



United Church of Gainesville

NEWSLETTER

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

SEPTEMBER 2011

Larry Reimer & Sandy Reimer
Ministers

Andy Bachmann
Associate Minister

Vince Amlin
Associate Minister

Lisa Goldstein
Editor

In the beginning, darkness covered the face of the deep.
Then the rushing breath of Life hovered over the waters.

Let us pause for a moment and breathe.

Let us catch our breath from the need to do.

Let us be conscious of the breath of life.

We breathe out what the trees breathe in.

We breathe in what the trees breathe out.

We breathe each other into life.

Blessed is the One within the many.

Blessed are the Many who make one. ~ Arthur Waskow

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

HAPPENING IN SEPT	2
SEVENTH TRUMPET	3
THRESHOLDS	4
MESSAGE FROM ANDY	5
IN VINNY VERITAS	6
UNITED TRIBES	7
SUNDAYS	9
CALENDAR	11

S undays – New worship theme “Come to the Waters” - services at 9:30 & 11:00

E nriching—Sunday morning adult seminars at 11:00am each week

P articipate—in an adult small group this fall; brochures in foyer and office

T ribes Uniting—on Sunday mornings with great programs for children

E xperience - the dedication of our Interfaith Habitat House on Sunday, Sept. 11

M embership— Orientation on Wed., Sept. 28 at 7:00pm - join on Sunday, Oct. 9

B ible Sunday – 2nd – 3rd graders receive their Bibles on September 25.

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. 11 at 12:15pm



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 most Sundays who will welcome participants, frame the silence, and close with a reading, prayer or song. We hope you will be able to join us.

Fall Small Groups are Here! - The Fall Small Group Brochures are out. Find them in the foyer on Sunday or stop by the church office. We have 29 outstanding groups being offered by members and friends of UCG between September and December. There are groups for spiritual exploration, personal growth, arts, fellowship, and recreation. Sign-up for groups begins Sunday September 4th and continues through September 11th. You must sign-up to join a small group. The group leader will email you to let you know you're in the group. Please check to make sure you can attend each meeting before signing up for a group. Thanks to all those who are leading this Fall! Contact Vince Amlin vincea@ucgainesville.org with questions.

Parents' Night Out – Bring your children babies through 5th grade to the UCG church school wing on **Friday, September 9** 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 6** by e-mailing lindaj@ucgainesville.org

Visitors Lunch - Sunday September 11- If you've been visiting UCG and would like to get to know more about UCG, come to a visitors lunch Sunday, September 11, 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.

20+ Sunday Brunch - Sunday, September 25 at 12:30. The UCG 20+ Group (for those ages 20-something to 40-something) will meet for brunch at 43rd St Deli (northwest location). RSVP to vincea@ucgainesville.org by Sept. 18 so we can give them a head count. And bring cash to make it easy on the wait staff!

Do You Want to Join UCG? - On Sunday, October 9, 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 28 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.

Of Community Interest.....

Interfaith Blood Drive September 11th

On the 10th anniversary of 9/11, and in remembrance of the lives lost on that date, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA has launched a nationwide "Muslims for Life" campaign to collect 10,000 units of blood and potentially save 30,000 lives. Locally, the Orlando Chapter of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, in conjunction with the Gainesville Interfaith Forum (GIF), will host a blood drive at Trinity United Methodist Church, 4000 NW 53rd Avenue, from 5:00-8:00pm. Please plan to attend and show your support of our interfaith efforts.

Movie at Civic Media Center

Mindfreedom Florida is presenting "Open Dialogue," a documentary about alternative treatment for mental illness on Monday, Sept 26, 2011 at 7 PM at Civic Media Center, 433 S. Main St. The film will be followed by discussion. For more information call Jackie Davis 219-3789.

The Seventh Trumpet

Our membership at UCG rose from 75 when I arrived here in 1974 to over 700 last year. The thing about this climb is that it's not a straight upward curve. It's a series of rises, dips, and rises. It dips for a number of reasons - people moving away, dying, or simply deciding that they no longer wish to be actively involved in UCG. Some churches leave folks on membership records like Chicago used to keep folks on the voting roles - forever. We keep accurate membership records. Unlike those Chicago voter records and big old churches, our members are present, involved, and alive.

This year our membership dipped a bit. From May 2010 to May 2011 we dropped from 711 to 693. A rather large number of people have moved or are moving away from Gainesville. A church this size loses about 12-13% of its membership due to natural attrition. This means we need to receive over 90 members a year to stay vital, more to grow. Not only do new people energize and inspire this church. I also believe that UCG has a gift to offer new people that energizes and inspires their lives. Grace is given and received by old members and new alike in every new group of members.

I write this to remind all of us to be intentional in our inviting and welcoming new members. There are many reasons people come to UCG. We are now advertising on WUFT public radio, and people hear our ads. They read about our activities in news articles and letters. Some are moved by the spirit they experience here when they attend weddings or memorial services. Lots of people find us through our website. A number of students who live nearby have said that, when they have driven or walked by this church on Sunday mornings, they've seen how happy and high energy the people are when they are leaving church (so don't look perturbed when you're trying to remember where you parked your car!). **But the greatest number of people come to UCG because someone they know invited them.** So do encourage people who are seeking an inclusive spiritual community to attend UCG.

And if you're a visitor reading this, we hope you'll officially join UCG on October 9. There's more information about this in the rest of this newsletter.

One more thing. Visitors stay and join because they feel connected. Look for visitors who are introduced in the service. Talk to them in coffee time. Help them find church school or seminars. And please **wear your nametag**, a simple way to make connections easier for everyone.

It's easy to get complacent about our membership. But complacency can be a little slothful at best and self-satisfied at worst. We have a gift to this community, and that is to be a place of spiritual openness, communal care, and justice. That's good stuff to share.

This summer, I shared a quote from Home Celebrations by Lawrence J. Moser, S.J., one of my favorite collections of prayers as a Call to Worship.

The city that closes its gates to any person is not the city of God.

The heart that locks its door to any person is not the heart of God.

The community which claims to be satisfied with its truth, with its life, with its love, is a community which is dead.

We shall not arrive, none of us, until we have all arrived, each of us, in our smallness, at our beginning.

Larry

PS—Note that Sandy and I will take our extended week-end off (as per our part-time contract) Sept. 22-26th. We are going to Quebec in celebration of our 45th wedding anniversary this summer.

THRESHOLDS SANDY REIMER

Come to the waters, everyone who thirsts.
Come to the mighty waters, the spiritual oasis that renews what is parched and dry.
Come to the still waters, the deepening waters of prayer.
Come to the life-giving waters the living waters of grace.
Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters, the eternal waters of the Spirit,
where our journeys meet and our souls are renewed.

This is the Call to Worship we will use each Sunday during our new worship theme, “Come to the Waters,” which runs from August 28 through September 18. It invites all of us, whoever we are, wherever we are on our journeys, to come together to share the waters of spiritual community. Following the rituals of our Gathering of Waters services, during this theme we will focus on the Waters of Homecoming, the Waters of Power, the Waters of Peace and the Waters of Healing in that order. Please refer to the “Sundays at UCG” page for more details.

Our next theme, in which every Sunday is a particular UCG celebration or focus, is called “Success Stories”. September 25 is the day our 2nd & 3rd grade Tribe receives their Bibles, along with any 4th or 5th graders who haven’t previously received a Bible. October 2 is Enlistment Sunday and our Fall Congregational Meeting. On October 9, new members join our church. October 16 is Humor Sunday, and October 23 is Pride Sunday. Each Sunday will look at the good news that is UCG.

“Saints and Heroes” is the next worship theme, October 30 – November 20, a time of the year that includes All Saints Day, our Oxfam Fast, the Labyrinth in the Sanctuary and Thanksgiving. And then we observe four Sundays of Advent, November 27 to December 18, with Christmas Eve falling on Saturday, December 24.

If you have a reading, poem, song, or idea for children’s story that fits with any of these themes, just e-mail your ministers. We welcome all ideas; every idea contributes in some way to what we offer in worship and programs, whether we use it immediately or tuck it away as a future resource.

Meanwhile, with Irene churning toward the East Coast, our UCG Disaster Alert Response Team is meeting on Sunday, September 4 during seminar time to reconfirm our response plan. If you are interested in being part of the team, or interested in learning about the plan, please plan to attend this meeting. Thanks to Charlie Williams for convening the meeting and coordinating the team.

I am happy to share that we have, at last, signed a contract for the 2012 Retreat for April 27 – 29 at Warren Willis United Methodist Camp in Fruitland Park, Florida near Leesburg. You can check out their website at www.WarrenWillisCamp.org. Those of us who visited their site in June, including Vince, Larry and I, are very excited about the possibilities this camp offers to us. This camp has enough room for our Retreat to continue growing as well as some good options for lodging, a beautiful pool and water slides, and they are renovating their dining halls and constructing a new adult meeting room. Because of the construction, the camp will be closed for some weeks in the winter, which means they have had to reschedule some groups. The spin off then is that we could not find a week-end this year when we could have the whole camp to ourselves. Our hope is that in 2013 we’ll be able to find a week-end where we can book all of their facilities. At the same time, let me assure you that we will have adequate space this year to accommodate the size group we had at Retreat last year. There are cabins and lodges for families, youth, child care personnel, and young adults on one side of the camp. Just across the road (less distance than between North and South Camp) there are motel rooms and RV/tent sites for adults attending without children.

And more good news: at this point, it looks like we will not have to increase any fees this year! Babies through elementary schoolers as well as post-high folks will pay the same fees as last year while middle schoolers, high schoolers and all adults may pay \$5 less! More details to follow as we get closer.

Continued on page 8

SEPTEMBER SALUTATIONS: A MESSAGE FROM ANDY

It was another amazing summer at Camp Highlands for Boys. I continue to give thanks that you all are so supportive of this important part of my life. But it is good to be home, and to get our programs and ministries started for the new church year.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have completed our fundraising for our Food 4 Kids program for the year. Special thanks to Ellen Louis, who once again solicited for funds from outside sources and brought in a substantial financial donation. Thank you Ellen! Thank you also to all of you who have supported this program, both this year and last. As you may recall, our efforts were not ignored, and both Reisa George and our church community were recognized with awards from both Duval Elementary School and Alachua County. This year we hope to again increase the amount of health-conscious, kid friendly foods. We intend to target the small population of children going to school at Duval who are homeless (yes, there are some!). We also are looking at how we can extend Food 4 Kids through the summer months. We have a big year ahead, and your gifts and time are most appreciated!

Speaking of gifts and time; are you available to help with IHN? We are looking for some organized and committed individuals who can join our committee and help us ensure that the 5 weeks of hosting homeless families we commit to every year can be completed. We could use your help. Being on the committee is NOT an overwhelming commitment; but it does require some time and dedication when we do host families. If you would like to know more about IHN and what kind of commitment we require, contact Jean Epling or me. (gvillejean@live.com or andyb@ucgainesville.org)

Finally, our youth groups both had great kick-off events on the 21st. Our middle school youth group, MSG meets every Sunday at 11 am, upstairs in the Youth Room. Youth United, our high school youth group, meets on the first and third Sundays of every month at 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm. Both our calendars and group information are available at the website and via Andy Bachmann. Just contact me for more info!

Youth Calendars

Middle School Group Meets each Sunday at 11:00am in the Youth Room	Youth United Meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
9/4 Games, However Known	9/4 Spontaneous meet up with Andy
9/11 9/11 Discussion	9/11 HS Team Meeting
9/18 God Talk with AB, MSG Team Meeting 12:15	9/17 (Saturday) Youth United Football Parking
9/25 Walk and Talk/Neighborhood Outreach	9/18 Games, However Known

Fall TGIF Hosts Needed

On October 7th, from 7-10 we hope to offer our TGIF gatherings again. The TGIFs are informal get-togethers in church members' homes. The host provides the space, plates, ice, cups, and napkins. Then guests bring a finger food to share and their favorite Friday night beverage. If you're interested in hosting this fall, contact Mark Robinson at mar@marllr.net.

IN VINNY VERITAS

VINCE AMLIN

We Love a Parade: Come Build a Float!

The Gainesville Gay Pride Parade and our own UCG Pride Service are right around the corner (October 22nd and 23rd). This year we want to include a float in our parade presence, but we need your help! The Open and Affirming (ONA) Committee, which leads our welcome of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people, is calling all artists, handy-women and men, and anyone else who would like to help design and create our 2011 Pride float. The Gainesville Pride theme this year is "Pride Will Set You Free," so free your mind and contact ONA Committee Chair, Bill Hutchinson, at wrhjr962@windstream.net or Vince Amlin at vincea@ucgainesville.org if you're interested.

Men's Overnight: New Dates!

The Men's Fishing Trip and Overnight has changed dates to November 11-12. Every other year the men of the church go deep sea fishing out of Crystal River. The overnight includes time for food and fellowship, meaningful conversation, and, of course, fishing. Watch for more information and registration in October. But mark your calendars now, and plan to attend. Contact Mike Chance at mdchance@hotmail.com or Vince Amlin at vincea@ucgainesville.org for more information.

Taizé in Chicago in 2012!

On Memorial Day weekend 2012, Vince Amlin will be leading interested young adults (18-30) to Chicago for the Taizé "Pilgrimage of Trust." Brothers from the Taizé Community in France will be living in Chicago this spring and sponsoring this weekend of worship and workshops in the Taizé tradition for young adults from throughout the US and Canada. More details will be coming soon, but please contact Vince Amlin at vincea@ucgainesville.org if you or a young adult you know might be interested.

PASSAGES:

We surround with our joy and blessings:

- ◆ Joshua David Tompkins and Malena Anne Summers who were married at the Hall in Nocatee, Ponte Vedra, Florida, on Saturday, August 13 at 6:00pm. Sandy Reimer and Larry Reimer officiated at the ceremony.
- ◆ Sachin Kirti Patel and Lynn Ashley Wester who were married in the Sanctuary on Saturday, August 20, at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. Larry Reimer, Sandy Reimer and Kishore Jani officiated at this Hindu-Christian ceremony.
- ◆ UCG member Amy Rovell-Rixx who is enrolled at Chicago Theological Seminary and begins her classes on September 6th. It is a true blessing to have Amy, an active member of this congregation since her middle school years, now formally engaged in preparation for ministry.

Congratulations to:

- ◆ UCG member Rachel Kirk who was elected to the Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the United Church of Christ for the 2011-2013 biennium.

Your Jokes Needed!

Humor Sunday is October 16. Please send new jokes to Larry or he'll wind up telling those old bible jokes again (Where is a Honda mentioned in the bible? The book of Acts. "The apostles were all in one Accord.").

~ A Little Child Shall Lead Them ~

UCG Children's Program ~ Director, Heidi Stein

What's Slippin' and Slidin'?

Dominic Durante and his awesome team from the Board of Children's Membership set up a United Tribes Waters of Homecoming Registration Festival, complete with a water slide on our own UCG playground. Our awesome team of teachers and guides for this year are Jess Archer, Dawn Beachy, Edo Carter, Summer Hartley, Shanna Johnson, Doug Kiker, Candice King, Suzanne Stapleton, Keri Trosper, and Teresa Donaldson-Thomas. They completed their training very early on August 14th. It is a great team of new members as well as well seasoned members we are so blessed to have them.

Who's Teaching?

Our church school program has a strong history of embracing the diversity of people at this church. We use church members like you, to come in as guest speakers and teach. It is typically a 3 week commitment but some events are only a one day commitment. We take all levels of experience and you get a complete lesson plan and we will even write a lesson plan that will help you share something you are passionate about. If you would like to volunteer for the United Tribes program, please don't hesitate to contact Heidi Stein steinags@cox.net.

Where's Heidi?

I love this job, the incredible number of people I get to interact with, the challenge of balancing diverse needs, and the creativity of creating a program for the families of UCG. I feel honored to be here. Due to my short memory, my three children, and my private practice as a speech language pathologist, the best way to reach me is by e-mail. The best days to reach me are Tuesdays and Sundays, my dedicated UCG work days. Please do not call me on Saturdays as that is the day I reserve for family. Thanks for understanding.

Calendar

9-4-11 Team Building Rotation - Names and Water based lessons
 9-11-11 Team Building Rotation continues
 9-18-11 Team Building Rotation continues
 9-25-11 Children's Choir Performs - Bible Sunday when 2nd & 3rd Grade Tribe receives Bibles at the 9:30 worship service (along with any 4th & 5th graders who have not previously received a Bible). Tribes begin a rotation of Sundays focused on the Bible.

Raining Down Fun on UCG Families with Young Children

The Pow-Wow Group convened for more water fun at Westside Park last Sunday. The gathering was a great, fun way to connect with church families at the end of summer vacation. Pow-Wow is a social group for UCG families with elementary-age children 7 yrs old and older, organized this year by Laura Robertson and Mike Remer. For families with younger children, look for upcoming Patticake events.



BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Enlistment

Because of your pledges to UCG, here are a few things that happened over the summer.

- ◆ There's a much smaller chance of a tree or branch falling on you or your car in the East parking lot. We spent \$1700 to clear out the dead wood, and even move back some of the underbrush to add a few more parking spaces.
- ◆ To be better neighbors and improve the quality of the landscape beside the sidewalks, we have installed two doggie bag dispensers along Fifth Avenue.
- ◆ In the hottest of summers, with the greatest attendance of any summer in memory, our church was clean, all the lights were on, and the air conditioning was working.
- ◆ Thirty two children attended one phenomenal tribal camp, couples were married here, and we had a great Decades Dance.
- ◆ Sandy's summer reflections booklet provided spiritual direction to us all.
- ◆ And besides all of this, sermons were preached, people were counseled, the sick were visited, and the sorrowful supported.

In October, you'll be asked to consider your pledge again. When this happens, remember how the gifts you gave kept UCG afloat this summer. And remember the option to enroll in automatic payments from your bank account directly to UCG to ensure that your pledge is conveyed without interruption.

Compassion in Action

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

Choir practice is starting back up on September 8 in the UCG Sanctuary at 7:15. Practices will be weekly unless otherwise noted. Our first opportunity to sing will be for the September 18 worship services. We welcome anyone who has a desire to sing in the choir. There are no auditions. Although there is no long term commitment, we love to see people coming back on a regular basis. We ask that interested people attend the practices for the services in which they intend to sing. For those interested in Lessons and Carols, those practices will start on October 27. Participating in the choir is lots of fun, it provides opportunities for fellowship, and it provides a creative outlet to enhance our amazing UCG worship services. So, join in - we are hoping to see you!

Thresholds, cont'd

As we move into September, with the Fall Equinox on September 23, and daylight and darkness coming into momentary balance, I wish for us all the awareness of the subtle changes of seasons, the blessings of balance in some parts of our lives, and perception and understanding for those places where we feel pulled away from balance. I share with you these words by Marv Hiles, from his book, *An Almanac for the Soul*. *August, the golden month of the sun, closes as amber dust drifts in the afternoon air and gives rise to bronzed sunsets and orange-tinted moons. Goldenrod rises to its height and a chorus of insects sings with intensity. Roadside thickets are locked down with the heavy growth of summer. And yet, underneath, the seasons shift steadily and gently. The sun sets an hour earlier than it did at summer's height and soon the small red sumac leaves will appear. Something inside us too shifts as we approach this boundary line where one month passes its baton to another. Something of time and knowing is asked of us, for a calendar is not just about numbers, but also about vision and perception and understanding.*

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 High School Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 5:30pm

Sunday, September 4– Adult Small Group registration begins

Food First Food Drive - Please bring non perishable food donations for the Gainesville Community Ministries Food Bank

8:30 - Meditation in the Chapel with Mark Burlingame

9:30 and 11:00 Worship - “Waters of Power “ - Vince Amlin. Both services include Communion.

11:00 – Adult Seminars:

One Church, One Book Discussion with Dawn Beachy and Jessica Elkins - You’ve read the book, now come and share! All summer the Board of Adult Programs has been encouraging UCG to read the book, *Water for Elephants* together, to keep us connected through trips to the beach, the springs, or the Himalayas. Whether you read the book this summer, a few years ago, or just saw the movie, this is your chance to discuss it with other members and friends of UCG.

Are We Ready at UCG for the Next Hurricane? with Charlie Williams (chair) and other members of the UCG Disaster Awareness and Response Team (DART). This church seminar is conducted one time each year to review and discuss UCG’s disaster readiness plan. At this seminar, you’ll be able to look at our Disaster Response Plan to see where it may help you in case of an emergency and where you may be able to help the church and its members.

11:00 - Friendship Group

5:30 - Youth United

Sunday, September 11 -

8:30am – Meditation in the Chapel with Darrell Hartman

9:30 & 11:00 Worship – “Waters of Peace” - Andy Bachmann..

11:00 – Adult Seminar :

Re-examining what the Bible Says About Suicide with Vince Amlin and Judy Broward - Religious ideas about suicide, especially the notion of suicide as “mortal sin,” have caused a great deal of pain and silence for those considering suicide, their families and friends. What does the Bible really have to say on the subject? And what other spiritual and theological resources might we bring to bear on this painful and taboo subject? What actions can we take as people of faith to show support and compassion for those who are suffering? Come join us for bible study and discussion.

12:15 – Visitors’ Lunch - Fellowship Hall

3:00—Dedication of Interfaith Habitat House

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

Cont’d next page

Sundays, cont'd

Sunday, September 18 –

8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel with Mary Fukuyama

9:30 & 11:00 Worship – “Waters of Healing” - Sandy Reimer

11:00 Adult Seminars:

Finally... A Choice for Natural ("Green") Burial with Freddie Johnson - Freddie Johnson, Director of Prairie Creek Conservation Cemetery and one of the founders of the non-profit Conservation Burial, Inc., will talk about natural burial choices vs. vault burial, cremation and other choices. The concept of "conservation burial" will be explained along with information about "home funerals". There will be opportunity for discussion, questions & answers.

Haiti: We're Still Here; Where Are You? with Paula Patterson - Since an earthquake ravaged this small country in 2010, Paula Patterson has traveled to Haiti numerous times on aid missions, the most recent of which took place in May. In this seminar, Paula will offer a power point presentation of some images from Haiti, accompanied by anecdotes from her time spent volunteering. Paula seeks to remind us that Haiti is still in need of our aid in construction projects, medical help, and water purification to name a few. She would like to encourage anyone with leads on future mission trips to Haiti to please attend and share these at her seminar. Come join us for an Hour on Haiti, and remember.

11:00 - Friendship Group - Room 8

12:00 - Friends over Fifty* - offsite

2:00 - Spiritual Awakening Book Club* - offsite

5:30 - Youth United—Fellowship Hall

New Worship Theme “Success Stories”

Sunday, September 25 -

8:30 – Meditation in the Chapel with Mary Fukuyama

9:30 & 11:00 – Worship – “Bible Sunday” - Vince Amlin. 2nd and 3rd graders receive Bibles, along with 4th & 5th graders who have not already previously received one.

11:00 – Adult Seminars:

China: The Journey Continues... with Joanne and Richard Pohlman - In May, Joanne and Richard Pohlman, who traveled in China for 24 days in the Spring of 2010, shared photos and stories of their visits to large cities and rural villages, with emphasis on observations of Chinese language, culture, and customs. In response to enthusiastic audience demand, they have agreed to return with photos and observations on the second half of their travels in this interesting land.

New Technologies for the Visually Impaired with Ruth Saunders - Let's take a non-medical look at maintaining a normal lifestyle while coping with vision loss. Help is out there like never before in the form of some amazing technology. There are hi-tech or low tech solutions to almost every problem, besides ways that families and friends can ease the stress with some simple adjustments.

2:30 - Sunday at the Movies* - offsite

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, October 2 - Fall Congregational Meeting at 10:35am

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

8:30 Meditation in the Chapel with David Hackett

9:30 Worship - Larry Reimer.

10:35—Fall Congregational Meeting

11:00 - Friendship Group - Room 8

6:30 - Play Reading Group* - Seminar A

SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Lunch Groups 12pm	3 BCM Football Parking 4pm Gators vs. FL Atlantic 7pm
4 Food First Sunday Worship-9:30 & 11:00am Friendship Group 11am Adult Small Group registration begins YU 5:30pm	5 Office Closed Labor Day holiday	6 ONA Taskforce 6pm BAP 7pm	7 Council Exec Noon BCM 7pm	8 BPM 5:30pm Choir 7:15pm	9 Lunch Groups 12pm PNO 5:30-8:30pm	10 BoB Football Parking 4pm Gators vs. UAB 7pm
11 Worship-9:30 & 11 Visitor's Lunch 12:15pm Crystal Bowl Concert 7:30pm	12 Let's Do Dinner* 6pm	13 Budget Summit 1:30pm SJC 6:30pm CIA 7:00pm BOB 7:15pm	14 CMRB 12pm BOM 6pm	15 In Search of Real Happiness* 12pm Choir 7:15pm	16 Lunch Groups 12pm	17 YU Football Parking 12:30pm Gators vs Tennessee 3:30pm
18 Worship-9:30 & 11 Friendship Group 11am Friends 50's+* 12pm Spiritual Awaken- ing Book Group* 2pm	19 3rd Monday Project/Craft night* 6pm	20 Playback Theater* 6:30pm Work of Byron Katie* 6:30 Alzheimer/ Dementia Support 7pm	21 Church Council 5:30pm Jungian Dream Group* 7pm New & Noteworthy Book Group 7:30pm	22 In Search of Real Happiness* 12pm Choir 7:15pm	23 Lunch Groups 12pm	24 Hand Building with Clay* 9am Gators at Kentucky TBA
25 Worship-9:30 & 11:00am Bible Sunday Sunday Movies* 2:30pm	26	27 Playback Theater* 6:30pm Work of Byron Katie* 6:30	28 Jungian Dream Group* 7pm New Member's Orientation 7:00pm	29 In Search of Real Happiness* 12pm Choir 7:15pm	30 Lunch Groups 12pm	1 CIA Football Parking TBA Gators vs Alabama TBA

* Pre-registered Adult Small Group

UNITED CHURCH OF
GAINESVILLE

1624 NW 5th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32603

Phone: 352-378-3500

Fax: 352-378-0501

E-mail: info@ucgaiesville.org

Hours: Monday - Friday

8:30 - 4:30

NON PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID
GAINESVILLE, FL
PERMIT NO. 285

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, Oct. 2 – Fall Congregational Meeting

Friday, Oct. 7- Fall TGIFs

Sunday, Oct. 9 – New Members join

Sunday, Oct. 16 – IHN Hosting Week Begins

Saturday, Oct. 22 - PRIDE Parade

Sunday, Oct. 23 – PRIDE Sunday

Thursday, Oct. 27 – Lessons and Carols Rehearsals begin

Tuesday, Nov. 1—All Saint's Service at 7pm

Saturday Nov 11 & Sunday Nov. 12 - Men's Fishing Trip Overnight

Thursday, Nov. 17 – Oxfam Supper

Sunday, Dec, 4 – Children's Christmas Pageant & YU Chili Lunch

Saturday, Dec. 10 & Sunday, Dec. 11 – Lessons and Carols Services

Saturday, Feb. 4 – Women's Overnight

Friday, Apr. 27 – **Sunday, Apr. 29** – UCG Retreat at Warren Willis Camp

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22