



The UUCG beacon

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Sunday Services -- 10:30 am

January 3
The Battle of the Words
Ed Day

January 10
The Power of Naming
Rev. Ann Marie

January 17
The Prophetic Imperative
Rev. Ann Marie

January 24
If Not Us, Then Who?
Rev. Ann Marie

January 31
Fifth Sunday Give Away the Plate
Speaker to be announced

Children's activities are
available each Sunday.

Reflections

Is it onwards and upwards or round and round? Do you sometimes feel like you are spinning in circles? In the olden days when everybody used a paper calendar, late December or early January was the time to take the old one off the wall. A new one went up and we could start again, penciling in our reminders onto the fresh, new pages. The yearly ritual of hanging a new calendar circled round again, so we could mark time day by day, month by month. Now many of us open up our calendars on an electronic device. It's just not the same as watching the days go by or the days coming up on the kitchen wall, next to the phone, (that doesn't hang there anymore, either.) Maybe it is a sign of progress not to be so visually reminded of the passage of time. I haven't seen a paper calendar with the days crossed off, (only three, two, or one, left to go until?) in a long time. Maybe we've become more focused on the unfolding of each new moment in its own time; at its own speed. Maybe we've come to more fully appreciate that every day is different and no day fits neatly into the same size box. Without the reminder of what day it is hanging there on the wall, maybe we are freer to respond with more spontaneity and less locked into routine. Or maybe we are disoriented....until the alarm on our electronic device goes off and we are suddenly reminded it is time to start moving forward! However you keep your calendar of what's next, I hope you will make a note that every Sunday at 10:30 am in 2010 is the time to arrive at UUCG for worship, to circle round again and to move onward and upwards together with the people and the message that remind you over and over where you've been, who you are and where you're going!

Happy New Year!
Rev. Ann Marie

Affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person

Wednesday Adult Religious Education begins again on January 13th at 5:30 pm

Our Wednesday Adult Religious Education series will resume on Jan. 13th with "Spirit in Practice", part two of the Tapestry of Life course "UU Spirituality" that we completed in the fall. Led by Rev. Ann Marie, anyone is invited to attend all or any part of the ten sessions that will meet every Weds through mid-March. This course is designed to help adult UU's develop regular disciplines or practices that will help us to make connection with the sacred ground of being. Whether you follow a path that could be called Humanist, Jewish, Christian, Buddhist, Pagan, Theist, Atheist, Agnostic, Mystic, or some other term or a combo platter of terms, this series offers a forum for learning, sharing, and growth that can enrich your faith journey. And, perhaps, most importantly it is an opportunity for deep sharing and for building trusting and caring relationships with each other.

In the book, Everyday Spiritual Practice, an anthology of writings by UU clergy and congregants about their spiritual practices, the Rev. Scott Alexander wrote, "In our faith every individual is expected, with the help of clergy and community, to nurture and tend the garden of his or her own religious life each and every day." This series will help us tend that garden, while we support and challenge each other along our respective paths. It will offer practical support and guidance so that spiritual growth in our personal lives and in the life of our congregation continues to blossom.

New UU Orientation, Sunday, January 31st, following the Sunday Service

All new members of UUCG and anyone considering becoming a member, or just curious and want to learn more are invited to come to an orientation after the Sunday Service on January 31st. Led by Rev. Ann Marie, and the Membership Committee Co-Chairs, Alan Bailey and Heidi Luchsinger, lunch will be provided (and childcare by request!) This is a great opportunity to explore the history and dynamics of UUCG, UUism, and each other!

The Future of Art at UUCG

The art exhibit on our walls features outstanding paintings from three artists from Chocowinity: Holly Cook, Bev Lasher and Judy Murphy. We have been privileged to enjoy them during the last two months. The opening reception for the public and friends of the congregation was held in early November. The low attendance was a disappointment. Artists enjoy showing their works, but also expect some to sell. UUCG receives a ten percent donation from every painting sold. Because of the little support from the congregation at several opening receptions in the past, the Ambience Committee is considering ending the series of exhibits by local artists.

At the opening reception on January 22, Greenville Brushstrokes artists will offer a showing of "pleine air" works by ten painters. We sincerely hope that members of the congregation will bring neighbors and friends to meet the artists and to enjoy and support the efforts of the Ambience Committee. Lets make it a rousing event to kick off the new year in our sanctuary.

- Travel and stay in homes of people who share your ideals
- Learn about hosting people in your home to earn extra money

The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*) offers a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and are happy to open their home to like-minded people. Travel to different cities and stay in reasonably priced accommodations or become a host and enjoy meeting new friends.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					01 6pm» A Course in Miracles	02 10am» Building Cleaning
03 9:15am» The Forum 10:30am» Worship Service 12pm» RE committee meeting	04 6:30pm» Girl Scout Troop Meeting	05 8:30am» Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 7pm» KTC Buddhist Group	06 7pm» Choir Practice	07	08 6pm» A Course in Miracles	09 9am» Building & Grounds Work-day 10am» Building Cleaning 7pm» Teen Night (Kitchen and RE rooms)
10 9:15am» The Forum 10:30am» Worship Service 7pm» UU Meditation Group	11 5pm» Worship Committee Meeting 7pm» Committee on Ministry 7:30pm» Sierra Club	12 8:30am» Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 7pm» KTC Buddhist Group	13 5:30pm» Adult Religious Education 7pm» Choir Practice	14 6:30pm» Social Action Committee	15 6pm» A Course in Miracles	16 10am» Building Cleaning
17 9:15am» The Forum 10:30am» Worship Service 4pm» Greenweavers CUUPS monthly meeting 5pm» Vegetarian Pot Luck	18 6:30pm» Girl Scout Troop meeting 7pm» Board Meeting	19 8:30am» Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 7pm» KTC Buddhist Group	20 5:30pm» Adult Religious Education 7pm» Choir Practice	21 6:30pm» Social Action Committee	22 4:30pm» Art Reception 6pm» A Course in Miracles	23 9am» First Born Food Distribution 10am» Building Cleaning 6:30pm» Murder Mystery Dinner
24 9:15am» The Forum 10:30am» Worship Service 5:30pm» UU Roddenberry Circle	25 7pm» Interfaith Prayers for Peace	26 8:30am» Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 7pm» KTC Buddhist Group	27 5:30pm» Adult Religious Education 7pm» Choir Practice	28 7:30pm» UU Men's Group	29 6pm» A Course in Miracles	30 10am» Building Cleaning
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