.

DON'T SELL IT; GIVE IT AWAY!

by the Rev. Jeff Briere

Many churches produce a goods and service auction as a fundraiser. Our church has done this in the past, but we discontinued the practice a few years ago when we noticed a lack of enthusiasm for it as well as declining revenues. An attempted revival of this idea before Christmas proved the time is still not right for us to bring back the goods and services auction. Another day, perhaps.

Before we put the auction idea back on the shelf, I had decided to donate a sermon. The winning bidder would choose the topic and I would preach on it. I thought that donating a sermon might raise a couple hundred dollars.

Our inventive and talented nUUsletter editor recently improved on this idea. She suggested I ask you what you'd like me to preach about. Instead of selling one sermon to the highest bidder, she said, in essence, "Give it away!" In doing so, she pointed out I would be the real winner, because I'd have several new ideas for sermon topics.

After writing and preaching more than two hundred sermons, the inspiration well, while not dry, contains noticeably less than it once did. Sometimes, when I raise the bucket, there's not much there.

So maybe there's a topic you'd like me to address, something that bugs you, something you'd like to hear me tear apart and put together again. Maybe there's something you know all about, and you like to see me embarrass myself attempting to cover it. Either way, let me know. Send e-mail to minister@uuc.org or call me at 423-667-0855.

Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind.

~Rudyard Kipling

SHARE THE PLATE

On Sunday, February 13 we will Share the Plate with the Interfaith Homeless Network. IHN seeks to help homeless families by sheltering them in churches that are in partnership with them. Local churches provide the space and food for their guests, while IHN provides transportation to and from the churches. They also provide additional support to the families as they move into more permanent housing. The UUC used to be a hosting church. Even though we are not currently housing guests, we can support their efforts as we Share the Plate. For more information you can visit their website at www.IHNChattanooga.org.

Month	Share the Plate with	Amount Donated
February	Interfaith Homeless Network	???
January	Newton Child Development Center	\$381.68
December	Pet Placement Center	\$222.61
November	Community Kitchen	\$471.25
October	UUA	\$268.00
September	Living Waters for the World	\$373.29
August	Minister's Benevolence Fund	\$95.00
July	Greater New Orleans UU	\$219.27

CELEBRATING ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GUEST AT YOUR TABLE!

Congratulations! This year we raised \$758.50 through our *Guest at Your Table* program.

Your generous *Guest at Your Table* gift is unrestricted, which means that Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) will use it where the need is greatest. The following list illustrates some of the many ways in which UUSC translates donors' support into tangible projects to advance human rights and social justice around the world:

- **\$30** pays for part of a multilingual brochure for Boston residents about the *Color of Water* campaign, which aims to adopt a human right to water in Boston, Mass.
- **\$40** buys materials for a woman in Northern Uganda to make her own groundnut sheller. A groundnut sheller helps to reduce women's workload and generates needed income for families as residents return home after more than 20 years of war.
- **\$65** pays for a small business loan for a displaced woman in Kenya.
- **\$170** purchases a month's supply of chemicals and testing strips for members of indigenous communities in San Marcos, Guatemala, to carry out water-quality monitoring of rivers downstream from the Goldcorp mine.
- **\$200** buys a bicycle ambulance (a stretcher pulled by a bicycle) for a resettled village several miles from a health center in Northern Uganda.
- **\$500** allows the *Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition* to fund travel for U.S.-based torture survivors to Washington, D.C., to share their stories and lobby Congress to end state-sponsored torture.
- **\$600** repairs a home in Gaza, under a home repair program run by youth groups.
- **\$750** allows the *Northwest Arkansas Workers' Justice Center* to provide a "Know Your Rights" training workshop for 25 immigrant women who work in poultry-processing plants.

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
STEP TWO: HERE COME THE CAPTAINS!**

by Frank Caperton, Vice President of Ways and Means

It is a pleasure to report that five members of this congregation have agreed to serve as steward captains for our campaign to fund the operating budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Please join me in expressing thanks to Ken Beaver, Roger Davis, Rich Dwyer, Susan Kennedy, and Jim Welborn.

If you think the title "captain" implies a team, you would be right. And the captains will be asking members of the congregation to volunteer to serve as stewards on their teams. Each captain will recruit four stewards.

Each steward, in turn, will make stewardship calls on four other members of the congregation. Our goal is to have a stewardship visit with every member of the congregation. In those visits, members will have the opportunity to make a pledge to support the budget being developed for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Just as important, members will be asked to discuss how they feel about the church and their hopes for its future.

This approach is not new for us. We have successfully used it many years in the past, including last year under the leadership of David Reed and Buck O'Rear.

There obviously is a role for you in this effort. You may be asked by a captain to serve as a steward. If you have any anxiety about conducting a stewardship visit, don't worry. Jeff Briere will conduct a one-hour training session for stewards on Sunday, February 6th, after the worship service. It will be repeated on Thursday evening, February 10th. These sessions are designed to help make you comfortable during the stewardship calls we will make in March.

I hope you will give the request prayerful consideration. Your service can be a blessing to this church and to you. Volunteer service benefits the giver as much as the recipient. You also do not have to wait to be approached. Just contact one of the steward captains or me if you have questions or an interest.

Meantime, members of the Finance Committee and Church Board are working to complete a proposed budget for 2011-2012. You will hear more about that later.

**THE ADVENTURES BOOK...
A TONGUE LASHING FOR ALL IT APPLIES TO!**

by Rich Dwyer

I have friends...

I let them know when the Adventure Book comes out...

They give me money for the books....

I get books and give the money to the church...

They enjoy the Adventure Books and save money all year long...

This year I only managed to move , let's see....

One for myself, one for my elder daughter, two for a business associate, two for friends who have bought for as long as we have had the Adventure Books...

That makes 6 books, and possibly another for my younger daughter...

Just think if a few hardworking UCCers would let THEIR friends know about the Adventure Books! Why, then Daidee wouldn't have to return any this year...

This is not rocket science people! Borrow one of the sample books for a week and leave where friends and co-workers can see it. It is that simple.

End of soap box haranguing.

MUUSIC NUUS

by Kate Briere

So many good things have happened in the music department! We had a very successful autumn singing for several services, offering a Coffeehouse, and hosting the first workshop in the southeast for Singing Meditation with Ruthie Rosauer, Helen Gierke, and Liz Hill. That workshop has motivated a Singing Meditation group to begin this spring at our own church. See the article on p. 12 for more about the Singing Meditation group.

SINGERS NEEDED!!!

The choir has grown over the past 3-4 years, but we are looking for singers to work on some very special music for this spring. If you have been thinking about joining the choir, but feel that you don't have time, please re-consider in 2011! We need more voices, especially women as the choir will soon start to prepare for Mother's Day on May 8th, a Peace Service on April 24th, and a service entitled *Who Am I?* on June 5th.

Our rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 9:00–10:15. If necessary, we schedule extra rehearsals on Thursday evenings for certain performances. Come and bring a friend!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's choir will sing on April 3rd and for the children's service May 1st.

Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 10:15 (prior to Bell Choir) so that kids can be in both. I will direct the Children's Choir but I can use some help. If you would like to help, please contact me. music@uuc.org or 423-667-0840.

BELL CHOIR

The children's bell choir is preparing for the Peace service and possibly another song for late May.

THANK YOU!

At this time, I need to thank many people for the thriving music program. First, all of the singers and musicians who perform, sometimes at the drop of a hat when we get an inspiration on Sunday morning. Each and every choir member gives their time and energy to rehearsals and performances. Thank you! You all inspire me and keep me going! Jesse Blue, Christina Björling, Roger Davis, Jeff Briere, Rich Dwyer, Steven Hollingsworth, Dez Papendorp, Jay McCurdy, Catherine Long, Tacie Overbeck, Lee Adler, Karl Hunt, Charles Wright, Bart Solomon, Martha Berry, Mary Hunter, Marcia Parks, Skip Stevens, parents of all the ringers, and the children singers, Greg Kertay, Sammy Kertay, Tamblin Papendorp, Sky Papendorp, Caroline Vanderhoof, Isabella Vanderhoof, Sophie McCurdy, Isabel McCurdy, Will Barnhardt, and Nathan Polen. If I have left anyone out, please let me know! I want to start a list of all supporters and helpers! As you can see, many people working together help to keep me afloat!

I could never do this alone.

WHO'S PLAYING?

Greg White Hunt will be returning to our sanctuary on February 20th once again bringing his bamboo flutes. Greg was trained as a classical musician playing the French horn with the symphony in the 1960's. Greg brings his years of experience with wind instruments to the organic sound he gets from flutes of bamboo. He makes flutes, piccolos, Japanese shakahatchi's, Chinese xiao's, Native American slot flutes, Australian digeridoos, and the 5 foot staff flute. Although he makes most of his flutes from tropical bamboo, Greg grows 44 species of temperate bamboo at his nursery in Cohutta, Georgia. Greg has produced 6 CDs in which he plays the instruments he creates.



SINGING MEDITATION

A time to connect with your spiritual nature in song
A time to combine music and silence in community

A time to be present
A time to sing

You don't have to be a good singer.
You don't have to "perform."
You don't have to sing alone.

Join us February 23rd at 7 pm

We will begin **Singing Meditation** this spring at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga. All sessions will be held the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm beginning in February. This is an inter-denominational service, using music from many traditions and focusing on the combination of music and silence. Sessions will last about 90 minutes. The upcoming dates are February 23, March 30, April 27, and May 25. Please join us for an evening of meditation and music.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kristie McKinley ~ February 6
Karl Hunt ~ February 8
Will Barnhart ~ February 11
David Reed ~ February 11
Walt Jenison ~ February 12
Nancy Beel ~ February 17



Lee Solomon ~ February 18
Maurine Olin ~ February 19
Charles Hughes ~ February 22
Lily Joyner ~ February 23
Tim Kleve ~ February 23
Emerson Couch ~ February 28

BIRTHDAY CAKE!

On Sunday, January 9th, we celebrated Maurice Scheni's 90th birthday after service with cake for all. Happy Birthday!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN

There will be no Wednesday Night In during February, but in March Wednesday Night In will morph into Fat Tuesday on February 8. The Maitri Small Group will host dinner and a clothing swap. Stay tuned for more information.

CHIONS

The Chattanooga Institute of Noetic Science will meet February 12, 12:30, to noon at the church. Lucien Ellington, Ph.D., will present *Western Stereotypes about Buddhism*.

Are their mistaken stereotypes about Buddhism in the West that need correction? Are typical people in the East more "enlightened" than Westerners? Has Richard Gere helped or hurt Western understanding of Buddhism? Although Lucien Ellington is not a religious studies specialist and not a Buddhist, he has an interest in the religion that now encompasses three decades.

Dr. Ellington is University of Chattanooga Foundation Professor of Education and Co-Director of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Asia Program. He has published and edited books, articles, and chapters on East Asia, Japan, comparative education, economic history, history of education, and social science education.

PIANO STUDENTS

Christina Björling is seeking additional piano students for Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. She has a BA in Music Education and specializes in providing an enjoyable, personalized, and musically well-rounded approach for beginners, both children and adults. Lessons are available Wednesday and Thursday afternoons for half-hour increments, and take place at: ChattaMusic, 4109 Ringgold Road, East Ridge, TN 37412 (www.chattamusic.com).

The monthly lesson rate is \$80 per month, which includes four weekly half-hour lessons, as well as several bonus make-up days per year. Lessons incorporate music notation reading, theory, ear training, and creative interpretation. For available lesson times, please contact Christina at 423-432-3623 (chrishroom@gmail.com).

BASS & GUITAR STUDENTS: Jesse Blue also teaches at ChattaMusic, and is seeking bass and guitar students. Please contact Jesse at 423-488-9118 (jesseblu74@aol.com) for more info.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

DATE	2/6	2/13	2/20	2/27
TOPIC	Learning Acceptance from My Children	A Natural History of Love	The Theology of Calvin and Hobbes	What Kind of Help Do We Really Need?
LEADER	Wendy Sapp	Rev. Jeff Briere	Rev. Jeff Briere	Rev. Jim Philpott
GREETERS AND USHERS	Harold Linn Catherine Long Marge Pasch	Ken Nickerson Donna Crompton Margaret Hudson	Forney McClellan Sue Knight Carol Hobbs	Elaine Watkins Monique Lewis Susan Kennedy
BOARD REP	Frank Caperton	Kristie McKinley	Donna Crompton	George Helton
MUSIC	Kate Briere	Steve Hollingsworth	Greg White Hunt	Marcia Jenison
SOUND REINFORCEMENT	Catherine Long	Rich Dwyer	Eric Davis	Kristie McKinley

Truth isn't always beauty, but the hunger for it is.
 ~Nadine Gordimer

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		1 12:00p Homeschoolers	2 6:30p SGM	3	4 12:00p Homeschoolers 6:00p UU Kids Night (Sanctuary & Fellowship areas)	5 12:30p CofG 2:30p SGM
6 9:00a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Forum 9:30a Pagan Group 11:00a Worship 11:15a RE 1:00p Stewardship	7	8 12:00p Homeschoolers 6:30p SGM	9 6:30p Spiral Scouts	10 6:30p Finance Committee 7:00p Stewardship	11	12 10:30a CHIONS 12:30p CofG 6:30p Bridge Group
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