



United Church of Gainesville

NEWSLETTER

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

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Perhaps real wisdom lies in not seeking answers, for any answer we find will not be true for long. And answers are the place where we can fall asleep as life moves past us to its next question. After all these years, I have begun to wonder if the secret of living well is not having all the answers, but is in pursuing unanswerable questions in good company.

~Rachel Naomi Remen

Priority Sunday February 27th, 2011

The Survey and our new Three Year Plan

The results of our Congregational survey this fall helped identify several areas of church life that we want to give extra attention in our next Three Year Plan. We will meet in small groups on February 27th at 9:30, 11, or 12:15 to review these areas and prioritize elements of each as well as get your feedback on some of the big questions facing our community in the next three years.

Your ideas, your input, your presence and your support are needed and valued!

See page 7 for details

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New Members will join our church at both services on Sunday, February 20th. There is an Orientation Session on Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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We Need Your Supplemental Pledge!

As of January 31, we were \$30,000 short of balancing the revised budget for 2011. 104 pledging units have pledged \$37,000 in supplemental pledges. That is less than a third of our total pledging units. On Sunday the congregation voted unanimously to extend the supplemental pledge campaign to the end of February. If you have not made a supplemental pledge, we need your pledge to sustain this budget, which the Board of Business has already cut by \$20,000 to put it within our reach.

NEW WORSHIP THEME
"BURNING QUESTIONS OF
FAITH"

**The 2011 UCG Mardi Gras Adult
Winter Party
Saturday February 19th, 6:00-10pm**

See page 2 for details



What's Happening in February ²

PNO (Parent's night out) on Friday, February 11th

Need a night out? PNO is for parents of babies through 5th grade. 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 Tuesday, February 8** to alysonm@ucgainesville.org. *Due to life threatening food allergies, no outside food is allowed.

A Time to Join UCG

The church is a container for our joy and our grief, our passages and transitions. The church holds us and shelters us when we need comfort, challenges us when we need to grow, and provides a direction for life's journey and a vehicle in which to take that journey. **We will have a special service on Sunday, February 20 to welcome new members into UCG. The orientation session for this new members' Sunday is Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall.** Child care is provided. Please call or e-mail the church office (info@ucgainesville.org) if you are interested in joining. .

Adult Winter Party

The 2011 UCG Mardi Gras Adult Winter Party is happening from 6:00-10pm Saturday, February 19th. In the tradition of years past, there will be a potluck dinner to start the festivities with DJ Josh Steiner spinning groovy tunes during the meal. The cover band Psychedelic Relics will follow, so be ready to get up and dance. Cash bar too! Get your advanced tickets for \$10 on any Sunday before the party or stop by the church office to buy them. A sign-up sheet will be available when purchasing tickets to help coordinate food arrangements. Mark your calendars, buy your tickets and get your costume!

Chamber Music Concert at UCG

Sunday, February 20th at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary - Violist Helen Kirklin, pianist Soomee Yoon and violinist Janna Lower will perform music by Marais, Clarke, Vieuxtemps, Handel/Halvorsen; and will premiere "Lights from a Window" by UCG member Zach Neece. Helen Kirklin performs with the Jacksonville Symphony, Soomee Yoon is Visiting Professor of Piano at KyungWon University in Korea, and Janna Lower is Professor of Violin at U.F.

Supper Club on Saturday, February 26

Go Lightly French with UCG's Supper Club – The UCG Supper Club will gather on **Saturday, February 26** at 6:30 pm for a French-light menu centered around coq au vin. We meet in groups of 8 or so in people's homes, recipes are provided for diners to use to prepare the dishes, and the costs of food and wine are shared equally. Singles and couples are welcome. Please contact Pat Atkins (patkins1@gmail.com), Sue Hartman (373-1049, hart1man@cox.net), or Susan Kirkland (332-2962, susetack@gmail.com) **by February 14** to sign up or to ask for more information. Let them know if you can host one of the groups.

UCG Book Sale -- Sunday, March 13

Collection begins on Sunday, February 27th for our annual UCG Book Sale: boxes will be in the Library and Foyer for your donations of used books, DVDs, CDs, etc. This is an opportunity to "refurbish" your personal collection while helping to pay for new, relevant offerings in our Church Library. To volunteer to help with sorting, hauling or with the sale itself, please sign up on bulletin board outside the church office or e-mail Ellen Louis at n.ellen.louis@gmail.com

The Seventh Trumpet



I think we're noticing it, but it needs to be said. Something remarkable is happening in and to our children's program. Sandy and I had the opportunity to do a special program, "Escape From Slavery: The Underground Railroad" for our elementary school children on Sunday, January 16, the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend. There were over sixty children there, not counting pre-school and nursery, on an extended school holiday weekend. This is twice as many children as when we led this program three years ago.

Our children's program is an example of how creative leadership, board support, parental cooperation, and congregational financial commitment addressed a series of concerns and solved them. Two keys to this program are our church school coordinator, Heidi Stein and our rotation model, first instituted by Rachel LaCombe, whereby children travel in their age groups to different stations, like story-telling, drama, singing, cooking, or service based on the church's theme. The children's classes are now called tribes.. Each fall, they name their tribes, develop cheers, make lanyards onto which symbols of new experiences are constantly attached. Fourth and fifth graders, who are starting to feel a little old for activities that reach down to kindergarten have a few special camp outs and events of their own. On top of this, Heidi asked that parents make a special commitment to have their children attend regularly for the first six weeks of the school year.

The Board of Children's Ministry, under the leadership of current chair Rae Gitzendanner, and Sandy Reimer who is the ministerial liaison with the board, have all worked as a team with Heidi to make this happen. And to recognize the energy involved here, Heidi's position and salary were significantly increased two years ago. We all marvel at the number of children who come forward for children's story, but the true marvel is what happens later in United Tribes.

It was so exciting to be with the children, their guides who came in an extra Sunday to help, the child care aides who gave us support, and twenty five UCG volunteers who all took part in the event on January 16. Thanks to everyone who nurtures, teaches, and cares for our children. And special thanks to Heidi for continuously reinventing our children's program to keep it fresh and filled with a truly Holy Spirit.

Larry

Be Part of General Synod 28

The Florida Conference is hosting General Synod of the United Church of Christ in Tampa, July 1-5. Synod meets every two years to address important matters relating to the church and the denomination. Participants also include visitors from UCC churches. It is an opportunity for us at UCG to participate in meaningful worship and see how the UCC works from the inside out.

You can be a part of this event as a volunteer. Volunteers are asked to commit to one or more four-hour shifts. Everyone who attends Synod must register and pay a registration fee. The fee for volunteers will be \$100 (50% of the regular registration fee and entitles you to attend all activities and events, except those that are only open to delegates).

We at UCG are looking to handle the opening worship service on Friday night from 7:00-10:00pm as well as be floor stewards for the gathering on Saturday which may include Ellen De Generes or Michelle Obama as speakers. Sign up for Friday night and Saturday and we will all work together. To volunteer, contact Larry Ligammare. Church Volunteer Liaison for Synod 2011, at info@ucgainesville.org.

THRESHOLDS

. . . . SANDY REIMER

Guess what? If it's February, that means it's time to get started planning for this year's Retreat. The first thing you need to know is that Easter is very late this year (April 24) which means it falls on our usual week-end dates for Retreat. That means Retreat is a week later this year – April 29, 30 and May 1. I am sorry that coincides with UF Spring Graduation week-end; we simply had no choice about the dates.

We are headed again to Lake Yale. I got overwhelmingly positive feedback from families about the North Camp location, so children, teens and their families will be in North Camp again this year. We have a block of tent and RV sites and also motel rooms for folks who are coming without children. Most of us who made the switch to motel rooms last year were pleasantly surprised about how much we enjoyed being there! So – save the dates and plan on being there with us! More detailed information will follow in the March newsletter.

Meanwhile I am recruiting Retreat committee members, so let me know if you'd like to be one of the coordinators for planning adult, youth or children's programs; or coffee and snacks. Our first committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 15 in the library. Just give me a call or send an e-mail if you are interested!

We are a growing congregation! About 735 folks attended services on Christmas Eve this year: 260 at the 6:30 service; 315 at the 8:00 service; and 160 at the 10:30 service. We four ministers are pondering how crowded (standing room only and foyer almost full) that 8:00 service was. We are considering a change in our Christmas Eve schedule. I'm asking for input as to which service you would attend if we held the three services at 4:30pm (instead of 6:30), at 7:30pm (instead of 8:00pm) and at 9:30pm (instead of 10:30pm). Another option we are considering is four Christmas Eve services: 4:30, 6:00, 8:00 and 10:00pm. You can e-mail me with any thoughts you have!

I'm very excited that we have 60 (!!!) women attending our annual Women's Retreat, "Sacred Spaces, Sacred Faces" at the Episcopal Conference Center in Live Oak, February 5 and 6. It promises to be a meaningful and fun time. I appreciate the kind and generous way that the 75 women who registered have responded to our lottery system for registration.

Since Easter is late this year, so too is the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 9, so mark your calendar for either the noon or 7:30pm service that day. And, if you haven't already taken note, check out the Lenten Wednesday evening offerings for Contemplative Prayer and adult small groups between Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. You'll be hearing more about those from Vince in the weeks to come.

One more reminder: our Sunday worship services are now on podcast, so check out the link on our website or go directly to I-tunes and hear the sermon and special music for any past Sunday. Special thanks to Lisa Goldstein for her determined efforts to learn the system and make this work!

Blessings to you for a February in which you know and remember the power of love on February 14 and in which you participate in the gift we have to consider, discuss, and participate in planning our future as a congregation on Sunday, February 27th!

PASSAGES:

Welcome and blessings to:

- ◆ Aleena Rose Myers, granddaughter of Cathy and Mike Myers, daughter of Julian Myers, born January 31
- ◆ Lauren Grace McLendon, daughter of Leslie Wade McLendon and Sean McLendon, born January 13
- ◆ Averie Marie Garmon, granddaughter of Mary Anna Evans, daughter of Michael Garmon, born January 14
- ◆

YOUTH CALENDAR

MSG

- February 6** Trial, However Known
February 13 Hike LaChua Trail! Permission slips (and walking shoes) required!
February 20 Dinner and a Movie! Look to Jackie's email for details.
February 27 Digital Scavenger Hunt

YU

- February 6** Meet at UCG at 5 pm for our annual Progressive Dinner!
February 20 Dinner and a Movie! Look to the weekly email for details.

Also, on FEBRUARY 6 there will be a Parental Informational Meeting about this year's Work Tour to New Orleans! Come at 12:15 to meet with Andy Bachmann in the West Wing.

Seeking Members for a New Fellowship Committee— One Meeting a Year!

If you love to plan and host parties or just help out with decorations, join us on Tuesday, February 22nd at 6pm for the annual meeting of our new Fellowship Committee. Every year UCG has a variety of all-church fellowship opportunities. These are some of the most fun and well-attended events of the year, including our Winter Party, 4th of July Ice Cream Social, Fall and Spring TGIFs, and more. We'll gather once for the year and divide into teams to cover each of these events. Dinner is provided, so sign-up on the bulletin board outside the church office, or contact Vince Amlin at vincea@ucgainesville.org for more information.

Help Wanted

We occasionally need substitutes for our wonderful Sunday Morning Office Assistants. If you are willing to be a Sunday Morning Office Sub please contact the church office at info@ucgainesville.org. There are two shifts. One from 8:30 – 11am and one from 10:30am – noon.

Kathy Cantwell Tribute Backpacking Trip to Persimmon Point at Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park on February 26-27, 2011.

For more information, contact Robert Fisher, Outings Leader Suwannee St. Johns Sierra Club Florida at (352) 514-7674.

~ A Little Child Shall Lead Them ~

UCG Children's Program ~ Director, Heidi Stein

What are your child's burning questions of faith?

The new rotation for United Tribes K-5 mirrors the worship theme of the big church. We will help kids look at their questions about faith. They will investigate the question "why me" and how God calls us to great things through the story of Moses and the burning bush. They will also have a guest speaker panel that will answer questions of faith. What are children's questions about faith and how can you answer them? We have some great resources in the library for questions from younger children including What is God's Name by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and Because Nothing Looks like God, by Lawrence Kushner. Kushner also has a great set of board books for preschoolers with titles like What Does God Look Like?, Where Does God Live?, and How Does God Make Things Happen?. Copies of all these books are available in the UCG Library. For older children's questions this article from Children's Ministry magazine is helpful <http://www.childrensministry.com/articles/kids-tough-questions> it uses several experts in children's ministry to give several answers tough kid questions such as "Why aren't my prayers answered?" and "Is God punishing me?". Finally, don't forget our incredible ministry staff they are an invaluable resource for questions you and your children may have about faith.

Who's New?

Keri Trosper is a new teacher in the Pre-K class. She has been observing since the first of the year and is now ready to jump in and teach. Keri comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in children's church programs and child psychology. We are lucky to have her.

Casey Kumar will be our interim Activity Time Director. We feel so lucky to have Casey as he has worked with the kids before, knows UCG and is a great leader that is loads of fun.

Where is that Moosic coming from?

Anna Moo award winning songwriter, recording artist and entertainer for children and families will perform during United Tribes time on February 6th. Anna is a local artist with big talent should be a great All Tribe Event.

Calendar

- 02-06-11** Anna Moo Concert; All Tribe Event
- 02-13-11** K-5 - New rotation Burning Questions of Faith
Pre-K - Good Guys and Bad guys
- 02-20-11** K-5 - Burning Questions rotation continues
Pre-K - Fear
- 02-27-11** K-5 - Burning Questions rotation continues
Pre-K - Feeling Angry



Priority Sunday

Our survey of church members in October was a big step in our Three Year Plan process. Using this survey data and other resources, in consultation with the ministers, Moderator and Church Council, the Congregation-Ministry Review Board (CMRB) has identified 5 areas of focus for our next Three Year Plan, (May 2011 - May 2014). Our work as a congregation on Priority Sunday will be to prioritize elements of each of these areas:

Continue successful programs and enhance what we are doing well -in the areas of Children, Youth and Adult programming as well as Outreach, Spiritual Nurture and Worship.

Create a plan for Membership- Learning about who we are demographically; inviting those outside our congregation; growing responsibly.

Explore specific ways to connect members through their involvement - Determining where we need more programming and who is and who is not being served.

Advance our Communication and Technology Resources- Updating our technology and web presence and implementing systems for the use of new technology.

Communicate with the congregation about the needs of a growing church and address those needs- Educating ourselves about the financial, structural, and programmatic implications of our growth and formulating plans for the future.

On Sunday, February 27th, you are invited to attend a one-hour small group brainstorming session with a leader and 8-12 other participants. Unlike past years, when the congregation ranked a list of possible priorities in order to focus on the top ones, we believe that all five of these areas are vital to our church in the next three years, so in your brainstorming group, discussion will focus on priorities within each of the five areas. We would also like to get your input on a couple of the big questions facing UCG: 1) Where do you see UCG reaching limits because of our growth (i.e., facilities, parking, staffing)? 2) What options can you see for responding to those limits as a congregation? **You may choose, on February 27th, to attend a prioritizing session at 9:30 am, 11:00 am or 12:15pm.** Child care will be available for all of these sessions. Worship services will be at 9:30 and 11:00 as usual. If you are unable to attend on February 27th, there will be an additional session at 11:00 am on Sunday, March 6th.

The input from these brainstorming groups will be used by CMRB to formulate a working draft of the Three Year Plan. That draft will circulate to Church Council, to the various boards and committees, and to staff for further input. Then, the updated version will be available to the congregation prior to our Spring Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 15th, when it will be presented to the congregation for a vote.

Boards & Committees

Church Council

In a Congregational Church, the Congregation is the ultimate decision making body, and all major issues, such as budgets, hiring of ministers, the three year plan, and policy decisions, are voted on by members at Congregational meetings. However, it's not practical to convene the Congregation each month to vote on routine operating matters of the Church; this is the purpose that Council serves. Council is a representative body composed of the chairs of each Board, two Council Members at large, and the ministers. To give you an idea of the business of Council, here are some of the items that were handled by Council at our January 19 meeting:

gave feedback to Sandy Reimer regarding timing of the Christmas Eve services; approved the creation of an Open and Affirming Ministry Committee within the Board of Adult Programs, and approved that new Committee's mission statement; approved a new set of policies and procedures to guide the process should proposals for modifying the Compact arise; created a Banking Committee within the Board of Business to oversee the Church's banking relationships; clarified policies related to solicitations on football parking Saturdays; approved the allocation of \$7,300 in Endowment funds and \$2,000 in "New Outreach" funds to go toward the building of a Habitat House in cooperation with several other Alachua County faith communities; approved a letter of commendation for Cam Parker; and approved the Compassion in Action Committee's annual Heart Collection for the Pride Community Center.

One of the many pleasures of serving as Moderator has been to have the opportunity to work with the great group of dedicated, hard working, and wise individuals that make up our Church Council. ~Tim Martin, Moderator

Survey Says

This is the second in our CMRB series on the results of our fall 2010 congregational survey. Last month we highlighted "connections," which was our highest priority during the past Three Year Plan. This month, we share what we learned from the survey results about spiritual practice and nurture. 54% of survey respondents identified a focus on spiritual practice and nurture as an area of priority warranting special attention during our next three years. 69% of respondents have participated in spiritual activities outside of regular worship services and 90% believe that it is important that UCG offer programs related to spiritual practice in its adult programming. A large majority (88%) of survey respondents believe that UCG offers enough variety in spiritual programming. Requested offerings included: opportunities for practice of various forms of meditation and contemplative prayer, study and discussion of the Bible and other world religions and texts, and opportunities for practical spirituality with experiential learning as well as nature and earth centered practice. Survey results reflect our high level of participation in and satisfaction with the quality and diversity of opportunities for spiritual practice at UCG. As we develop our priorities for the coming three-year period, it will be important to explore ways to continue and enhance our spiritual practice within a growing and expanding congregation. Complete results of the survey can be found the UCG website www.ucgainesville.org. Click on Link to our recent Self Assessment.

Compassion in Action

It is once again time for CIA and UCG's opportunity to support the Gainesville Area AIDS Project (GAAP) and their TREE program (The Replenishment of Everyday Essentials). TREE provides household and personal hygiene products for persons living with HIV/AIDS. They are usually living on disability and food stamps. The supplies provided cannot be purchased with food stamps, and would have to be purchased with the limited cash funds available to these friends. So beginning on January 30th and continuing thru February 13th, you will be able to pick up a heart in the Foyer and bring the item on that heart to the church. Again, the deadline to return the items is Sunday, February 13th.



Sundays in February

Regular Sunday Schedule

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

Worship Theme: "Turning Points"

February 6 - IHN Hosting Ends & Food First Food Drive

8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel with Mary Fukuyama

9:30 and 11:00 – Worship "Writes of Passage" - UCG members share stories of when the concept of justice changed in their lives. Coordinated by Larry Reimer and Andy Bachmann

11:00 - Adult Seminars

Building Effective Teams with Bonnie Bradley and Kathryn Kvols - For most of us, teamwork is a part of everyday life. We are often called to be part of a cause without given the tools to do so. Being an effective team player is a learned experience, often by trial and error. In this fun experiential seminar we will discuss choosing collaboration vs. competition, building trusting relationships and a key to powerful communication.

11:00 - Friendship Group - Room 8

12:15 - Work Tour Information Meeting - West Wing

5:00 - Youth United Progressive Dinner

New Worship Theme: "Burning Questions"

February 13

8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel with David Hackett

9:30 and 11:00 – Worship "The Question of Compassion for Those Who Just Push Our Buttons!" Larry Reimer & Andy Bachmann

9:30 & 11:00 - Adult Seminar

Survey Says...- Last October over 400 members of UCG took a survey about our congregation. Join Taylor Stein, survey designer and CMRB member, to hear some of the interesting patterns and responses he noticed. There will be time for discussion and questions in preparation for Priority Sunday brainstorming.

11:00 - Adult Seminar

Loving Communication = A Loving Relationship with nationally-renowned author and speaker, Jan Denise Learn how to empty yourself of ego and fear, so your words can be motivated by love instead! We're well aware that we can't have much of a relationship without communication. Sometimes we're even looking for a good reason to leave, rather than a good reason to stay. We're scared, which can get us stuck in the lower brain's fight or flight mode, without using our problem solving, self-awareness, and empathy! Come and discover the joy of truly listening, understanding, accepting, and loving in relationships.

11:00 - Bible Challenge* - Seminar A

Friendship Group - Kitchen

12:15 - Middle School Team & High School Team—West Wing

Friends Over 50* - offsite

4:00 - Yoga with Ann Gill* - Fellowship Hall

7:00 - Drum Circle* - offsite

**Pre-registered Adult Small Group*

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Sundays in February

February 20 - New Members Join & LifeSouth Blood Drive

8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel with Ann Gill

9:30 and 11:00 Worship “Where Are We Going? Visions of the Churches’ Futures” – Vince Amlin and Sandy Reimer. New Members will join at both the 9:30 and 11:00 services, which will include the Adult Choir and Communion.

11:00 - Adult Seminars

From You I Receive, To You I Give – A feel-good reflection on UCG legacies provided by UCG members, including donations through the endowment fund. Learn how easy it works...a gift that keeps on giving.

Burning Questions with Erick Smith - Been inspired or challenged by the questions and answers you’ve heard so far? Got a few questions still burning? Got answers? Continue the exploration of our worship theme, Burning Questions, in an informal discussion group. As always, all questions are welcome: wild, crazy, and simple.

12:00 - New Member Potluck - Fellowship Hall

2:30 - Sunday at the Movies* - offsite

3:00 - Chamber Music Concert at UCG - Sanctuary

4:00 - Yoga with Ann Gill* - Fellowship Hall

5:00 - Winter Dreaming* - Seminar A

5:30pm - Youth United

7:30pm - Crystal Bowl Concert - Sanctuary

February 27 - Priority Sunday

8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel with David Hackett

9:30 and 11:00 Worship – Tim Martin. Coordinated by the Board of Parish Ministry

No Adult Seminars. - Join a Priority Sunday Brainstorming group at 9:30, 11, or 12:15! See page 7 for more information.

March 6

8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel

9:30 and 11:00 Worship “The Final Answer” Larry Reimer

11:00 - Adult Seminars

Boards & Committees, Cont’d

Endowment Fund Trustees Committee

February is Endowment Fund Month at UCG. The Endowment Fund Trustee Committee will be leading a seminar on February 20th at which the important questions, “Why?” and “How?” will be answered – “Why would I want to give to the UCG Endowment Fund?” and “How do I give to the UCG Endowment Fund?” Dowie will also make another exciting appearance at both services one Sunday in February. Another important question about the Endowment is “What?” – “What is the UCG Endowment Fund?” This fund was established in 1999 by the gift left to UCG by Irene Zimmerman. Other church members have also contributed to the Endowment Fund. This fund is invested in socially responsible markets and five percent of the average annual balance is designated each year for a project that might not otherwise be possible. Some of the special projects that have been funded since 2001 include:

One-half of cost for church playground renovations - A new church sign at the corner of 17th Street and 5th Avenue - Publish a best-of-sermons collection by our ministers; - Support for the national UCC campaign “God is still speaking” - Purchase and installation of projector and screen in sanctuary; - The water fountain in the playground - An AED (Automatic Electroshock Defibrillator) - Acoustic and hearing improvements to Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and West Wing - Partial funding for hiring of Vince Amlin, Associate Minister.

At the January meeting, Church Council approved the recommendation to provide available funds to the outreach project on which Andy Bachman has been working very hard: Interfaith Habitat House.

FEBRUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	31	1	2	3	4	5	
			IHN Hosting this Week				
		ONA Task Force 5:30pm Byron Katie* 6:30pm	Council Exec 12pm Retired, Now What? 7pm	BPM 5:30pm BCM 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm	Lunch Groups 12pm TGIF Wine Tasting* 6pm	Women's Overnight begins	
6 IHN Hosting Ends Worship 9:30 & 11am Friendship Group 11am Work Trip Info Meeting 12:15 Women's Overnight ends	7	8 Budget Summit 1:30pm SJC 6pm Byron Katie* 6:30pm BoB 7:15pm	9 CMRB 12pm New Members Orientation 7pm	10 Computer Photo Book* 6pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm	11 Lunch Groups 12pm PNO 5:30pm	12 Spring Birding* 8am	
13 Worship 9:30 & 11am MS /HS Teams 12:15 Yoga*4pm Bible Challenge* 11a Drum Circle* 7pm Crystal Bowl -7:30pm	14	15 Byron Katie* 6:30pm Retreat Committee 7pm Alzheimer/ Dementia Support 7pm	16 Church Council 5:30pm Retired, Now What? 7pm	17 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm	18 Lunch Groups 12pm	19 Bread Making* 9:30am UCG Adult Winter Party 6pm	
20 Worship 9:30 & 11am Friendship Grp 11am New Members Potluck 12pm Friend's / 50* 12:30 Chamber Music 3pm Yoga, 4pm YU 5:30pm	21 President's Day Office Closed 3rd Monday Project Night 6pm	22 Fellowship Committee 6pm	23 Newsletter Deadline 12pm	24 Computer Photo Book* 6pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm	25 Lunch Groups 12pm	26 Supper Club 6:30pm	
27 Priority Groups 9:30, 11 & Noon Worship 9:30 & 11am Yoga*4pm	28	1 Open & Affirming Ministry 5:30pm BAP 7pm	2 Council Exec 12pm Retired, Now What? 7pm	3 BPM 5:30pm BCM 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm	4 Lunch Groups 12pm TGIF Piano Party* 5pm United Tribes Camp Trip	5 Bread Making* 9:30am Ravine Gardens* 10am	

* Pre-Registered Adult Small Group

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LOOKING AHEAD

- ◆ **Wednesday, March 9** Ash Wednesday services at noon and 7:00pm. Child care offered for both services.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 13** Annual UCG Book Sale. Visitors Lunch at noon.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 20** Annual UCG Time and Talent Fair when UCG members sign up for boards, committees and other volunteer opportunities or the coming year. IHN Hosting week begins.
- ◆ **April 3, 10 and 17** Retreat Registration
- ◆ **April 24th** Easter Sunday
- ◆ **April 29, 30 and May 1** Annual UCG Retreat at Lake Yale

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