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2010

AWESOME START TO THIS YEAR'S THRIFT SHOP—THE FIRST 3 DAYS BROUGHT IN ALMOST \$1800!!!!

THE SHOP STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

THE SHOP CAN USE MORE ITEMS OF ALL KINDS TO SELL. CHECK WITH NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS FOR DONATIONS. BRING THOSE SAME-NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS TO SHOP!

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VISION STATEMENT

We, the members and friends of the UUMH, strive:

To apply UU principles in our daily living, social actions, and community service;

To nurture a safe community that encourages intellectual, spiritual, and religious freedom and celebrates all the passages of life;

To welcome diversity and pluralism as essential for our connection with all humanity;

To provide fellowship, friendship, and fun, and to support a creative artistic and musical environment;

To sustain and promote a vital religious and spiritual lifespan education program.

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

June 6 Pillow and Pillar Rev. Edmund Robinson

At my installation in January 2009, Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie preached an arresting image of church both as pillow, providing comfort, and as pillar, an essential support of the community. As we prepare for our annual meeting, I will offer reflections on how our church functions and could function.

June 13 Is Hitler in Heaven? Rev. Edmund Robinson

Universalist theology says that everyone is saved. Where does this put the concept of evil? Can the true villains among us look forward to paradise, and if so, is that justice?

June 20 A Solstice celebration and Flower Communion.
Rev. Edmund Robinson

For millennia, humans have worshipped the sun and celebrated the longest day of the year. We will offer our own tribute to the sun with music and dance, through the good talents of Naomi Turner and a company she is assembling. As part of the Solstice, we will also celebrate the Flower Communion started by our Czech Unitarian martyr Norbert Capek. Bring flowers to church from your garden, and take away a different one!

June 27 Humanist saint? Walter Diggs

Dr. William R. Amberson was professor of physiology at the University of Tennessee, University of Maryland, and the Marine Biological Laboratory. He was advisor to the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union and Trustee of the Delta and Providence Cooperative Farms in Mississippi with Reinhold Niebuhr and Sherwood Eddy. He hosted social justice meetings at the Memphis Unitarian Church in the 1930s.

Who's Preaching this Month

Walter Diggs, a member of UUMH, has served as President of the Augusta, GA Unitarian Church and the Memphis UU Fellowship. He has held administrative and academic positions at Chelsea Naval Hospital, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Medical College of Georgia, Memphis Mental Health Institute, and others. He has published many papers on health administration. He is currently Field Representative for the Joint Commission of Healthcare Organizations.

Sightings
the Rev. Edmund Robinson

By the time you read this, you will have gotten the warrant for the Annual Meeting of the Meeting House, including a budget which has a significant deficit. This is due to the recession and to a drop in the number of pledge units. We know that everyone is stretched at this time, yet we are hopeful that some of you will be able to increase your support, that the Thrift shop and other fund-raising ventures go well, and that new sources of revenue will appear during the year. We are grateful for all the financial support you are able to give.

But while this church is not wealthy in terms of money, we are wealthy in far more important ways. We have a rich tradition of caring for one another. This is particularly evident in times of illness or death. Our long-standing Pastoral Care team has a wealth of experience providing meals and visits and comfort in so many ways, and the rest of the congregation follows their lead. Our Small Group Ministry program furthers the system of looking out for one another for those who participate in it.

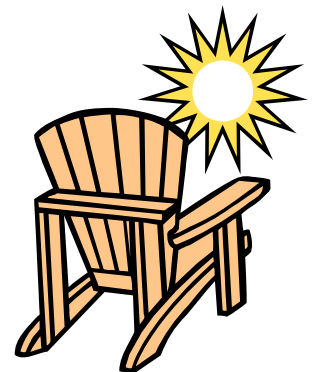
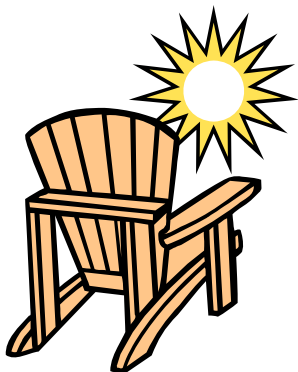
Not only do we care for one another, we extend our ministry into the community, through meals at the Congregate House, contributing to the Food Pantry, and operating the Thrift Shop. Last month at this time there was considerable anxiety about whether the Thrift Shop would open in time. Through the hard work of many hands, very notably Mary C and Mary P, it has not only opened on time, its first day's receipts set a new record!

We are blessed beyond measure by good minds and good hearts and people willing to do whatever it takes to keep the church going and to continue its ministries. With this human capital in the bank, we can surmount the current financial challenge.

I will be gone to General Assembly in Minneapolis from June 21 through 27. If an emergency arises, Melissa will know how to reach me.

Blessings,

Edmund



Be a UU evangelist! Bring a friend or neighbor to church on Sunday!



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Here is the lineup for the Summer Concert Series at the Meeting House on Tuesday nights in July and August. Two volunteers per concert to host and set out refreshments are needed. A signup sheet will be available during church services in June.

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| July 6 | Jacqueline Schwab, pianist |
| July 13 | Greg Greenway, singer-songwriter extraordinaire |
| July 20 | All Worn Out Jug Band – 10th Anniversary concert |
| July 27 | Tim Sweeney Trio – Ukelele virtuoso with pop and swing classics, drums & bass. |
| August 3 | O’Challah – trio playing Irish, Jewish and Eastern European music |
| August 10 | Crabgrass – The mid-Cape’s bluegrass quintet with Les Beaven on banjo |
| August 17 | John Randall’s Saltwater Jazz – a favorite from First Night 2010 |
| August 24 | Sterling Winds – Sally Davol’s flute quartet doing classical and world music |
| August 31 | Deborah Geithner Trio – classical chamber music |



It is with great sadness and loving remembrance that we mourn the passing of one of our larger than life members at UUMH.

**IN MEMORIAM
John Taft
1925-2010**

The Memorial Service for John Taft will be held on Saturday June 19, at 1pm. Rev. Carl Scovel will present the eulogy. The UUMH choir will sing John’s favorite anthem.

VISITING WITH SUZANNE

Many of you know that Suzanne is now at home after several months in rehab after her stroke. Liz is caring for Suzanne along with a battery of aides and therapists.

Liz's Small Group has arranged to both visit with Suzanne and allow Liz a little free time one afternoon a week. If you would also like to visit with Suzanne and help Liz out at the same time, they would be most appreciative. **Just being present is the only requirement.** Groups could choose a day and one or two different people go each week, or perhaps you as an individual could set aside an occasional day either on a schedule or on a more random basis.

Please call Liz .



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Connie Pina, the coordinator for the occasional meals cooked and served for the Chatham Congregate House, is looking for volunteer help for the Congregate House supper on Sunday, June 27. She will be away for the month of June and needs to set this up before she leaves. Thanks, everyone. Please call Connie to volunteer .

THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

The Third Thursday Book Club will meet in June to choose books for next fall. More info on their choices over the summer. New members always welcome, so think about setting aside the third Thursday of each month for good conversation and good company.



!!LAUGHING CLUB!!

Would anyone like to start/join a laughing club? I sorely need one and would be happy to investigate starting one.

Anyone interested should google "laughing clubs" to explore the subject and call me at 945-6162.

Ann Randall



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

May was filled with discussions and plans on how to keep the UUMH financially sound. The economic down turn seems to have hit the Lower Cape and we are now faced with either increasing income or lowering expenditures. We, the members and friends of the UUMH, know the value of a liberal religious voice in our community. We need to do everything in our power to keep our congregation afloat. Give generously, donate your time and goods to the Thrift Shop, and most importantly- bring a friend to church.

An increase in membership is our best defense in these trying times. Besides, we have the best message in town!

The annual meeting of the UUMH will be held immediately after service on Sunday June 6th. Mark your calendar to attend and have your voice heard.

Faithfully,
Sally

PROGRAM COUNCIL NEWS

The Program Council is discussing the idea of creating an archive to house all the documents and pictures that almost 15 years have created. We know these are scattered in various members' homes and would like to have them together for future use. A historian who would coordinate the future collection of such items was also discussed. The final form of all of this is still undecided, but if you would be interested in helping, have ideas, or would like to be either our archivist or our historian, please call Sue.

Thanks to Elsa B and Mary C who will co-chair the Learning for Life and Publicity Committees respectively. A chair for the Walls Committee (hanging those great art exhibits) and a co-chair for Arts & Soul are being sought. Please call Merylle-Lee if you are interested in either of these great opportunities. .

QI GONG UPDATE

Qi Gong practice has moved up to the Sanctuary. We gather there on Monday mornings at 8:30 to strengthen our bodies and our qi, as well as our sense of community. When the weather permits, we will make our joyful way out to Oyster Pond to practice in the elements. On these days we will still gather first in the Sanctuary. Newcomers, summer guests and drop-ins are always welcome. There is a \$5 suggested donation.

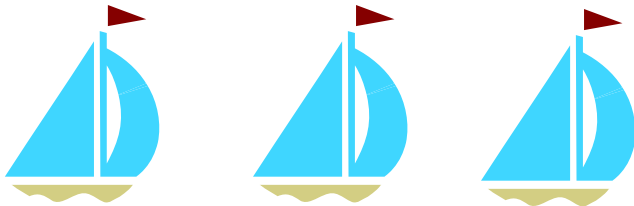
Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I hope to see you there.

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Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. (T. Roosevelt)

JOYS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE



DIRECTORY CHANGES

Valet Parking

The Meeting House can be a difficult place to get into sometimes. If you have trouble with the stairs or finding a Handicapped place, we would like to help.

Valet parking may be the answer! Arrangements can be made to let you off and park your car for you, and then to retrieve it when you are ready to leave.

We also need "Valet Parkers" to make this work!! So, if you would benefit from such a service or if you are willing to help out, even occasionally, please let Edmund or someone on Pastoral Care know.

CECH GROCERY CERTIFICATES

Consider buying CECH grocery certificates to use at Stop & Shop or Shaws. Available in \$25 denominations, 5% of each card's cost is donated to the Chatham Ecumenical Council for the Homeless. You get the full value of the card in groceries and CECH gets a donation as well – a win-win situation!