

UNITED CHURCH OF GAINESVILLE

NEWSLETTER

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

SUMMER 2011

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Sunday, July 3rd, 2011
Worship & Celebration at 7:00pm
No morning worship service!



- ★ There is NO morning meditation in the Chapel
- ★ Worship at 7pm featuring the *Hogtown Strutters* and the *All-Church Band*. Larry Reimer's sermon is "Outrunning the Beat"
- ★ 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 Wendy Young. *Please remember to bring your favorite ice cream topping to share – and leave it in the Fellowship Hall prior to the service.*
- ★ Bring non-perishable food for our monthly "Food First Food Drive"

Summer Worship – "Letting Go – Letting In" - Sundays at 10am

Summer is an invitation to experience the Holy in lived life, in ordinary moments, in the here and now. It is a season when we are often able to let go of our customary routines and schedules and let in other layers of our sensing and being. Our worship services from July 10 through August 7 will reflect this theme from a variety of perspectives and experiences. See the Sunday pages for more details. Summer reflections booklets will be available in the foyer beginning July 3rd with readings about letting go and about using our senses to let in new ways of experiencing the sacred. The booklet is small enough to fit into your suitcase, carry-on or backpack, so pick one up to take home and take along with you wherever your summer journeys lead you. *And remember to collect a small amount of water from a memorable moment of your summer to bring to worship with you on Sunday, August 21.*

Also Happening...

- ◆ **Summer Youth Activities:** Join your friends for some fun! See page 2 for details
- ◆ **IHN is hosting guests August 21-28.** See page 7 for more information.
- ◆ **Decades Dance Saturday, August 13** See page 9 for details

"In the loosened days of summer, something calls our name. Sometimes we are only required to watch the passage of light or to listen to the drone of a long, hot afternoon. What is the sound of a July night in the heavy, becalmed middle of summer? It is an invitation to reverie and to a healthy laziness that will enable us to find the path ahead."

~ Marv Hiles, An Almanac for the Soul

What's Happening this Summer:

All Church Band – July 3 - If you do now or ever have played a musical instrument, join the all-church band in a middle school level arrangement of "Stars and Stripes Forever" for the evening service, July 3. Music is in the church office, and rehearsal is at 6:30pm on July 3.

Parents' Night Out aka PNO - Attention parents of kids pre K—5th grade! Need a night out? Bring your children to the UCG church school wing on **Friday, July 8 and/or Friday, August 12** 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. **RSVP by July 6th for July's PNO and August 10th, for the August date to alysonm@ucgainesville.org** . *Due to life threatening food allergies, no outside food can be brought in. Thank you.

Sunday Morning Meditation - The generous people who have been leading our Sunday morning meditations prior to worship are taking a summer break in July and August. **The chapel will be open for silent meditation from 9:15 to 10:00am on Sundays from July 10 through August 14. On August 21 and 28, the Chapel will be open from 8:30 to 9:30 for silent meditation. Beginning Sunday, September 4th, our meditation facilitators will return** . If you would be willing to facilitate a Sunday morning meditation session, please contact Vince Amlin.

Middle School and High School Activities - **On July 9th**, our groups are going to Wild Adventures theme park in Valdosta. Permission slips are required. The cost is \$36 per person and the crew will leave at 8 am from UCG and will return around 7 pm. **On July 28th or 29th** we go bowling at the Reitz Union. Date depends on the Reitz. **August 12-14** - Camping at Anastasia State Park in St. Augustine. Watch for more information. **ADDITIONAL EVENTS:** We will also be hosting periodic Dinner and a Movie gatherings, where we will meet up for dinner at Moe's (or somewhere close,) then go see a movie together. These will be occasional offerings, so look for the emails to be informed!

Game Night - The 20's Plus group (for those age 20-4?) will hold a Game Night at UCG on Friday, July 15th from 7-10. Bring your favorite game, beverage and snack. Childcare will be provided. Aki-lah Brown is organizing. To help out or RSVP email her at akilah@gmail.com

A communal celebration and reflection - A reflective service celebrating music, Taize chants, readings and stillness will be held **Sunday, August 7 at 10am**. A story time for children will be added to this service, as it moves from its traditional evening time to a morning service. This service wraps up the "Letting Go, Letting In" theme with a contemplative approach that sets a tone of letting go of worldly concerns and anxieties and letting in a spirit of stillness and reflection, letting go of busy summer schedules and letting in the cool morning breezes. After the service, everyone is invited into the courtyard for conversation and refreshments. The chants and music come from the Taize community, an ecumenical monastic order in France that has a strong devotion to peace and justice through prayer and meditation.

POW- WOW - UCG's social group for parents and children age K and up will resume bi-monthly gatherings in August. Preliminary locations to meet & have fun include Blue Springs, Roger's Farm, and the Gainesville Hawthorne Trail. If you would like to co-coordinate an outing, suggest a location/activity, or help in anyway, send an email to Laura Robertson, at laurar@ufl.edu.

The Seventh Trumpet

I recently read a review by Annette Gordon-Reed of historian David Reynolds' book Mightier Than the Sword: 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' and the Battle for America, in The New Yorker. Harriet Beecher Stowe's story is very simple. In it when Kentucky slave Uncle Tom's owners fall on hard times, they sell him down the river, tearing him away from his wife and children. While on his way to his new home, he saves the life of a young woman, Eva. This causes her father, Augustine St. Clare to buy him. Eva and Tom become friends and as Eva is dying, St. Clare promises to free Tom but is killed before he can do so. Tom falls into the ownership of the brutal Simon Legree who not only beats Tom but orders him to beat other slaves. When Tom refuses, Legree orders his overseers to kill Tom. As he lies dying, Tom forgives his killers, who in response to Tom's faith become Christians.

Uncle Tom's Cabin was the best-selling novel of the nineteenth century. Abraham Lincoln credited it with turning the tide against slavery in the North in ways that no speeches or essays could ever do. Stowe's story made the realities of families torn apart real. Over a million slaves were shipped from the Upper South to the Lower South between 1790 and 1860. More slaves were sold than arrived on the boats of the slave trade that began it. Stowe made Americans confront the notion that slaves and slave owners were a benevolent family, for in what family do members sell each other off like cattle? Harriet believed that no one was corrupt by nature, doomed by original sin, but rather that slavery spoiled everything it touched.

Stowe was a part of a famous family that included Henry Ward Beecher, a noted Congregationalist preacher and abolitionist. Beecher became so well known as a preacher because he added the story, the narrative to the sermon form. Before him sermons were primarily expositions on scripture and theology. Henry Ward Beecher and his sister Harriet Beecher Stowe proved that a good story is the greatest tool of persuasion and social change that we have.

This is why our stories are so important at UCG. All four of us ministers make sure to include stories, our own and others, in our sermons. We regularly invite you to share your stories in worship and in small groups with the conviction that what is important and personal to one is in fact universal and touches all. I believe our stories are so powerful because they open up the vulnerable place in the human heart where the divine spark ignites to transform us.

As we look at our fractured world, let us hold out hope in the sharing of stories, both told and heard this summer. Whether in family gatherings or political debates, see if you can elicit some good stories where well trod opinions are on the brink of ruining everything. Let's tell stories of the heart that make us all ask what kind of people we want to be.

Larry

Special Offering July 3

The national United Church of Christ is holding its biennial General Synod in Tampa this summer. This is a grand gathering which has not been held in Florida in recent history (or at least Larry's memory). Churches in the host conference are asked to offer some financial support for this event. UCG has pledged \$1,000 for this event, and gifts designated the last Sunday in June and the first Sunday in July will go to fulfill that pledge. Please make checks to UCG, designated General Synod. Thank you.

Thanks for Ken Bradley's Annuity

The special offering in the month of May for custodian Ken Bradley's annuity collected a little over \$4,000. Thanks for this.

THRESHOLDS

. . . . SANDY REIMER

Did you know that this July has five Fridays, five Saturdays and five Sundays, which happens only once every 823 years? Does this make a vacation in the month of July longer? (Amazing what information passes along the e-mail circuit!) That only confirms my ongoing love for this month of summer which has always had that feeling of “in the moment” for me. Probably that’s partly because of my July birthday which used to be celebrated on a day but which I now manage to stretch out to a most-of-the-month birthday. At any rate, we have five week-ends to enjoy this July and a wonderful worship theme of “Letting Go and Letting In” to enrich those Sundays when we are together at UCG!

An update on our process retreat and with Lake Yale: Our letter to the Director of the Florida Baptist Convention, with a copy to the Director of Lake Yale, was signed by 308 UCG members and mailed, return receipt requested, on Wednesday, June 15. We are waiting for a reply. We continue to explore the ramifications of the cancellation of our 2012 Retreat contract, as we receive legal advice from Don Clark, Nationwide Special Counsel for the United Church of Christ.

And I have good news. A number of UCG members had good ideas for possible sites for our 2012 Retreat. We have explored a number of those options. On Sunday, June 5, Vince Amlin, Barbara Beynon, Salina Briseno, Jerry Hill, Becky Johnson, Sally Simonis, Charlie Williams, Larry and I visited the Methodist Warren Willis Camp near Leesburg, Florida. We had an extensive tour of their facilities and we were very excited about the possibility of having our Retreat there. Here are some of the features that excited us: 3 carpeted lodges with full kitchens, a central meeting room and porch area, and eight individually divided rooms with bunk beds, each one with its own bathroom that would be a treat for our families with children; a beautiful pool with 2 water slides; tent and RV sites and motel rooms across the road at the Methodist Life Enrichment Center; a fellowship hall with stage; a dining hall with round tables, each seating 8 people, which will be renovated by next spring to accommodate 250 people; a menu and kitchen staff that is vegetarian friendly, understands food allergies, and makes everything they serve on site; a variety of daytime meeting rooms; a lake and dock; and an outside worship space. Most of all, we were welcomed with warmth and enthusiasm by their staff, who understand that we are an Open and Affirming congregation. We are working out the last details of prices and lodging so that we can sign a contract with them for April 27-29, 2012. I encourage you to visit their web site at www.warrenwilliscamp.org. I’ll let you know more as soon as we have an official contract.

I want to thank each of you, the whole congregation, for the unwavering support you have given to me during this past six weeks, through all the ups and downs of this situation. It has truly been a time when we have walked the walk with one another, and our unity and commitment to what we believe has been inspiring and overwhelmingly positive. I truly believe that together we are the change we want to see.

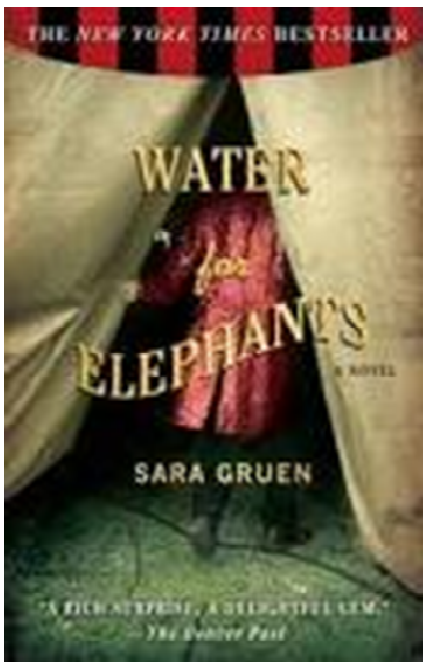
PASSAGES...

- ♦ Avery Marie Garmon, daughter of Michael and Erin Garmon, grand-daughter of Mary Anna Evans and of David Evans, was baptized on Sunday, June 12 at the 11:00 service by Larry Reimer and Sandy Reimer. We surround Avery and her parents with love and blessings.
- ♦ We welcome Avery Stephen Hill, son of Ashley Pennypacker Hill and Adam Hill and grandson of Steve Pennypacker, born on Wednesday, June 22 . He weighed 7lbs 14oz and was 20 inches long. We surround them all with joy and grace.

I wanted to use my summer space to let you know about a great new idea from the Board of Adult Programs.

One Church, One Book

As you choose your summer reads, the Board of Adult Programs would like to invite you to read along with your fellow UCG members and friends. Inspired by the "One City, One Book" program, we thought it would be fun to choose a book to read as a congregation to keep us connected through summer traveling. When Adult Seminars begin again in September, we'll offer a couple chances to get together and talk about what we've read. For our first annual "One Church, One Book," we've selected *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen.



The story of *Water for Elephants* moves back and forth over sixty years in the life of the main character Jacob Jankowski. At 93, living in a nursing home, he recalls joining the circus as a veterinarian for "The Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth." The book explores the human-animal bond while also revealing the fascinating world of 1930's circuses.

From the *New York Times* review:

"Sara Gruen's arresting new novel, "Water for Elephants," explores...the pathetic grandeur of the Depression-era circus."

So, pick up a copy of *Water for Elephants* and remember your UCG community while you're lying on the beach or flying off to cooler climes. If you've already read the book, plan to join us to discuss it in September. And while there is a movie version, as usual, the book is better. Enjoy your summer!

WELCOME to our newest members who joined on Sunday, June 12th

Day Bennett	Terri Regotti
Carol James	Akela Ribe
Allen Kalisman	Chris Ribe
Doris Kalishman	Bob Sammel

Art in the Library this month will feature the small mixed media works of UCG member Valerie Aslakson - Jennings. Stop by to take a look!

Other News.....

Summer Office Hours - The church office hours from Monday, July 11 to Friday, August 5th will be **9:00am to 4:00pm.** Regular office hours, 8:30am to 4:30pm, resume on Monday, August 8th.

Vacation schedules

- Larry Reimer and Sandy Reimer – July 12 to August 10
- Vince Amlin – June 25 to July 10; July 26 – 29
- Lisa Goldstein – June 30 - July 17

Our Next Newsletter is the "August Supplement" - This will cover the last three weeks in August which includes "Ask the Pastor" on the 14th, *Gathering of Waters* on the 21st, the start-up of the Regular Sunday Schedule on August 28th, and any other happenings that might need clarification as we get closer to Fall. **Please send in any pertinent submissions by Wednesday, August 3rd.**

LifeSouth Blood Drive - Sunday, July 10 - Donations during our Sunday blood drives have dropped significantly over the past year. In the winter and Spring of 2010 we had a total of 18 donors at two drives. The past two drives in 2011 have netted a total of 6. Please consider donating on July 10. It takes about half an hour, not much time when you consider that one blood donation can save up to three lives. Please give the gift of life.

Help Needed on August 21 - On Sunday, August 21, between the 9:30 and 11:00 Gathering of Waters services, there will be a Potluck Brunch! We need helpers to set up and serve and take down. You can volunteer for the early crew (from 9:15 to 10:45) or you can volunteer for the later crew (from 10:45 to noon) by signing up on the bulletin board outside the church office or contacting the church office at 378-3500 or info@ucgainesville.org. Everyone attending the brunch will bring a finger food to share.

Fall adult small groups are right around the corner! UCG's excellent program of small groups depends upon your enthusiasm and leadership to provide our entire congregation with opportunities to meet one another in more intimate settings. Our Small Groups Committee will be meeting soon, so if you have an idea for our next round of small groups, please contact Vince at vincea@ucgainesville.org.

Interested in electronic payment for your monthly pledge? - A growing number of UCGers are paying their pledges through automated banking. We do not have the capability to initiate the transaction at our end; however you can do it by using your bank's online bill pay system. Just enter UCG, our address is 1624 NW 5th Ave, and our zip code is 32603. For account number you can enter your name. Most online banking systems will let you enter something once and have recurring payments made at intervals that you choose; monthly or quarterly. If you do not already use online banking, call or visit a branch of your bank and ask for assistance in setting up the payment. Like many new things, once you get going, it is easier than expected!

Thanks for contributions for Ray Meeks. - Two time each year we received contributions for Ray Meeks: during December, for Christmas, and in June for Ray's birthday. This year you donated \$1211 to Ray. He uses his money for shoes, sweatshirts, snacks, books, toiletries, and books. This year we also used it to repair the TV he has in his cell. He is always very appreciative. Ray has been on Death Row since 1973 and turned 58 this June.

Florida and Gainesville Finally Make a Good List - While it seems that Florida is on so many bad lists, and that so many screwy news stories come out of Gainesville, here's a ranking we can be proud of. Amazon.com listed the best read cities based on its sales data this year. Cambridge, Mass. ordered the most non-fiction books. Boulder, Colorado ordered the most books in cooking food and wine. But look at this - Florida was the only state with three cities in the top 20 best read cities, Miami (6), Gainesville (8) and Orlando (12)! I bet we're the best read church in the state.

CHURCH BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Moderator

The view from the moderator's chair is heartwarming: enthusiastic new board and committee chairs and officers who are busy planning and executing the continuous cycle of business, activity and spiritual enrichment that makes UCG the wonderful community that it is. We are a democratic and congregational church which relies heavily on the talents and participation of all members to thrive. From developing the budget to adult and children's programming to assisting with worship to helping our community through our many service projects, we are responsible for it all. The opportunities for service at UCG are too numerous to list them all, and there is a place for you. Thanks to the numerous members who signed up to serve on various Boards and Committees this year. I look forward to meeting you all at our August 28 kickoff and to working with you throughout the year. ~ Sally Simonis, Moderator

Compassion in Action

July 3 and August 7, 2011 are the dates of the First Sunday Food Collections for the Gainesville Community Ministries. The Compassion in Action Committee reminds you to pick up extra food to donate when you shop the Buy One Get One Free offers at Publix, and when you shop at discount food stores such as Sams, Wal-Mart and Sav-A-Lot. The grocery basket will be in the church foyer on the above dates for your donations. Thanks for remembering the hungry people in Gainesville.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

UCG has been an active participant in the Interfaith Hospitality Network since its Gainesville inception in April, 1998. The mission of the IHN is to shelter and feed homeless families "while equipping them with the knowledge and resources they need to sustain their independence in a home of their own". See the Gainesville IHN website for more information: <http://www.ihnqv1.org/>

The work of IHN is accomplished largely through the efforts of volunteers. UCG is one of 10 host congregations. There are another 21 congregations that provide support. UCG receives support from Greater Bethel AME (provides Thursday supper) and former members of the now dissolved P'Nai Or Jewish Renewal (provides Sunday supper and overnight hosts). Within our congregation, our Youth United (high school group) provides the supper meal and evening hosts for every Friday of our hosting, as well as help with set-up on the first Sunday. UCG hosts homeless families for one week at a time approximately five times throughout the year. During that week we convert our children's classrooms into bedrooms and our youth group gathering space into a den/play room. We provide three meals daily, two of which are eaten on premises. We provide transportation when needed. We provide hosts for the breakfast and supper meals and overnight. All these efforts take many hands and we invite you to consider how you might contribute to this worthy effort.

Our next hosting week is **August 21 – 28**. Please stop by our recruiting table and see the myriad ways, small and large, that you can be a part of this ministry. Recruitment will start on July 17th and continue every Sunday until our hosting begins on August 21st. Our ministers have been known to encourage us during the Annual Retreat and other occasions to stretch ourselves and try something new. If you've never experienced the blessings of working with IHN, please consider it an opportunity to stretch yourself. There are explicit directions for the volunteer positions, you work with a partner and there are IHN committee members just a phone call away to provide any support you may need. If you're looking for a committee or board to call home, we're still recruiting for IHN. Contact Jean Epling at 374-7144 to join our team.

Summer Sundays

SUMMER WORSHIP THEME: *LETTING GO - LETTING IN*

July 3 - NO Morning Service

NO Sunday Morning Meditation

6:00pm Hogtown Strutters Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

6:30pm All-church Band Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

6:45 to 8:15 Nursery care

7:00 pm Annual Evening July 4 Service

“Outrunning the Bear” with Larry Reimer. Special Music by the Hogtown Strutters and “Stars and Stripes Forever” by the All Church Band

7:15 to 7:55 Activity Time following the children’s story; children return at the end of the service for the annual parade with the All-Church Band. Rising 6th – 8th graders remain in the service.

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*

Food First Food Drive & Special Offering for UCC General Synod



Summer Sunday morning schedule:

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 10

LifeSouth Blood Drive

9:15 - The Chapel is open for silent meditation

10:00 - Worship - “Floating” - Sandy Reimer. Special music by Judy Parsons and by Ruth Saunders and Norman Jensen.

July 17

9:15 - The Chapel is open for silent meditation

10:00 - Worship - Vince Amlin

July 24

9:15 - The Chapel is open for silent meditation

10:00 – Worship—Vince Amlin

July 31

9:15 - The Chapel is open for silent meditation

10:00 - Worship - “Karma = Letting Go / Letting In” coordinated by the Board of Parish Ministry. Confused with the theme “Letting Go - Letting In”? Join us We will Shine some Enlightenment Your Way !

August 7

9:15 - The Chapel is open for silent meditation

10:00 - Worship Service - A service celebrating reflection, music, Taize chants, readings and stillness. Led by the Board of Parish Ministry.

Summer Sundays, Cont'd

LOOKING AHEAD:

August 14 – Annual “Ask the Pastor” Service - Sandy Reimer and Larry Reimer will respond to your questions. Be thinking of a question about ministry, about UCG, about spirituality, about sermons, about faith.

August 21 – Gathering of Waters services at 9:30 and 11:00. Bring a small portion of water from your summer! (See page 12). There will be a potluck brunch from 10:15 to 11:30 (between services.) Please bring a finger-food brunch-type food that can serve 8 to 10 folks to the Fellowship Hall as soon as you arrive for the service . This is also United Tribes registration and kick off and IHN hosting begins.

August 28 – New Theme – Come to the Waters - “The Waters of Homecoming” Larry Reimer



**Dance To 50's, 60's
70's, 80's, 90's
And Now!**

**DJ
Stephen Tierney
Is Back To Play
Your Favorites!**

**Prizes
For Best Dressed
In Each Decade!**

**Cash Bar
Beer, Wine, Soda**

**Bring An
Appetizer or Dessert!**

2nd Annual Decades Dance

**Saturday, August 13th, 2011
7:00 pm Till 11:00 pm**

UCG WEST WING

Dress For Your Favorite Decade!

Adults Only (Must be 21+)

Advance Tickets - \$10

Tickets At Door - \$15

Tickets On Sale In Courtyard

Sunday July 31st & August 7th

Be Ready To Dance Your Feet Off!

Sponsored by UCG Open & Affirming Committee
Welcoming & Affirming LGBT People & Friends!

JULY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Lunch Groups 12pm	2
3 Food First Food Drive Worship 7pm July 4th Celebration and Ice Cream Social	4 Independence Day Observed Office Closed	5	6 Council Exec 12pm Lessons & Carols Planning 1:30pm Compensation Committee 5:30pm	7 BPM 5:30pm	8 Lunch Groups 12pm PNO 5:30-8:30pm	9 MSG & YU Trip to Wild Adventures
10 LifeSouth Blood Drive Open Meditation 9:15am Worship 10am Crystal Bowl Concert 7:30pm	11	12 CMRB Noon	13 BOM 6pm	14	15 Lunch Groups 12pm 20's+ Group Game Night 7pm	16
17 Open Meditation 9:15am Worship 10am Feral Readers* 11am	18 3rd Monday Project Night 6pm	19 Alzheimer/ Dementia Support Group 7pm	20	21	22 Lunch Groups 12pm	23 UCG Sewing Group 9am
24 Open Meditation 9:15am Worship 10am	25	26	27	28	29 Lunch Groups 12pm	30 Ingley/ Maze Wedding 6pm
31 Open Meditation 9:15am Worship 10am Tribal Camp Training						

AUGUST 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	TRIBAL CAMP AT UCG THIS WEEK					
		ONA Task Force 6pm BAP 7pm	Supplemental Newsletter Deadline 12pm		Lunch Groups 12pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Open Meditation 9:15am Worship 10am	TRIBAL CAMP AT UCG THIS WEEK					
		CIA 7pm BoB 7:15pm	Newsletter Folding 10:30am BCM 7pm		Lunch Groups 12pm PNO 5:30-8:30pm Youth Group Camping trip	Decades Dance 7pm



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To Join As a Spiritual Community

Our Annual Gathering of Waters

Sunday, August 21 – 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 2011 Newsletter Supplement Deadline is Wednesday, August 3rd**

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