



UNISON

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A Month of Sundays

1 *Can Gossip be Good?*
The Rev. Meg Barnhouse

We accept so much without thinking. Part of what is delightful about free religion is that we get to turn the light of thought on any area of life and look at it through fresh eyes.

8 *Divine Discontent*
The Rev. Meg Barnhouse

Martha Graham wrote to Agnes DeMille, saying: "No artist is pleased. There is no satisfaction whatever at any time. There is only a queer, divine dissatisfaction, a blessed unrest that keeps us marching and makes us more alive." Do you find yourself restless sometimes with "divine discontent?"

15 *Luck.* **The Rev. Meg Barnhouse**

I have a memory of my uncle chiding me about exclaiming "This is so lucky!" one time. Luck was not something that people of faith talked about. Science has not yet been able to measure it, but everyone has felt it. What might luck be? Are there ways to get more of it? What repels it? St. Patty's Day is coming. Do you feel lucky?

22 *Hildegard and "The Greening Power"*
The Rev. Meg Barnhouse

Hildegard of Bingen was born in 1098. She became a physician, a musician, and a theologian. "Greening" is a concept that she spoke of often.

29 *Docile as a Yellow Cow*
The Rev. Meg Barnhouse

The I Ching is an ancient Chinese system of thought, of guidance and wisdom. One time I consulted it and The Sage (the voice of the wisdom) told me to be "as docile as a yellow cow." How did that go over?

Meg's Musings

We have had the privilege of receiving nine new members so far this year. I am so moved when someone chooses to join this church. We need the people who sign our book. One night some of us sat around in a classroom and thought together about all the reasons we need new members. "We need their ideas and their fresh energy for this church," some of us said. "We need their new ways of looking at things."

"We need to have new folks to fill up with the good news of UUism, another person added, "to see them feel the relief and joy of acceptance and freedom."

"We need to sit by new members, to get to know them, to trade stories with one another, watch our souls and spirits be fed."

"We need to be with one another to fill up, then we want to go out into the community, into our families and our neighborhoods, and give them what we've received, then come back and get filled up again."

"We need them to add their voices to ours as we proclaim the literally life-saving power of our free religion."

It's fun to get to know the people who are drawn to this church: their layers of life experience and expertise, their good hearts, their humor, their passions, their ideas, and their recipes. Hearing the statements of those who choose to speak as they join reminds us of why we are here as well. The hope they feel as they meld into this community recalls us to our best ideals as we strive to be the community they hope we will be.

The photograph here is the image of a chalice made of many different pictures put together in a mosaic. (You can make one by googling "mosaic generator" and giving the generator any image you want. It will pick out photographs people have up-

loaded to Flickr.com, figure out what colors should go where for your particular image, then create it for you.) I like the mosaic chalice because that is what our church feels like to me. We are individuals, but we make a pattern when we stand together, and we affect one another so deeply in our interactions. Thank you for being part of this church. If you haven't joined yet, I hope you will consider doing so. The mosaic could use some more color!



Canvass Kick-Off Event

The Canvass Kick-Off Event for UUCS is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 21. We are hosting the event in a beautiful new setting this year—Duncan Estate (on Union Street just after the entrance to Duncan Park). Check out the website at www.duncanestate.com.

There will be Music – Food – Drinks – Fun and Fellowship. Don't forget the play, "I Get a Kick from UU." Remember, this night is for fun. There will be no canvassing at this event. So, plan to be there and enjoy an evening with your fellow UUs.

Wingo Night

March 7—6:00 to 10:00

Food, Drink, Fun
Tickets \$12.00 adults, \$6.00 children
Sponsored by the Rainbow Group
All proceeds to benefit the church

Americans United for Separation of Church and State Upstate SC Chapter Meeting Thursday, March 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Spartanburg *Vouchers, Neovouchers, and Howard Rich*

Chapter President Rick Hahnenberg will give you some background on school vouchers and tuition tax credits and discuss Kevin Welner's book entitled *Neovouchers*, along with an update on Howard Rich, the New York billionaire who keeps supporting pro-voucher candidates in South Carolina. Rick will talk about what voucher and neovoucher activity is happening now in other states and how you can stop this from coming into our state. Americans United meetings are free and open to the public.

UU Book Table

Starting Sunday, March 15, we will begin our second Sunday used book and magazine table. One thing I know is that UUs like to read more than most. Here is a way to recycle your favorite books to other UUs and get a tax deduction for donating good quality used books and magazines. Sally Hicks has agreed to be in charge of our book table, but we need others to help as well. You can bring your used books in on Wednesday night, March 11, or Sunday, March 15, around 9:30 a.m. All reasonable bids for our books will be accepted. Buy them—read them—and bring them back to purchase other books. Hope you will stop by the table.

Come to the Seventh Annual Cluster Gathering!

2009 Annual Gathering of the Western Carolinas Cluster

Come to the Seventh Annual Western Carolinas Cluster Meeting on Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the UU Fellowship of Hendersonville in North Carolina. Attend interesting workshops, meet other UUs, and have a great lunch. If you register before March 11, the cost is \$30 (\$35 after that date). A program for youth (twelve and older) costs \$10. For more information, visit www.wccluster.org or check the Denominational Affairs Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

Special Movie March 25

The Singing Revolution is a documentary movie, made by American filmmakers and released in 2008. It focuses on the role of song festivals in the political history of Estonia, right up to the 1980s and 1990s, when the Soviet Union was disintegrating.

If you care about music and about freedom, you will appreciate this movie. Please come to the showing on **Wednesday evening, March 25**.

A *New York Times* critic wrote, "Imagine the scene in *Casablanca* in which the French patrons sing *La Marseillaise* in defiance of the Germans, then multiply its power by a factor of thousands, and you've only begun to imagine the force of *The Singing Revolution*."

Merike Tamm (who has dual citizenship, American and Estonian) will introduce the movie, which runs for ninety-seven minutes. The movie provides a good springboard for discussing the role of Russia today in world politics.

Unison Deadline—18th of Each Month

Bulletin Deadline—Wednesday Nights, 9:00

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Birthdays for Unison Listing

Don't forget to submit your birthday if you'd like it to be included in the monthly *Unison*. You can provide your name, birth month, and day by e-mail to membership@uucs.org.

March Birthdays

Pat Jobe (03/01), Cynthia Lanier (03/02), Sam Howie (03/03), Terry Trammell (03/07), Cayden Kubias (03/08), Jerrold Scaglione (03/08), Ruth Stanton (03/14), Alexander Wise (03/15), Emily Costine (03/17), Jeff Baynes (03/19), Cathy Matthews (03/19), Darien Kul (03/20), Mark Bracey (03/21), Frank Heitler (03/21), Kris McVey (03/21), Sue Fox (03/22), Will Jordan (03/25), Loraine Healey (03/28), Christie Matthews (03/28), Dolores Kunze (03/29).

Total Ministries

Please help to keep the Food Barrel full and happy. There are healthy, filling foods so needed. I'm including a list of some of the most requested items: dried beans, rice, dried milk, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, and grits. Many children often receive their only meals at school. A healthy snack might tide them over until the next day. I'm not sure about the health benefits of popcorn and hot chocolate, but they are fun, stomach filling, and warm. Please don't forget something for the animals. So many loving pets have had to be abandoned during the crisis facing so many. Pet food can be donated to shelters. Cleaning supplies, towels, and paper towels are always needed. Give something in honor or in memory of a dear furry, feathered, or finned friend. Perhaps the Animal Shelter, the Spay and Neuter Clinic, or another animal rescue group might be considered for our monthly donation from the collection plate. Another way to help the homeless is to collect the small bars of soap and shampoos supplied by hotels when you are traveling. These small things are easy to pack and don't take up too much room. This is a great family project. Perhaps some of the Home Schoolers might like to take part as a loving project on animals or the economy. Covenant Groups, is this a project for you? There are many inexpensive packages of needed items at dollar-type stores. You might find a bargain for yourself. Our designated collection day is the fourth Sunday of each month. Wouldn't it be wonderful to bring something each week! Thank you for remembering that every living thing has dignity and worth.

If you are not receiving "Happenings," our weekly electronic newsletter, be sure to go to our website at UUCS.ORG and sign up.

SIERRA CLUB MEETING

There will be no meeting in March (our illustrious Spartanburg leader has fled the country—he will return).

News from the Membership Committee

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS! During the sermon on Sunday, February 15, the congregation welcomed the following new or reinstated members to UUCS during the New Member Recognition ceremony: Mitch Eisner, Palma Eisner, Stuart Foster, Lynnette Patrick, Michael Rainey, and Alice Sutton. Stuart, Michael, and Alice have already been profiled in previous issues of the *Unison*, and now . . . introducing the other new members:

Although she's spent most of her life in South Carolina, **Lynnette Patrick** has also lived in Tennessee, Florida, Mississippi, and Louisiana. She graduated from Boiling Springs High School in 1982, and is currently working toward a Bachelor of Science degree at Spartanburg Community College. Lynnette has three daughters, although only one still lives at home, and she has two grandchildren. Currently her brother and his girlfriend are living with her. Before they moved in, Lynnette already had three dogs, and her brother and his girlfriend brought two dogs with them when they moved in. One of Lynnette's dogs recently gave birth to ten puppies. Do the math and you'll see why she is interested in offering to share her good fortune. She has given some away, but she still has several adorable puppies looking for good homes. (Lynnette wants to stress that the puppies are FREE!)

Lynnette works in Quality Control as the ISO Coordinator in a local factory. She spends a lot of time and energy at work, but is also interested in music, reading, religion, and football.

Lynnette appreciates UUCS for the freedom to be herself and to explore the questions of faith and religion she had previously been afraid to ask. She expresses gratitude to the congregation and looks forward to getting to know more people here.

Mitch and Palma Eisner are both originally from Brooklyn, New York. They moved to Spartanburg from Staten Island, New York, this past July after retiring. In May, they will have been married for ten years, and they each have two adult children from previous marriages. Both of Palma's children (son Jeremy and daughter Erica Beth) live in New York. Jeremy has a three-year old daughter, and Erica and her husband are expecting twins in May. Mitch's son Ken is married and lives in Massachusetts, and his daughter Danielle lives in Spartanburg with her husband.

Palma has a Masters Degree in education and was a teacher (mostly fourth grade) for twenty years. Mitch has a Masters Degree in rehabilitation counseling and a Masters of Social Work. Mitch was a psychiatric social worker for over thirty years, and spent the past ten years before retiring as a hospital administrator.

Mitch and Palma love to dance. In addition, Palma enjoys sewing, arts and crafts, and knitting, and she especially loves being a grandma. Mitch likes music, sports (his favorite is baseball), and exercise.

Mitch and Palma come from very different faith backgrounds: Mitch was raised in a religious Jewish home and attended Hebrew School for eight years, while Palma was raised in an Italian Catholic home and went to parochial school through twelfth grade. Both Mitch and Palma cite the warmth and acceptance of Meg and the congregation as what they like best about UUCS. Palma says she feels comfortable and at peace when she's at church and always leaves with a renewed sense of belonging. Mitch says that he appreciates the church's policy of openness and acceptance and the fact that taking care of one another is a priority. They are both grateful for the friendships they've already made at UUCS and look forward to making more friends as they work together for the church and the community.

EXPLORING UU—Want to find out more about Unitarian Universalism in general or this church in particular? If so, please join us in Room 6 on Sunday, March 8, following the sermon. We'll be hosting a brief, informal Question-and-Answer session, and snacks will be provided.

Thank you to Sally Hicks, who has volunteered to be a Sunday Morning Greeter! Thanks, also, to Karen McKenzie, who has been a faithful Greeter for a couple of years but now has to resign because of her responsibilities with the upcoming Coming of Age curriculum. If you'd like to join Sally and the others who take turns welcoming people as they arrive at church on Sundays, please contact Michael Wray at 579-0199 or at jmw945@bellsouth.net.

The next meeting of the Membership Committee is scheduled for Friday, March 27, at 10:00 a.m.

Kathleen's Corner

February has always been a hard month for me. It's cold and dreary, and winter drags its feet. Then, what cure is there for the After Valentine's Day Letdown except maybe the Oscars? And let's face it, most of us don't get to walk the red carpet or make maudlin acceptance speeches thanking the Academy and everyone else from God to Aunt Fanny for this award.

This February has been a little different. Still cold and dreary, but it was a big month in Lifespan Faith Development, and here is even a little bit of red carpet! Here's what's been happening: Our numbers in all classes at the Sunday 10:00 hour have increased!

LFD OSCAR WINNERS

A special Thank You and Whoopee-for-You Award to all our youth teachers this month: Seher Kul, Susan Prestipino, and Sally McClellan for Best Storytelling and Snack-Fixing in Spirit Play, Cathy and Christie Matthews for Best Supportive Mentors in Junior High, Katie Ramsey, Karen McKenzie, and Teresa Hall for Best Coming of Age Planners and Starters, and to Amanda Goldsmith, Kelsey Matthews, and Michael Smith for Best Performance in a Pre-School Drama. They overhauled the nursery closet and toy bins, and patiently, kindly provided TLC for our littlest ones.

Another special ATTABOY! to Michael Smith for his fabulous driving, patience, willing support, stupid phone calls, and silly sense of humor as we made the trek to The Mountain together. Everybody wanted to ride with HIM! And he also brings doughnuts with sprinkles for his kids, just because. You rock, Michael!

And finally, to Susan Prestipino and Beth Love, the award for Best Supporting LFD Chair-persons. These two ladies have come *every week* to hash out policies, fill out forms, make recommendations and decisions, and plan all the parts of whatever we're doing. They have made our work fun and friendly and easier. Thanks so much!

Our Junior High Youth had a fabulous time at their Mountain Con, and returned feeling tired but inspired. They participated in Peace Debates, Interpretive Dance, and a Mystery Workshop, as well as small groups where they made new friends, discussed all kinds of ethical issues, and traded email addresses. They also gorged on cookies, played soccer and games on the big field, watched hilarious coffee house skits, and took part in a wild and crazy dance led by CON PAL, our own Ned Durrett.

This month ten of our High School Youth will be going to the Mountain Con, and we look forward to hearing their reports.

On February 22, the High School youth began a challenging, exciting Coming of Age Program that promises to make them think, work, grow, become a close-knit group, and deepen their ties to our congregation. We have eight participants, and they each signed a special chalice indicating their commitment. At the end of this program, which includes mentors and is a formal path to membership, these wonderful youngsters will have completed a family covenant, a ropes course, rituals and a vision quest, a statement of personal faith, and a community service project. Participants who have successfully completed the pro-

gram will be formally presented to the congregation in a ceremony on May 31. Following the service, there will be a dinner with families and guests, and each young person will present their favorite moments from the program and their personal faith statements.

INSPIRATIONAL PARTING NOTES:

I have been reading a book about Tibetan Buddhism and it's so rich I feel like underlining or copying down about half of every page. Here are a few nuggets that have been hovering in my thoughts for the last few days—worth sharing for sure:

To embody the transcendent is why we are here.

Everything changes, always. Flux is the nature of the universe. Every subatomic interaction consists of the annihilation of the original particles and the creation of new particles. The subatomic world is a continual dance of creation and annihilation, of mass changing into energy and energy changing to mass. Transient forms sparkle in and out of existence, creating a never-ending, forever new reality. The only thing we ever really have is NOW.

"Be a wise selfish person," says the Dalai Lama. "If you try to subdue your selfish motives, anger and so forth, and try to develop loving kindness and compassion for others, ultimately you yourself will benefit more than you would otherwise. So sometimes I say that the wise selfish person should practice this way. Foolish selfish people are always thinking of themselves, and the results of this greediness are negative. Wise selfish people think of others, and help others as much as they can, and the result is that they too receive benefit."

In whatever you do, in whatever is done, the result carries with it the imprint of intention, and of how it was done. In all your actions, your intention is what is most important, not the scale. Even a tiny spark can burn a haystack.

*Blessings on you all,
Kathleen Anderson
Director of Lifespan Faith Development*

SPECIAL EVENT

Friday, March 13 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Coming of Age Dinner with Parents
followed by
The Life Journey Workshop

UPCOMING—Easter is April 12!

We will be having EGGstraordinary Fun again this year with the Annual Egg-Flinging Contest. WHO WILL BE ABLE TO FLING THEIR EGG WITHOUT BREAKING IT and HOW FAR WILL IT GO? We have a new and improved catapult lined up, and there will be a FABULOUS GIANT CHOCOLATE BUNNY FOR THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER. We'll have Magic Jelly Beans for the runners up, and Peeps for Participants. Soooo, get out your boxes and bubble wrap, paper towels, Styrofoam beads, and duct tape and get to it. Be creative and have fun!

LFD Scheduling for March

Sundays

Sunday, March 1

10:00 Adult Forums:

Room 5: Personal Theology with Margaret Schmidt
Room 6: Cosmos: Faith and Science with Marion Tisdale and Steve Fowler

Fellowship Hall: Coffee and Conversation

10:00: Youth Forums: Hatcher House

Junior High Youth: Neighboring Faiths with Cathy Matthews and Christie Matthews
Elementary Youth: Lessons from Christianity
10:00-12:00 High School Youth: Coming of Age Program
What's Right? What's Wrong? With Karen McKenzie, Teresa Hall, and Katie Ramsey

Sunday, March 8

10:00 Adult Forums:

Room 5: Personal Theology with Margaret Schmidt
Room 6: Cosmos: Faith and Science with Marion Tisdale and Steve Fowler

Fellowship Hall: Coffee and Conversation

10:00: Youth Forums: Hatcher House

Junior High Youth: Neighboring Faiths with Cathy Matthews and Christie Matthews
Elementary Youth: Lessons from Christianity with Susan Prestipino and Sally McClellan
10:00-12:00 High School Youth: No Class: Most of the HS youth will be away at The Mountain.

Sunday, March 15

10:00 Adult Forums:

Room 5: Personal Theology with Margaret Schmidt
Room 6: Cosmos: Faith and Science with Marion Tisdale and Steve Fowler

Fellowship Hall: Coffee and Conversation

10:00: Youth Forums: Hatcher House

Junior High Youth: Neighboring Faiths with Cathy Matthews and Christie Matthews
Elementary Youth: Lessons from Christianity
10:00-12:00 High School Youth: Coming of Age Program
Leaving Childhood Behind with Katie Ramsey and Mary Bracey
Participants should bring a treasured childhood item to share.

Sunday, March 22

10:00 Adult Forums:

Room 5: Coming of Age Mentor Orientation with Kathleen Anderson
Room 6: Cosmos: Faith and Science with Marion Tisdale and Steve Fowler

Fellowship Hall: Coffee and Conversation

10:00: Youth Forums: Hatcher House

Junior High Youth: Neighboring Faiths with Cathy Matthews and Christie Matthews
Elementary Youth: Lessons from Christianity with Janice Baynes and Renee Hill

10:00-12:00 High School Youth: Coming of Age Program
Your Ten Commandments with Karen McKenzie, Teresa Hall, and Katie Ramsey

Sunday, March 29

10:00 Adult Forums:

Room 5: Personal Theology with Margaret Schmidt
Room 6: Cosmos: Faith and Science with Marion Tisdale and Steve Fowler

Fellowship Hall: Coffee and Conversation

10:00: Youth Forums: Hatcher House

Junior High Youth: Neighboring Faiths with Cathy Matthews and Christie Matthews
Elementary Youth: Lessons from Christianity
High School Youth:
9:00-10:00 Meet the Mentors Breakfast
10:00-12:00 Coming of Age Program
Leaving Childhood Behind with Kathleen Anderson, Katie Ramsey, Karen McKenzie, Teresa Hall, and Mary Bracey

Wonderful Wednesdays

Every Wednesday at 5:30 we share a delicious pot-luck supper. Sometimes a committee or covenant group prepares the meal; sometimes it's a U-Bring. Be sure to check The Happenings for details.

Meetings begin at 6:30-7:00 or after the dishes are done.

Wednesday, March 4

6:30 Wild Tic Tacs Rehearsal—Fellowship Hall
7:00 SingAround with Kiya Heartwood—Fellowship Hall
Council on Committees with Rick Hahnenburg—Room 5
Book Club with Karen McKenzie—Room 6

Wednesday, March 11

6:30 Wild Tic Tacs Rehearsal—Fellowship Hall
7:00 SingAround with Kiya Heartwood—Fellowship Hall
Heresy of the Month: Lost Christianities Studies with Meg Barnhouse and Marilyn Coltrane

Wednesday, March 18

6:30 Wild Tic Tacs Rehearsal—Fellowship Hall
7:00 SingAround with Kiya Heartwood—Fellowship Hall
Marilyn Coltrane Covenant Group—Room 5
Humanist Discussion Group—Room 6

Wednesday, March 25

6:30 Wild Tic Tacs Rehearsal—Fellowship Hall
7:00 SingAround with Kiya Heartwood—Fellowship Hall
Lifespan Faith Development Committee Meeting—Room 5
Money Support Group with Jule Klotter—Room 6
SPECIAL Video Presentation: *The Singing Revolution*—The Struggle for Freedom in Estonia, with Merike Tamm—Garden Level—Main Room (see article on page 2)

A Letter from John Gault's Family

Dear Rev. Barnhouse,

We've never been formally introduced, but John Gault was my uncle. His sister Dorothy was my mother. I and my family just wanted to thank you and your church from the bottom of our hearts for being so kind and compassionate to us. We were so touched by both the Sunday service and the Musical Tribute. He loved your church very much and spoke of it often to me. He would have been so happy with the musical tribute and the wonderful, sweet, funny stories that so many of his friends and fellow musicians told. It was nice to know that he wasn't just my hero, but a lot of other people's hero as well. When I was a child, he was always stationed somewhere far away, but the best part of Christmas was when he came home and had more bags and boxes full of gifts than Santa himself. If he didn't like our tree, he'd go get another one (not surprising, yes?). He'd decorate inside and out. He was my hero, my Santa, he made me laugh, he was the center of our family. I loved him dearly. I hope you will thank the members of your church this Sunday for us. I would like to thank you, especially, for the idea of the Musical Tribute and for the kind words you spoke about my Uncle John. What a character he was, one of a kind, and we will miss him so. Thank you again for everything.

Tina, Terry, Aimee, and Josh Peeler

Guatemalan Textiles

Many thanks to everyone who supported my son's sale of Guatemalan textiles in the Fellowship Hall in January. Eric sold approximately \$250 worth of the Bisan Women's Collective weavings, of which \$55 was given to the UUCS Burn the Mortgage Fund. Your support of this project helped repair the houses of the craftswomen and their families. Eric and his partner continue to receive textiles from the BWC and are working to create a market for them in Boston. Again—many thanks! You helped make a difference! Carolyn Dempsey

Buddhist Meditation Group

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome.

Please call David Stack (542-1324) with questions.

THE 2009 DIRECTORY of Members and Friends is now available in both foyers and on the visitor table in the Fellowship Hall. A copy has been sent electronically to anyone whose email address we have in the church database. If you didn't receive one via email but would like to receive periodic updates electronically, please send your email address to membership@uucs.org.

UUCS Board Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2009

- Secretary briefed board members on congregational certification information.
- Ed Wilde presented the treasurer's report on behalf of Ben Harris. The good news is we are at 99 percent year to date of budgeted pledge income. Spending for January was \$353 under budget. The bad news is the month ended with a \$5,820 deficit. The balance in the Spartanburg County Foundation account is \$18,090, as of December 31, 2008. Although \$829 was collected toward Burn the Mortgage in January after letters went out, we are still \$9,200 short.
- After much debate, the board voted to take funds from the SCF account to make up the shortfall and pay off Arthur State Bank. A total of \$36,344 has been collected in the BTM campaign. The SCF account will be closed and the remaining funds deposited into our operating account after the ASB note is retired. Mortgage principal (not interest) payments on the Wilde notes, in essence our 2nd and 3rd mortgages, begin this month. Interest and principal payments on the Mitchell mortgage, our 4th mortgage, have been forgiven for the next five years. Our combined member loan debt is \$318,070.70, which was loaned to the church for the building project nearly four years ago.
- The church received a memorial check for \$1,000 in honor of Arlene McKiernan.
- Charlie Mierek presented two possible 2009-10 budgets for the Board's consideration. Both have projected deficits, one of \$30,866 and the leaner of the two, \$5,615. Board members will study the proposals and meet to discuss options.
- The board approved a request by the Personnel Committee to hire Kiya Heartwood as acting music director for a period of up to six months. She will coordinate music programs on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for a flat rate of \$400 per month for the five-hour-per-week provisional position, to be supervised by the Worship Committee chair. This does not include fees for guest pianists, which Kiya will be responsible for scheduling. Total costs for the proposed music program will be less than the amount initially budgeted for it. Meanwhile, the Personnel Committee will work to formalize the job description, which was loosely structured prior to the passing of Maestro John Gault, who led the music program and played piano here for twenty years.
- President Kris McVey announced that she and her family will be moving to France, where her career has led. She is set to move in May, before completing her term. President-Elect Rick Hahnenburg will step in early.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Janice Baynes

MARCH 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:30 Yoga	3 6:30 Buddhist Meditation	4 7:00 Book Club 7:00 CoC	5	6	7 6:00 WINGO NIGHT
8 12:00 Exploring UU	9 6:30 Yoga	10 6:30 Buddhist 6:45 Rainbow Group	11 7:00 Lost Christianities	12 7:00 Separation of Church and State Meeting	13 6:00 Coming of Age Dinner and Workshop	14
15 UU Book Table 1:00 World Issues Group	16 6:30 Yoga	17 6:30 Buddhist Meditation	18 2:00-4:00 Senior Stories 7:00 Humanist Discussion	19	20	21 9:00 a.m. Cluster in NC 7:00 Canvass Kick-Off
22 TOTAL Ministries	23 6:30 Yoga	24 6:30 Buddhist Meditation	25 7:00 Money Support Group; LFD Comm.; Special Movie	26	27 10:00 a.m. Membership Committee	28
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