

United Church of Gainesville

# NEWSLETTER

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

M A Y 2010

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## Important May Events

- \* New Worship Theme "The Road Less Traveled"
- \* Annual Council Planning Conference for new officers and board chairpersons on Wednesday, May 12 from 5:30 to 8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
- \* ONA "Decade Dance" on May 15 - see page 2
- \* Visitors Lunch on Sunday, May 23 at 12:15pm - see page 2

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## Official Call to our Spring Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 16 – 10:35 am in Sanctuary

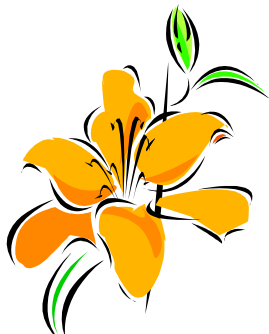
Chocolate and Child Care is provided.

Please plan to attend.



### Agenda items include:

- \* appreciation to the officers, chairpersons and board members
- \* election of incoming officers and new board members & adoption of Annual Report
- \* IHN Task Force update on city ordinances
- \* Update on Board of Outreach "Food 4 Kids" pilot program
- \* Presentation, discussion and vote on a proposal to move, on a trial basis, our annual Enlistment campaign for pledges forward one month, to begin in October and be concluded by the first of November
- \* Reprise of Ministers' Retreat Surprise and showing of YU's Work Tour Video



Looking backward or ahead, we see that

Victory lies not at some high place along the way,

But in having made the Journey, stage by stage.

*~ from a Yom Kippur prayer*

# <sup>2</sup>What's Happening in May

- **Ken Bradley Annuity Collection on Sunday, May 9:** For the past three years we have had a special offering for an annuity for Ken Bradley, our custodian of almost 30 years. Beginning Sunday, May 9 and throughout the month of May, you may designate gifts to UCG for the Ken Bradley annuity. Funds are placed in an IRA at Ken's bank in Hawthorne.
- **Art in the Library** this month features the bright, bold colors of silk painter Marlena Berkow-Coats. She has been silk painting since the early '90s and the collection displayed represents each phase of her work over the years. Join her for a reception on **Sunday, May 9th at 10:30am.**
- **Need a night out? PNO** is for parents of babies through K/1 and their siblings. The kids go to the UCG church school wing on **Friday, May 14 from 5:30 to 8:30pm** - where they eat pizza\*, watch movies, play games, and have fun with their friends. The cost is \$10 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child. \*Due to life threatening food allergies, no outside food can be brought in. To reserve your spot, please **RSVP by Tuesday, May 11 to alysonm@ucgainesville.org.**
- **"Decades Dance" - Saturday, May 15 at 7:00pm.** The Open and Affirming Taskforce of UCG will host a party to raise funds for the ministry of welcoming and celebrating gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people as part of our church community. The theme for the party is "Decades Dance" with music from the 50's to today; all are invited to dress for your favorite decade! The Decades Dance will take place in the UCG Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 15 from 7:00 to 11:00pm. **Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.** Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.
- **Visitors' lunch - Sunday, May 23 at 12:15pm** - If you have been visiting UCG, you're invited to attend a visitors' lunch with the ministers and the Board of Membership. This is a chance for you to get to know us better and ask any questions you might have as we get to know you. Sign up at church or call the church office. Child care is provided.
- **Helen Aller-Oster Memorial Golf Tournament: - Sunday, June 6 at 1:00pm at Meadowbrook Golf Course (Please note new location.)** The cost is \$50 and includes green fees, cart, lunch, drinks, logo balls, prizes and a lot of fun! This is a best ball scramble format so your shot can only help your team. Every team will have a good golfer and a beginner and two golfers in between. So even if you haven't played before or even if it's been years, this is the tournament for you. **Registration begins on Sunday, May 2 in the Courtyard.** For more information, contact Mike Chance at mdchance@ hotmail.com.

## RECURRING EACH MONTH

- ★ **Dances of Universal Peace** meets in the West Wing at 7:30pm on the second Friday of each month. All are welcome; no partner needed.
- ★ **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. Call the church office #378-3500 by Thursday at noon to request child care.

# The Seventh Trumpet

We have a new worship theme for spring, “The Road Less Traveled”. Most of us think right away of Scott Peck’s bestseller by that name. And then we remember back to high school English and the poem by Robert Frost, actually titled, “The Road Not Taken.”

The poet speaks of encountering two roads in a yellow wood, wishing he could take both, but recognizing the limitations of one life, deciding to take the one that was “grassy and wanted wear”. He thinks that another day he might come back and try the other path, “Yet knowing how way leads to way, /I doubted if I should ever come back.”

The poem closes,

*I shall be telling this with a sigh*

*Somewhere ages and ages hence:*

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –*

*I took the one less traveled by,*

*And that has made all the difference.*

In response to our worship exploration team’s brainstorming on this theme, Gary Kirkland wrote, “Back in the 1970’s if I was church “shopping,” would I have picked the church with a nice building, beautiful stained glass windows and the team of ministers, or would I have chosen the small group, that had no building, but instead used non-air conditioned rental space, and a nursery for the kids down the street and a single minister not long out of seminary who was a rookie as a senior pastor? The early members of UCG are examples of what can happen when you pick that less-traveled road.”

Without overly romanticizing the heroics of those early days, UCG certainly was a road less traveled for its members and for me as well. I left a beautiful tall steepled white Congregational Church on a Connecticut green so picturesque that “Redbook” magazine featured it in their Christmas issue. Back at Yale Divinity School, we used to congratulate each other on “making New England” in our first church placements, and here I was leaving it. In fact a few weeks after we arrived, I was taking our three year old son with me on a pastoral call to a stately home with a pillared two story front porch. Matt looked up at me and said, “Is this the church, Daddy?”

While UCG today doesn’t have that log cabinesque hardship that old timers so often like to hold up to the newcomers, I believe it remains a church that continually follows “the road less traveled.” Being Open and Affirming, providing an alternative spring break for our youth, including a death row inmate in our membership, exploring uncharted spiritual paths, always trying new music, even the structure of our church council are all less traveled paths.

There are bumps in this road, even some dead ends which force us to turn around and try again, but I love sharing it with you.

Larry

## **Watch Avatar Before May 23**

My annual feature film sermon this year will be on May 23, and I will be focusing on “Avatar.” Because it is so violent, I couldn’t quite recommend that everyone see this year’s Academy Award winner, “The Hurt Locker”. “Avatar” is full of classic, mythic, archetypal themes. It has wondrously beautiful scenery, and of course some flaws as well. Both the beauty and the flaws have something to teach us. “Avatar” is available for rental on DVD, evidently even in 3-D, and I encourage you to watch it for the May 23 service. May 23 is also Pentecost in the liturgical year, which includes visions of fire, so be forewarned .

# THRESHOLDS . . . .

SANDY REIMER

We're basking in the joy of a wonderful Retreat! We had 276 folks, including 9 babies and toddlers, 13 preschoolers, 30 elementary schoolers, 11 middle schoolers, 18 high schoolers and 15 child care aides. Thirty-two adults attended for the first time. The beautiful weather, the fun of connecting and singing at the opening session, the plentiful enriching adult workshops and the happy free time activities, the worship experiences, and the pure joy of a week-end away together linger on in my heart and soul. The Variety Show was wonderful: lots of children and youth participating, lots of fun and good jokes and musical numbers, AND it lasted less than 90 minutes. The whole Retreat experience was smooth with lots of options to choose your own activities and pace. Thank you to everyone who made the retreat possible, and a special thanks to the Retreat Committee!

Our church year for boards, committees and officers ends in mid-May and our new church year begins. If you signed up, or said yes, to serving on a board or committee, you'll begin meeting this month with your group. Tim Martin begins his term as our Moderator with Sally Simonis as our Moderator Elect.

If you are not serving on a board or committee in the coming year, how would you like to participate in the life and ministry of this church? Contact Tim, contact me, contact the church office and we can direct you to places where we would love to receive your talents and gifts.

**Please read this: we need you, we need everyone, to help on Sunday mornings with ushering or greeting or coffee-making or bringing the worship center.** If you have not yet filled out our annual members' information form, you can find it in the foyer every Sunday or you can contact the church office and we'll send one to you electronically or by mail. Please fill out this form in May so that we can update your phone numbers, e-mail addresses, children's ages and stages. And it allows you to volunteer for our important Sunday morning tasks, picking the one that works best for you.. We depend on you – every one of you – in order to have ushers to hand out bulletins and collect the offering; to warmly welcome visitors; to prepare the coffee which keeps us all smiling and going; and to bring the flowers, candles, and special objects that grace our worship center. Let us know which of these you prefer, by noting it on your information form or by e-mailing the church office. If you would like to schedule specific Sundays when you know you are available, let us know that as well. Otherwise, we'll send you a schedule periodically asking you to volunteer on a particular Sunday. **Usher, greet, make coffee, bring beauty = four easy ways to make Sunday mornings inviting, welcoming, stimulating, and lovely. Please do your part!**

May these days of May be blessings of warmth and increasing light in your life!

PS - Remember to catch at least one episode of "Modern Family" - Wednesday nights - 9pm on ABC - before the Sunday, May 9th worship services.

PSS— Andy, Vince, Larry and I are meeting on May 14th to brainstorm worship themes for the coming year. If you have ideas for themes or sermons or services, please e-mail them to us! (It helps if you copy all four of us!)

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## PASSAGES:

- ♦ Joseph Verne Stein, son of Heidi and Taylor Stein, brother of Rachel and Lucy, was baptized on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> by Rev. Vince Amlin. Our love and joy surround Joe and the Stein family.

## MAY MUSINGS: A MESSAGE FROM ANDY

It's hard to believe it's time to look to the end of the year, with wrap up parties and Senior Sunday plannings in the youth programs at UCG.

We're coming off an fantastic April, with an outstanding Work tour to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. We had a very different kind of experience this year. We worked together with an associate of their local congressman, helping to restore a marsh back to it's original state. The challenge was there was an entire house nestled in the middle of this marsh, after having been lifted and dropped by Hurricane Katrina. We literally removed this house one bucket at a time from the marsh. We had to be very intentional to remove all plaster, drywall, painted wood, plastics and insulation. Have you ever seen insulation after it's sat in a marsh for five years? It turns into a funky gel that we affectionately dubbed, "sloop and gloop." The homeowners were long gone, so this type of work was very different from our regular experience.

One striking thing that we noticed is that the gulf coast STILL looks horrible. There are empty lots every where you go, FEMA trailers on every block, and giant parking lots with no stores to patronize. The resiliency of the residents is slowly sinking into a malaise and frustration, with so much more work needing to be done and no money, human power or resources to aid in the recovery.

Once again, our youth were OUTSTANDING. They worked so hard, remained upbeat and positive, and were led by a fantastic group of adult volunteers who made the trip so great. The Adult volunteers were: Mike and Cathy Myers, Doug Whalen, Amy Rovell-Rixx, Adam Hill and of course, Steve Bates. Another great trip, another powerful experience. Thank you all for your support of YU, as we continue to do our theology with our sleeves rolled up.

This month, look for an exciting MSG paddling excursion (permission slips required!) and YU Senior Sunday preparations!

### MSG

**May 2** - Come make a Mother's Day gift for Mom !

**May 9** - Mother's Day - We have Drugs & Rock n Roll Clarification!

**May 16** - Canoe/Kayak trip - permission slips required!

**May 23** - Dinner & a Movie at **5:30pm** - Meet at UCG

**May 31** - End of Year Party - Details TBD

### YU

**May 2** - Dinner and a Movie with Post Work Tour Sharing.

**May 17** - Senior Sunday Planning and Preparation

**June 6** - Senior Sunday

**Community Note: Host a High School Exchange Student** - Program of Academic Exchange is seeking families interested in hosting a foreign exchange student next academic year. All PAX students speak English, have full medical insurance and arrive with their own spending money. Families provide a place for students to sleep and study, meals, and a warm, supportive environment. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, including single parents, young couples and retirees. Providing a short term "welcome stay" for 6 -8 weeks is also an option. For more information, contact UCG member Natalie Saltmarsh, Community Coordinator, at 407-221-7657.

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

**How to show gratitude?**

Each Sunday this year has been an amazing blessing for the children of this church. The quality of this program would simply be impossible without the many volunteers that give their time and talents. Thanks to each one of you who were able to teach, act, lead, and play with our children this year.

**When's Camp?**

Tribal camp is filling up fast. Be sure to turn in your application soon to reserve your spot. Applications and brochures can be picked up from Heidi's mail box in the church office. Camp is weekdays, August 2<sup>nd</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Tribal camp has a spot for everyone. Volunteers run special enrichment activities and can be of any age. We love the life experiences and talents that UCG members have to share with our kids. Contact Heidi Stein at [steinags@cox.net](mailto:steinags@cox.net) to enrich a child's life.

**Calendar**

5-2-10 - All Tribe Earth Day Event

5-9-10 - Mother's Day Gifts

5-16-10 - Children's Choir Practice

5-23-10 - Last Day of United Tribes - Children's Choir Performs



**Other Church News.....**

**Thanks, Thanks and More Thanks!** We would like to thank Mike Myers for his work on the Memory Garden Fountain. He drilled a new opening for the water hose, scrubbed and repainted the inside, cleaned the outside and more! Now the fountain is working beautifully!

Also a big thanks goes to Steve Bates who started a part-time maintenance position here in February. He has accomplished an amazing amount of work since then! He has worked on the playground, church school wing, sprinkler system, pre-school drinking fountain, added a gutter to the office addition, washed doors, rewired thermostats and everything else in between. We appreciate all the hard work these guys have done to keep our building in working order!

Anyone interested in joining the **UCG LGBT & Friends Open & Affirming Facebook group** can email Bill Gallagher at [bil3@cox.net](mailto:bil3@cox.net) and he will add you. It is a closed Facebook Group that only members can view the content of and is a great resource. If you have questions, email Bill Gallagher or call him at 514-5539.

**If any UCG members have vision problems** and would be interested in meeting and sharing tips for coping with their vision issues, please e-mail UCG member Beverly Ciotola at [alotoic@aol.com](mailto:alotoic@aol.com)

## CHURCH BOARDS & COMMITTEES

### **Board of Membership**

Board of Membership would like to say a few words about the greeting process. If you have not yet signed up to greet, we encourage you to do so. This is a joyful opportunity to welcome visitors and members alike to our spiritual home. If you aren't signing up to greet because you don't want to get up in front of the congregation to announce visitors, don't worry, you don't have to! There is always someone among the Board of Membership greeters willing to do this. So come on and volunteer. We guarantee you will enjoy it and will benefit even more than the people you greet.

### **Compassion in Action**

CIA would like to send a big "THANK YOU" to the wonderful people supporting the book drive for the child abuse prevention program. April was Child Abuse Prevention month and the book drive was a wonderful success, thanks to you, in supporting programs of prevention and intervention.

### **CMRB**

Spring is in the air and along with the beauty of spring comes the beauty of the next Three-Year Planning cycle at UCG! Our three-year planning process *is* as beautiful as the spring, as it allows all UCG members to participate in identifying needs and charting a new course for our church for the future based on those needs. By working together to develop the plan, we are able to take the pulse of the congregation and strive to meet everyone's needs, making UCG the very best church it can be!

All UCG members can help ensure the success of the three-year planning process by participating! In October, be on the look-out for the UCG 3-Year Planning Survey for 2011-2014. You will be able to complete this survey on-line, on paper, or at church on a designated "Survey Sunday" in October. The Congregation Ministerial Review Board (CMRB) will be collating and analyzing the survey data, and based on this data, draft a statement of priorities for UCG to focus on in 2012-2014.

Survey data results and the draft priority plan will be presented to the congregation on a designated "Priority Sunday" in February for feedback and review. After revision based on your feedback, the next UCG three-year plan will be published next Spring, and we will be ready to start a new cycle of growth and development in the life of UCG!

Spring *is* a wonderful time for so many reasons, and this year, the launching of the next three-year planning process is just one more reason to be thankful for this great time of year!

**Interested in joining UCG?** Our next new member Sunday will be June 13. Those interested in joining should attend the new member orientation on Wednesday, June 2 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This orientation is an opportunity to learn what it means to be a member of our congregation and to prepare for joining on the 13th. Sign-up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

**Florida Conference Annual Meeting** - All the ministerial staff plus Mary Nutter, Tim Martin, and Larry Ligammare will be attending the Annual Meeting of the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ on Thurs-Sunday, April 30-May 2 at Naples, Florida. Ron Nutter will also be in attendance as the outgoing moderator of the Florida Conference. Zach Graves and the Board of Parish Ministry will be leading worship at UCG on May 2.

## WORKSHOPS ON DREAMS AT UCG WITH JEREMY TAYLOR

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 27

Dr. Jeremy Taylor, a renowned speaker and author on the subject of dreams, returns to UCG for his fourth visit. An ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, Jeremy has worked with dreams for over thirty years, blending the values of spirituality with an active social conscience and a Jungian perspective. Jeremy has written three books integrating dream symbolism, mythology, and archetypal energy: The Living Labyrinth: Universal Themes in Myths, Dreams and the Symbolism of Waking Life, Dream Work and Where People Fly and Water Runs Uphill.

Jeremy appears regularly on local, regional and national radio and TV; he pioneered on-line dream work as the host of AOL's innovative dream work show. He has taught at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California as well as a wide variety of colleges and universities in the Bay Area and in South Korea. He has led workshops in Canada, Mexico, England, Peru and all over the US.

### WORKSHOP # 1

#### "EXPLORING DREAMS AND OUR EVOLVING SPIRITUALITY"

FOR ANY ONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN DREAMS

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2010 FROM 9:00AM TO 3:30PM

At this workshop, Jeremy Taylor will present

- ◇ fundamental assumptions and techniques for working with dreams
- ◇ the archetypes of the Divine as they manifest in our dreams
- ◇ demonstrations of group dream work using the dreams of several participants.

#### **Fees for this workshop, for those who register by Sunday, June 6:**

United Church of Gainesville members = \$55

General public = \$75

Graduate students = \$40

Undergraduate and high school students = \$25

### WORKSHOP #2

#### "USING DREAMS IN THERAPY" - FOR COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

ON SUNDAY JUNE 27, 2010 FROM 2:30 TO 5:30PM

This workshop is limited to 20 participants, so that there is ample time for questions and participation. Participants must have attended a previous workshop with Jeremy so that they are well-versed in his Toolkit for Dreams. **Fees for the combined Saturday and Sunday workshops, for those who register by Sunday, June 6:**

United Church of Gainesville members = \$125

General public = \$145

Graduate students = \$85

If you have, in the past five years, attended a dream workshop with Jeremy Taylor, you may choose to attend only the Sunday afternoon workshop for \$85. **After June 6th, all fees increase by \$10.**

Registration forms will be available in the church office, in the Sanctuary foyer, and by e-mail request beginning Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Questions? Contact Sandy Reimer through the church office.

# Sundays in May

## Regular Sunday Schedule

9:15 - 12:15	Nursery & Toddler Care
9:30	Worship with Children's Story
9:45 - 10:45	United Tribes Church School - after Children's Story
10:30	Fellowship Time
10:45 - noon	Children's Activity Time
11:00 - noon	Worship, Adult Seminars, Middle School Group
Noon	20 Something +/-

*Worship Theme – The Road Less Travelled*

### Sunday, May 2nd

**8:30 Meditation in the Chapel** - with David Hackett

**9:30 & 11:00 Worship “The Road Less Traveled”** with UCG member Zach Graves. Services coordinated by the Board of Parish Ministry

### 11:00 Friendship Group

#### Adult Seminars:

**Emotional Freedom Technique** - Emotional, mental, and physical health and balance require a smooth flow of energy throughout the body. Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) is an emotional form of acupuncture which uses finger tapping on specific meridians to clear out blockages and congestion. This seminar will be led by Pranarose Meiss, who says, “EFT can reduce the therapeutic process from months or years down to hours or minutes, and it’s easy for anyone to learn.”

**Watershed Action Volunteers** - Guests from the Watershed Action Volunteers will explain the work of their organization and present a talk on “Living in a Watershed.” This presentation will highlight what homeowners can do to reduce water use and protect this valuable natural resource. This seminar is especially timely for the spring as we begin gardening. Come learn how to better care for our water!

**5:30 Youth United - Dinner and a Movie**

### May 9th - *Mother's Day*

**8:30 Meditation in the Chapel** - with Ann Gill

**9:30 & 11:00 - Worship “Forks in the Road: Nobody Gets Quite the Family They Imagined”** with Sandy Reimer. Special offering for Ken Bradley's annuity.

**10:30am - LifeSouth Blood Drive until 12:30pm**

#### 11:00 Adult Seminar:

**7 Steps to Transforming Your Life through the Lord's Prayer** - Many of us have been taught through our religious upbringing to mechanically repeat the Lord's Prayer without having been given an understanding of the significance and power of this prayer. In this workshop you will be given an opportunity to experience a spiritual practice using this ancient prayer that you can take home and implement in your daily life that has the potential "for personal and global transformation." Led by Kathryn Kvols and Vince Amlin

**12:00 Middle School and High School Teams**

### May 16th - *Spring Congregational Meeting*

**8:30 Meditation in the Chapel** - with Jackie Davis

**9:30 ONE Worship Service “The Spiritual Significance of Insignificant Things”** - Andy Bachmann

**10:35 Spring Congregational Meeting**

**11:00 Friendship Group**

# Sundays continued

**May 16th cont'd.**

**12:00 Feral Readers\***

**5:30 Youth United**

**7:30 Crystal Bowl Meditation** –led by Cindy Bergbower in the Sanctuary

**May 23th**

**8:30 Meditation in the Chapel** - Leslie Sahler

**9:30 & 11:00am Worship “Pentecost, Fire and Film: ‘Avatar’”** with Larry Reimer

**11:00 Adult Seminars:**

**Where’s your Family Headed?** - UCG member, Skip Everitt, will lead this seminar based on Patrick Lencioni’s book *Three Big Questions for a Frantic Family*. Lencioni notes that many people who are great at managing an office and eliciting cooperation from workers find their own families somewhat more difficult. This exciting seminar will explore ways in which some of the best business principles, such as mission, vision, goals, plans, strategy and team communications can be adapted to deepen and clarify the lives of our families.

**The Body Doesn’t Lie** - Learn to determine through muscle testing what things to avoid and what will bring increased health and happiness. Mike Chance will offer a demonstration and short workshop of manual muscle testing to determine the positive and negative factors that influence our health. In the triad of health there are structural, chemical and emotional factors that influence our health and well-being.

**May 30th**

**8:30 Meditation in the Chapel** - with David Hackett

**9:30 & 11:00 Worship “The Well Worn Path”** - Vince Amlin

**11:00 Adult Seminars:**

**The Theory of Moral Sentiments with Sanford Berg**

**Family Service Vacations!** - From planting community gardens in Virginia to building classrooms overseas, service vacations are a great way to learn more about yourself and deepen your connections with your family while helping others. Join us for tips on how these vacations work, where to learn more and ideas about what might be a good service vacation fit for your family. Led by Helda Montero.

**June 6th - Senior Sunday**

*Our summer schedule begins this Sunday: one worship service at 10:00am; child care from 9:45 to 11:15; activity time for 3 year olds – 5<sup>th</sup> graders following the children’s story; no youth group meetings. We resume our fall schedule on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> with the annual Gathering of Waters services.*

**9:15 Meditation in the Chapel**

**9:45– 11:30 Child care available**

**10:00 One Worship Service - Senior Sunday led by Youth United and Andy Bachmann**

**11:00ish - Fellowship and Beverages**

**1:00 Helen Aller Oster Memorial Golf Tournament** - Meadowbrook Golf Course

# MAY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Florida Conference UCC Annual Meeting
2 Worship 9:30 & 11:00am  Friendship Group 1pm  YU 5:30pm	3	4 ONA Task Force 6pm  BAP 7pm	5 Council Exec 12pm  Lively Arts Planning 5:30pm	6 Crystal Bowl Meditation 12pm BPM 5:30pm Song of Songs* 7pm BOCM 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm	7 Reimers off  Lunch Groups 12pm	8  Agosto-Evans Wedding 4pm
9 Mother's Day Worship 9:30 & 11:00am LifeSouth Blood Drive 10:30am  MS/HS Teams 12pm	10	11 Budget Summit 1:30pm Feb New Members Group 5pm SJC 6:30pm CIA 7pm BoB 7:15pm	12  Planning Conference 5:30-8:30pm	13  CMRB 7pm Song of Songs* 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm	14  Lunch Groups 12pm PNO 5:30pm Food For Thought* 7pm DUP 7:30pm	15  Decades Dance ONA Fund Raiser 7-11pm
16 Worship: 9:30 Congregational Meeting 10:35am Book Group* 12pm YU 5:30pm Crystal Bowl Meditation 7:30pm	17 3rd Monday Project Night	18 Alzheimer/ Dementia Support Group * 7pm	19 Newsletter Deadline 12pm  Church Council 5:30pm	20 Meditation* 12pm  Choir Rehearsal TBD	21  Lunch Groups 12pm	22 Schmink-Reid Wedding 5pm
23 Worship 9:30 & 11am  Visitor's Lunch 12:15pm	24	25	26  Newsletter Folding 10:30am	27  Song of Songs* 7pm  Choir Rehearsal TBD	28	29
			Reimers off through May 31			
30 Worship at 9:30 & 11am	31 Memorial Day Office Closed					

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FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

## *Looking Ahead*

- ♦ **June 6**      **Summer Schedule Begins– One Service at 10:00am**
- ♦ **June 2**      **Orientation Meeting for New Members at 7:00pm**
- ♦ **June 13**     **New Members Join at 10:00am**
- ♦ **July 4**      **Annual Fourth of July Evening Service followed  
by Ice Cream Social**
- ♦ **August 15**   **Gathering of Waters Services - 9:30 & 11:00**

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