



UNISON

May 2009

No. 779

A Month of Sundays

- 3** **The Mountain Quartet**
From the Mountain Retreat and Learning Center in Highlands, NC, comes the quartet that delights UU congregations all over the Southeast. Come enjoy their blend of folk, hymns, community singing, and inspirational words.
- 10** **The Rev. Meg Barnhouse**
Catch Them Doing Well: and Other Things I Learned from Being a Mom—My parenting style was a mix of my mom’s “just follow your instincts and everything will be fine,” a great parenting book from the forties called “Children the Challenge,” and a book by monks about how to train German Shepherds called “How to be Your Dog’s Best Friend.” Being a parent is such a mystery, and most of us wonder whether we are doing it right.
- 17** **The Rev. Meg Barnhouse**
Some of Them Will Understand—The Buddha was tempted by the evil one when he was sitting under the banyan tree seeking enlightenment. What are some of the ways life “tempts” us to get off the path to wholeness?
- 24** **The Rev. Roy Cole**
Crisis as Both Danger and Opportunity for Faith-Based Communities—Both our national and global contexts for living out the values of our faith are changing dramatically as economic forces shape our individual and collective lives. How might faith-based communities respond?
- 31** **Flower Communion and Coming of Age**
Our teens have been in a Coming of Age class since the first of the year. They will have done a ropes course, classes on UU, ethics, practicing your faith, beliefs about life and death, a vision quest camp-out, a covenant with their families for new privileges and responsibilities, a community service project, and a belief and faith statement. They will share their faith statements in this service through readings, art, and music. Meg will preach. Bring a flower to share, and some extras for people who might forget!

Meg's Musings

If you are involved in a congregation, not a TV church or a church-by-mail, but a place where you go in body as well as spirit, where you interact with the minister and staff, with other members and friends of the faith community, you know that an actual congregation is a soul-shaping, challenging, joyous, learning and growing immersion.

In my experience, a congregation, its minister, priest, or rabbi, its staff and volunteers mostly run on one fuel: appreciation. No one I know is in it for the money. We do it because we like it, we have fun, and we feel that what we do is meaningful work. It matters in the world.

We run on appreciation, but when I speak to church people across the country, I always say “don’t you love being in leadership in your church? People call you up all the time to thank you for the work you’re doing, to tell you about specific things you did that they particularly liked, to offer you meals and coupons for foot massages. . . .” By this time the people are staring at me, some laughing, others truly lost. They slowly realize that I’m being facetious. Almost no one in any congregation’s leadership has that experience! More apropos would be the Japanese proverb that says “The nail that sticks up will be hammered down.”

The Unitarian Universalist denomination is non-creedal, which means we don’t have a list of beliefs everyone can recite in a service. With a mix of Christianity, Buddhism, humanism, and earth-based spirituality in one congregation, with atheists, agnostics, and theists in the same place on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and other times when we are together, the thing that is at the center for us is Right Relationship. We attempt to behave correctly with one another, which is easy most of the time, but occasionally presents a challenge. We fall short pretty often, but at least we know where we want to be. The congregation wrote a covenant a few years ago that describes how we want to do it.

Respect one another.

Use “I” statements to ensure we speak only for ourselves. Intentionally allot the time needed to explore multiple sides of an issue.

Actively and carefully listen to each other.

Communicate freely, openly, and truthfully, agreeing to disagree when necessary.

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Meg's Musings (continued)

Seek clarification when needed.

Provide everyone an equal opportunity to express ideas.

Limit disagreements to the individuals or groups directly involved.

Address issues and behaviors, rather than people and personalities.

Keep problems in perspective as we pursue common goals.

Work to manage conflict as it arises.

Affirm and promote the seven Unitarian Universalist principles.

(To see the principles you may go to the church's web site at www.UUCS.org.)

We want to be in Right Relationship with one another (which is more and more challenging as one moves up into the "black belt" levels of congregational leadership) and we want to be in Right Relationship with our world. One of the ways we are doing that is to give away half the money in the offering plate every single Sunday, even though the church is finding it hard to breathe financially. We give the money to a different non-profit every month. We partner with Park Hills School so we can have opportunities to serve and learn in our community, and we honor the earth. We planted a flowering cherry the last Sunday in April, and when I went to water it the other day I found that someone else had stopped by to give it a drink of water right before I got there. That made me smile.

The main thing I want to say is that we must be gentle with one another in our congregations. We want to take care with one another, tenderly, the way we care for our newest tree. When (not if, but when) mistakes are made, it is of utmost importance that those who are affected try to understand that everyone involved was just trying to do a good job, that no one was seeking to hurt or undercut them, and that everyone is acting with good will. Anything less than assuming good will hurts the church. When people mutter under their breath about the way something was done, that hurts the congregation. When there is muttering instead of conversation, nothing gets worked out, and trust erodes. We don't have to trust one another to do things right. We don't have to trust one another to make no mistakes. We do have to trust one another's good will, unless there is evidence of wrongdoing. Even people who are making decisions you disagree with are usually doing what they think is best for the congregation. Trust in good will makes a healthy strong church, and goodness knows the world needs as many of those as there can possibly be.

UUCS Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 17

after the service.

Lite bites will be served.

All members are encouraged to attend!

Friends welcome.

Come Make Your Voice Heard

election of officers • budget review

other church business

Tending the Flame

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank the members and friends who have, as of April 27, made financial commitments to tend the flame during our 2009/10 church year.

Pledges for both operating funds and repayment of our still-outstanding mortgages to two members are included. We're seventy-nine percent of the way to our \$165,000 operating income goal. If you're not yet included on this list, please add your name to it by making a pledge as soon as possible. Contact Stewardship Committee chair, Don Miles (864-582-3440, donmarymiles@bellsouth.net).

Our pledgers are: Kathleen Anderson, Meg Barnhouse, Jeff and Janice Baynes, Mary and Mark Bracey, Nancy Breard and Robert Harrington, Susan Brown, Lewanna Caldwell and M.B. Ulmer, Judy and Al Carnes, Gibby Cates and Jule Klotter, Nikki Caulk, Beth Cecil and Isabel Forbes, Marilyn Coltrane, Liz Connell, Richard and Susan Culler, Kim Danner, Caro Dempsey, Kathy Dowling, Dave and Carol Drum, Mitchell and Palma Eisner, Jennifer Estes, Elsie Finkelstein, Clif Flynn and Jill Jones, Stuart Foster, Abby and Steve Fowler, Teretha Fowler, Sue Fox and Ruth Michener, Chuck Frank, Melissa Fritsche and Mark Nichols, Will Frye, Nancy Gooch and Angie Willes, Susan Griswold and John Morton, Susanne Gunter, Rick Hahnenberg and Ruth Stanton, Chuck and Teresa Hall, Sara Hamilton Steinecke and Brad Steinecke, Ben and Guerry Harris, Joyce Harrison, Mike and Penny Hatchell, Roy Haynes, Kiya Heartwood, Sally Hicks, Nate and Renee Hill, Cindy Howe and Dan McBride, Margaret and Sam Howie, David Hudnall, Jan Ingerson, Jennifer and Joel Jacobs, Jinx Jenkins, Doug and Linette Jensen, Grace Jerome, Jan Jerome and Linda Leible, Pat Jobe, Debra Johnson, Vivian and Wilton Jordan, Bernie Kakuske, Jeanette Keepers, Rose Mary Kramer, Kris Krystyniak, Terry Longeway, Beth and Sadler Love, Nan Lundeen, Greg Lynch, Nancy Mandlove, Barbara Mattson, Rebecca McBride, Sally McClellan, Karen McKenzie, Kris McVey and Terry Trammell, Don and Mary Miles, Bob and Karen Mitchell, Bonnie-Lee G. Mizzell, Nancy Moore, Elisa Mroz, Curtis Murphy and Sam Powell, Cecile and Chris Nowatka, Lynnette Patrick, Terry-Christy Patton, Susan and Carl Prestipino, Terry Price, Michael Rainey and Alice Sutton, Brian and Katie Ramsey, Gene Sanders, Jerrold Scaglione, Margaret Schmidt, Norm Schoss, Bobbie Schoss, Jack Seitz, Angie Shuman, David Stack and Gregory Gaddis, Rebecca and Bill Stevens, Deb Stripling, Merike Tamm, Diane Thornton, Barbara and Marion Tisdale, Kathy and Ted Warrendorf, P.K. and David Weiss, Janice and Stan White, Ed Wilde, Kathleen Wilde, Deb Williams, Joe and Allene Williamson, and Michael Wray.

Exploring UU

Interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism in general or this church in particular? If so, please join the Rev. Meg Barnhouse and Mary Miles from the Membership Committee right after the service on Sunday, May 3. Grab a cup of coffee and come to Room 5 in the Religious Education wing for this brief, informal Q&A session. Light snacks will be available.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Wonderful Wednesdays are progressing nicely. So far the WW meals have been a hot dog supper, a meal prepared by the Worship Committee (yea Karen), a meal prepared by the Seitz Covenant Group (while Jack was in Kenya), a meal prepared by the Queens of Cuisine (Mary, Angie, Jol, and others), and a meal prepared by the Weiss Covenant Group.

May is looking pretty good too. The meal on the 6th will be a potluck, the meal on the 13th will be prepared by the Truly Truffle Trio (Renee, Beth, and Deanna), and on the 20th by RE/LFD (not sure who's cooking, but be prepared for a real treat).

On the 27th we may have a problem. So far, nobody has stepped forward to take on the cooking chores. If we want to avoid having leftover pizza, stale cookies, and wilted celery sticks, please somebody volunteer. If you are so led, contact Angie Shuman or Norm Schoss.

UUA Presidential Candidate Forum

Hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Asheville
1 Edwin Place, Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 254-6001 www.uuasheville.org

Thursday, May 7

Refreshments, 6:00 p.m., Forum opens, 6:30 p.m.

Come and meet the candidates.

The Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman

www.hallmanforuupresident.org,

and the Rev. Peter Morales

www.moralesforuupresident.org

For more information or for home hospitality,
contact Anna Olsen (annaolsen@charter.net)

Guest Speaker May 24

The Rev. Roy Cole, assistant rector at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, will be preaching on May 24 (see page 1). Roy will also be offering an educational session at 10:00 that morning. The title of that session is: "On organizing for mission through small groups responding to a shared concern."

Roy W. Cole, the assistant rector at Spartanburg's Church of the Advent, is a graduate of West Point, and served nine years as an infantry and armor officer with two tours in Vietnam. Airborne and Ranger qualified, he reached the rank of major, was awarded the combat infantryman's badge, and was decorated six times for heroism and meritorious service. Graduating from the Episcopal Divinity School in 1974, he has served eleven churches as either rector, interim rector, or assistant rector in six dioceses. In addition, he holds a masters degree in counseling from Rhode Island College and has exercised a ministry of pastoral counseling and spiritual direction for over twenty years. He is a Fellow of the College of Preachers at the National Cathedral.

His ministry specialties, aside from counseling, include leading congregations in mission through the development of call-based mission groups, evangelism, and men's spirituality. Married to Barbara Dorsey, Roy has three grown daughters, seven grandchildren, and two stepsons.

From the Membership Committee

Exploring UU

The next session of Exploring UU will be held on Sunday, May 3, following the sermon. If you're new to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spartanburg and would like to find out more about how our church operates or about the religion in general, please make plans to join Meg for this brief question-and-answer session. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack from the Fellowship Hall and join us down the hall in Room 5.

Path to Membership

If you've already attended an Exploring UU session or you've been coming to UUCS for a while now, you are invited to attend the Path to Membership class scheduled for Saturday, May 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This class will be held at UUCS and will feature Meg and other church leaders presenting all the information you'll need in order to make an informed decision as to whether or not you'd like to become a member of this church. In addition to a wonderful learning experience, this class is also a great opportunity to spend time with church leaders and other potential new members in a small-group setting. Lunch will be provided, and child care will be available if necessary. Please contact P. K. Weiss if you'd like to sign up or if you have any questions: pkweiss@bellsouth.net or 576-3274. There is also a sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall, on the "Our Church Life" bulletin board.

Bulletin Boards

Do you regularly take the time to read the many bulletin boards that are on display in the Fellowship Hall and along the hallway past the kitchen? There is so much good information on them! For example, here's what you can learn just by reading the "Our Church Business" bulletin board on the hallway just past the ladies' room:

UUCS By-Laws

Responsibilities of the UUCS Board of Trustees

Board Meeting Minutes

Committee Meeting Minutes (and some of them are even current!)

Building Use Policy

Fund-Raising Policy

UUCS Budget

Policies and Procedures for UUCS Childcare Workers

Okay, maybe it's not J. K. Rowling-interesting reading, but still it's valuable information and it's available to all church members, friends, and visitors. Check it out, along with the other information posted throughout the church. It's there for you!

Question: Can Anyone Be a Unitarian Universalist?

Answer: People of all beliefs are welcome in our church—Christian, atheist, agnostic, and all other traditions. What binds us as a congregation is mutual respect, acceptance of one another, and encouragement in spiritual growth (*from "100 Questions that Non-Members Ask about Unitarian Universalism," by John Sias*).

I think that one of our most important tasks is to convince others that there's nothing to fear in difference; that difference, in fact, is one of the healthiest and most invigorating of human characteristics without which life would become meaningless.—Adlai Stevenson (1900-65), governor of Illinois, candidate for president of the United States, U.S. ambassador to the U.N.

LFD Scheduling for May

Sundays in May

Sunday, May 3

10:00 Adult Forums

Strength and Diversity—Developing Your Own
Theology with Margaret Schmidt
Science and Faith—DVD Discussion Group

Coffee and Conversation

10:00 Children's and Youth Forums

Elementary: Spirit Play—Native American Stories/Art
Junior High: Neighboring Faiths

10:00-12:00 High School: Coming of Age (see schedule)

Sunday, May 10: LOVE YOUR MOTHER!

10:00 Adult Forums

Strength and Diversity—Developing Your Own
Theology with Margaret Schmidt
Science and Faith—DVD Discussion Group

Coffee and Conversation

10:00 Children's and Youth Forums

Elementary: Spirit Play—Native American Stories/Art
Junior High: Neighboring Faiths

10:00-12:00 High School: Coming of Age (see schedule)

Sunday, May 17

10:00 Adult Forums

Science and Faith DVD/Discussion Group
(Margaret Schmidt's Personal Theology Group
will not meet on this day.)

Coffee and Conversation

10:00 Children and Youth Forums

Elementary Age: Spirit Play—Humanism
Junior High: Neighboring Faiths

10:00-2:30 High School: Coming of Age (see schedule)

Sunday, May 24

10:00 Adult Forums

"On Organizing for Mission through Small Groups,"
guest speaker, the Rev. Roy Cole—Garden Level

Coffee and Conversation

10:00 Children and Youth Forums

Elementary Age: Spirit Play—Humanism
Junior High: Neighboring Faiths

10:00-12:00 High School: Coming of Age (see schedule)

Sunday, May 31

(Last regular RE programming before summer program begins.)

10:00 Adult Forums

Strength and Diversity—Developing Your Own
Theology with Margaret Schmidt
Science and Faith—DVD Discussion Group

Coffee and Conversation

10:00 Children and Youth Forums

Elementary Age: Spirit Play—Humanism
Junior High: Neighboring Faiths

10:00 Coming of Age: Final Touches

11:00 Flower Service—Coming of Age (see schedule)

Celebration Picnic

Wonderful Wednesdays

Every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Supper
First Wednesday potluck, bring a dish to share
Other Wednesdays, cost is \$4 per person, or \$8 per family

Wednesday, May 6

6:30 Wild Tic-Tacs Rehearsal

7:00 Multi-Age Sing-Around with Kiya Heartwood—
Fellowship Hall
Council on Committees with Rick Hahnenburg—
Classroom 5

Wednesday, May 13

6:30 Wild Tic-Tacs Rehearsal

7:00 Multi-Age Sing-Around with Kiya Heartwood—
Fellowship Hall
Lost Christianities Study Group with Meg Barnhouse—
Classroom 5

Wednesday, May 20

2-4 Sharing Our Stories Group with Kathleen Anderson—
Fellowship Hall—This month's theme is Amazing
Animals

6:30 Wild Tic-Tacs Rehearsal

Stewardship Committee—Hatcher House

7:00 Multi-Age Sing-Around with Kiya Heartwood—
Fellowship Hall
Coltrane Covenant Group—Room 5
Humanist Discussion Group—Room 6

Wednesday, May 27

6:30 Wild Tic-Tacs Rehearsal

7:00 Multi-Age Sing-Around with Kiya Heartwood—
Fellowship Hall
Life Span Faith Development Committee—Office
Money Support Group with Jule Klotter—Classroom 5
Book Club with Karen McKenzie—Classroom 6
Contact Karen at karakaz@aol.com for details

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday-Saturday, May 1-2, Senior High Coming of Age Lock-In
Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, Senior High Coming of Age Glade
Retreat and Vision Quest Campout
(See schedule for details.)

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Coming of Age Community Service—Church Work Day
Everyone is welcome! Bring your elbow grease and join in!
We'll be painting the old foyer and hallway and finishing up
some work on the playground.

COMING THIS SUMMER!

Arts and Crafts
Intergenerational Pagan Workshops
Weird and Wonderful Science and Faith DVD's
Cooking and Eating and Other Fun Stuff
Stay Tuned for Further Details!

Coming of Age Schedule

Friday-Saturday	May 1-2	LOCK IN	<p>Be at the church by 6:00, eat supper first. We will leave for the play at 6:30. Drivers needed and welcome! 8:00 <i>Seven Brides for Seven Brothers</i></p> <p>Saturday—Leave church at 8:00 a.m. Ropes Course—Furman University (Saturday 9-4)</p> <p>Holy Cross Episcopal Church Labyrinth Walk at Simpsonville, 4:30 Return to church by 6:30</p> <p>Mentors welcome but not required. (All non-payers bring a sack lunch and drink.)</p>	All
Sunday	May 3	10:00-12:00	God Beliefs (no mentors)	Anderson McKenzie
Sunday (Mothers Day)	May 10	10:00-12:00	<p>10:00-10:50 Elevator Speech (with mentors) 11:00 UU-UUCS History Responsibilities of Membership and Stewardship</p>	Anderson PK Weiss
Friday-Saturday	May 15-16	4:30 Friday Return at 5:00 Saturday	Glade Retreat/Vision Quest Campout Mentors needed Saturday afternoon WEATHER PERMITTING	All
Sunday	May 17	10:00-2:30	<p>When People Try to Convert You— Living Your Faith (no mentors)</p> <p>Faith Talk/Lunch with Meg Planning for final worship service (Mentors welcome, not required.)</p>	McKenzie Hall, Ramsey
Saturday	May 23	9:00-5:00	<p>Community Service—Church Work Day</p> <p>Interview Mentors Luncheon Mentors needed</p>	<i>All (No Ramseys available—Happy Birthday, Brian!)</i>
Sunday	May 24	10:00-12:00	Writing Faith Statements (No mentors)	All
Saturday	May 30	1:00-4:00	Worship Planning and Rehearsal (Mentors maybe)	All
Sunday	May 31	10:00-2:00	<p>Flower Service Presentation to Congregation Celebration Picnic</p>	All

Music Program Survey

The Personnel and Worship Committees at UUCS invite you to take part in an online survey about the direction of our music program and the types of experiences you would like to see included in it.

To take part, please visit: www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=t_2bo7dXuozLA1CC3tQ1KaaQ_3d_3d. The survey is short—it will take about five minutes to complete. The survey is open from now until Sunday, May 10. Be sure to give us your opinion and ideas before then.

Although we prefer that you complete the survey on line (since the results will be tabulated automatically for us), we can email you a pdf version or will make a hardcopy available upon request. For either, please contact the Personnel Committee chair, Ruth Stanton (864-574-6086; ruthjstanton@gmail.com) or the Worship Committee chair, Karen Mitchell (864-579-3791; bk Mitchell@bellsouth.net). You may also contact either of them if you have any questions or concerns relating to the survey. Thanks in advance for your input!

Assault on Mt. Mitchell

Thanks to our volunteers who are participating in the Assault on Mt. Mitchell fund raiser. The food trucks will be loaded on Sunday, May 17, and the five loaders are: Charlie Mierek, Joel Jacobs, Stan White, Stewart Foster, and Ed Wilde. The following individuals have volunteered to drive trucks on Monday, May 18: Linda Leible, Bernie Kakuske, Cathy Beck, Charlie Mierek, Marion Tisdale, Norm Schoss, Rick Hahnenberg, Deb Williams, Michael Wray, Vince Smith, Greg Lynch, Doug Allen, Mike Rainey, Meg Barnhouse, Stewart Foster, Le Sharpton, and Jim Spencer (a friend of Ed Wilde). Each truck loader and truck driver will earn \$100 for the church.

GA in Salt Lake City

There is a copy of the General Assembly Notice of Meeting in the church office for anyone interested in attending. It has information and the tentative agenda for GA in Salt Lake City, June 24-28. As we received only one copy, please do not remove from the office; we want it to be available for everyone.

The Kindness of Our Children

Last week our daughter-in-law and grandchildren were here visiting on Florida's spring break. In attending Wonderful Wednesday, I wondered how shy they would be, especially Bella who is nine.

So many of the children welcomed and included them in their activities. Bella was still shy and Shannon Bracey cared enough to sit down on the floor with her and just visit until Bella felt comfortable enough to join in. Bella couldn't stop talking about what a great time she had.

This kindness and sensitivity toward others is so beautiful to watch and even more beautiful to experience. As always, our children show us the way.

Thanks, Shannon!

Bobbie Schoss

Spartanburg Sierra Club

MEETING—Thursday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Jack Seitz will present a program titled "Tales from Africa." Jack recently returned from a week's trip to Kenya. Several years ago he visited the next-door country of Tanzania. He will talk about environmental conditions, poverty, crime, the gap between the rich and the poor, corruption, and wildlife. If there is time—to broaden our knowledge—members of the audience who have visited Africa recently will be invited to share some of their own tales on these subjects.

HIKE—Saturday, May 23, Raven Cliff Falls in Caesar's Head State Park which is located in the Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area. Rated easy to moderate. Bring a lunch to eat at the overlook. Three to four miles total. Open to the public. Phone Jack Seitz, (864) 597-4589 (home) or (864) 597-4589 (work), for departure time and place.



On April 25, members of the Weiss Covenant Group and one of the Coming of Age students performed a community service project by volunteering at the Charles Lea Center's Spring Gala. Pictured here, from left to right: Gwen Stenbridge, Savanna Glenn, P.K. Weiss, Nancy Mandlove, Sally McClellan, and Margaret Schmidt. Not pictured (because she was too busy running the whole show) is Danielle Heider.

Buddhist Meditation Group

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome.

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

Free to good home: one trampoline frame with mesh net—in good condition (JumpKing brand). Needs the bouncing pad/springs/padding. Free to anyone who will come to my place and pick it up. *Connie Godenick 439-7511*

TJ District Meeting

The Thomas Jefferson District Annual Meeting will be held on May 9 at the Summit Conference Center in Haw River State Park, Browns Summit, NC. You are encouraged to attend. Go to the District website to find out how to register on line. The meeting agenda will include one bylaw change (a revision of Article XII) to be considered.

Unison Deadline

18th of Each Month

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday Nights, 9:00

unison@uucs.org

Please don't leave material in the *Unison* mailbox without notifying Monnie (582-4492).

May Birthdays

Sally Hicks (05/09), John Arrants (05/10), Devin Hill (05/10), Beth Love (05/11), Paul Payne (05/12), Terry Mathis (05/14), Theo Pinceloup (05/14), Megan Bracey (05/19), Brian Ramsey (05/20), Lynn Costine (05/21), Andrew Patton (05/21), Jennifer Estes (05/23), Penny Hatchell (05/30), Cindy Howe (05/30), Karen Byars (05/31), Sydney Pye (05/31)

Yes You Can—Sing!

All members and friends interested in getting involved with the UUCS choir or Wild Tic Tacs are welcome to join now. The UUCS Choir is open to all ages. Rehearsals are at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays in the sanctuary, with additional rehearsals possible on Wednesday nights at the 7:00-8:00 p.m. Singarounds. The Wild Tic Tacs rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:30-7:00 p.m. The Wild Tic Tacs will begin rehearsing and writing their next show on Wednesday, March 25. Any adults who would like to volunteer to help the Tic Tacs are welcome. For more information contact: acting music director, Kiya Heartwood, kiya@wishingchair.com, or call 864-680-7446.

Social Concerns

“Share the Plate” Scholarship Fund

At the recent Social Concerns meeting, the committee decided to set up a special fund with our “Share the Plate” monies in May. This fund will be for the sole purpose of providing scholarships for Park Hills children to attend the Converse College summer Fine Arts Camp.

This will be our third year to provide scholarships, after Sally Quinnely (one of our senior adults) suggested it a few years back. Our first year, we sponsored ten children and last year we sponsored four. Each scholarship is about \$250, after the ten percent discount we're being given because of our willingness to help others in our community.

The \$250 provides each child with two weeks of fun, challenges, and growth. For these two weeks, the children gather each Monday through Friday to study, learn, and play. Their four areas of concentration are music, art, creative writing, and theatre. Each child comes away with a camp T-shirt, lots of smiles, and a boost in his/her self-confidence.

For the children at Park Hills Elementary School, this local camp could be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It might be their only opportunity to further explore an area of interest, passion, or raw talent. They will be selected by the classroom and specialty teachers and will be among those returning to Park Hills Elementary next year.

You may support our efforts in setting up Fine Arts Camp scholarships in any of the following ways during the month of May:

Place cash in the offering plate.

Designate monies for just this purpose by using an envelope and marking it as such.

Write a check to UUCS with PHES Scholarships on the “for” line.

If you would like to provide an entire scholarship for one child, please contact Launa at 864-205-3633 or LKBREAD@charter.net.

Animals Need Your Help

Animal Allies and so many rescue shelters are in great need of many things. Many loved pets are being left in shelters because their families cannot afford to feed and care for them. Perhaps you and your family might like to donate some of the needed items in honor or memory of a beloved pet or animal lover. Please place them by the food barrel and we'll make sure they're delivered to the right places. A recent list of needed items included: old towels or blankets, canned and dry food, cat litter, litter boxes and scoops, cleaning materials like Clorox Cleanup, paper towels, and monetary donations are always appreciated. Please make checks to UUCS and designate for Animal Allies. Thank you for your continued love and generosity to those in need.

False Alarms Cost Us Dollars

If you are the last person in the building, please set the alarm. If you don't know the code, and you may at some point be the last person in the building, please call the church office at 585-9230 and someone will call you and tell you. If the alarm goes off you must call the 800 number posted by the alarm box and on the outside of the front door and use the code word (again call the office to get that word) in order for the police not to respond (do this after putting in the code to disarm the alarm). Thank you! We love that the building is used so much. Let's keep our costs down.

If you are not receiving “Happenings,” our weekly electronic newsletter, go to our website at UUCS.ORG to sign up.

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Return Service Requested

The Rev. Meg Barnhouse, Minister
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Sundays
Kiya Heartwood, Acting Music Director
Kathleen Anderson, DRE
Penny Hatchell, Church Administrator
Church Office: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

210 Henry Place (off South Converse Street by way of
Hudson Barksdale) and on Wheeler Court
Church Phone (864) 585-9230
Website <http://www.uucs.org>.
Regular e-mail: office@uucs.org
Announcement for weekly e-mail: happenings@uucs.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 Supper 6:30 Wild Tic Tacs 7:00 SingAround		1	2
					Coming of Age Lock-In	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
12:30 Exploring UU	6:30 Yoga	6:30 Buddhist Meditation	WW Supper & Activities 7:00 Council on Committees			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	6:30 Yoga	6:30 Buddhist 6:45 Rainbow Group	WW Supper & Activities 7:00 Lost Christianities		Coming of Age Retreat	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
ANNUAL MEETING	6:30 Yoga <i>Unison</i> deadline	6:30 Buddhist Meditation	2:00-4:00 Senior Stories; WW supper etc 7:00 Humanism			Sierra Hike Church Workday
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
24th Total Ministries 31st PICNIC	6:30 Yoga	6:30 Buddhist Meditation	WW LFD Commit-tee; Money Support Group; Book Club	7:30 Sierra Club Meeting		9:00-200 Path to Membership