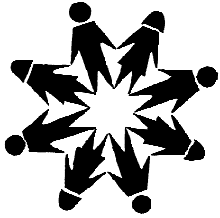


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United Church of Gainesville

# NEWSLETTER

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

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## “A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH: Not Necessarily in That Order”

The idea for this theme comes from a passage in the book of Revelation, Chapter 21, “*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.*” The theme runs for ten Sundays and includes a variety of ideas and perspectives not only about heaven, but also about how we might see and honor and create a new earth. Our Visual Arts team has created a rich texture of images, fabrics, metaphors, and colors to enhance the theme. The bamboo scaffolding in the front of the Sanctuary symbolizes the ways that heaven and earth come up and down to meet one another and, like our spiritual journeys, are always in the process of growth and new constructions. Through humor and music, dance and drama, sermons and readings, stories and prayers, we will explore together the ways that the Spirit continues to make all things new.

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- S undays:** worship services at 9:30 & 11:00am - Adult seminars at 11:00am
- E njoy** meeting somebody new at fellowship time between services
- P articipate** in an adult small group this fall; brochures in the foyer and office
- T ribes Uniting** on Sunday mornings with great programs for children
- E xciting and enriching** youth groups for middle and high schoolers
- M editation:** every Sunday at 8:30am and Sunday evening, Sept. 12 at 7:30pm
- B ehold** a new adult seminar series on Justice at 9:30am for 12 weeks this fall
- E xpect** to wear your nametag on Sundays so we can greet one another
- R U a visitor?** Come to the Visitors' Lunch on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 12:15pm



*We think of Eternal Life, if we think of it at all, as what happens when life ends. We would do better to think of it as what happens when life begins. Eternity is not endless time or the opposite of time. It is the essence of time. ~ Frederick Buechner in Wishful Thinking*

# What's Happening in September

**Sunday morning meditation will resume this month at 8:30 each Sunday in the Chapel.** Our format is simple, offering an uninterrupted 20 to 30 minutes of silence. There will be a facilitator each Sunday who will welcome participants, frame the silence, and close with a reading, prayer or song. We hope you will be able to join us.

**Adult Small Groups will continue registration through September 5<sup>th</sup>,** so be sure to pick up a brochure in the foyer or at the church office. There are a variety of groups with a diversity of content including spiritual exploration, personal growth, arts fellowship and recreation. UCG members and regular visitors have first preference, and many groups are limited in size, so sign-up today. For more information, contact Vince Amlin at [vincea@ucgainesville.org](mailto:vincea@ucgainesville.org).

**Parents' Night Out** – Bring your children babies through 5th grade to the UCG church school wing on **Friday, September 10** from 5:30 to 8:30 where they can play, eat pizza, watch movies, and have fun with our child care staff. Pizza and apple slices are provided. Due to serious food allergies of some participants, please do not bring any outside food. The cost is \$10 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child. **RSVP by Tuesday, September 7** by e-mailing Alyson at [alysonm@ucgainesville.org](mailto:alysonm@ucgainesville.org).

**Dances of Universal Peace** - Begins the new season on Friday, September 10 at 7:30pm in the West Wing with Diana Kanoy leading.

**Visitors Lunch - Sunday September 12-** If you've been visiting UCG and would like to get to know more about UCG, come to a visitors lunch Sunday, September 12, at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Larry, Sandy and Vince will be there to answer questions. The lunch is free. Child care is provided, but we must know if you need it. Please sign up on the church bulletin board or call the church office.

**Do You Want to Join UCG? - On Sunday, October 10, we will welcome new members** at the 9:30 & 11:00 services. Joining UCG is always a sacred time. You bring who you are to us, and we in turn offer ourselves to you as a sacred trust. We believe that God works in this dynamic mix of giving and receiving. We confirm our connection with communion. **New member orientation is Wednesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Child care is provided. Please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board by the office on Sunday morning. Let us know if you need child care as well.

**Art in the Library** - September will feature the work of Angela Hoppe. Her joyful use of color can be seen in the floral, landscape and still life paintings currently on display. She studied at Pratt Institute in New York and has been painting for 20 years. Join her for a reception on **Sunday, September 12 at 10:30 am.**

**Continuing on the Blue Path: Film Screening and Discussion** - Come spend an evening with Annie Pais and learn more about how to join The Blue Path Campaign to save the springs. On Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Annie will show *The Hidden Rivers of Florida*, a film by Wes Skiles and Jill Heinerth here in the UCG Sanctuary. Following the hour long film, Annie will facilitate a discussion about simple things we can all do to live on our blue path. A suggested \$10 donation will help fund the work of The Blue Path.

**"Justice" a New 9:30 Seminar Series with Vince Amlin, David Hackett, and Bill Lassiter begins Sunday, September 12!!!**

**Based on the PBS Series and Harvard course, "Justice with Michael Sandel."**

**See page 6 for more details!**

# The Seventh Trumpet

The Seventh Trumpet has so much to trumpet that he can hardly catch his breath (and it's very dangerous when he starts speaking of himself in the third person, so enough of that).

## **Islamophobia and Gainesville's Interfaith response to it.**

While we would all like to ignore the ravings of a congregation of less than fifty people declaring that they will burn a copy of the Quran on September 11, the whole world knows about their intention. I was at a gathering at the Hoda Islamic Center in Gainesville, where one of the Muslim members said he heard this announced on the news in Egypt where it was presented as a mainstream American attitude.

At the moment twenty-five clergy and religious officials from Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Muslim congregations have agreed to read a common passage from Muslim, Hebrew, and Christian scriptures at their own individual worship services on September 11 and 12. This includes three Jewish congregations in Gainesville as part of their Rosh Hashanah celebrations. At UCG, UF Department of Religion faculty member Zoharah Simmons who is also a Muslim will read scripture on September 12, at the 9:30 service. At 11:00 she will also be leading a seminar on her faith journey to become a Sufi Muslim and what that means in light of the current Islamophobia sweeping America.

There is an open invitation to attend an open house at the Hoda Islamic center at 5220 SW 13 St. and the Islamic Center on University Ave on September 17. The time will be announced.

On Wednesday, September 8, there is an interfaith prayer service at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at noon. We hope as many of you as possible will attend. On Friday September 10 at 2:00 p.m. we are invited to share in Friday prayers at Hoda Islamic Center. Meet at the Hoda Center lot.

## **Humor Sunday, September 19.**

Shifting gears, we hold our fourteenth annual Humor Sunday on September 19. I rely heavily on you for jokes, so please send me anything you come across. We will soon find out if there is in fact a finite number of religious jokes. In fact I challenge you to find an actual "A priest, a minister, and a rabbi walk into a bar..." joke.

## **Men's Overnight November 6-7**

We have a men's overnight scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 6-7 at Camp Montgomery in Keystone Heights. Details are coming. Registration begins September 19 and closes October 17. Cost \$90.

## **Enlistment Begins October 3**

Rather than run our annual enlistment from November into Christmas, we are starting it a month earlier this year. Steve Goldstein and Gary Kirkland promise to lead an enticing and rewarding pledge program. Watch for details.

## **It's Heavenly to Be Together**

The changing structure in our sanctuary suggests the evolution of a New Heaven and a New Earth, our first theme of the fall. It's exciting to have all of our clergy team working together, up and running, four on board. And it's exciting to see the whole congregation together again.

## **Take a Breath**

That's a lot to trumpet about, and it's just one corner of what's going on at UCG. We make beautiful music together, and we pause and breathe. The Spirit is upon us to bring good news...

Larry

# THRESHOLDS . . . . SANDY REIMER

Our annual “Ask the Pastor” service on August 8 generated a great list of questions from the congregation. Larry and I were able to answer eight questions that morning, and we hope, along with Andy and Vince, to address more of those questions in sermons and in newsletter articles throughout the year.

On that Sunday, as I was trying to answer the following question, I quickly ran out of the allotted two-minutes: *The New York Times this past week (8-1-10) ran an insightful and probing article on clergy burn-out. This morning’s Times has an op-ed piece (8-7-10) by a UCG pastor, blaming much of the burn-out on congregants’ unreasonable expectations of clergy and the desire to be entertained rather than challenged by the clergy. You, obviously, have had neither experience. How have you avoided this?*

I want to follow up on these two important issues of congregational expectations and clergy burn-out. While I have faced at times burn-out and unreasonable expectations, I believe that I/we and the congregation have dealt with these issues in concrete ways. In terms of congregational expectations of clergy, the first step is being honest from the start. If the Search committee is honest about their expectations and the proposed job description, if the candidate minister is equally honest, and if the interview process raises candid questions and opportunities to assess the candidate’s skills and spiritual leadership, it becomes much easier to discern if this partnership can be a good match. And a good match is what meeting expectations is all about.

Second, both the minister and the church need to carry that honesty into their ministry together. Our Congregation-Ministry Review Board (CMRB) is where the expectations of this congregation and the expectations of our ministers are shared, mediated, assessed and reviewed. Each of our ministers develops his/her goals for the coming year, reviews them with CMRB initially, at mid-year and at year’s end. CMRB provides coaching, feedback, and direction throughout the process. Other issues that surface during the year for the ministers and for the congregation are routinely addressed by CMRB as well. The consistent and thorough process of this Board has a major impact on the well-being of our ministerial staff and helps alleviate the stress that leads to burn-out.

Third, this congregation has developed as part of its identity the expectation that its ministers are real people, are honest, and are able to bring a “both/and” approach to worship, to programs, and to faith. I don’t have to choose between challenge or entertainment, between comfort or hard questions, between humor or lament. Being able to include all of those in my ministry allows me to be fresh, creative and open.

In addition to dealing with the expectations of a congregation, the pace and scope of ministry itself contribute to burn-out. As ministers, we are on call 24/7 for the emergencies and crises of life. Most of the time, we work 50+ hours a week with one day off. And when you have a meeting the night before your day off and the night after your day off, that day off doesn’t seem to last very long. To address this issue, we have pro-active job contracts that require us to take time off: a full day off each week; use-it-or-lose-it vacation time each year; a policy of closing the church office between December 25 and January 2; comp time for those weeks when we work 60 or 70 or 80 hours; paid continuing education leave; and sabbaticals. As a ministerial team and as a staff, we encourage and support one another in taking time off. As a supervisor, I explicitly suggest, sometimes to the point of insisting, that our staff take their time off in ways that compound its renewing effects. CMRB members are unanimously supportive in encouraging our continuing education and vacation time as well as asking regularly when the demands of our work pile up, “*Where do you need more help?*” And this congregation as a whole understands that they receive the most inspiring, creative, spiritual leadership from us when we’ve had adequate time to recharge and be renewed.

My answer to the question, “How have you avoided this?” is that I have at times experienced unrealistic expectations and a sense of burn-out. The structures we have developed at UCG to deal with these issues do, however, provide safety valves of relief and help. I’ve always been able to return to the sense of excitement, meaning, challenge, joy and faith that makes ministry the calling that claims me. And, of course, in all of this, the Holy Spirit works in wondrous ways!

## SEPTEMBER SALUTATIONS: A MESSAGE FROM ANDY

By the time this newsletter goes to print our Food 4 Kids sponsorship drive will be completed; but at the moment I wait with baited breath to see and know exactly how many children we will be sponsoring this year. As I believe I have conveyed to you already, I am so proud of this program that Reisa George and Cheryl Conroy (art teacher at Duval Elementary) brought to us. And I want to thank each of you who have contributed to this cause, and let you know that what you have done is making a real difference in the lives of the children living right here in our town.

Issues of poverty and hunger can seem so overwhelming and otherworldly. Most of us don't have to contend with the same issues in our homes, so it can be difficult to see where or why there is a real need. But the need is great. My hope is that our awareness will go up, and the love that we send out in those rolling backpacks stuffed with food will have an impact beyond our most hopeful dreams. For your support and your generosity, thank you.

September is always a time of great beginnings. From our youth programs to our outreach opportunities, there is a lot going on at UCG this fall. And for me there is a great beginning set to take place any day now. Our third child is due in early September, and there is much excitement around the Bachmann household these days. I wanted you to know that when our child is born, I will be taking about two weeks of paternity leave, followed by an occasional day or two throughout the fall and winter. While on leave I will still be available for major concerns, but I request that you issue your concerns or issues through Alyson and Lisa at the church office. I thank you for your love and support, and can't wait to share B3 with you all.

### Youth Calendars

#### MSG

**Our Middle School Group meets every Sunday from 11-12 noon, unless otherwise noted.**

**All middle schoolers are welcome!**

- Sept. 12 Outreach in our UCG Neighborhood- Please bring gloves and garbage bags
- Sept. 19 Designing our new MSG t-shirts! And, of course, goofy games
- Sept. 26 MSG will be meeting from 5-8:30 pm for dinner and a Movie at UCG.
- Oct. 3 Wall of wii domination tournament!

#### Youth United

**Our High School Group meets on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of each month, with special events (TBA)**

- Sept. 11! Saturday Football Parking Fundraiser! With Doug Kiker
- Sept. 19 "Living Ethically" with Adam Hill. We will decide on a faith and justice issue together, and look at ways that we can make a difference in our world.
- Sept. 25 Football Parking! With Doug Kiker
- Oct. 3 Guest speaker from our Interfaith Hospitality Network Committee

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### **PASSAGES:**

- ◆ Congratulations to Kitty Williams on the birth of her grandson, Chase Tanner Williams, born on Sunday, August 8.
  - ◆ Our joy and blessings to Betsy Dodd and Dave Sanders who were married on Tuesday evening, August 24, in the yard under glimpses of the full August moon. Sandy Reimer officiated.
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# IN VINNY VERITAS

VINCE AMLIN

In the opening lecture of his course, *Justice*, Harvard professor, Michael Sandel, presents a hypothetical situation to his students:

You are the conductor of a train, and you suddenly notice that your brakes are failing. You cannot stop. Ahead of you on the track you see five people working. They are unaware of your problem and will not be able to get out of your way on time. If you continue down that track you will kill all five of them. But, on your other side is a track on which only one person is working. If you change tracks, you will only kill one person. You have only a moment to decide.

Sandel's students are nearly unanimous in saying they would change tracks, saving five lives at the cost of one. So he pushes further with a new scenario:

The situation is generally the same, a runaway train headed toward five workers with no way to stop. Only this time you are not the conductor but an onlooker, standing on a bridge over the tracks. There is a very large man in front of you, leaning over the railing and looking down at the tracks. He is large enough that if you just gave him a little push onto the tracks he would stop the train, saving the lives of the five workers. Would you push the man?

Again Sandel's students were close to unanimity but this time in favor of not pushing the man and allowing the five workers to die. Sandel uses these examples to illustrate some of the issues which are at stake anytime we discuss justice. Over the duration of the course, Sandel moves beyond hypothetical situations to some of the major issues of our time: torture, same sex marriage, affirmative action, etc. to ask "what is the right thing to do?" Sandel's lectures are both entertaining and thought provoking.

Questions of justice and fairness pervade our society and our personal lives. As a congregation we are committed to the principle of justice, but just what do we mean when we use that word? This fall we will be exploring the concept of justice through videos of Sandel's course and our own discussion. David Hackett, Bill Lassiter, and I will be leading a seminar series at 9:30 on Sunday mornings from September 12<sup>th</sup> to December 5<sup>th</sup>. Each session will last from 9:30-10:50, giving you time to get to the 11:00 service. This extended series requires no sign-ups, and each session will stand alone, so you are invited to drop-in as you are able.

I hope many of you will join Bill, David and me for our exploration of this fascinating and important topic.



(AHA!)

**Save the date for the UCG Men's Overnight, November 6 & 7**

**It's an overnight so amazing we had to use a picture as the title.  
Check your bulletin for the light bulb for more details.**

## ~ A Little Child Shall Lead Them ~

UCG Children's Program ~ Director, Heidi Stein

### How did that Bounce House Get Here?

Kari Ward and her awesome team from the Board of Children's Membership set up a United Tribes Fun Festival to jump start our new year and registration. Over 80 pre - k through 5th graders attended. We welcome our teachers and guides for this year: Summer Hartley, Stacey Barbour Hoffman, Dawn Beachy, Edo Carter, Teresa Donaldson-Thomas, Lori Robinson, George Casella, Candice King, and Suzanne Stapleton. The teachers and guides completed their training on August 15<sup>th</sup>. It is again an awesome team and our kids are lucky to have them.

We strongly believe our children learn a lot from the diversity of people at this church and we are always looking for teachers. It is typically a three week commitment where you can follow a lesson plan or share something you are passionate about. If you would like to volunteer for the United Tribes program please don't hesitate to contact me [steinags@cox.net](mailto:steinags@cox.net).

### What is happening in those classrooms?

If you are wondering what the kids are doing in the classrooms on Sunday mornings please go to the UCG Website, click on the Children's Program Section and then the age of your child. There will be a copy of the curriculum for your viewing pleasure. Check it out.

### Where's Heidi?

Due to my short memory, my small children running around at home and me running around on Sunday mornings the best way to reach me is by e-mail. The best days to reach me are Tuesdays and Sundays. Please do not call me on Saturdays as that is the day I reserve for family.

### Calendar

8-29-10	Team Building Rotation - Team Songs, Names, Privileges, and Service Projects
9-5-10	Team Building Rotation Continues
9-12-10	Team Building and Appreciating Diversity
9-19-10	Children's Choir Practice
9-26-10	Children's Choir Performs - Heaven and Earth Rotation Begins

## Fall TGIFs - Friday, October 8

Save this date for one of UCG's fun and relaxing fall events! We're going to have TGIFs in various geographical areas of Gainesville again. It will be a great chance to meet other UCG folks who live in the same part of town! If you are willing to host (provide your home, water, ice, napkins, glasses and name-tags), we need hosts in the Duck pond area, the Tower Road-Haile area, Southwest, Midtown/Millhopper area, and the Northwood/Devils Millhopper area. Contact Vince Amlin through the church office.

## Two Open Invitations

**P'Nai Or's Sabbath service on the theme of interfaith understanding** will be inclusive for people of all faiths (or none) and **will be open to everyone in the Gainesville community. It will be held on September 3 at 7:30 p.m. at United Church of Gainesville.** The service will be followed by a pot-luck snacks, drinks, and desserts buffet at about 9p.m. **Also, David Hackett has organized an opportunity to be part of the Hoda Islamic Center's (5220 SW 13 St.) Friday sermon and prayers on September 10 at 1:30p.m.** Please meet in the parking lot at 1:15pm. Note that women and men are separated for these prayers. When you arrive you will be shown into the service.

## BOARDS & COMMITTEES

### Social Justice Committee

Our Social Justice Committee will be sponsoring another project with **Rebuilding Together** this fall! The three weekend dates are October 16, 23 and 30<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information in late September, but keep your eyes peeled! We need all the help we can get!

Also, Along with MindFreedom Florida, we are sponsoring Citizens Forum on Gainesville Alachua County Mental Health Care on Thursday, September 23 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This panel discussion is designed to give local mental health administrators and organizational leaders the opportunity to tell community members what is being done to address mental health needs in our area. It will also give the public a chance to address their concerns about the present state of mental health care in the Gainesville Alachua County area and environs, and the future of mental health care as well. Panelists will include Florida Assertiveness Community Treatment (FACT) Program Manager, Sharon Fields; Meridian Behavioral Healthcare CEO, Maggie Labarta; Shands Vista Director of Intake, Trish Sokol; NAMI Gainesville CEO, Bruce Stevens; Gainesville Opportunity Center CEO, Mike Demers; and MindFreedom Florida Board President, Frank Blankenship. Each of the panelists will be given an opportunity to speak about the service provided or the organization run followed by a question and answer period with the audience.

### Compassion in Action

Thanks for all your generous donations to Food 4 Kids! Please remember your non-perishable food **on the first Sunday of each month** for our "Food First" drive for Gainesville Community Ministries. There will be a cart in the foyer for this collection.

### Lively Arts

**CALLING ALL SINGERS!** Fall is in the air, so it must be time to re-start weekly choir practice. If you have sung in the past, we look forward to seeing you again. If you have not sung with the choir but are curious, come for the first rehearsal on September 2 at 7:15 in the Sanctuary. There are no try outs and you do not have to commit for a full year of singing. We ask that everyone participate in practices for the Sunday music for the week you plan to sing. **We will be practicing each Thursday in September at 7:15pm and will sing on Sunday, September 12 and 19 at both services.** Child care can be provided if the church office is notified before noon on the Monday preceding the Thursday practice. We hope to see a large, enthusiastic group!

## More News.....

### The All - New, Very - Exciting, Visual - Enhancing Projector

Our projector in the Sanctuary is now mounted on the rafters with a new screen tastefully mounted on the east wall of the Sanctuary. It will make projecting visual images much simpler and clearer. We are seeking some folks to train on running this new system. If you would like to help contribute to worship services, without having to stand up front, speak or sing (or if you'd like to do those things plus run the projector), we need you as part of our **Tech Team!** Training sessions will be on Tuesday, October 5 at 6:45pm or Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Contact Sandy Reimer ([info@ucgainesville.org](mailto:info@ucgainesville.org)) to volunteer!

### Building and Grounds Update

UCG's building and grounds are looking better and better. Steve Bates has been working his way around the building power washing ceilings, walls and sidewalks. A section of the west parking lot has been repaved where some tree roots had pushed up the lime rock and asphalt. Also, our lawn service, Lowe's Landscaping, is doing a great job keeping our grounds looking lovely. Some projects under way are glass replacement for the east Sanctuary door, refurbishing our church sign on the corner of 5th Ave and 17<sup>th</sup> St. and a new bench for the Spiritual Garden generously donated by a church member. We also hope to replace the couches in the upstairs Youth Room so if you have any ideas please contact Alyson in the church office.

# Sundays in September

Regular Sunday Schedule (unless otherwise noted below)

8:30	-	Sunday Morning Meditation
9:15 to 12:15	-	Nursery and Toddler Care
9:30 & 11:00	-	Worship Services
9:45	-	United Tribes – after the Children’s Story
10:30	-	Fellowship Time
10:45	-	Children’s Activity Time and MSG (Middle School Group)
11:00	-	Adult Seminars

**\*Please Note:** Youth United now meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 5:00pm

## Sunday, September 5 – Adult Small Group registration ends at noon

**8:30 - Meditation in the Chapel** led by David Hackett

**9:30 and 11:00 Worship** - “Whose Heaven is it Anyway” - Vince Amlin

**11:00 – Adult Seminars:**

- **Edible Landscaping and Introduction to Permaculture Design** with Ryan Brouillard - Permaculture is a design strategy that mimics natural patterns to build sustainable communities. Edible landscaping is an element of permaculture design theory that aims to make productive use of the space around our homes and neighborhoods. Ryan will discuss methods of evaluating a landscape, building healthy soil, rain water harvesting/micro irrigation systems and edible plant selections for the Alachua County area and more. Ryan is certified in permaculture design, co-owner of Abundant Edible Landscapes Inc., an organic crop Inspector for Florida Organic Growers and has been gardening using organic methods in Gainesville for over 10 years.
- **Facebook: The Seminar** with Casey Kumar - Catch the Facebook bug! Come learn what Facebook is all about! We'll walk you through creating a Facebook, and how to use it. Laptop not required, just an open mind about this social networking site that's taken over the world!

**11:00 - Friendship Group**

**5:30 - Youth United**

## Sunday, September 12 -

**8:30am – Meditation in the Chapel** led by Mark Burlingame

**9:30 & 11:00 Worship** – The first part of both services includes an interfaith reading from Hebrew, Christian, and Muslim scriptures by Zoharah Simmons from the UF Dept. of Religion. The second part includes the sermon “Life (and Death) Happen When You are Busy Making Other Plans” by Sandy Reimer. Special music offerings are by the adult choir and by a women’s ensemble.

**10:30 - Art in the Library Reception** with Angela Hoppe

**11:00 – Adult Seminar :**

- ♦ **Zoharah Simmons from the UF department of religion** will lead a seminar sharing her journey to Islam through Sufism and the issues and impact of Islamophobia in the US today.

**12:15 – Visitors’ Lunch** - Fellowship Hall

**5:00 - Dream Group with Alice Martin\*** - Seminar A

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

## Sunday, September 19 – 14th Annual Humor Sunday

**8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel** led by David Hackett

**9:30 & 11:00 Worship** – “Laughter, Bringing Heaven to Earth” - Larry Reimer – with the Hogtown Strutters and the adult choir.

### 11:00 Adult Seminars:

- **Theatre Improv: Free your Mind and the Rest will Follow with Jenny Hill** - Jenny will lead participants in a series of theater games and exercises designed to help release inhibition, increase spontaneity, encourage creativity and most of all, to help us have some fun together. No acting experience needed! Improvisation exercises can shift the way you think, build your confidence, and develop your ability to take risks....come laugh and play and be silly with us. You're sure to see a new side of yourself and of your fellow UCG members.
- ♦ **Video Presentation “A Good Death” with Bill Lassiter** - Even in the old testament where some are purported to have lived for several hundred years, in the end, everyone dies. The whole concept of Heaven probably sprang from the fear of death. How then, can we do it well? Video of this inclusive and insightful discussion lasts about 25 minutes. Open discussion among attendees will follow.

**11:00 - Friendship Group** - Room 8

**12:00 - Friends over Fifty\***

**5:00 - Dream Group with Alice Martin\*** - Seminar A

**3:00 - MB GPS for Couples\*** - Fellowship Hall

**5:30 - Youth United**—Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, September 26 -

**8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel** with Mary Fukuyama

**9:30 & 11:00 – Worship** – “Facing a New World: A Service of Drama and Music” - Vince Amlin

### 11:00 – Adult Seminar:

- **Healing Herbal Syrups for Winter Health** with Susan Marynowski - Susan will demonstrate how to make a healing herbal syrup and we will taste syrups that are good for preventing winter complaints. Susan Marynowski, M.S., is an herbalist and ecologist who teaches and promotes wellness with edible and medicinal plants.
- **Harnessing your Healing Power** - Krishna Rose , singer/songwriter, author and healer will be joining us to share her healing gifts with us. Each person who attends will take a turn to sit in a chair in the center of a circle of love which together we will create. Krishna Rose will demonstrate healings and blessings one on one, whilst teaching how to access our own natural healing abilities.

**2:30 - Sunday at the Movies\***

**5:00 - Dream Group with Alice Martin\*** - Seminar A

**5:30 - Middle School Group “Dinner and a Movie”** - Fellowship Hall

**6:00 - “Hidden Rivers of Florida” Film Screening and Discussion** with Annie Pais - Sanctuary

### LOOKING AHEAD:

## Sunday, October 3 - Fall Congregational Meeting at 10:30

**9:30 Worship** “Paying for Heaven” Larry Reimer

**“Food First” Collection**– Please bring non-perishable foods on the first Sunday of the month for Gainesville Community Ministries.

**\*Pre-Registered Adult Small Group**

## Football Parking

This is a gentle reminder to UCG members & friends that there is no parking at the church on home football game days. Our parking lot is completely reserved for the entire season. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

# SEPTEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Bridge* 7pm Choir 7:15pm	3 Lunch Groups 12pm	4 BCM Football Parking  Gators vs. Miami (Ohio) 12:15pm
5 Worship-9:30 & 11:00am Friendship Group 11am Adult Small Group registration ends YU 5:30pm Dreams-- Alice Martin* 5pm	6 Office Closed Labor Day holiday	7 ONA Taskforce 6pm  BAP 7pm	8 Council Exec. 12:00pm  Interfaith Service at Holy Trinity Episcopal 12pm  BOM 5:30pm  Euchre*7pm	9 BPM 5:30pm  Choir 7:15pm  Bridge* 7pm	10 Lunch Groups 12pm Hoda Islamic Center Prayer 2pm PNO 5:30-8:30pm Food For Thought* 7pm DUP 7:30pm	11 YU Football Parking 9am  Gators vs. USF 12:15pm
12 Worship-9:30 & 11 Humor Sunday Art in the Library 10:30am Visitor's Lunch 12:15pm  Crystal Bowl Meditation 7:30pm	13	14 Budget Summit 1:30pm SJC 6:30pm CIA 7:00pm Consider the Lilies* 6:30pm  BOB 7:15pm	15 Church Council 5:30pm  Euchre*7pm	16 BPM 7:00pm  Bridge* 7pm Hogtown Strutters Rehearsal 7:15pm  Choir 7:15pm	17 Lunch Groups 12pm	18 Gators at Tennessee
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26 Worship-9:30 & 11:00am Sunday Movies* 2:30pm Dreams-- Alice Martin* 5pm MSG 5pm Blue Path Film 6pm	27 Attention/ Tension*7pm	28 Consider the Lilies* 6:30pm	29 New Member's Orientation 7:00pm	30 Bridge* 7pm Choir 7:15pm		

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**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Sunday, Oct. 3** – Enlistment Sunday; Fall Congregational Meeting

**Friday, Oct. 8** - Fall TGIFs

**Sunday, Oct. 10** – New Members join; Survey Sunday

**Friday, Oct. 22 and Saturday, Oct. 23** – Rummage Sale

**Sunday, Oct. 24** – PRIDE Sunday

**Sunday, Oct. 24** – IHN Hosting Week Begins

**Thursday, Oct. 28** – Lessons and Carols Rehearsals begin

**Wednesday, November 3** – All Saint's Service, 7pm

**Saturday, November 6** – Men's Overnight

**Thursday, November 18** – Oxfam Supper

**Sunday, December 5** – Children's Christmas Pageant

**Sunday, December 12** – Lessons and Carols Services

**Saturday, February 5** – Women's Overnight

**Friday, April 29 – Saturday May 1** – UCG Retreat

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