
Thoughts from the President

First, welcome to the wonderful group of new members that joined us this month and were recognized at the service on May 2. I hope you all find many ways to become involved in the Countryside family; I am eager to meet more of you in the coming weeks.

I continue to look for members who are interested in being delegates to the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis in late June. We are allowed six voting delegates and, so far, have only one member (me) planning to attend as a congregational delegate. Rev. Hilary will be there as well. If you are willing to attend this meeting, which all who have attended in the past say is a very fun and inspirational event, please see me soon. After my experience attending the District Assembly in Wheeling this past weekend, I am more sure than before that attending the national assembly will be an excellent way to see our role as a congregation in the larger UU movement, to learn from and share our stories with other congregations, and to worship with other UUs across the nation.

This District Assembly was my first, and it was well-worth the time spent. Not only did I attend sessions that allowed me to both gain and share ideas about church life, I was also very pleased to hear seventeen members of our choir join those from other district churches in the Saturday evening Choral Fest. Jeffrey Hamrick provided excellent accompaniment for the music of the weekend as well. It was a remarkable experience to hear many talented voices and instrumentalists blend to perform a variety of songs. The music was beautiful, moving and professionally executed. I was very proud to claim so many of these musicians as our own.

The Earth Day service in April and Green Festival following the service were other highlights of the month. Colleen and the youth did a wonderful job of celebrating this event, and the many educational, fun displays in Atherton Hall were examples of creativity and coordination among committees to make an important statement about CCUU's commitment to becoming more "green."

Our 2010-11 pledge drive is winding down. Thanks to Chris Smith and his dedicated team of volunteers for organizing several "house parties" for us to share our thoughts about Countryside's role in our lives, and to give us the opportunity to commit our financial resources to support all that our visions of the future ask of us. Well done! (...but not yet quite finished.) The Board and its budget subcommittee soon will be finalizing the proposed budget based on pledges received, and will present the budget for congregational approval at the May 23 Annual Congregational Meeting. Now's the time to put your money into action, if you haven't already pledged.

We will soon be winding up our year of consultation with Mike Durall, who will give us his final report in June. The second service implementation team continues to meet to plan for our transition next fall to two Sunday services, and the Board is planning its August retreat to set our goals for next year before the new church year begins. CCUU is certainly not holding still!

...Judy Ball

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Upcoming *Focus* Deadlines

May 31 and June 28

Submit articles by 9 am to ccuu@ccuu.org

Come to the Annual Meeting 2010

Please plan to attend our Congregational Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 23, immediately following the church service. Childcare will be provided and coffee and snacks will be served in the Sanctuary. We will be voting on four important items:

1. the budget for 2010-2011
2. the slate of candidates presented by the Nominating Committee for leadership positions,
3. proceeding with capital expenses for our building care
4. adoption of a Covenant of Right Relationship

Article VI of the By-laws states that *there shall be no nominations for officer, trustee or the endowment committee from the floor of the annual congregational meeting. Additional nominations may be made by petition of 15 legal members filed with the Secretary of the Board no later than ten (10) days prior to the annual congregational meeting.*

Elected Leadership Positions

The following nominees, if elected, will assume their positions on July 1, 2010. These candidates were thoughtfully selected and recruited by our Nomination Committee and we are confident that they will serve our church well, with both skill and compassion.

Board of Trustees

Nominees for the Board of Trustees:

1. President Elect - Greg Blus (1 year followed by 2-year term as president)
2. Vice President - Peggy Simonsen (2-year term)
3. Trustee - Tom McTavish (2-year term)
4. Trustee - Marty Farrington (2-year term)
5. Trustee - Beverly Sneddon (2-year term)

Continuing on the Board of Trustees:

1. Secretary - Richard Chay (2nd year of 2-yr term)
2. Trustee - Laura Gadley (2nd year of 2-year term)
3. Trustee - Gloria Kinney (2nd year of 2-year term)
4. Treasurer - Greg Sweigert (2nd year of 2-yr term)

Endowment Committee

Nominees for the Endowment Committee:

1. Member - Art Mayfield
2. Replacement Member - Gloria Kinney (to complete Bob Atherton's term year 4 of 5)

Continuing on the Endowment Committee:

1. Beverly Sneddon (fifth year of 5-year term)
2. Wayne Stein (third year of 5-year term)
3. Chris Smith (second year of 5-year term)

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Audit Committee

1. Gary LaBedz
2. Armando Pauker
3. Mark Stamm
4. Karen Epps

Nominating Committee

We will elect three people to serve on the Nominating Committee for two years, as outlined in Article VII of the Constitution: three members of the nominating committee shall be elected at the annual congregational meeting each year. All nominees to be elected by the congregation to the nominating committee shall be nominated from the floor and shall have given prior approval of their willingness to serve. Three people will be continuing in their second year of their 2-year terms and the Board will appoint a seventh person for a 1-year term.

Nominees for the Nominating Committee:

Nominations will be made from the floor. They must have given prior approval of their willingness to serve. In the event that there are more than three nominations, a vote will be required to select the three members.

Continuing on the Nominating Committee:

1. Ron Vargason (second year of 2-year term)
2. Bridget Smith (second year of 2-year term)
3. Sheryl Skifstad (second year of 2-year term)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. ...Judy Ball, President

Consultant Mike Durall Returns

Consultant Mike Durall will make his return visit to Countryside on the weekend of May 8-9 to finish up on the Capital Campaign and to help us look at our responses to his earlier report.

He'll host a gathering on Saturday morning, May 8, from 9:30 to 11:30, to discuss the recommendations in his preliminary report. All are encouraged to attend, and no sign-ups are necessary.

On Sunday, May 9, he'll host a 30-minute program, summarizing his work with this congregation. Mike's preliminary report is on the church website, and copies of his book *The Almost Church Revitalized* are available for distribution. Mike Durall encourages congregations to take great steps and you are encouraged to take the step of participating.

The Minister's Muse

It seems odd that today it's chilly out - I have on a sweater as I write this - but it's time to make arrangements for June. I booked my plane ticket to travel to Boston with the Coming of Age Class. I'm looking forward to the trip. I like visiting our old Unitarian and Universalist haunts. For a couple of years I made the trip to Concord as a pilgrimage to visit the homes of Ralph Waldo Emerson, the Alcotts, and the little cabin where Henry David Thoreau spent the better part of two years. I would soak up the sense of history and feel grounded in a tradition of ideas and people of passionate curiosity and creativity. Around Beacon Hill, in Boston, I could imagine William Ellery Channing preparing for Sunday services, Hosea Ballou writing and preaching of a loving God. I could sense Theodore Parker carrying his pistol to protect the escaped folk at his stop on the Underground Railroad. I could even feel the intensity of William Lloyd Garrison as he published the Liberator - but he wasn't one of ours. The main thing was to have this rich experience of walking the same streets, touching the same doorposts, looking over the same view of Walden pond that these forbears also walked, touched and saw.

It's important to know ourselves to part of a strong tradition - one that endures today. It's not confined to Boston and Concord. Here in the Northwest Suburbs we are on the same circuit as Augustus Conant, Olympia Brown, Augusta Chapin and my own beloved Jenkin Lloyd Jones. But you don't need to go back in history either. There are so many leaders in our movement now who have important things to say - lay people and clergy. So it is that I have registered for General Assembly in Minneapolis. I like it the most when it is in the Midwest. I like Minneapolis. The Rev. Kendyl Gibbons, one of our great preachers is there and some of our finest voices have risen from that city and St. Paul.

But it's also not confined to the well known and lauded. Our movement is made up of thousands of steady souls who work in our congregations day after day - folding newsletters, helping worship, serving on Church Boards, teaching children and young people. It's profoundly exciting to be among so many Unitarian Universalists for that few days. The workshops are useful for lay people - and often for clergy (we have two days before the larger GA starts). There's remarkable worship, amazing music, prophetic speakers, social action, and lots of cool Unitarian Universalist shopping: chalices, books, art, and lots of fair trade stuff. If you want a sense of the larger

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In Sympathy

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Christina Caglar and family on the death of her father.

Minister's Muse (cont'd)

movement, if you want to be inspired, to learn more, to get energized, to have fun and learn at the same time - it is worth the registration and the housing costs to attend GA. It's often quite far away, as it was last year in Salt Lake City. This year it's quite close.

So - as this is to encourage you to go the UUA website, look up General Assembly and consider registering. We get to have delegates who can vote on the current issues - the Study Action Issues and the actions of Immediate Witness, and all the smaller items of business. The plenaries are quite educational and you get a bird's eye view of our religious movement. Check out UUA.org and you might just find yourself in a car or on a train headed for the twin cities. I'd be thrilled to see you there. It's not Walden Pond - but Minnesota is the land of Ten Thousand Lakes. And you'd have that same experience - of being in the presence of history, of being part of something larger, something enduring and life changing. Come, meet me at General Assembly!

If anyone would like to make a modest contribution toward sending someone to General Assembly, you may give me a check to the Minister's Discretionary Fund and put "GA" on the memo line.

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For assistance from our Lay or Care Ministries,
please call Ken or Trudy.

Upcoming Worship Services

Unless otherwise noted, Sunday services are at 10:30am and childcare and religious education classes are provided for all children and youth.

May 9 **Raising our Children and Ourselves** **Rev. Hilary Krivchenia**

Beyond mythic “motherhood” to the strength it takes to mature as persons of faith in the world.

Child Dedications will be part of the service.

Family Service: Children in first grade and above will attend the beginning of the service with their families.

May 16 **Affirmations: Coming of Age Service** **Colleen Vahey, DRE**

Our Coming of Age students will present their affirmation statements, the articulation of their own developing beliefs.

Share the Plate: Half of the cash collected in the offering will be donated to the Palatine Township Apple Tree Campaign, which provides school supplies to children in need.

May 23 **Shadows** **Rev. Hilary Krivchenia**

Sr High Bridging at beginning of service

Family Service: Children in first grade and above will attend the beginning of the service with their families.

Congregational Annual Meeting follows worship

May 30 **Pulpit Guest TBA**

Share the Plate: Half of the cash collected in the offering will be donated to Unitas.

June 6 **Pride Service** **Rev. Hilary Krivchenia**

All-Church Service: Children in first grade and older attend the full service with their families.

June 13 **Flower Communion** **Rev. Hilary Krivchenia**

All-Church Service: Children in first grade and older attend the full service with their families.

All-Church Picnic after the service (details to come - sponsored by Rainbow Friends, Living the Welcoming Congregation, and the Choir)

June 20 **Summer Worship and Religious Education begins**

See info about Summer RE on page 5.

Proposed Covenant of Right Relationship

Feedback from Countryside members on the proposed Covenant of Right Relationship has been positive, with one consistent suggestion: to reduce its length. In response to this, a briefer version has been put together by combining some parts of the original into one section, eliminating some sections, and keeping the portions that seem to encapsulate the overall intention of the covenant. The resulting revision will be the Covenant that is presented for a vote at our upcoming annual meeting:

In my relationship with the CCUU community, and in keeping with our UU values, I will strive to:

- *Take responsibility for my words and actions by being honest and respectful in my speech, while listening to others with an open mind and heart;*
- *Be sensitive to possible conflicts, and be willing to work toward solutions using available resources, accepting that some differences may not be resolvable;*
- *Respect and support the diversity within our congregation, and work to create and maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all.*

Members of the CCRC Panel (Vid Axel, Gina Budde, and duRee Bryant) would like to thank the congregation for its feedback and are available to answer any questions you may have.

Meet the Minister

Once a month, visitors and new folks with questions about Countryside Church and Unitarian Universalism are invited to meet with Rev. Hilary in the sanctuary after the greeting line has finished and you have gotten a cup of coffee or tea. Upcoming Meet the Minister: May 16, Jun 6.

Wine Tasting

You are invited to a Wine Tasting on May 29, 7-9pm at The Wine Cellar, 361 W. Northwest Hwy. This is a fundraiser for the church so invite your friends and neighbors! All are welcome! Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Sign up in Atherton Hall or contact Deeya Roberts.

New Members

Please welcome these new members who have joined the church since December and were recognized during the worship service on May 2. [Note: Because this is being posted on the church website, contact information has been omitted. If you would like to receive it, please contact the church office.]

Grace Chao and Michael Koo
Briana Koo

Sarah Mikulski (Tom*)

Joanne Miller

Mary Janes

Jennifer Perez-Brennan

Peggy Klein

Marcus and Annabel

Orisha 'Rish' Kulick

Sara Trice and Luke Sienkowski

Larraine LeBlond & Grant Yokomizo

Mary Beth Van Wijk
Aria

Amy Llende

Hannah and Elena

Noel Zak

Janet and Jerome McDonnell

Sam and Owen

**All-Church
Potluck Picnic
Sunday, June 13
After the worship service
Mark your calendars!**

Spring Cleaning?

It's that time of year when it feels good to clean out those closets! Please bring unopened toiletries (shampoo, moisturizer, soap, toothpaste etc) to church and deposit them in the blue bin in the coat closet. Any size (from hotel samples to full-size) is welcome. All items will be donated to the Wheeling Township food pantry to add a little luxury in the lives of needy families.

UUs for Social Justice: Spring Meeting

Sunday, May 23, 2 to 5 pm at First Unitarian Church of Chicago, 5600 S. Woodlawn Ave. The program, *The Peacemaking Congregational Study/Action Issue: what it means to you and your congregation*, will be presented by Sharon Welch, Provost and Professor of Religion and Society at Meadville Lombard Theological School. Sharon has been a guiding light in crafting the Peacemaking Statement of Conscience which will be presented for a vote at the UUA General Assembly in June 2010.



Campaign Update

It has been about a year since the Building Countryside campaign was approved by the Board. In the past 12 months, we have worked together to raise over \$525,000 in pledges and have completed several major projects (sanctuary roof, siding, painting, sanctuary windows, hallway closets/display case and a security system). In addition, we have generated over \$10,000 in outreach funds to share Countryside's generosity with the local community.

Now that Spring is here, we will be completing our exterior projects. We are scheduled to replace our aging HVAC units with new Energy Star models, we will be finishing the siding/painting and the east side of the building, we will be replacing the windows in the kitchen and Atherton Hall, and finally, resurfacing the church parking lot. Several interior projects are being researched, including repair/"refreshment" of the sanctuary flooring and décor.

Thank you to all who have participated in the BC capital drive. Your timely payments allow us to continue improving our beautiful facility. The campaign is still open for members who have yet to pledge or would like to increase their pledge. We still have a goal of reducing our mortgage debt by \$200,000 that needs to be filled. Pledge forms are available in the office.

Thank you again. Together we are Building Countryside.

...Paul Sneddon and Greg Blus, Campaign Co-chairs

Religious Education (RE) News

Earth Day: Learn More . . .

Many of you have been asking for more information about items highlighted at the April 18 Earth Day service and green festival. Here are the links:

- Slideshow about the dangers of plastic bags:

<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080506/MULTIMEDIA02/80505016/>

- Information about the need to eliminate styrofoam trays in school cafeterias:

<http://www.nofoamchicago.org>

300,000 styrofoam trays are wasted in Chicago Public Schools each day — an amount that, if stacked one on top of another, would surpass the height of the Willis (Sears) Tower (April issue, *Mindful Metropolis*, pg. 32).

- Annie Leonard's new *The Story of Bottled Water*: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Se12y9hSOM0>

RE Registration

If you have not yet registered for next year's Religious Education (RE) program for children and youth (infant - age 18), please do so today! Go to http://www.ccuu.org/index.php?option=com_smartformer&formid=5%20&Itemid=33 It takes just a few minutes and is vital to helping us plan the great RE experiences that you expect at CCUU:

Faith in Action: Summer Religious Education June 20-September 5

Fun mixed-age classes will be held for infants through age 4 and Kindergarten through Grade 6. If you would like to help with any of our service projects, please contact Linda Berry, mljgberry@aol.com.

Note: no RE classes July 4 & July 25; children will attend the full service; childcare provided.

Friday mUUSIC @ Countryside!



Singing Meditation May 7 at 7pm

Please come to the kickoff of this monthly event, in which facilitated singing and silence combine to create a unique and powerful spiritual experience.

The singing part includes a variety of interfaith vocalizations. Childcare will be available. For more info, go to www.singingmeditation.org or contact music director Jeff Hamrick, music@ccuu.org.

Drum Circle: May 14 at 7pm

Bring yourselves and your hand percussion instruments, if you have them, and feel the flow of energy and enthusiasm surround you as you drum in a group. (We will have some instruments on hand for those who have none, but we can't guarantee availability.) This is a great way to release tension and nurture your primal creative spirit. Activities for children will be available. For more information, contact Robin Dodds.

Don't miss Friday evenings at CCUU!

Why is June Pride Month?

Let's go back to New York in June 1969. At that time, being GLBT would qualify you for a stay in the local mental hospital. Homosexuality was considered a mental illness worthy of hospitalization. People could be arrested for not wearing clothing matching their gender. Women could be arrested for wearing men's clothes. Men could be arrested for dressing as drag queens.

The Stonewall Riots at the end of June 1969 is recognized as the first time that the GLBT community stood up for the right to be themselves. This event was commemorated a year later, on June 28, 1970 by Gay Pride parades held in San Francisco, Chicago, and New York's Greenwich Village.

On January 1, 1973 a change to the Diagnostic Statistical Manual was released, and at that point, thousands of people were immediately cured of the mental illness of being gay or lesbian.

Yes, Chicago has been part of the Pride Parade since the beginning. Celebration of Gay Pride has expanded to include the entire month of June. We've come a long way from the night of June 27, 1969.



Social Action Committee (SAC) Update

Last Chance to Submit Your Share-the-Plate Selection for the Coming Year

Do you have a local or international group that should receive funds through our share-the-plate program? We are taking submissions

for the share-the-plate recipients for the upcoming year. Sixteen times a year one-half of the collection plate during service is given to a worthy organization. We will pick the recipients at our May Social Action Committee (SAC) meeting on May 16. It is easy to make a submission. Place your request in the social action mailbox in the church office or e-mail your request to

SocialAction@ccuu.org. Be sure to give a description along with the name and address of the organization.

Final PADS Meal of Season Served

Our last PADS meal of the season for the PADS shelter at the Presbyterian Church of Palatine was served on April 28. PADS meals will start up again in the fall. A special thank you to Belinda Robinson for coordinating the meals.

Worldwide Vegan Bake Sale

Please stop by Atherton Hall after church on May 9 and buy delicious baked goods at the Worldwide Vegan Bake sale. One half of the proceeds will go to provide funding for microfinance loans. The other half will go to Mercy for Animals, a Chicago-based organization that promotes the humane treatment and welfare of all animals.

Social Action Coffee House

We are starting a monthly Social Justice Coffee House! Music, films, an open mike, coffee, snack and conversation about social justice will be provided. Our goal is to provide a place for CCUU members and the public from high school to senior citizen to meet and discuss social action and justice in an informal environment. This will be a work in progress and we are very excited as to how this will turn out. The coffee house will be held June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28 and December 23. Please see David Cohen or e-mail socialaction@ccuu.org if you are interested in helping with the coffee house.

Help Raise Funds for Microfinance Loans

Help the Social Action Committee raise over \$800 by working the Pizza One Booth on Saturday, July 3 at the Arlington Height Festival Days. We need 24 people total to work 3 shifts at the Pizza One booth. The shifts are 11:30 am to 3 pm; 3 to 7 pm and 7 to 10 pm. The high school youth group has committed to man the Sweet Shop for the same shifts. If you are willing to work one or more

shifts, please e-mail SAC at SocialAction@ccuu.org. If we can quickly fill these time slots, we can sign up for additional days and raise even more money! This is a great fundraiser because we don't want your money, we only want you to donate a couple of hours of your time.

SAC Donates \$400 to UUSC Just Works Camp

SAC donated \$400 to cover materials used at the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Just Works Camp in Minneapolis on June 12-20. Participants will engage in light construction work each day as part of a Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity project. The \$400 will help to cover some of the materials used.

Immigration Reform Subcommittee

An immigration reform subcommittee has been formed. This subcommittee is dedicated to allowing all persons a path to citizenship putting our principal of the inherent worth and dignity of each person into action. Please see Damian Christianson or e-mail socialaction@ccuu.org if you would like to join the subcommittee.

CCUU to Host UUSJ Summer Meeting

On August 22, SAC will host the summer meeting of the Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ), an organization composed of many of the social action committees of UU churches in the Chicagoland area. The first hour of the meeting always addresses a social action issues so please plan on attending.

Coming of Age Class Donates \$225 for Microfinance Loans

The Coming of Age (COA) class held a fundraiser at Photo's Hot Dogs to raise funds for Microfinance loans. \$225 total was raised between the fundraiser and donations by the students. The students used the money to issue a microfinance loan to the Virgen Niña Group, a group of 13 members engaged in selling food, cosmetics, clothing, beef empanadas, or providing services such as carpentry and transportation in Bolivia.

Why Should We Participate in Social Action?

Because "If it's a good idea, go ahead and do it. It's much easier to apologize than it is to get permission." Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper (December 9, 1906 - January 1, 1992) was an American computer scientist, United States Naval officer and first person to use the term debugging for a computer.

Next Social Action Committee Meeting

Our next meeting is Sunday, May 18 at Noon in classroom 1. A potluck lunch is always served. Please join us and help to make a difference.

Open Forum Discussion

We endeavor to discuss “the issues of the day” while respectfully welcoming different perspectives. We meet in Room 6 on Sunday mornings. We start at 9 am so we can socialize prior to discussing the day’s topic. From 9:15-10:15, we discuss a current events issue. Feel free to bring your own coffee and/or snacks to share. We welcome diverse points of view!

On Sunday, May 9, we tentatively plan to discuss: Food Fight! Are School Lunches Setting Kids Up for Poor Nutrition? How can parents and students fight back to ensure healthy school lunch options? What changes would we need to make to improve school foodservice? What role does nutrition education play in changing children’s eating habits?

On Sunday, May 16, we tentatively plan to discuss: On guard: Can state troops stop the violence in Chicago neighborhoods? What do you think are the major reasons behind the surge in violence? With whom does most of the responsibility lie in ending Chicago’s street violence? Can the National Guard, or even the police, really stop the violence?

For more info, please contact the facilitators (led by Vid Axel) at ofd@ccuu.org.

Cookbook!

Yes, Countryside is going to have its very own cookbook. If you can volunteer a few minutes to type and organize, we will have this to the printers in time for Christmas. What a great gift! Contact Deeya.

Book Discussion Groups Book Circle

Everyone is welcome to join the Book Circle discussions. We will be meeting next on Sunday, June 6, at 6:30 pm in room 6. Our selection for that evening is Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution-and How It Can Renew America by Thomas L. Friedman. (An updated “2.0” version is available.) “Americans intuit that we’re on the wrong track and we need a course correction. If we want to maintain our technological, economic, and moral leadership and a habitable planet-things will have to change around here, and fast.”

Last Mondays Book Discussion

Please join us Monday, May 24 at 7 pm in the Stokes Room to discuss a classic - The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck. On June 28, we will discuss The Heretic’s Daughter by Kathleen Kent.

First Fridays Spiritual Movie Night

Join us on Friday, May 7 at 7 pm in Atherton Hall to view the movie *The Visitor*.

The movie *The Shift* by Jack Allis has been rescheduled to a later date. For more info, visit www.Journey-Inward.com.

Moviefest for Mental Health

On Saturday, May 8, 10 am-3 pm, come view free of charge recent feature films such as *The Soloist* along with documentaries on current thinking of mental health issues. Discussion will follow each film and lunch may be ordered for a nominal charge. Cosponsored by five local affiliates of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). For more info, contact Dan Wiseman or Venus Gintowt.

AFD Movies with Meaning: May 21

Movies with Meaning has been moved to the 3rd Friday this month. Two “green” films will be shown that evening at 7pm in Atherton Hall. The first is “A Thousand Suns.” The other film is called “The Power of Community;” its subtitle is “How Cuba Survived Peak Oil”, and it describes what happened in Cuba when the Soviet Union collapsed (and therefore most of their imports, both of oil and food, stopped). One of the main results was an immediate food crisis.

Making the Most of Our Money Update on the Children’s Program

We have had a great start to this session’s children’s program. Kathy McMichaels, Belinda Robinson and I co-teach the class. They are wonderful teachers and a great asset to the class. We have children ranging from 1 1/2 to 15 years old. It’s great to see the families having dinner together before the program and the children coming in full and ready to go! We spend our time together doing a variety of activities. We explore money related concepts through books, discussions, and art projects. The children are also given time for exploration and learning through play. We provide assistance to children bringing in homework, and we encourage the development of literacy by reading and providing each child with two books to take home every week. The children really enjoy selecting their books. We would like to thank everyone who has helped this program become so successful by providing books, meals, art supplies, and snacks. It is a joy to be a part of these children’s lives.

With gratitude, Angela Walsh-Morris, MMOM
Children’s Program Coordinator

Upcoming Meetings and Events

A complete calendar of all events and meetings held in the building is on the church website (www.ccuu.org) under the "Events & Rentals" heading. If your church meeting or event is not listed there, please fill out a room reservation form (available with the calendar on the website) and submit it to the church office.

Wed 5/5	6pm	SAC Immigration Reform Mtg	Fri 5/21	7pm	Song Circle
	6:30pm	Making the Most of Our Money		7pm	AFD Movies with Meaning
	7pm	Ctte on Ministry	Sun 5/23	9am	Open Forum Discussion
	7:30pm	Menzgroup Covenant Group		11:30am	Congregational Annual Mtg
Thu 5/6	7pm	Hatha Yoga	Mon 5/24	7pm	Death and Dying Study Group
	7pm	Scripture Class		7pm	Last Mondays Book Discussion
	7pm	Ctte on RE Ministry Mtg	Tue 5/25	7pm	Adult Faith Development Council Mtg
	7:15pm	Church Choir Rehearsal		7pm	RE Council Mtg-Linda Berry's house
Fri 5/7	12pm	Worklife Support Group		7pm	Membership Ctte Mtg
	7pm	Singing Meditation		7pm	Personnel Ctte Mtg
	7pm	Journey Inward Spiritual Movie Night	Wed 5/26	6:30pm	Making the Most of Our Money
	7pm	Board Mtg with Mike Durall		7pm	Facilitators Chalice Circle
Sat 5/8	9am	Open Mtg with Mike Durall	Thu 5/27	7pm	Hatha Yoga
	10am	AFD-NAMI Film Fest		7pm	Social Action Coffee House
Sun 5/9	9am	Forum Discussion: School Lunches	Fri 5/28	7pm	Games Night
	11:30am	Worldwide Vegan Bake Sale	Sun 5/30	9am	Open Forum Discussion
	11:30am	Congr Mtg with Mike Durall		12pm	Rainbow Friends Meeting
	12pm	Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting	Mon 5/31	Memorial Day - Church Offices Closed	
	12pm	Movement for Fun Covenant Group		7pm	Death and Dying Study Group
Mon 5/10	7pm	Death and Dying Study Group	Tue 6/1	7pm	Program Council Meeting
Tue 5/11	7pm	Tuesday Kinship Circle		7pm	Agnosticism-Humanism-Atheism Grp
Wed 5/12	6pm	SAC Immigration Reform Mtg	Wed 6/2	7pm	Ctte on Ministry
	6:30pm	Making the Most of Our Money		7:30pm	Menzgroup Covenant Group
	7pm	Finance Ctte Mtg	Thu 6/3	7pm	Hatha Yoga
Thu 5/13	7pm	Hatha Yoga		7:15pm	Church Choir Rehearsal
	7:15pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Fri 6/4	12pm	Worklife Support Group
Fri 5/14	5pm	COA Dinner & Celebration		7pm	Sr High Covenant Group
	7pm	Sr High Covenant Group		7pm	Journey Inward Spiritual Movie Night
	7pm	Drum Circle	Sun 6/6	9am	Open Forum Discussion
Sat 5/15	TBA	Circle Suppers		11:45am	Meet the Minister
Sun 5/16	9am	Open Forum Discussion: On guard	Tue 6/8	7pm	Tuesday Kinship Circle
	11:45am	Meet the Minister	Wed 6/9	7pm	Finance Ctte Mtg
	12pm	Social Action Mtg	Thu 6/10	7pm	Hatha Yoga
	12pm	Stewardship House Party		7:15pm	Church Choir Rehearsal
	12pm	Movement for Fun Covenant Group	Fri 6/11	7pm	Drum Circle
	12pm	Nominating Ctte Mtg		7pm	AFD Movies with Meaning
Mon 5/17	7pm	Death and Dying Study Group	Sun 6/13	9am	Open Forum Discussion
Tue 5/18	7pm	Worship Council		12pm	Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting
Wed 5/19	6:30pm	Making the Most of Our Money	Tue 6/15	7pm	RE Council Mtg
	7pm	Journey Inward		7pm	Worship Council
	7pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Wed 6/16	7pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thu 5/20	7pm	Hatha Yoga		7pm	Journey Inward
	7pm	Scripture Class	Thu 6/17	7pm	Hatha Yoga
	7:15pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Fri 6/18	10am	Daytime Kinship Circle
Fri 5/21	10am	Daytime Kinship Circle		12pm	Worklife Support Group
	12pm	Worklife Support Group		7pm	Song Circle