



# NEWSLETTER

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the  
South Jersey Shore



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## June Services “Transitions”

We meet at our UU Center, Pomona Rd and Liebig Street, Galloway NJ (near the north entrance to Richard Stockton College).  
Services are at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted.

<b>June 2</b>	<p><b>Who Are Our Neighbors?</b> <i>Guest speaker Donna Renfro</i></p> <p>Working against racism is a spiritual practice with the power to change us as much as we seek change. We are in a transition of our denominational work on racism, continuing the journey to transformation and wholeness, with stops of cultural humility and competence along the way. Cherry Hill ministerial Intern Donna Renfro will share this new program for ministers, share her own stories and invite yours. <i>This service will include a time for reflections and comments.</i></p>
<b>June 9</b> Intergenerational - no RE classes	<p><b>Religious Education / Bridging Sunday</b> <i>Religious Education members</i></p> <p>By our bridgers: Nick Bonar and Casey Sturts, with Melissa Hutchison, Rev. Charlie, Heidi Janssch, and UUCSJS Youth. So many transitions, so much to celebrate! Teacher recognition -- and cake! And the annual meeting afterward! (All good reasons to use exclamation points.)</p>
<b>June 16</b>	<p><b>Building a New Way</b> <i>Reverend Charlie Dieterich</i></p> <p>The title comes from a song in Singing the Journey. What does it feel like when change happens? Physical transitions, relational transitions, emotional transitions, even perceptual transitions, what can we control, and what is not under our control?</p>
<b>June 23</b> Intergenerational - no RE classes	<p><b>A Solstice Story</b> <i>Lay speakers Colleen and Ian Johnston</i></p> <p>Colleen and Ian reflect on changes of seasons and in our lives.</p>
<b>June 30</b>	<p><b>Sacred Playfulness</b> <i>Guest Minister Michelle Collins</i></p> <p>What are some of the ways that play shows up in your life? Infusing our lives with play is more than just fun. Today we'll explore ways that play is both sacred and transformative.</p>

### Congregational Annual Meeting June 9, 2013

Immediately after service  
See page 2 for Agenda,  
page 5 for Covenant of Right Relations

### Explore... Discover... Relax... Reflect... Share... Play Murray Grove Annual Gathering June 14-16, 2013

*Attend any part of the weekend.*  
Still time to sign up! Look for signup sheets in the back of the Sanctuary or contact Heidi Janssch.

### *Our guest speakers this month:*

**Donna Renfro** has spent half her professional life in some form of education, and the other half owning businesses. She is currently serving as the Director of Religious Education at the UU Fellowship of Northern Westchester in Mount Kisco, NY. She is pursuing a Masters of Divinity at New York Theological Seminary, is in 'Candidate' status for UU ministry, and is a member of Core of Fire Interfaith Dance Ministry and an Interplay leader.

Donna spent her first ten years in a Southern Baptist church, where her Sunday School lessons of Jesus exemplifying kindness, compassion, teaching and inclusion became her lifelong highest values. She returned to church in her forties, to the Unity Church of Practical Christianity in Houston, looking for a religious home that lived her Sunday School values, and was more interested like she's always been, in how Jesus lived and taught, rather than how he died. Donna eventually found she needed more inclusion, of theology and social justice in the wider world, and found herself having that 'coming home' experience in a UU congregation in the late 90's.

**Rev. Michelle Collins** is currently serving as the assistant minister at the First Unitarian Church in Wilmington. Though new to Wilmington, she has lived in the Baltimore-Washington area for a number of years, leaving only to attend seminary in Berkeley, at the same time as Rev. Charlie! She has previously served as a chaplain at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore and as a grand fool with the Faithful Fools Street Ministry in San Francisco (and been a grand fool ever since!).

## General Assembly Steaming Video

You can watch General Assembly streaming video online. Visit this link to find out more:

<http://uua.org/ga/virtual/30754.shtml>

### *Recommended:*

- **Opening Celebration and Plenary I**  
Wednesday, June 19, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- **Thursday Morning Worship: Cross Cultural**  
Thursday, June 20, 7:45 am - 8:45 am
- **Friday Morning Worship: Broken Vows, Whole Lives**  
Friday, June 21, 7:45 am - 8:45 am
- **Sing**  
Friday, June 21, 7:15 pm - 7:30 pm
- **Ware Lecture**  
Friday, June 21, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- **Saturday Morning Worship: Global Covenant**  
Saturday, June 22, 7:45 am - 8:45 am
- **Service of the Living Tradition**  
Saturday, June 22, 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm
- **Sunday Morning Worship**  
Sunday, June 23, 9:00 am - 10:30 am
- **Closing Ceremony**  
Sunday, June 23, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

## Annual Meeting - June 9, 2013

### Agenda

- 1) Call to Order – Karen York, President, Board of Trustees
- 2) Verification of Quorum– To be verified by Judy Pereira, Secretary (Proxy letters and absentee ballots must be presented at this time.)
- 3) Approval of the Final Agenda
- 4) Treasurer's Report and **Approval of the Proposed Budget** for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014) – John Searight, Treasurer
- 5) **Approval of Proposed Covenant of Right Relations** – Debbi Dagavarian, Vice President
- 6) **Approval of Resolution on Next Steps** to Implement Covenant of Right Relations – Joe Terrazzini, member At-Large, Board of Trustees
- 7) **Election of members of the Board of Trustees (3)** – Paul Utts, Chair, Nominations Committee

#### *Nominees for 2013-2015:*

- Judy Pereira, Secretary [2nd 2-yr term]
- Doug Dickinson, At Large [1st 2-yr term]
- Art Wexler, At Large [2nd 2-yr term]
- [Continuing until 2014: Karen York, President; Debbi Dagavarian, Vice President; John Searight, Treasurer; and Joe Terrazzini, At-Large]

- 8) **Election of members of the Nominations Committee (3)**  
[two are serving 2012-14]

#### *Nominees for 2013-2015:*

- Ronda Cluff [2nd 2-yr term]
- Jim Gentile [1st 2-yr term]
- Paul Utts [2nd 2-yr term]
- [Continuing until 2014: Jesse Connor and Peg Felix]

- 9) **Election of members of the Committee on Ministry (COM)**  
(2) [two are serving 2012-14]

#### *Nominees for 2013-2015:*

- Steve Fiedler [new 2-yr term; served 1 yr from COM inception]
- 1 additional candidate to be determined [1st 2-yr term]
- [Continuing until 2014: Marsha Hannah and Wendy Terrazzini]

- 10) **Election of delegates to the UUA General Assembly** in Louisville, KY (June 19-23, 2013)

#### *Nominees (up to 3 UUCSJS official delegates):*

To be determined.

- 11) Additional items from the floor (if any)

- 12) Adjournment

Agenda and all materials, including proposed Budget, as well as Monthly financial spreadsheets, are found at the "Members Only" section of the UUCSJS website ([members.uucjs.org](http://members.uucjs.org)). No password is needed to view these documents.

# Reverend Charlie's Page

*From "The Army"  
The great prince issues commands,  
Founds states, vests families with fiefs.  
Inferior people should not be employed.  
(The I Ching, Wilhelm/Baynes)*

The first mystical book I ever read was a translation of *The I Ching, or Book of Changes*, a set of Chinese wisdom writings which predates Confucius. Hellmut Wilhelm's translation and interpretation of the text came out in a new edition around 1967, and popped up in popular culture in several places. (By the way "I" is pronounced "E" or "Yi".)

The I Ching is a set of sixty four wisdom writings, each with six additional related wisdom writings. And then there are commentaries and commentaries on those commentaries. By flipping coins or some other act of divination, the user is led to a particular wisdom text, perhaps with additional texts. The selection method also creates a "hexagram", a set of six lines, either solid or broken. In the case of The Army the hexagram can be seen as one strong line (the General) with two columns of soldiers ahead of him/her and staff members behind:

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I am not knowledgeable about the religious use of the *I Ching*, but I heard of several different uses in the 1970's. You could use a text as you might your daily horoscope. You could use it as a starting point in a creative process - a painting or poem. Or you might use it as a framework for decision making. For example, the short piece quoted above might remind a corporate executive that she is not running everything by herself, and that her job is to find good people to manage the parts of the corporation.

Our theme this month is "Transitions" which could mean something like graduating, as in our Religious Education Sunday and Bridging Ceremony. It could mean a change in the seasons (and the weather) or work schedules. It could mean finding a new way to be you, tapping in on your subconscious to "re-frame" reality, new ways of thinking -- even re-imagining the meaning of your life -- or leaving old goals behind.

It's no wonder that Carl Jung wrote the forward of the translation of *The I Ching*. He felt that reactions to images and patterns such as hexagrams, and texts might help an individual scrutinize his/her "own character, attitude and motives." This could be used as a tool to reveal mental "blind spots" and open a person up to change. He also warned that the method of *I Ching* is "open to every kind of misuse... nor is it for intellectualists or rationalists." I find it is a way of challenging my own ways of thinking, not revealed divine truth, but rather an invitation to imagine differently.

I will be gone to the UU General Assembly in Louisville on the week of June 17th, so no office hours that week. Feel free to e-mail me anytime though. And I do have regular Wednesday office hours 10 am to 2 pm at the UU Center on the other weeks. Please come visit for lunch and watch the birds!

-- Rev. Charlie

**Reverend Charlie's office hours at the UU Center  
10 am to 2 pm Wednesdays**

**No office hours week of June 17th**

Feel free to call the office for a half hour appointment (he has his own mailbox on the answering machine), or send him a note at minister@uucsjs.org.

## Want to Stand Out From the Crowd?

UUCSJS has Charlie Roberts to thank for the splendid trio of **white aprons bearing a UU rainbow chalice logo**, now adorning our Sunday coffee helpers!

For your chance to try one on, you have only to sign up on the bulletin board in the kitchen — you too can wear this very special apron. Why not sign up today?

**The Buddhist Sangha will not meet on June 22 as planned,**  
but will resume on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in July (July 27) as scheduled.

All are welcome to attend in July.

-- Alan Oliver



The month of May 2013 might forever be known as the start of **unstoppable momentum** for the **marriage equality movement**. First Rhode Island, then Delaware, and then Minnesota authorized same-sex marriage, becoming the 10th, 11th, and 12th states to grant that right to all residents.

## “Harvest the Power”

### *A Leadership Development Program*

The Adult RE Committee is excited to present a leadership development program entitled “Harvest the Power.” An overview of the program from the UUA website states:

*Many Unitarian Universalists experience a deepening commitment to their faith and congregation as a call to accept a position of leadership — as a lay worship leader, a leader of children or youth or a member of a task force, committee or governing board. Leaders need a broad range of skills, both technical and visionary. The program’s 12 workshops offer opportunities for both new and experienced leaders to enrich the skills they bring to their leadership and to experience their leadership journey as a Unitarian Universalist faith journey.*

While the whole program consists of 12 sessions, they are divided into 3 sections of 4. We will present the first segment of sessions, one through four, beginning on Thursday June 13.

**Session One** is entitled **LEADERSHIP JOURNEY** and serves as an introduction to the Harvest the Power program, presenting key concepts and inviting participants to share their own leadership stories. The workshop will offer theological grounding for faithful leadership, based on the work of Unitarian theologian James Luther Adams. It will help participants develop their identities and skills as UU lay leaders. **Thursday June, 13.**

**Session Two** is entitled **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST JOURNEY** and deepens lay leaders’ sense of identity as UUs by building knowledge and understanding of our UU history and heritage. Each participant will share their own path to Unitarian Universalism. This session will assist participants to articulate and share their journey to UUism and examine lay leadership from a UU perspective. **Thursday June 27.**

**Session Three** is entitled **POWER AND AUTHORITY** and helps participants distinguish between power and authority and between leadership and management. The group will explore the implicit and explicit expectations of congregational leadership. The workshop will provide a framework for participants to examine the complex expectations of people in leadership roles and will help relieve anxiety about being a leader. **Thursday July 11.**

**Session Four** is entitled **TURNING POINTS AND MOMENTS OF GRACE** and will introduce the idea of turning points or moments of grace; times when events or circumstances lead our lives in new directions. Participants will also consider conditions that can lead a congregation to a turning point. **Thursday July 25.**

We are encouraging people to sign up for all four sessions, but each session is also designed to be a “stand alone” session. You can sign up for any sessions that interest you. For more information you can check the program out on the UUA web site at [www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith](http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith) or see Karen York, Marsha Hannah or Prim Reeves.

To register for any or all of the sessions please send an e-mail to [adultre.uucsjs@gmail.com](mailto:adultre.uucsjs@gmail.com).

“This is a masterpiece of a novel.” — NPR

## Book Group Plunges into Nail-Biting Amazon Adventure in June with *State of Wonder*

Is there nothing the prodigiously talented Ann Patchett can’t do?” asked the *Boston Globe*, reviewing *State of Wonder* (2011). NPR declared simply, “This is a masterpiece of a novel.” Don’t miss this narrative set in a jungle world of danger and surprise, a story rich in emotional gravity and moral complexity. “Reading this book will cause you to call in sick, cancel all plans, and return to page one upon completion.” (*People*)

Join us on **Friday evening, June 21 at 6:30 pm (half an hour early) in the UU Center Library** to talk about Ann Patchett’s enthralling novel—her sixth, some even say her best. Debbi Dagavarian will moderate this final meeting of the year. We will also be choosing 10 new books for 2013-14 (thus the earlier time), and confirming a new UU Book Group facilitator. Newcomers are welcome; come and get acquainted before the summer break.

Ann Patchett was born in Los Angeles in 1963 and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. She attended Sarah Lawrence College and the University of Iowa Writers’ Workshop. Today she lives in Nashville with her husband, and is the co-owner of Parnassus Books.

*State of Wonder* was named a “Best Book of the Year” by the *Washington Post*, *Miami Herald*, *Time*, and both NPR’s *Fresh Air* and *Weekend Edition*, among others. Her third novel, *The Magician’s Assistant*, was short-listed for England’s Orange Prize and earned her a Guggenheim Fellowship. Her fourth, *Bel Canto*, won both the PEN/Faulkner Award and the Orange Prize in 2002, and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award.

In June we choose 10 new books, and you are encouraged to send one or two choices right away to Judy Pereira at [jpereira@comcast.net](mailto:jpereira@comcast.net) to get the new list underway. Suggested at the May meeting were *Birdsong* by Sebastian Faulks (fiction); *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed (non-fiction); *The Physician* by Noah Gordon (historical fiction/#1 of a trilogy); *The Glass Room* by Simon Mawer (fiction); and *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin (fiction).

And previously: *A Deadly Mission* (2010) or later mystery by the Rev. Judith Campbell, Unitarian Universalist Minister who lives near Cape Cod. (The protagonist of her novel is a reverend who teaches at a small, all-women’s college in Boston. After a series of murders, she and her close friend, a gay priest who teaches at another college, begin to suspect a local religious organization of cult behavior.)

What book would *you* like to suggest? We want to gather at least 15-20 possibilities to allow for a rich and diverse mix of titles. Mark your calendars to remember to arrive a half-hour early, so we can settle on our choices with enough time to give *State of Wonder* its proper due. Bring a light snack to share if you wish. *See you on Friday, June 21!*

# Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Jersey Shore

## Covenant of Right Relations

Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal faith created and sustained by relationships. We come together not around religious dogma or creed, but to walk together toward a vision of beloved community as suggested by our denominational Statement of Principles and Purposes. We believe that personal accountability with respect to the substance of this Covenant will shape us as a congregation of kindness, humility, and generosity. Our shared purpose is to create a supportive and nurturing environment where we honor the rich diversity of those who gather here. How we seek to walk together is set forth in this Covenant.

### *We Promise*

— To offer **HOSPITALITY** to those who come into our UU Center by greeting visitors warmly; by engaging newcomers during coffee hour; and by welcoming those who are returning.

— To foster **COMMUNICATION** among ourselves by providing an atmosphere of openness, honesty and safety; and by ensuring that while listening respectfully, we take care to hear every voice.

— To provide **SUPPORT** for each other by being present and engaged through times of joy and sorrow, harmony and conflict; by relating to each other with compassion and gratitude; and by cultivating a sense of fun and adventure in our spiritual quest.

— To practice **FORGIVENESS** by allowing ourselves and one another to be less than perfect; by making every effort to settle our differences directly; and by keeping an open mind and heart.

— To show **RESPECT** for one another by acknowledging our differences; by listening without interruption; and by remaining openminded, humble, and patient in our interactions.

— To build **TRUST** in one another by behaving with integrity in our relationships; by being accountable for our actions and reactions; and by respecting confidences.

— To promote **RESPONSIBILITY** among ourselves by contributing our time, efforts, and talents in meeting the needs of the congregation; by being willing to lead and be led; and by being open to the risks of new experiences.

*We understand this Covenant is a living document that will be revised and updated as needed.*



**Board of Trustees**  
**HIGHLIGHTS**  
**May 2013**

The **regular monthly meeting** of the **UUCSJS Board of Trustees** was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the UU Center, President Karen York presiding. A chalice lighting was selected from "Illuminations: a Unitarian Universalist app" by Vice President Dagavarian, shared principles were recited, and joys and concerns shared.

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1) The next **Board Talk-Back** is Sunday, May 26 after the service; future dates are posted in the UU office.

2) President York will circulate for comment a new **growth grant proposal** to be submitted to the Growth Committee of our sponsoring congregation, First UU of Wilmington, DE, by about June 1.

3) The annual UUCSJS gathering at **Murray Grove** is set for Fri., Sat., Sun., June 14-15-16, 2013. See Heidi Jansch for more information.

4) This year's **UUA General Assembly (GA)** will be held June 19-23 in Louisville, KY. UUCSJS has credentials for up to three (3) GA delegates.

5) It was announced that Joey Terrazzini has submitted his applicant essay and been accepted for this year's **Youth Civil Rights Journey**, July 6-13, 2013.

• **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1) The **UUCSJS Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, June 9, 2013**; the notice and accompanying documents went out May 9, one month ahead of time as required in the bylaws.

**a) Annual Reports** of staff and committees are due to Board Secretary Judy Pereira by Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day), so they can be compiled and distributed to the congregation a week before the Annual Meeting. **b)** It was unanimously agreed the following resolution on "next steps" be placed before the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting: **"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the congregation hereby directs the new Board of Trustees taking office July 1, 2013, to offer congregational sessions as a means to further the implementation of the new UUCSJS Covenant of Right Relations."** **c)** The one additional candidate needed to stand for election to the Committee on Ministry (COM) will properly be nominated by the minister; his elves are busy searching. **d)** The preliminary Agenda calls for election of delegates to the UUA General Assembly (GA); however, at the moment no one from UUCSJS other than Rev. Charlie is planning to attend. Procedures for absentee ballots will be reviewed.

2) **Coverage of Office Administrator duties.** It was verified that coverage of principal tasks continues the same as last month by a combination of staff and volunteer effort. Although there are no plans to fill the position before the end of the current fiscal year, the opinion was expressed that first steps toward doing so ought to be on the agenda at the first meeting of the new Board in July.

3) **Transitional Board Meeting June 12.** This meeting on Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30 pm in the UU Center Lounge will be the now-customary new/old Board transition and visioning session attended by staff and incoming members. The new Board president and vice president for fiscal year 2013-14 will also be elected at this meeting.

4) The Joseph Priestley District (JPD) hopes to establish a new program to support full-time, called ministers wishing to take sabbaticals with help covering pulpits and pastoral calls, for example. President York pointed out this information is offered for future reference, as at present our minister is at 70%, and not full-time or called.

• **REPORTS**

1) **Minister's Report.** Adding to his regular written report, Rev. Charlie said the focus in June will be on minister evaluations by the Board and COM and his own self-evaluation, all of which are due July 1 to the UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee. Upcoming travel will include attending the year-end Priestley-Kingsbury chapter meeting of the UU Minister's Association on June 4 at Main Line in Devon, PA, and a pulpit exchange with Michelle Collins, Assistant Minister at First UU in Wilmington. Collins will deliver the June 30 sermon at UUCSJS, and Rev. Charlie's going there August 4.

He also described having worked on our electronics and said the Lobby can now receive sound from the Sanctuary! And being able to videotape sermons again is very important, and he said this is being worked on.

2) **Treasurer's Report.** In the treasurer's absence (on vacation in Great Britain), President York reported the call for special donations to help cover our unanticipated tax liabilities had an excellent response. She said that personally, she heard no negative feedback, and many supportive comments, concerning this financial obstacle. Board member Art Wexler spoke for others in thanking the president for her well-written request letter, which was sent electronically to the entire membership and suggested 5-10% of one's pledge amount as a guideline for giving.

It was noted the fundraising concert by jazz artist and guitarist Gina Roché had earned UUCSJS several hundred dollars net and the concert was very well-received. Roché generously shared with us a portion of the proceeds from CD sales and agreed to appear again at another time. The Fundraising committee is already considering improvements to increase the success of these types of events in the future.

In conclusion, York said she and Kathleen Hartnett, our Congregational Bookkeeper, will be monitoring account balances carefully in the treasurer's absence, checking the mail for bills, and so forth, and so on.

• **Adjournment** – The next meeting of the Board was set for *Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30 pm*. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm, and reconvened immediately in Executive Session in order to consider:

- 1) **Staff Evaluations**, and
- 2) **Minister Evaluation.**

– Judy Pereira, *Secretary*

The **NEXT REGULAR MEETING** of the UUCSJS Board of Trustees will be held on **Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 6:30 pm** in the Lounge at the UU Center, 75 S. Pomona Rd.

**UUCSJS Board of Trustees 2012-2013**

- Karen York (14), President
- Debbi Dagavarian (14), Vice President
- John Searight (14), Treasurer
- Judy Pereira (13), Secretary
- Lauren Porr (13), Member at Large
- Joe Terrazzini (14), Member at Large
- Art Wexler (13), Member at Large

*year given is end of term, e.g. (13) means thru 6/30/2013*

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Helping to give our members and friends the information and support necessary to find their own way along their spiritual path.

### What a summer coming up! We have a number of things to look forward to...

1. A leadership training program called “**Harvest the Power.**” More information on page 4.
2. **Summer barbecues on Thursday evenings** starting July 11. Bring your family and food to share. After dinner there will be a variety of programs for all ages. Watch for more information.
3. The Adult RE Committee is in the process of **considering programs** for the coming summer, fall, winter and spring. **We need your input.** On June 9<sup>th</sup>, at our Annual Meeting, we will distribute a list of potential programs and workshops. When you get the list please read thru it and select the ones that interest you. There are programs for couples, women, LGBT, Buddhists, writers, music appreciators, body workers, lay leaders, as well as those seeking social justice, historical and spiritual advancement. Something for everyone! But... we will need to know what you would like.

Don't forget that you can direct questions and register for programs by sending an e-mail to: [adultre.uucsjs@gmail.com](mailto:adultre.uucsjs@gmail.com).

-- Prim Reeves, Chair, Adult RE

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**Margaret Circle** will meet Thursday, June 6 in the UU Center Library at 12:15 for bag lunch and 1 pm for the program. -- *Judy Brown, Circle Leader*

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### Recommended:

#### Religion & Spirituality in a Changing Society

A 26 minute video produced by CBS News focusing on a Pew Research study on the changing role of religion in today's American society, with a prime focus on young adults, Unitarian Universalism -- and a segment featuring Eddie Izzard!

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=5014467>  
[On](#)

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### Moving into glorious summer!

**Break out the grill and try grilling some healthy veggies for a change!**

Buy **Gift Cards** any Sunday for **Acme & Shoprite**.

Using these gift cards for groceries nets the congregation 5%. We also have Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate!

## CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We begin June with a special luncheon to express our gratitude to this year's Children's Religious Education teachers and members of the Children's RE Committee. We had a great team this year including: Karen York, Katy Cardwell, Paul Utts, Michael Cluff, Bud Smith, Wendy Terrazzini, Tracy Longshore, Jack Miller, Kim Studinski, Colby Tippins, Ronda Cluff and TJ Jansch. Thanks to all of you and to the members of the congregation and parents who assist our teachers each week!

Our Sunday service on June 9 will celebrate our RE program and honor our high school graduates, Nick Bonar and Casey Sturts, as they cross the bridge from childhood to adulthood. We wish you both the best and hope that you will visit often!

Our annual retreat at Murray Grove from June 14-16 is another cause for celebration this month. All are welcome to join us as we enjoy this extended period of community “down time.” This year the retreat falls on a birthday, so there might even be birthday cake in addition to our traditional s'mores!

At this time of year I often include something in the newsletter about working hard behind the scenes during the summer, but this year that is not going to be the case. From mid-June to August I will be taking a leave of absence while the members of the Children's RE committee fill in for me on Sundays. With the roster of wonderful activities offered by volunteers during our summer sessions, I am sure I will hardly be missed!

See you in September (well, late August!)

-- Heidi Jansch, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

### UUCSJS Children's Line-up for June:

June 2	Last Day of Children's RE Classes
June 9	Intergenerational Service - children upstairs
June 16	Clay Project with Prim Reeves
June 23	Intergenerational Service - children upstairs
June 30	Sun Craft or Origami with Karen York

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The **UUCSJS Men's Group** meets on the third Tuesday of each month. If you would like to attend or want more information please contact Dave King (he's in the Member Directory).

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### Mental Health – “Now is the Time”

As part of President Obama's proposal to launch a national dialogue to increase understanding about mental health and its impact on youth and on communities, the White House is calling on faith communities to disseminate information and encourage conversations in our congregations about the importance of getting help if needed and reaching out to others who might need help. Visit

<http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1101899253605-439/National+Dialogue+flyer.pdf>

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John Searight, Joe Terrazzini, Art Wexler, Karen York

**June 2013**

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