



United Church of Gainesville

NEWSLETTER

WHOEVER YOU ARE, WHEREVER YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, WE WELCOME YOU.

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“On the Journey”

UCG’s Annual Retreat

at Lake Yale– April 23 to 25

Come along with us for this wonderful week-end away, filled with times for fun, reflection, worship, and connections, in a beautiful setting with kindred UCG folks and great programs for children and youth. Registration continues Sundays, April 4th and 11th.

See page 2 for more Retreat information.



If you are lucky enough to go on Retreat, you are lucky enough!

Time and Talent

If you did not have a chance to complete a Time and Talent form or to volunteer as a member of a board, committee, team or as a church school guide, please look for the form on the counter in the foyer as you come to church these next three weeks. You can fill out your form and put it in the box in the foyer as you leave. You can also e-mail the church office and we’ll send you a form electronically.

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There is no Worship Service at UCG on Sunday, April 25.

The Journey to Easter and Beyond

- Maundy Thursday – 7:00pm Tenebrae Service – child care provided
- Easter Sunday – 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am Services – Sermon by Larry Reimer and Sandy Reimer, “An Idle Tale it Seemed to Them (And So They Did Not Believe)”
- Sunday April 11 – 9:30 & 11:00 Services—Vince Amlin
- Sunday April 18—9:30 & 11:00 Services— Earth Day - “Holy Roller Sunday,” Larry Reimer

Feed me this day, Holy Spirit, with the fragrance of the fields and the freshness of the oceans which you have made, and help me to hear and to hold in all dearness those exacting and wonderful words of Jesus, saying: “Follow me.”

~ Mary Oliver, “Six Recognitions of the Lord,” in *Thirst*



What's Happening in April

PNO (Parent's Night Out) on Friday, April 16

Need a night out? PNO is for parents of babies through K/1 and their siblings. The kids can go to the UCG church school wing from 5:30 to 8:30pm - where they eat pizza*, watch movies, play games, and have fun with their friends and our child care staff. The cost is \$10 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child. RSVPs are required so we have sufficient staffing for the children. **Please RSVP by noon on Tuesday, April 13** to alysnm@ucgainesville.org. *Due to life-threatening food allergies, no outside food can be brought in.

Holy Roller Day – Alternative Transportation to Church on Sunday, April 18

As UCG continues to go greener, the Social Justice Committee asks that everyone consider some alternative way to get to church. One way of course is by bicycle, (thus Holy Roller Sunday). If this is not feasible for you, look for people near you and car pool. If this doesn't work, perhaps combine your trip to church with grocery shopping or other errands, saving another trip to town. Or if that doesn't work, just drive slower and save some gas. You can be creative about this. Extra bike locking areas will be set up in the memory garden.

PattiCake Potluck

Details to be announced. For up to date information contact Cindy Martin at cindyandtim@cox.net.

RECURRING THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

- ★ **Dances of Universal Peace** meets in the West Wing at 7:30pm on the second Friday of each month. The dances are meditative in nature and cultivate connections with yourself and others. All dances are taught incorporating sacred phrases and chants from world religions and are based on simple folk dance movements. No partner or previous experience needed, just come with an open heart.
- ★ **Friendship Group** meets in Room 8, at 11:00am, on the first and third Sundays of the month. Denise Follenius facilitates this group for church teens and adults with special needs.
- ★ **BYO Lunch Groups** meet at noon on Fridays - Men's in the Kitchen and Women's in the Library. All are welcome to these informal gatherings. Child care is provided if you call the church office by noon on Thursday. No Lunch Groups on April 24th.
- ★ **20 +/-** meets Sundays at 12:15pm in the Courtyard. This group is open to all young adults who have finished high school who are in school, in the work force, or where-ever. Contact Rachele Degraff at JFsmiley1@comcast.net or Phillip Clemons at sclemons@ufl.edu for details.

Book Sale Success!

The UCG Book Sale was a big success this year: books and book-lovers galore, beautiful spring weather and over a thousand dollars raised toward the church's library and media fund. Thanks to all the contributing volunteers and willing customers! -- Ellen Louis, UCG Librarian

UCG Contributes Generously

Our annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering was Sunday, March 28. Thanks to your generosity, UCG is contributing \$2221 toward international development and relief in partnership with Church World Service.

UCG ANNUAL RETREAT

“ON THE JOURNEY” - APRIL 23 TO 25

AT LAKE YALE CONFERENCE CENTER NEAR LEESBURG

Registration continues:

**at the church office, 9:30 to 4:30pm through Friday, April 2nd;
Sunday April 4th from 10:30 to 11:00am in the Memory Garden;
and Sunday April 11 from 10:30am to 12:30pm.**

Martha McInnes, Registrar, and Carol Barron, Assistant Registrar, are happy to answer any questions you have about Retreat. We hope that you'll sign up for this wonderful annual UCG event. The Retreat includes worship, recreation, workshops and activities for all ages, a variety show, and lots of fun and relaxation! There is great child care for babies and toddlers during the day, and for all children in the evening. The Conference Center is situated on a large and beautiful lake; the facilities include a swimming pool as well as basketball, softball, soccer and volleyball areas. All meals are provided. Housing is in dormitory cabins, with some options for semi-private rooms. Adults who attend without children have the additional options of tent-camping, RVs, and motel rooms. For more information about the camp, visit the Lake Yale website at www.lybcc.com.

Information packets and directions are available at the registration tables, at the church office, and online at www.ucgainesville.org. Financial aid is available for UCG members in the form of scholarships or loans. Every adult attending retreat volunteers to help with one activity during the week-end. Parents of elementary school children are encouraged to lead a one-hour session with the children doing something you and they enjoy. You can sign up for the activity of your choice on posters when you register. Please note that you will need to pay when you register.

Other important information:

- check-in on Friday evening at Maguire Auditorium. First-time Retreat attendees will have a special table with helpful welcomers to facilitate a smooth and happy arrival!
- adults, please bring your own labeled coffee mug and your own refillable water bottle
- You can order t-shirts (adults \$10; youth and children, \$6) at registration **if you register by Sunday, April 4th**. A sample of the T-shirt logo will be available.

There is a meeting for all **parents of babies – 5th graders** who are going on Retreat, on **Sunday, April 18 at 10:45am** in the West Wing with child care and children's program coordinators. Please mark this date on your calendar!

Calling all people of variety! Do you have a hidden, or not so hidden, talent that you would like to share with your fellow UCG'ers? Well, now is your chance! Please consider signing up for the UCG Family Retreat Variety Show, happening the Saturday night of the Retreat. Look for Shanna Johnson and Tracy Bachmann at Retreat Registration on Sunday, April 4th to sign up. **Please remember:** All acts must consist of at least two people, be PG rated and suitable for even the youngest audience member, containing no references to drugs, alcohol or tobacco.

Retreat Jazz Band! If you're coming on retreat and play a jazz band instrument, sign up at church or let the church office know. I'm going to decide what we'll play based on what instruments we have. The music is typically of a quality middle school band level of difficulty. We're **rehearsing Wed., April 21, at 7:00 p.m.**

You can pick up your **Retreat programs** at the church office on Friday, April 23 between 9am and noon or when you check in at Maguire on Friday night. If you are arriving on Saturday, go to the North Camp Dining Hall between 7:30 and 8:45 or noon and 1:15 to get your program, nametag, and motel room key.

The Seventh Trumpet

If the data I have is right, something quite remarkable happened rather quietly at UCG this year. We significantly increased our pledge base. Pledging units are either individuals or couples who make a promise to give a certain amount of money to the church in the coming year. There is a lot of attrition in a church our size with members dying, moving to other towns or moving to other interests in their lives.

In 2010, we lost thirty pledging units at UCG for the above reasons. The remarkable news is that we gained sixty pledging units. That's a net gain of thirty pledging units, the largest gain I can think of in the history of this church. First, I thank enlistment chair, Steve Goldstein and his campaign of "Pledging with a Twist." Evidently giving incentives work. Secondly I thank all of you who pledged for the first time this year or pledged after a time of not pledging.

While I would never fully equate our financial commitment with the overall commitment of people to the work of this church, they do travel quite closely with one another. At the same time, the average pledge dropped from \$1,828 a year to \$1,684. This is completely understandable in that new pledges typically come in lower than older pledges as new people get used to the pattern of giving to their church. It's also true that the economy is still in rough shape.

All of this is cause for thanksgiving and a good yet humble pat on the back. It's a great Easter celebration.

Yet, we still have the struggle of completing our pledge campaign. The last ten to fifteen percent of our pledges come in after the official close of the campaign at the end of November, with many of those final pledges coming in the second week in January.

Church Council is considering the recommendation that we move the beginning of the pledge campaign from November 1 to October 1, hoping to complete the campaign well before the Christmas season sets in. This will mean pushing the beginning of our budget development process back to May and June. If Church Council votes to recommend this plan, it will come to the congregation at the May Congregational Meeting. In the meantime, if you have questions or opinions on changing our enlistment campaign schedule, contact our Moderator, Anne Casella, or Moderator-elect, Tim Martin.

Larry

PS - I will be doing my annual movie Sunday on May 23, looking primarily at "Avatar." Take the opportunity to see it on the big screen while it's still there.

We Need You on Sunday Mornings

As part of Time & Talent, UCG members and friends recently filled out a 2010 Information sheet and Sunday Volunteer form. These forms are very important to the church office for keeping our database updated and scheduling Sunday Morning Volunteer tasks as well as other various activities during the year. Three of the volunteer duties - ushering, making coffee for fellowship time and bringing the worship center arrangement - are assigned at various points throughout the year. We assign these tasks based on the information we get from your volunteer forms. When you are assigned, you will receive a volunteer schedule in the mail along with instructions for your specific task. We realize people lead busy lives but we ask that if you are unable to be here on your assigned Sunday that you contact someone else on the volunteer schedule and switch dates. Part of being a UCG member is pitching in once or twice a year on a Sunday morning to make things run smoothly. If you have not turned in a 2010 Information and Volunteer Sheet please contact the church office at info@ucgainesville.org or 378-3500 and we will send you a form. Thanks!

THRESHOLDS

. . . . SANDY REIMER

Retreat ... and Easter ... Retreat ... and Easter Retreat ... that's what's on my mind right now! There are three special and different Easter Services at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am, and I look forward to the singing, the flowers, the joy and hope and the celebration as we gather together. Remember to bring a finger food to share at one of the two fellowship times that day.

Retreat is a magical time for me when we go away, journey to another sacred place, for renewal and reconnection. Deena Metzger, in writing about retreats, says "*We withdraw, not only from the concerns of the world and its preoccupations, but from the incessant routine monologue and concerns within ourselves, in order for something new to come into being.*" That's true for me every year; I come back from Retreat refreshed and renewed!

Retreat planning and registration are moving along really well. I appreciate the positive responses I've heard from folks about the changes in our location from South Camp to North Camp. Jamie Baldwin and Cam Parker took a reconnaissance road trip to check out North Camp with an eye toward children's activities and families. They came back pretty excited, mentioning the beautiful trees and green space, the eagle's nest, the extra lodge building for gathering and the central location of the North Camp Dining Hall.

When you register for Retreat, be sure to sign up to help with one job so that the week-end flows smoothly for all of us. There are also information sheets for parents of young children, for folks staying in motels, and for campers. There will be two canopies set up between the motel buildings and the tent/rv sites that mark the gathering spot for those adults. Bring your folding chair to the canopy area whenever you are looking for some company and conversation.

The week after Retreat is the Florida Conference UCC Annual Meeting in Naples, Florida on Friday, April 30 through Saturday, May 1st. Our UCG delegates are Tim Martin, Larry Ligammare, Mary Nutter, Vince Amlin, Andy Bachmann, Larry Reimer and Sandy Reimer. UCG member Ron Nutter will finish his term as the Moderator of the Florida Conference. Larry, Vince, Andy and I will be going down on Thursday evening in order to be there for the workshops on Friday morning. Because of the travel distance to and from this Conference, the Board of Parish Ministry will coordinate the worship services on Sunday, May 2nd.

Looking ahead to the next worship theme, "The Road Less Travelled," I strongly encourage you, in preparation for our service on Mother's Day, to watch at least one episode of the TV show "Modern Family" on ABC, Wednesday nights at 9:00.

And as we journey through April into May, keep the Retreat and the church, in our transitions of lay leadership, in your prayers and blessings!

PASSAGES...

- Best wishes to Andrew Uelsmann and Jessica Aiken who were married on Saturday, March 13, at noon at the Baughman Center with Larry Reimer and Sandy Reimer officiating.
- UCG Member Wally Barry, father of Walter Barry, died Saturday, March 20 at Hospice Haven. We hold his family in our prayers. Larry officiated at a small private memorial service in the Chapel on March 31.

ANDY'S CORNER

Most likely by the time you receive this newsletter, our youth group, Youth United will be making their 6th (!) trip to the gulf coast of Mississippi. Our first Work Tour took us to poverty stricken Biloxi Mississippi 4 months before Hurricane Katrina struck. In the time since then we have made an annual pilgrimage back to the ravaged land to pay our respects and offer what we can to help the people there have a better quality of life. While we make a point to head to the Gulf Coast, primarily because there is still SUCH need, we also recognize that need exists everywhere we turn.

This Easter season is always a time of bringing hope to the hopeless. This is the season that God's good news of renewing grace comes to fruition all over the place; from the budding of the flowers to the rekindling of family and friendships at the All Church Retreat.

This year I am particularly grateful to Reisa George and Cheryl Conroy (the Art teacher at Duval Elementary School), as well as the supportive and inspired Outreach Committees at UCG, who, together, have begun a program at Duval Elementary that brings hope and promise to those people in our community who are all too often easily overlooked. The children.

Through the combined support and efforts of these wonderful people (as well as Karen Johnson

and Lynda Everitt) we have started a program at Duval, where 53 children from 20 different families take home, each weekend, a backpack filled with non-perishable, healthy food for all the children in the household. We modeled the program on the national Food 4 Kids run by the United Way. There is a similar program at Littlewood, at Idylwild, and now, thanks to Reisa and Cheryl and YOUR outreach dollars, at Duval Elementary.

We never know where the call of God will lead us. Whether it is to the gulf coast of Mississippi, the restful shores of Lake Yale, or to the hallways of Duval Elementary; the call of God is caught again on the whisper of the wind. It beckons us to follow and find that hope once again blossoms in her Easter splendor in places and at times when we least expect it.

Blessings to our newest UCG members, the 2010 Confirmation class! They are: Kirsten Dana, Elijah Eyerly, Abby Johnson-Hooker, Meg Levey, Evan Milch, Kate Schert, Philipp Seubert, Robin Stuart, Matthew Thoburn, Nick Thoburn, Brendon Von Zubern, Katie White and Jonah Whitford. Special thanks to Elisa Lockhart and Casey Kumar for all their help with the program!

MSG

April 4 & 11 Spring Break– No group.

April 18 Work on Retreat Skit

April 23-25 All Church Retreat

YU

April 4-9 Work Tour 2010

April 18 Retreat Prep

April 23-25 All Church Retreat

Taize' Pilgrimage

Rev David Dean, UCG member and campus minister at the Presbyterian and Disciples Student Center at the University of Florida is again leading a pilgrimage to the Taize' community in France this summer from August 2-17. The trip includes time touring England and France as well as week at Taize' where participants not only take part in Taize' worship but also participate in wonderful small group discussions with people from around the world. Taize's programs are particularly directed at 16-29 year olds, but there is also limited space for people older than thirty and younger than sixteen.

Cost is approximately \$1,500-1700 plus airfare. For more information contact David Dean at info@pdcsc.org.

It has been a month of receiving good gifts. As many of you heard about from Larry and Sandy, I was ordained at Zion UCC, my home church in Indianapolis, on March 6th. The gathering brought together people from every aspect of my life, including many surprises! Friends and family traveled from Florida, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois, and various parts of Indiana to be present for the day. My seventh and eighth grade English teacher, who introduced me to good books; my third grade Sunday school teacher, who threw me a party when we left Fort Wayne, IN in 1990; the pastor who married Rachelle and I; the pastor who baptized me; my seminary friends and professors, my high school buddies, and our own Sandy Reimer and Joanne Pohlman all made the trip to the small country church where I spent many formative years.

Leading up to the big day I was nervous about what George Costanza on Seinfeld called, “worlds colliding,” having so many pieces of who I am and have been in one room. But in the end, the day felt like a wonderful opportunity to see all those pieces of me moving around and talking to one another (literally). The ordination felt like a blessing of the whole me. As I listened to the readings, prayers, and songs that people had chosen or written for the service, I was reminded of all that I bring with me to UCG: all the communities, and experiences, and love which follow me to Florida.

And two weeks later I got an amazing reminder of the love which meets me here and has been folding me into this community since last July (and before!) If the ordination was a chance to look with gratitude at the road I have traveled so far, the installation was a grand celebration of the road ahead, an affirmation of the choices that you and I made almost one year ago. I was once again overwhelmed by the talent, generosity, and support of this community. The music was magnificent, from the first trumpet blast of the Strutters, through the hand-clappingly-good Pickers (with harmonica!), the power and beauty of the choir on “How Beautiful Upon the Mountains,” and finally a rousing congregational rendition of “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing.” The sanctuary looked lovely, with red and white roses (which mean unity.) The readings chosen by my fellow ministers, and their heartfelt charges to you and I were a great reminder that I work on the best team I can imagine. I even got to eat the delicious food at the reception because not one, but two people brought Rachelle and me plates of food! After such a service, who could doubt Larry’s words, that there are (at least) seven graces of doing ministry!

It has been a month of amazing gifts, the kind for which one can never fully say “thank you” (unless I held a special service for each of you individually...I’ll start planning.) Nevertheless, I will start now. Thank you, thank you, thank you, UCG. I am so happy and proud to be in ministry with you.

NEWS FROM BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Compassion in Action Committee

In conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention Month (April) the Compassion in Action Board is asking for new or gently used books for children of all ages, including teenagers. Please take one, or more of the book marks in the foyer and return with the book by April 11th. These books will be delivered to local children who are victims of child abuse.

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

UCG Children's Program ~ Heidi Stein, Director

Where did the time go?

The Lenten festivities just flew by. It was an amazing lesson set to say the least. This month the children wore backpacks full of soup cans and imagined what it would be like to be the bent over woman that Jesus healed. They talked about ways they could lighten the load for each other. They also got to participate in a way of the cross activity on Palm Sunday. It started with a palm parade in the Sanctuary, then the children saw the last days of Jesus depicted by actors, story tellers, and prayers. Thanks to the great brainstorming crew and the many volunteers who made these lessons possible.

How do I carry over United Tribes activities at home?

While I was researching a UCG friendly way to teach children about the life and death of Jesus I came across a few really great books. *Meet Jesus The Life and Lessons of a Beloved Teacher* by Lynn Tuttle Gunney tells about Jesus' life in a way that doesn't exclude people of different faiths. *The Light of the World, The Life of Jesus for Children* by Katherine Paterson is beautifully illustrated by Francois Roca and includes people of a variety of races and genders in the illustrations. The story is more conservative and for Christians. *The Story of the Cross, by Mary Joslin* depicts the stations of the cross for children, a nice book in that it doesn't glorify the violence of this story and it has nice prayers following each piece of the story. All of these books are in the UCG Library for you and your family to borrow.

What's going on in the classrooms?

Check out the UCG Website under children's programs to view current lesson plans.

Schedule

- 4-04-10 Easter Egg Hunt
- 4-12-10 Spring Break - Extended Activity Time
- 4-18-10 Earth Day- Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 4-25-10 Retreat - No United Tribes



Baptism Available

We are offering Baptism for children at the **9:30 service on Sunday, April 11**. If you would like to have your child baptized, please contact the church office at 378-3500 or info@ucgainesville.org.

Save the Date

Dream Workshop with Jeremy Taylor, "Exploring Dreams and Our Evolving Spirituality" on Saturday, June 26th from 9am to 4pm. Jeremy's workshop will explore some of the archetypal patterns that emerge in all dreams, such as the Divine Child, the Trickster, the Shadow. We'll learn how projection of these archetypes onto others can confuse, as well as enlighten, our life work and our relationships with others. There will be a balance of presentation and experiential work, with the perspective that all dreams come for our health and wholeness and if we remember a dream, it means we have the tools necessary to understand it. In addition, Jeremy will offer a separate afternoon session on **Sunday, June 27th for therapists and counselors** on incorporating dream work into counseling sessions. Informational brochures and registration forms for each of these workshops will be available in April.

Sundays in April

Regular Sunday Schedule

9:15 - 12:15	Nursery & Toddler Care
9:30	Worship with Children's Story
9:45 - 10:45	United Tribes - after Children's Story
10:30	Fellowship Time
10:45 - noon	Children's Activity Time
11:00 - noon	Worship, Adult Seminars, Middle School Group
12:15	Post High Group

April 4 - *Easter Sunday* - Sermon at all services: "An Idle Tale it Seemed to Them (And So They Did Not Believe)" by Larry Reimer and Sandy Reimer

8:00 – Sermon and Communion

9:00 - *Coffee and fellowship; please bring a finger food to share.*

9:30 – Blessing of YU Work Tour Departure, Children's story, Sermon, Children's Choir, brass and all- church singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus." After the children's story, the children to 3rd grade leave, for an Easter egg hunt.

10:30 - *Coffee and fellowship; please bring a finger food to share. Retreat registration until 11:00.*

11:00 – Sermon, adult choir, brass, and all-church singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Child care is available from 7:45am to 12:15pm

Note: There are no United Tribes, youth groups or seminars this Sunday.

April 11– *Final Day for Retreat Registration*

8:30 - Meditation in the Chapel with Darrell Hartman

9:30 & 11:00 - Worship "Doubt and Defiance" - Vince Amlin

10:30 - 12:30 - Retreat Registration - Memory Garden

11:00 - Adult Seminars:

Ancient Oils of the Bible - Led by Lynda McMullen–Boyce. Frankincense, myrrh, spikenard, hysop and many more oils are mentioned in the Bible. Experience the oils of the Bible firsthand and take a journey through the Bible to learn what the Word of God has to say about these wonders that were more precious than gold for many centuries. We can learn to use these precious gifts and understand their uses then and now. They will take you back in time directly through your senses. Be sure to bring your Bible!

New From the Mountain Top: General Synod 2009 and 2011 - Florida Conference Moderator and UCG member Ron Nutter will reflect on his experience at General Synod 2009, the biannual national gathering of the UCC. One highlight was the election of a new president of the denomination, Rev. Geoffrey Black. Mary Nutter will talk about exciting opportunities related to General Synod 2011, to be hosted by the Florida Conference and held in nearby Tampa. This is a great chance to learn little more about the UCC and find out how to be a part of next year's festivities.

12:00 - Middle School & High School Teams - West Wing

12:15 - Board of Membership - Kitchen

2:30 - Sunday at the Movies* - Offsite

7:30 - Crystal Bowl Meditation *with Cindy Bergbower in the Sanctuary*

Sunday's Continued...

New Worship Theme: "The Road Less Travelled"

April 18 - Earth Sunday

8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel - See Vince Amlin if you are able to lead meditation

9:30 & 11:00 Worship – “A Deeper Shade of Green” Larry Reimer. Music by the Adult Choir

10:30 - Retreat Committee - Library

10:35 – Meeting for parents of babies – 5th graders going on Retreat with child care and children’s program coordinators in the West Wing.

11:00 - Adult Seminar:

Afghanistan– A Military Strategist’s Perspective - Lt. Col. (retired) Sidney Atwater, father of Tracy Bachmann, will share some of his thoughts and insights on Afghanistan. Sid had a long career in the Marine Corps, and comes to UCG willing to share his opinions. Sid, as Tracy likes to refer to him, is a Warrior Poet, who comes from a long line of military men and women. He will share with us his insights into the history, economy, political structure and military involvement of Afghanistan.

11:00 - Friendship Group

12:00 - Feral Readers* - Library

12:15 – Meeting of all Retreat child care aides

12:30 - Friends Over Fifty*

5:30 - Youth United - Fellowship Hall

April 25 - All Church Retreat at Lake Yale Retreat Center – “On the Journey”

No Sunday service in Gainesville ~ Come join us for morning worship at 11:00 a.m. on retreat.

May 2

8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel with Leslie Sahler

9:30 & 11:00 – Worship - Led by Board of Parish Ministry

11:00 - Friendship Group - Room 8

5:30 - Youth United

Congratulations Vince on your Ordination on March 6 and your Installation on March 21!



APRIL 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Crystal Bowl Meditation 12pm BCM 6pm Maundy Thursday Service 7pm Choir Rehearsal	2 Lunch Groups 12pm	3
4 Easter Worship 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 Retreat Registration 10:30 Friendship Group 11am YU Work Tour departs	5	6 ONA Taskforce 5:30pm BAP 7pm	7	Reimers off through April 12		10
11 Worship 9:30 & 11am Book Drive ends Retreat Registration ends MS/HS Teams 12p Sunday Movies* 2:30pm Crystal Bowl Meditation 7:30pm	12	13 Budget Summit 1:30pm SJC 6:30pm CIA 7pm BOB 7:15pm Newsletter Deadline 12pm	14 CMRB 12pm Living Buddha* 6:30pm	15 Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm	16 Lunch Groups 12pm PNO 5:30-8:30pm	17 Supper Club 6:30pm
18 Worship 9:30 & 11am Retreat Committee 10:30am Parent's Retreat meeting 10:45am Friendship Grp 11a Feral Readers* 12pm Friends over 50* 12:30pm	19 3rd Monday Project Night 6pm	20 Alzheimer/ Dementia Support* 7pm	21 Retreat Jazz Band Rehearsal 7pm Church Council 5:30pm Living Buddha* 6:30pm	22 Quieting the Mind* 7pm	23 All Church Retreat at Lake Yale No Lunch Groups	24 All Church Retreat at Lake Yale
25 All Church Retreat at Lake Yale No Worship Service at UCG this Sunday	26	27	28 Living Buddha* 6:30pm	29 Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm	30 Annual Report Submissions due	
Florida Conference UCC Annual Meeting in Naples						

* Pre-registered Adult Small Group

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Looking Ahead at the United Church of Gainesville

April 30 - May 1	UCC Florida Conference Annual Meeting
May 12	Annual Planning Conference for incoming Officers and board chairs
May 15	Hold this date for a spectacular UCG Party
May 16	One worship service at 9:30am Spring Congregational Meeting- 10:30am
June 6	Senior Sunday; begin summer schedule – one service at 10:00am

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