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NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday, July 6th, 2008

Worship & Celebration at 7:00pm

No morning worship service!

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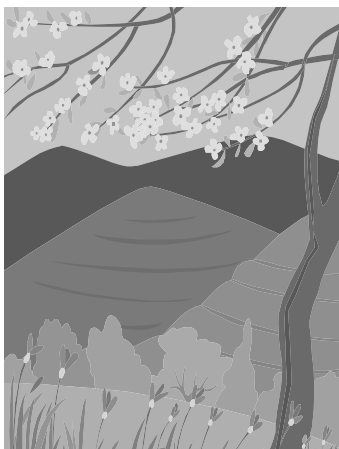
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- ★ Meditation in the Chapel at **9:00am** with Ann Gill
- ★ Worship at 7pm featuring the *Hogtown Strutters* and the *All-Church Band*. The sermon, by Larry Reimer, is “Bricks Without Straw – The Classic Squeeze”
- ★ Nursery care from 6:45 to 8:15pm.
- ★ Activity Time after the Children’s Story until the end of the Worship Service when children return for the annual parade with the All - church Band
- ★ Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall following the service coordinated by Diane Howard. *Please remember to bring your favorite ice cream topping to share – and leave it in the kitchen prior to the service.*
- ★ This is the last night to bring in non-perishable food for Gainesville Community Ministry.

Summer Worship Theme: “Changing Perspectives”

Perspective, of course, is the way we view a situation or a topic. In art, perspective is the appearance of things relative to one another as determined by their distance from the viewer. Our summer worship theme will focus on how these two definitions of perspective weave together as well as how perspectives change and how we change our own perspective. See the Sunday page for more specific information about each week’s service; you don’t want to miss them if you are in town!



What is divinity if it can come only in silent shadows and in dreams? Shall we not find in comforts of the sun, in pungent fruit and bright green wings, in any balm or beauty of the earth, things to be cherished like the thought of heaven? Divinity must live within us - passions of rain, or moods in flowing streams, grieving in loneliness or unsubdued elations upon returning home, gusty emotions in the company of friends – all pleasures and all pains, remembering the heat of summer and the cool stillness of the well. These are the measures destined for the soul.

~Adapted from Wallace Stevens

What's Happening this Summer:

Call to A Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 10, 2008, following the 10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Child Care Provided

Church Council, at the request of Board of Business, has called a Special Congregational Meeting to discuss options for the location and financing of additional office space, which will be needed for our new Associate Minister for Adult Programs and Pastoral Care when s/he arrives in August or September of 2009. See page 6 for details.

Parents' Night Out aka PNO – Attention parents of preschoolers! Need a night out? Bring your preschool children, and their siblings, to the UCG church school wing on **Friday, July 11 and/or Friday, August 8** from 5:30 to 8:30 where they can play, eat pizza, watch movies, and have fun with our child care staff. The cost is \$10 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child. To reserve space for your child(ren), email Alyson McElwain at alysonm@ucgainesville.org by July 6th for July's PNO and August 3rd, for the August date.

New members Potluck- If you have joined UCG during the past year, the Board of Membership cordially invites you to a new member pot luck gathering at the home of Jan and Ron Haase in Melrose on Saturday, July 19 from 5:30-8:30pm. Bring your favorite summer picnic food to share, mingle with other new members and let us get to know you better. Soft drinks will be provided. RSVP to Sally Simonis, at sarahsimonis@bellsouth.net or 352.331.6494. For directions, contact the Haases at 475-3910 or haase@ufl.edu. We hope to see you there!

Calling ALL UCG families, however known! Join us for Family Movie Night, happening on Wednesday, July 30 at 5:45pm. Come on over to the UCG Fellowship Hall/West Wing; bring your chairs, your blankets, your pillows and a snack and/or beverage to share and enjoy a family-friendly movie beginning at 6 PM. Contact Jamie Baldwin or Shanna Johnson for any questions you may have. See you there!

Middle School Group Adventures:

- **July 7-Ichetucknee Springs Trip** with YU. Depart UCG at 8:30am. Returning around 4pm. Pack a lunch!! Hosted by Ted LaCombe. RSVP!!
- **August 2-Dinner & a Movie.** Meet at Moe's in Plaza Royale (Newberry Road) at 5:30pm. We will eat dinner and then go to a 7:00pm movie. Parents pick up afterward. Hosted by Debby Harris and Kit Goodwin. Bring money for dinner and movie tickets.

Youth United Summer Plans:

- **July 7- Ichetucknee Trip** with MSG. Depart UCG at 8:30am until about 4pm. Pack a lunch!! Hosted by Steve Bates and Doug Kiker
- **August 2- Day trip to St. Augustine.** 9 am to 6pm. Will go to St. Augustine Beach and then to St. George Street. Bring money for lunch and St. George Street shopping. Call Steve Bates for details.

August Choir Opportunity... If you can sing in the August 3rd Taize service, come to the Sanctuary at 6:00pm to rehearse with Mary Fukuyama. It's a fun and non-intimidating way to try your voice out in the UCG choir.

The Seventh Trumpet

Just to let you know a little about the strange things that go on around this church, about two weeks ago we came to work to find three of the screens in our office and fellowship hall pried off. Someone was evidently trying to get into the building, but stopped short of actually breaking windows. No significant damage was done.

This morning we discovered that someone had swerved into the east parking lot and driven completely over the beautiful dogwood tree that we planted at the entrance in 1991. Whoever did their hit and run number on the tree left pieces of grillwork and parking lights as they backed away.

At the same time one of the Twelve Step Groups that has been meeting in room nine for years, and recently decided to find a different place, gave us a \$50 gift certificate to Garden Gate Nursery in appreciation for the hospitality they found here.

Some call that serendipity. Some call it coincidence. I read somewhere that when two events like the loss of the tree and the contribution to replace a tree come together, that's God winking. I know good news doesn't always follow bad news, but when it does I gladly accept it.

I encourage you to pay attention this summer to strange coincidences, moments of serendipity when God winks. It's an interesting spiritual exercise. I also wish all of you some time this summer that is a change of pace and perspective. Whether you go on an exotic journey, or stay in Gainesville, invite some open time and space for renewal.

Sandy and I will be gone from July 18 to August 10. We'll be at the beach in St. Augustine and at our place at the lake. We'll have time with children, grandchildren, and each other. While we take some "significant" books with us, we primarily hope for the kind of renewal that takes place when the clutter of workday life diminishes and we have time for quietness and reflection. That's when grace tends to happen for us.

I also want to marvel for a moment on our New Members' Sunday. We usually receive new members in the fall, winter and spring. Our spring membership was our 7th and 8th grade Aware, Care, Share group. On years Aware, Care, Share joins and we have a membership group join in June, the class is often small. So this time I announced that if we didn't have twelve people interested in joining in June, we'd wait until October for another membership group. That triggered something! Twenty-five people of a variety of ages, stages, and conditions of life joined, and we're quite excited to welcome them. Pick up a copy of their bios in the foyer of the Sanctuary.

Finally, here's a quote I found which I want to keep with me for the summer. *There's nothing wrong with microwaves or mobile phones – they save time. But God will ask what you have done with the time that was saved.* (Egyptian Coptic monk Ruwais el-Anthony.)

~ Larry

UCG member Ron Haase's work was selected for the **Appleton Museum's 2008 Biennial** prestigious juried exhibition along with the work of Bill James, Joyce McAdams and Steffen Mittelhaeuser.

The show is a mixture of lush, vibrant colors and misty pastels along with some very evocative photography. Ron's "**Melrose Bay Series**" consists of six large format mixed media paintings that reflect on views from their home on the bay. Ron says, "Also on display is probably my best painting effort to date, "**My Mind's Eye**".

The show runs from June 14th to August 17 with an Artists' Reception on Friday, June 13th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. You can see examples of the exhibition at <http://www.appletonmuseum.org/exhibitions/biennial061408.shtml>. **Click on any thumbnail** for an enlargement.

THRESHOLDS

. . . . SANDY REIMER

AHH! That's the sound of a deep exhale of collective breath, as we at the church office settle into summer at UCG. Yesterday, we had our annual office inventory day, so when you come by, please remark on our cleared off desks and bookcases and our reorganized closets and files. Lisa even found, in the depths of one closet, a box of "Grace Happens" bumper stickers, so if you've been yearning for one, they are \$2 each, available at the office.

Larry, Andy and I met in late May and early June to set our worship themes for next year. The Board of Parish Ministry sets the theme for the summer. Theme brainstorming is an interesting process, because almost all of our ideas, including mine, are great ideas for sermons. But coming up with a theme large enough to encompass 4 to 6 weeks of worship services and yet specific enough to be grist for particular sermons takes time, patience and trust in the brainstorming process. I think you are going to enjoy the Board of Parish Ministry's summer services on "Changing Perspectives"! So please make a special effort, when you are in town, to come to worship this summer and support the members of our Board of Parish Ministry. Larry and I will be back on August 10th for the annual "Meet the Pastor" service.

As the summer settles all around us, remember to look for water, to listen for the sound of rain, to feel the cool refreshment of the springs and lakes and ocean, and then gather a small amount of water from an ordinary or extra-ordinary moment to bring to our Gathering of Waters services on August 17th.

I love this poem about sacred places, and I share it with you, in hopes that you are able to find at least a few moments of sacred time and space in the next six weeks:

I do not have to go to Sacred Places in far-off lands.

The ground I stand on is holy.

Here, in the garden I tend, my pilgrimage ends.

The wild honeybees, the butterflies,

The flickering fireflies at dusk are a microcosm

Of the universe. Each seed that grows is full

Of miracles. And I watch and wonder and am

Full of love, living in place in this place,

For truth and beauty dwell here. ~ "Untitled," by Mary de La Valette

WELCOME to our newest members who joined on Sunday, June 25!

Nancy Baumann
Sherrilene Classen
Sue D'Auria
Lisa Duke Cornell
Becky Fields
Vito Ilacqua
Suzanne Kaufman
Paul Newman
Michael Ward

Erika Briggs
Alexis Dabroski
Tony Delisle
James Duncan
Adam Hill
Janet Karlix
Tina Kercheval
Janet Thomas

Edward Carter
John D'Auria
William Dougherty
Tracey Eng-Ilacqua
Alan Hill
Noah Kaufman
Elisa Lockhart
Kari Ward

You can pick up a copy of their bios in the church foyer on Sunday.

Our Next Newsletter is the "August Supplement" ~ This supplement will cover the final two weeks in August: *Gathering of Waters* on the 17th, the start-up of the Regular Sunday Schedule on August 24th, and any other happenings that might need clarification as we get closer to Fall. **Please send in any pertinent submissions by Wednesday, August 6th.**

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

UCG Children's Program

Heidi Stein, Director



Peace Camp Update

Camp went so well this year. We were full partners with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and we set a mission of making a fun and safe multi-faith and multi-cultural camp with a commitment to peace, justice and a connection to the earth.

Camper enrollment was completely full, and we actually went over our 60 camper limit by a bit so we could include a few people on the waiting list. Thirty percent of our campers attended on scholarship, thanks to grants and a special donation from UCG's Social Justice Committee. Fifty-five percent of our full scholarship participants were of a minority race. To address religious diversity, 12% of scholarship participants were UCG members, 12% were UUF members and 76% came from other religious backgrounds including Baptist, Quaker, Methodist, and no-church affiliation.

Eleven youth from MSG, YU, Post-High and Child Care were our camp Senior and Junior counselors. Over 20 adult volunteers from UCG graciously came into do programming that included Non-violent Communication, Kickball, Nature Adventures, Recycled Construction, Music, Board Games, Crafts, Nutrition, Nature Dyes, Sewing and so much more. And Larry Reimer and Sandy Reimer led two of our morning worship times. It was really fun and helped us meet our mission statement.

Thank you to everyone who made this special event work. It was incredible.

What's Next?

During the summer, there is nursery care every Sunday morning from 9:45 to 11:15. Elementary school children have a supervised Activity Time on the playground following the children's story and lasting until 11:15. Church school resumes on Sunday, August 24th! Watch for exciting news about *United Tribes*, our new church school identity.

Summer Calendar

7-2-08– Church School Opening Brainstorm session at 7:00pm

7-6-08 - Join the Children's Parade at the July 4th Evening Service & Ice Cream Social

7-11-08 - Parent's Night Out

7-30-08 - UCG Family Movie Night

8-8-08 - Parent's Night Out

8-10-08 - Child Care Training Update

8-17-08 - Church School Guide Training

P.S. A reminder that child care is provided for Friday Lunch Groups. Please join us this summer!

A Special Thanks to UCG!

We offer our heartfelt thanks for all of the kindness you offered after the birth of our son Ty in May. We are new members, but felt like old friends as we received your blessings, congratulations, and offers of help. Several of you provided meals which were a huge relief after sleepless nights and long days with a newborn. This is a unique church community that truly "walks the walk"- thank you for making this magical time even more so through your support- Ty has a wonderful community to grow up in.

~ Sincerely, The Dennys– Christine, John, Ella and Tyson

CHURCH BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Board of Business

As part of the preparations for the addition of the new Associate Minister for Adult Programs and Pastoral Care to our ministerial team, the UCG Board of Business (BoB) has been evaluating the financial and infrastructure needs associated with this transition. BoB has estimated that costs associated with the search, moving expenses, startup package, and initial salary overlap with Sandy Reimer during a short training period will amount to approximately \$31,000.

In addition, new office space will need to be created to accommodate an additional minister during Larry and Sandy's transition period, and in the longer run to provide adequate space for three ministers and church staff, some of whom are "doubling up" at this point. BoB evaluated several alternatives over a span of two meetings, including: (1) converting Seminar A into an office; (2) partitioning the library to create an office and a smaller meeting space, and moving the library books to Seminar A; and (3) constructing new, attached office space in the breezeway connecting the office wing to the kitchen. Alternative 1 and 2 would both involve less expense but have considerable disadvantages in terms of disconnection of offices or the loss of valuable community meeting space. Alternative 3 would be the most expensive, but would be optimum as a long-term solution for quality workspace. BoB is currently seriously evaluating Alternative 3, and will obtain cost estimates during the summer.

BoB has identified a combination of non-pledge funding sources that will finance approximately half of these expenses; a small supplemental pledge campaign will likely be needed to fund the balance. The construction cost estimates and funding sources will be discussed at a special Congregational Meeting on August 10, following the 10:00am service. If you have any questions, please contact Board of Business Chair, Tim Martin.

The budget summary below reflects UCG's financial position through May, 2008, 41.7% through the year. As in the past few months, we continue to lag a bit behind on pledge income. As you prepare for summer travel and make arrangements to board the dog and stop the paper, don't forget to provide for the payment of your UCG pledge while you're away.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Martin, Chair, UCG Board of Business

UCG Budget Summary

As of May 31, 2008– 41.7% through the year

Income

Description	Year to Date	2008 Budget	% Received	% Received this time last year
Pledge + Plate	\$219,795	\$602,960	36.5%	43.2%
Other	\$24,841	\$34,000	73.1%	
Total Income	\$244,636	\$636,960	38.4%	46.7%

Expenses

Description	Year to Date	2008 Budget	% Incurred	% Incurred this time last year
Personnel	\$171,277	\$432,311	39.6%	
Operating	\$56,966	\$157,165	36.2%	
Program	\$5,185	\$13,884	37.3%	
For Others	\$14,184	\$33,600	42.2%	
Total Expenses	\$247,611	\$636,960	38.9%	
Income-Expenses	-\$2,976	\$0		

BOARDS & COMMITTEES, CONT'D

Enlistment

While UCG is a generous congregation, some members are not as timely as others in returning pledge cards during the fall Enlistment Campaign. This leads to much worry and additional work for the Enlistment Chair, the Board of Business, and the Senior Minister as they make repeated phone calls to extract the final 30% or so of pledges between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

To try to move beyond some of these old problems, the UCG Board of Business (with Church Council approval) is going to try a new approach: A Continuing Pledge program in which UCG members will have the option to "pre-pledge" for 3 or 5 year periods. This will enable the Enlistment Campaign to begin with some proportion of pledges already known and in hand. If enough pledgers decide to sign up for the Continuing Pledge program, the problem of the prolonged Enlistment Campaign could be minimized or alleviated.

This summer, a letter will be sent to all UCG members explaining this program, and containing a response card and pre-stamped return envelope. To join the program, all you need to do is indicate whether you are signing up for a 3 or 5 year period, what your "base" pledge will be for the 2009 budget year, and what annual inflation rate you would like to apply to your base pledge for subsequent years. After that, you need do no more. Instead of receiving a pledge card at the start of each fall Enlistment Campaign, you will receive a thank-you note, and a reminder of your continuing pledge amount for the upcoming year.

Thanks to the continuing and faithful support of our members, UCG finances are strong and robust. We hope that you will consider signing up for the Continuing Pledge program to further support UCG, and to smooth the way for Enlistment Campaigns to come.

Endowment Committee

The Endowment Fund Trustee Committee offers this "Endowment Idea": In lieu of flowers for memorial gifts, give a gift to the UCG Endowment Fund.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Many of you volunteer so that UCG can provide food, shelter, and transportation for homeless families through the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). But did you know that IHN provides comprehensive case management, including counseling as well as assistance in locating jobs, medical care, day care and school placement, and ultimately affordable housing? When you volunteer for IHN, you do more than apply a temporary band-aid. Instead, you participate in an effective, coordinated effort to get families with children back in a home and back on their feet for good. When you volunteer, you join with people across the country to advance the mission of Family Promise: *Our mission is to help low-income families nationwide achieve lasting independence and to redress the underlying causes of poverty and homelessness.* So the next time you volunteer to set up beds, cook a meal, sleep overnight, or drive a family to school and work, remember that you are part of something much greater! For more information on IHN of Greater Gainesville, visit www.ihngvl.org. For more information on Family Promise, visit www.familypromise.org.

Other News.....

Summer Office Hours

The Church office hours from July 14 through August 8 will be Monday-Friday, 8:30am to **4:00pm**. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, August 11.

Help Wanted

Josh White, our newly hired children's choir director, has lost his position as the music teacher at Littlewood Elementary and will not be available to direct our children's music program. If anyone knows of other school music directors or any musical people who would be great candidates to direct our children's music, please contact Kathy Funke.

Visual Arts

The beautiful doors that have graced our Sanctuary since April are coming down this week. They will be on exhibit at the Hippodrome Gallery in January. This summer, the amazing banners created on our All-church retreat, Common Threads, will enhance our worship. Special thanks to Martha McInnes for her creative idea and finishing touches.

Summer Sundays

SUMMER WORSHIP THEME: *CHANGING PERSPECTIVES*



July 6

9:00a.m. Sunday morning Meditation in the Chapel with Ann Gill.

6:30p.m. All-church Band Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Annual Evening July 4 Service and Ice Cream Social.

This evening service features the UCG Hogtown Strutters, and the All Church Band.

Larry Reimer's sermon will be "Bricks Without Straw – The Classic Squeeze." Children march. Bands roar. There's ice cream for all. And this is the last night to bring donations of non-perishable food for the Gainesville Community Ministry.

6:45 to 8:15 Nursery care

7:15 to 7:55 Activity Time following the children's story; children return at the end of the service to hear the All-Church Band.

8:00 Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall. *Remember to bring a favorite ice cream topping to share and drop it in the Fellowship Hall before the service begins.*



Summer Sunday morning schedule in July:

Nursery Care – 9:45 to 11:15

Worship Service at 10am

Activity time – following the children's story until 11:15

Beverages and Fellowship at 11am

July 13

9:00 - Sunday morning Meditation in the Chapel with Larry Reimer.

10:00 - "Changing Perspectives" - Sandy Reimer with Bobbi Knickerbocker and Lisa Schiavoni. Special music by Amanda Garrigues.

11:30 - Sum-min-ar: "Empty Nest or Full House: When Young Adult Children Live at Home," with Diana Tonnessen and Mary Aplin. Whether it's out of economic necessity or simply the convenience of living at home while attending college in town, many young adult children find there's no place like home after graduating from high school or during the summer semester break. But the kids are adults now, and the rules have changed. Should they pay rent? Pitch in with the household chores? Stay out all night without checking in at home? Have their boyfriend/girlfriend over to spend the night? Join as we explore ways to negotiate a new set of house rules for young adult children who live at home.

July 20

9:00 - Sunday morning Meditation in the Chapel with Darrell Hartman

10:00 - "Let the Service Begin" with Scott Nelson, Diann Dimitri and Dar Mikula sharing their perspective on their service/mission experiences. Coordinated by the Board of Parish Ministry.

July 27

9:00– Sunday morning Meditation in the Chapel

10:00 – "Art & Soul: The Artists' Search for Spirituality" - coordinated by the Board of Parish Ministry.

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

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Summer Sunday's Cont'd

August 3

NO Sunday morning Meditation this week

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service Evening Taize' Service with readings and prayers as well as Taize chants led by members of the Board of Parish Ministry, musicians and the choir. Nursery care and Activity Time - 6:45 to 8:15; Beverages and Fellowship after the service.

August 10

9:00 - Sunday morning Meditation in the Chapel with Catherine Berg

10:00 - Annual Ask the Pastor Service - Sandy Reimer and Larry Reimer will respond to your questions. Be thinking of a question about ministry, about the church, about spirituality, about sermons, about faith.

LOOKING AHEAD:

August 17 – Two services at 9:30 and 11:00 - “Gathering of Waters” - Be sure to bring a small portion of water from your summer! (See back page.)

New Worship Theme: The Soul Station: Maintenance and Repairs

August 24 – 9:30 and 11:00 Services.

What the Pastors are reading



Welcome to our new monthly column. People have asked us from time to time for suggestions for good books, so we decided to have a monthly column on what we're reading. We'll take turns offering our selections in hope that these may be helpful to you. Please feel free to send us suggestions for good books as well.

Books I'm reading this MonthLarry

Non-fiction - Amish Grace – How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy, Kraybill, Nolt, Weaver-Zercher. This book examines the Amish community's response to the shooting of six children in an Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pa. this past year. It's a good look at what the author's call a culture of forgiveness, that has been practiced for generations. The authors explore the problems and even inconsistencies of this kind of forgiveness as well as its power. I plan to use this as the basis for a sermon next year.

Fiction – Digging to America by Anne Tyler. This is an intriguing story of two very different families who meet each other at the airport on the day that each of their respective adopted Korean daughters arrives in America. One family, Brad and Bitsy Donaldson, is a classic liberal, somewhat older-than-average-to-have-children couple. The other couple, Sami and Zibah Yasdan are younger, first generation Americans of Iranian descent. The two couples begin celebrating “Arrival Day” for their daughters together and become good friends. I loved the classic issues of parenting. The Donaldson name their daughter Jin Ho. The Yasden's call their daughter Suzie. The story expands to the growth of friends together, issues of extended family, and how we work out the details of long term friendships.

JULY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Hogtown Strutters Rehearsal 7pm United Tribes 7:30pm	3 BPM 6pm	4 Independence Day Office Closed No Lunch Groups	5
6 Meditation 9am Worship 7pm July 4th Celebration and Ice Cream Social	7 YU & MSG Ichetucknee Springs Trip 8:30am-4pm	8 Budget Summit 1:30pm SJC 6:30pm	9 CMRB 12pm BAP 6:30pm	10	11 Lunch Groups 12pm PNO 5:30-8:30pm	12
13 Meditation 9am Worship 10am Sum-min-ar 11:30am	14	15	16	17	18 Lunch Groups 12pm	19 New Member's Potluck 5:30pm
20 Meditation 9am Worship 10am	21	22	23	24	25 Lunch Groups 12pm	26
27 Meditation 9am Worship 10am Crystal Bowl Meditation 7:30pm	28 Writing Small Group 7pm	29	30 UCG All-Church Family Movie Night 5:45pm	31 Endowment Committee 6pm		

AUGUST 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Lunch Groups 12pm	2 YU trip to St. Augustine 8:30am MSG Dinner & Movie 5:30pm
3 No Morning Meditation Worship -Taize Service 7pm	4	5	6 Supplemental Newsletter Deadline 12pm	7	8 Lunch Groups 12pm PNO 5:30-8:30pm	9
10 Meditation 9am Worship 10am 11:05am Congregational Meeting	11	12 Budget Summit 1:30pm	13 Newsletter Folding 10:30am IHN Steering Committee 6:30p	14	15 Lunch Groups 12pm	16

PASSAGES...

Our blessings to

- ♦ Julie Murphy and Bert Flanagan who were married in the Sanctuary on Saturday, June 21 at 6:00pm. Larry Reimer and Sandy Reimer officiated at the ceremony.

Welcome and blessings to their families

- ♦ Noah Bradbury, Star Bradbury & Mitchell Jim's new grandson, born to Star's son Dan and his wife Johanna on Saturday, May 24. He weighed 6lbs 7ozs.
- ♦ Piper Elise Aarons, daughter of Pierre & Rayna Aarons, sister of Mazzy Aarons, born on June 25. She weighed 8lbs 11ozs.
- ♦ Jesse David Kaufman, son of new members Suzi & Noah Kaufman, born on June 25. He weighed 8lbs.
- ♦ Jenna Meng-Huai Petty, adopted daughter of Tara Boonsta and David Petty, sister of Jackson Petty, born July 29, 2007 in Taiwan. She came home in January 2008.

Congratulations to

- ♦ Andrew Uelsman who received his MBA from the University of Florida

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To Join As a Spiritual Community

Our Annual Gathering of Waters

Sunday, August 17 – Services at 9:30 and 11:00am

Wherever you are this summer – from your own backyard to Florida's springs and waterways, to somewhere else in this or another country – at a special moment of this season, gather a small amount of water to bring to this special service. You may want to think of water from a place that represents an experience of power, of healing, of peace or of homecoming. We will combine all of our individual waters into one sacred water to use for baptisms and blessing rituals during the coming year.



Children and youth are welcome at either service.

Child care is available for those who wish.

**United Church of Gainesville's
August 2008 Newsletter Supplement Deadline is Wednesday, August 6th**

Please e-mail the church office by the deadline above.