

United Church of Gainesville

NEWSLETTER

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

FEBRUARY 2010

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WORSHIP THEMES FOR FEBRUARY

FEB. 7 & 14 - "FLIP FLOPS, LOAFERS & BOOTS- HOW IS YOUR FOOTING?"

FEB. 21 & 28 - LENTEN THEME "PUTTING THE FLESH ON THE BONES OF FAITH"

Great News!

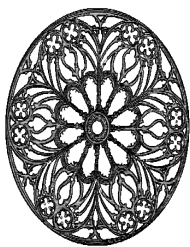
A balanced budget with no reductions was presented and unanimously approved by the congregation at the Winter Congregational meeting on January 31. The congregation also approved the use of funds from the Endowment to permanently install our A/V projector and an electric screen in the Sanctuary and make any improvements needed to the sound system.

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Faith-filled opportunities during February at UCG

- ◆ The spiritual season of Lent begins with identical Ash Wednesday Services in the Sanctuary on February 17 at noon and 7:00pm. See page 4 for the various ways we offer the Lenten journey of faith and practice here at UCG
- ◆ New Members join UCG on Sunday, February 21. See page 2 for information about the new members orientation.



"No small part of my religious conversion has been coming to know that faith is best thought of as a verb, not as a "thing" that you have or don't have. Faith is not discussed as an abstraction in the gospels. Jesus does not talk about faith so much as respond to it in other people. And faith is not presented as a sure thing. I appreciate the wisdom of novelist Doris

Bett's assertion that "faith is not synonymous with certainty ... (but) is the decision to keep your eyes open." ~Kathleen Norris, *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*.

What's Happening in February ²

Larry and Sandy's time off in February

Larry and Sandy's monthly time off as part of their half-time employment will be from February 24 through March 1. They return to the office on March 2. Except for the exceptions(!) Larry takes Thursday afternoons off and Sandy takes Friday afternoons off.

ONA Task Force

UCG Open & Affirming Task Force meets Wednesday, February 3 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and help plan for the future. Straight "allies" are encouraged to attend. Also, anyone interested in joining the UCG GLBT Facebook group can email bil3@cox.net.

PNO (Parent's night out) on Friday, February 12th

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 Tuesday, February 9** to alysonm@ucgainesville.org. *Due to life threatening food allergies, no outside food is allowed.

Pow Wow Gathering, Saturday, February 20

Calling all United Tribes Families, join us for a Pow Wow gathering at Boulware Springs trail head to the Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail on February 20, 10:00am—1:00pm. We will take a gentle bike ride (no child/adult left behind), hike out to La Chua sink and end with a picnic lunch at Boulware Springs. Please bring bikes, helmets, water, sunscreen and a picnic lunch. Pow Wow is open to any family with kids K-5. Questions? Contact Jenny Land (jland2646@earthlink.net, 335-5386) or Stacey Hoffman (booberdoodad@yahoo.com, 375-8581.)

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 21 to welcome new members into UCG. The orientation session for this new members' Sunday is Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall.** Please call or e-mail the church office (info@ucgainesville.org) if you are interested in joining. Child care is provided.

Supper Club on Saturday, February 27

Enjoy the Tastes of Spring – The UCG Supper Club will gather on Saturday, February 27 at 6:30 pm for a Spring-themed menu (poultry entrée) which includes a delectable pie one expert said is the best you've ever tasted. 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. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Pat Atkins (patkins_1@msn.com), Sue Hartman (373-1049, hart1man@cox.net), or Susan Kirkland (332-2962, susetack@gmail.com) **by February 15** to sign up or to ask for more information. Let them know if you can host one of the groups.

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THRESHOLDS

. . . . SANDY REIMER

The thresholds I want to talk about this month are about the path to ordained ministry. As you may know, Vince Amlin just returned from his Ecclesiastical Council in Indianapolis they voted unanimously to recommend him for ordination by the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ. Vince will be ordained at his home church in Indianapolis on Saturday, March 6. Joanne Pohlman, chair of the Search Committee, and I will be the official UCG representatives at Vince's ordination. Once he is ordained, Vince will transfer his ministerial standing to the Florida Conference. Two weeks later, on Sunday, March 21, at 4:00pm, we will have a special Service of Installation, where we as a congregation officially recognize Vince as our Associate Minister. So please, mark that date on your calendar. There will be a reception following the service, so let me know if you would like to assist with the coordination of this festive event in the life of our church. There will be more details about the Installation Service and reception in the weeks to come.

Zack Graves, a member of our congregation who graduated from Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, is ready to begin his journey toward ordination. Zack is an active participant at UCG, is a member of the Board of Parish Ministry, is leading an Adult Small Group this spring, and preached on a Sunday morning last July. He took the first step on his ordination last week when he presented his pilgrimage paper to Church Council, requesting that Council approve his candidacy. Members of Council were able to ask Zack questions and engage in a lively discussion about his call to ministry. Zack has a strong and passionate vision of pasturing a church in an urban setting. Council unanimously approved his request. Next Zack will submit his packet, which includes recommendations, Council's approval, his academic record, and his pilgrimage, theology and polity papers to the Northeast Regional Team of the Florida Conference Church and Ministry Committee. He will meet with that team this spring, requesting that he be received as a Member in Discernment, which means that he will be in care of that committee as he moves toward ordination in the United Church of Christ. A Conference advisor will be appointed for Zack as well as a team of three UCG members who will support him in his journey. When he is ready, Zack will request approval from the full Florida Conference Church and Ministry Committee for ordination. Given that approval, there will be an Ecclesiastical Council, following which a date can be set for his ordination.

It's exciting for our congregation to be part of this whole ordination and installation process. You may remember that I serve on the Florida Conference Church and Ministry Committee as well as the Northeast Regional Team, which is for me a privilege and an interesting, meaningful responsibility. And what a joy it will be for me to introduce both Vince and Zack to the Church and Ministry committee!

PASSAGES:

- ◆ Congratulations to Diann Dimitri on the birth of her granddaughter Ella Rose Thornton born on Tuesday, December 8 weighing 7lbs 8ozs.
- ◆ Congratulations to Gary and Susan Kirkland on the birth of their grandson Ellis Henry Miles Sweeting born Saturday, January 30 weighing 8lbs 2ozs. Ellis and his parents, Lauren Jane Kirkland and Matt Sweeting are all doing great!
- ◆ Larry Reimer and Sandy Reimer performed the memorial service of Vera Farris, mother of Diane Farris, at Williams Thomas Funeral Home on Friday, January 29.
- ◆ A memorial was held for Debby Harris at University Auditorium on Saturday, January 30. Debby died on Tuesday, January 26 at Haven Hospice, after a year and a half struggle with Progressive Bulbar Palsy, a form of ALS. Larry Reimer, Sandy Reimer and Andy Bachmann led the service.

The Lenten Season at the United Church of Gainesville

“Putting Flesh on the Bones of Faith”

February 17 through April 4

Our Lenten theme, “Putting Flesh on the Bones of Faith” invites us to add substance to the rudiments of faith that shape who we are. The season of Lent, lasting forty days and six Sundays, is a reminder of Jesus’ journey to the wilderness, where he fasted and prayed for forty days, preparing for his ministry. During this season, we too are called to a journey of reflection, of prayer, of preparation for continuing our own ministry, that important witness of our own lives. Kathleen Norris, in the quote on the cover of this newsletter, notes that faith is not a thing we have or don’t have, but instead it is the cornerstone of what we do, how we see, and how we connect with one another and the world. Faith, she says, is a verb. So we encourage you to intentionally participate in this Lenten journey, actively putting yourself in the places and times where faith is happening in this church. And then, when Easter morning dawns, the songs of “Alleluia” will resound not only in your voice but also will shine in your spirit.

Ash Wednesday – February 17th – We have two identical Ash Wednesday services at noon and at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Frederick Buechner reminds us that “Lent is an invitation to move beyond the daily questions of *wheres* and *whens* and *hows* that face us at work and at home. Lent beckons us to consider what matters the most, those questions about meaning and purpose and values: Who are you becoming? What do you need to let go of? What do you need to go toward?” Like cairns of rock on a wilderness trail, the three stations for reflection at our Ash Wednesday services give us points of reference for our individual spiritual journeys in these next six weeks. The service ends with the ministers serving Communion individually to each participant. All the beautiful candles in the front of the Sanctuary are lit for these services and for all the Taize evening services on the following Wednesdays. Child care is provided for the evening service; child care may be requested for the service at noon by calling the church office by noon on Monday, Feb. 15th.

Lenten Reflection Booklets – One of the spiritual practices for Lent is to use these readings for your daily meditation and focus. Sandy gathers a wide variety of spiritual resources into these booklets every year. They will be available in the Sanctuary foyer on Ash Wednesday and throughout the Lenten season.

Bible Study - How would the Gospel of Matthew have sounded if its author had had access to iPhones, projectors, Macs, Andy Bachmann, and Vince Amlin? We are offering the opportunity to hear all 28 power-packed chapters over two evenings. The books of the bible were meant to be spoken aloud, so we will breathe new life into Matthew, complete with sound effects, audience participation, and pop-up-video-style commentary. This two-night experience will expose you to some of the most beautiful and meaningful moments in scripture with thoughtful commentary and time for questions. Come for the Beatitudes, stay for the Donny Osmond references. The Gospel of Matthew begins on February 21st from 7:00-8:30; the exciting conclusion comes one week later on February 28th from 7:00-8:30. What will become of Jesus of Nazareth? Be there to find out!

Taize’ Services - Wednesday evenings, February 24th through March 24th from 6:30 to 7:15pm. Taizé is a style of worship borrowed from the ecumenical Christian monastic community in Taizé, France. Taizé intersperses periods of silence and reflection with readings and beautiful meditative singing. The Taizé chants are short, fairly simple and meant to be repeated. “Using just a few words the chants express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God.” Attending Taize services each week is a wonderful way of setting this season aside for reflection and contemplation. Come for one week or all; come find sacred renewal in the midst of your week. Child care is available on request; sign up on Sunday mornings on the bulletin board outside the church office OR call the church office by Monday to reserve your spot for that week’s Wednesday night service.

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The Lenten Season at the United Church of Gainesville, cont'd

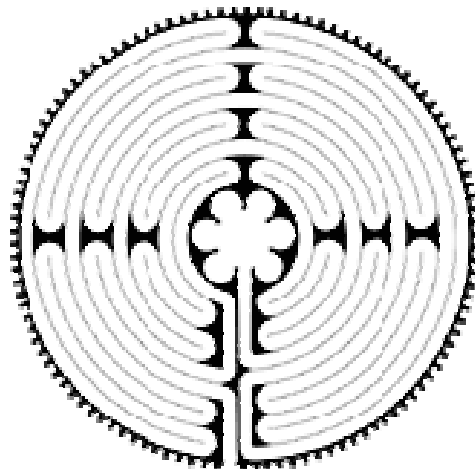
The Labyrinth – One of our most meaningful traditions is walking the Labyrinth during Lent. This practice, which dates from medieval Christian times with pre-Christian origins, frees the body, mind, and spirit to experience the Holy in unique ways. The Labyrinth will be available in the Sanctuary during the week of March 14th, including the Taize' service on Wednesday, March 17th. Specific times are listed in the Lenten Reflection booklet and will be noted in the March newsletter.

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m. April 1 – Tenebrae, which means “shadows”, refers to the shadow that fell over the earth when Jesus died. Our Tenebrae service includes readings of the accounts of Jesus' last supper, arrest, crucifixion and death, with candles extinguished after each reading until the sanctuary is in darkness. It is an opportunity to experience the passion story in dramatic simplicity. This is a good service for older elementary, middle, and high school people to attend in order to experience the events of the last day of Jesus' life. Child care is provided from 6:45 to 8:15pm.

Easter Sunday Services, April 4th, at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am.

We wish for you a Lenten Journey of renewal and return, a journey that leads you to the experience of God's presence in your life and in your vocation and in your service to others.

Sandy, Larry, Vince and Andy



A MESSAGE FROM ANDY

February is upon us! And with this month brings a number of exciting offerings for the young and not so young through our outreach offerings and youth programs.

Continuing through the 14th you can offer goods for our friends in the Gainesville Area AIDS project through Compassion in Action. On the 21st and 28th, Vince and I will be offering a different kind of Bible study on the book of Matthew, complete with sound effects and power point pop-ups to help us along the way. Our Confirmation program get's kicked off (officially) in March, but all confirmands are strongly encouraged to attend our Matthew reading. It will take place from 7:15-8:30 in the Sanctuary. ALL ARE WELCOME!

In Youth United, we are continuing our engagement with spirituality and the world as we discuss the movie "Avatar" and Sandy offers us a version of our Ash Wednesday service. Also, look for more (and potentially NEW) information regarding our upcoming Work Tour 2010!

Finally, during this month when we so often focus on love, I encourage you to find a way to plug your love into practice through any of our numerous outreach offerings. All Winter/Spring outreach offerings are available on a single sheet format in the foyer of the Sanctuary. Find where you can get plugged in TODAY!

MSG

- 2/7** Inreach/Outreach. Come at 11 prepared to help clean up our church neighborhood!
- 2/14** Write a Love Letter! Learn how to express your heartfelt grace and gratitude for those people in your lives who have made a difference to you.
- 2/21** Casey will help us design and make our own t-shirts! (Evening Matthew reading at 7:15!)
- 2/28** Walk and Talk! Bring a few bucks for a local goodie.

YU

- 2/7** Come and discuss the movie "Avatar." We will plunge the subtext of the movie and uncover the implications James Cameron puts out.
- 2/21** Ash Wednesday re-creation with Sandy Reimer! Sandy will help us recreate our very special Ash Wednesday service so that we all can have a deeper journey through the Lenten season.

What's Happening Cont'd

UCG Book Sale -- Sunday, March 14

Collection begins on Sunday, February 28th 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 e-mail Ellen Louis at ellen@nature-maid.com (strong backs required).

~ A Little Child Shall Lead Them ~
UCG Children’s Program ~ Director, Heidi Stein

How will we celebrate Lent? In preparation for Easter the children are going to have four special lessons just for Lent. The lessons will take place on February 21st and 23rd and March 21st and March 23rd with home based activities provided for the weeks in between. The children will have a Lenten prayer song and learn that Lent is a time of learning and reflection. Jesus commands us to “love one another”. In celebration of this we will make a calendar of weekly Lenten gifts to share with others. Stories of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection will be shared throughout the season. Help children bring their Bibles with them to United Tribes. There will be a special prize for those who remember. Also, look for an art display with paintings the children created last year that depict the last days of Jesus’ life.

What is Pow Wow doing for fun? Pow Wow is a fellowship group for families with children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Jenny Land has been busy organizing the Pow Wow group, getting it up and running this year. Last month they visited the Retired Horse Farm in Alachua and have scheduled a Bike Ride on Saturday, February 20. A Pow Wow Camp Out is scheduled for the first weekend in March. Contact Jenny at Jland2646@earthlink.com if you need any information about these great events.

Calendar

- 02-07-10 Extended Activity Time
- 02-14-10 Extended Activity Time
- 02-21-10 United Tribes Lenten Lessons
- 02-28-10 United Tribes Lenten Lessons
- 03-07-10 Pow-Wow and PattiCake camp out



Other News.....

Pastors’ continuing education

As part of their continuing education, Larry, Sandy, and Andy attended the Florida Winter Pastor’s School held at Stetson University in January. Speakers included Barbara Brown Taylor, Wendell Berry, and John Dominic Crossan. These are some of the best of today’s preachers, poets, and biblical scholars, so expect a boost in their coming sermons. Vince is attending the Annual Festival of Homiletics in Nashville this spring, so his boost will come later.

Endowment Information Available on the Web

Learn more about the United Church of Gainesville Endowment Fund on the UCG website at www.ucgainesville.org. The Endowment Fund is a way to support the long term needs of our church. Funds are invested with a social justice priority and support one time needs of UCG such as the acoustic improvements for the Fellowship Hall and playground water fountain.

Save the Date!—Spring TGIFs—Friday, March 19—6:00-9:30pm

A great opportunity to relax and socialize with old friends and new friends from UCG. We gather in a few homes around town for food and fun, staggering the times of our parties to make sure everyone can attend at least one, and let the true partiers make it to all three! If you’re interested in hosting contact Vince Amlin at vincea@ucgainesville.org. More details to come.

Chamber Music However Known

Any musicians interested in gathering weekly or bi-monthly to play chamber music just for fun, please contact Ruth Swartz at 371-1802 or ruthswartz123@yahoo.com.

Boards & Committees

Social Justice Committee

The SJC wants to thank UCG member and friends for their enthusiastic support of our "green" and fair trade sales in December. We sold over \$1,100.00 worth of items and completely deleted our inventory of green bags and water bottles.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, we will again be offering fair trade chocolate bars on Sundays February 7 & 14 during coffee time; Skoy Cloths will also be available. Did you know that our Equal Exchange Organic Chocolate is part of the UCC Coffee Project, a partnership between Equal Exchange and the Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ? When you enjoy this premium chocolate, you are supporting social justice initiatives at the national and local level. You are also contributing to sustainable farming practices and small, independent farms world-wide.

Other recent activities of the SJC include giving a \$900.00 grant to the ACORN Clinic in December to help provide mental health services to rural residents; continued participation in the Community Weatherization Coalition (CWC) and Rebuilding Together; and working with the Action Network on health care initiatives. This month we will evaluate our current 3-year plan goals and look ahead to the new 3-year plan.

Future SJC events include sponsoring some Sunday Seminars and participation in the Earth Sunday worship service. UCG members can participate in the upcoming training offered by the Community Weatherization Coalition on February 28th & March 14th from noon – 4:00pm and March 21st from 11:00am – 6:00pm. Rebuilding Together will be sponsoring another project on April 17th & 24th and May 1st. Look for details in upcoming bulletins and for ways to be part of Rebuilding Together despite the conflict with our UCG Retreat.

Barbara Beynon, Co-chair

Interfaith Hospitality Network

IHN will be hosting families from January 31 through February 7th at United Church of Gainesville. We plan to have four families during this hosting. **Our next hosting is March 14 through March 21st**, so we will begin recruiting once again in mid-February. We greatly appreciate our dedicated volunteers and all those who support this important ministry of our church. We are missing a large number of blankets and twin sized mattress pads from our closet. **If you have a gently used blanket that you can donate, we would be very grateful.** We are buying the 10 missing mattress pads.

The Greater Gainesville IHN is also looking for suitcases for the guests to use for their personal belongings. **If you have a gently used suitcase that you no longer use, please consider donating it.** You may drop it off at the church office and we will insure that it gets to the Gainesville IHN office. Please contact Doris Harvey at (352) 214-0693 if you have any questions about IHN

Compassion in Action

For three weeks at the end of January and February (**Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14**) we will be collecting personal items and toiletries for 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. Pick up a heart in the foyer and return the item on that heart to the church no later than Sunday, February 14.

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
12:15	Twenty +/-

Worship Theme: "Flip Flops, Loafers & Work Boots - How's Your Footing?"

February 7 - IHN Hosting Ends

8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel with Mark Burlingame

9:30 and 11:00 – Worship - "If the Shoe Fits– *In the Sanctuary of Outcasts*" Larry Reimer. Music by the Adult choir

10:00am - LifeSouth Blood Drive

11:00 - Adult Seminars:

Shiitake Mushroom Cultivation in Your Backyard - Are you interested in growing tasty shiitake mushrooms in your yard? Using simple equipment, UCG member Erick Smith will demonstrate how easy it is to grow shiitakes at home. No experience necessary.

Alzheimer's/ Dementia Caregiver Information Group - Many of our lives are touched by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Stacy Merritt, former Program Director of our local Alzheimer's' Association will present useful resources and answer questions for those dealing with these illnesses as caregivers, family members, or concerned friends. This seminar is a great lead-in for the monthly support group!

11:00 - Friendship Group

12:00 - Youth United

12:30 - Friends Over Fifty*

February 14

8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel with Ann Gill

9:30 and 11:00 – Worship "Holy Grounding" - Vince Amlin

11:00 - Grief Support*

No Adult Seminars this Sunday

12:15 - Middle School Team

High School Team

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

Lenten Worship Theme: "Putting the Flesh on the Bone of Faith"

February 21 - New Members Join

8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel with David Hackett

9:30 and 11:00 Worship "Putting the Flesh on the Bones of Faith" Larry Reimer. Services include welcoming new members, Communion, UCG adult choir and liturgical dancers.

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**Pre-registered Adult Small Group*

Sundays in February

February 21– cont'd

11:00 - Adult Seminars:

Innately Good: Dispelling the Myth that You're Not - For this very special seminar we welcome nationally renowned author, columnist, and speaker Jan Denise to present on the subject matter of her latest book, *Innately Good*. In this seminar, learn to:

- Identify the ultimate fear of “not being good enough” as the trigger of all your negative emotions, empty pursuits, escape, and addiction
- Eliminate your fear and discover the truth of your innate goodness
- Make the hero's journey from shame and isolation to the radiance of the true self
- Let love be the driving force in your everyday behavior

11:00 - Friendship Group

12:00 - Feral Readers*

New Members Potluck - Fellowship Hall

5:30pm - Youth United

February 28

8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel with Darrell Hartman

9:30 and 11:00 Worship – Andy Bachmann

11:00 - Grief Support*

11:00 - Adult Seminars

Leaving Home: A Seminar for Parents of Older Teens - A seminar based on the "learning circles" concept, parents of older teens and young adults are invited to come explore together the spiritual journey of letting go with arms open wide. Whether your children are in the middle of high school or just off on their own, we look to join in sharing our hopes and experiences as we set off on this fresh path with our children almost grown.

The 2010 Census: How It's Done and Why It Matters - This seminar describes how the Census Bureau will attempt to count some 310 million Americans in next month's census and discusses hot-button issues regarding group identity, personal privacy, political representation and the distribution of billions of dollars each year.

2:30 - Sunday at the Movies*

March 7

8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel

9:30 and 11:00 Worship – Larry Reimer

11:00 - Adult Seminars

Recurring Throughout the Month

★ **BYO Lunch Groups** meet at noon on Fridays - Men's in the Fellowship Hall and Women's in the Library. All are welcome to these informal gatherings. Please call the church office by Wednesday if you need child care.

★ **Choir** rehearses Thursday at 7:15pm in the Sanctuary.

★ **Twenty Something +/-** meets for Free Lunch each Sunday after the 11am service

★ **Dances of Universal Peace** meets the 2nd Friday of each month from 7:30-9:30pm in the West Wing. Come join in simple meditative dances and chanting. No partner or experience needed.

FEBRUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			IHN Hosting this Week			
		BAP 7pm	ONA Task Force 5:30pm Enneagram Parenting* 7pm	Crystal Bowl Med. 12pm Council Exec 3pm BPM 6pm BCM 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm	Lunch Groups 12pm	Women's Overnight begins
7 IHN Hosting Ends Worship 9:30 & 11am Friendship Group 11am YU 12pm Women's Overnight ends Friend's Over Fifty* 12:30pm	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Budget Summit 1:30pm SJC 6pm Retreat Committee 7pm BoB 7:15pm	CMRB 12pm Enneagram Parenting* 7pm New Members Orientation 7pm	Quieting the Mind* 7pm No Choir Rehearsal	Lunch Groups 12pm PNO 5:30pm Food For Thought* 7pm DUP 7:30pm	Vedantic Meditation* 10:30am
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 9:30 & 11am Grief Support* 11am MS & HS Teams 12:15pm Crystal Bowl Meditation 7:30pm	President's Day Office Closed	Church Council 5:30pm Retreat Committee 7pm	Ash Wednesday Services at Noon & 7pm	LGBT & Friends Fundraiser Committee 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm	Lunch Groups 12pm Drama & Dessert* 8pm	White Springs Trip 9am Pow Wow Gathering 10am Vedantic Meditation* 10:30am
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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

LOOKING AHEAD

- ◆ **February 24** – Taize services begin, every Wednesday during Lent, at 6:30pm
- ◆ **March 14-21**– Hosting for the Interfaith Hospitality Network
- ◆ **March 21** – Time and Talent Fair, when UCG members sign up for boards and committees other volunteer opportunities for the coming year
- ◆ **March 21** - Vince Amlin's Installation
- ◆ **March 28 to April 11** – Retreat Registration
- ◆ **April 4** – Easter
- ◆ **April 18** – Earth Sunday
- ◆ **April 23-25** – Annual Church Retreat

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS