



NEWSLETTER

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the
South Jersey Shore



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November Services

“We are a people of ... Abundance”

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.

November 3	<p>“Help, Thanks, Wow!” - The Three Essential Prayers in Song <i>Lay speaker Barbara Miller</i> The title of the book by Anne Lamott inspired music director Barbara Miller to think about how our UU hymns express the 3 kinds of prayer: petition, gratitude, and praise.</p>
November 10	<p>The Real War Will Never Get in the Books <i>Rev. Charlie Dieterich</i> In his book <i>Specimen Days</i>, Walt Whitman wrote: "Such was the war. It was not a quadrille in a ball-room. Its interior history will not only never be written—its practicality, minutiae of deeds and passions, will never be even suggested."</p>
November 17	<p>The Heart of Democracy <i>Rev. Craig Hirshberg</i> The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of NJ is a nonprofit whose mission is to provide the comprehensive structure for New Jersey UU’s non-partisan activism. Charitable activity has traditionally been important in UU congregations. However, when poverty, environmental degradation, inequitable access to health care, and deficiencies in education are part of the structures of society rather than unforeseen exceptions, charity is not enough. Our faith calls us to challenge and change policies and structures that inhibit human development, harm the environment, and destroy communities. As Executive Director, Rev. Hirshberg will talk about recent UU initiatives in healing our world.</p>
November 24	<p>Abundant Love <i>Rev. Charlie Dieterich</i> We are going to sit at the welcome table! Is Thanksgiving a founding legend of American Democracy (and Unitarianism), or is it a ritual of the present moment?</p>

Ninth Annual Service Auction!!! November 16, 2013

*Join us for a night of
Food, Fun and Fundraising!
Check your Order of Service on Sundays
for more information*



About our guest speaker:

Rev. Craig Hirshberg came to the Legislative Ministry in May 2011 with a wealth of experience in the pulpit and in the community. An ordained UU minister for the past 15 years, she was the founding minister at Somerset Hills and helped to build that church from the start to a thriving community of over 150 members. For the last six years Craig has been the Metro New York District Ministerial Settlement Representative and served the last four years as a District Adjunct Training Consultant. Prior to becoming a UU Minister she worked for 16 years serving in local, metropolitan, national and international YMCA organizations. Immediately following college she was a community organizer in Akron, OH.

Margaret Circle will meet on Thursday, November 7, at 1 pm in the UU Center library. Ellie Gibson will present a program on "The Metamorphosis of Aging."
-- Judy Brown, Circle Leader

November Book Lovers Group

The November selection for the Book Lovers Group is *The Stone Diaries* by Carol Shields. The novel revolves around the fictionalized autobiography of Daisy Goodwill Fleet: "A kind of family diary made into a work of art." - *Newsday*. Join us on Friday, November 15 at 7 pm in the UU Center Library to discuss the life of this twentieth century woman from her birth in Manitoba in 1905 to her death in Florida in the 1990's. Please contact Angela Wexler with any questions, or to be added to the group's email list. New participants are always welcome.

From *Pullman Memorial Pastor's Blog*, October 9:

The Rev. Lee Richards answers the question, "Is UUism a movement or a religion?" by saying, "Neither. And both." After explaining why he think UUism is not a movement nor a religion, but maybe a little of both, he says, "We are a religion, absolutely, because we are dependent upon forming communities of faith. While it is possible for a lone individual to be Unitarian Universalist in principle, one only blossoms in the company of others. Our communities (congregations, churches, societies) are the foundation of UUism where each individual is challenged to grow and become the best possible example of humanity that he or she can achieve."

Try a new recipe for Thanksgiving-- Be adventurous with veggies!

**Use your grocery card to get you some of that
acorn squash, kale or fennel.**

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!

Survey on UUCSJS Music

One of my assignments this year for my UU Music Certificate is to create a congregational survey. The purpose of the survey is to solicit feedback about our music program. You will receive the survey through via email from the UU Office. I plan on using Survey Monkey – an easy-to-use and free online program. If you prefer to respond to the survey on paper, please let me know.

You may want to look through our hymnals in the next few weeks. One of my questions will be "What are your favorite hymns?"

Here is another question for you to consider before you receive the survey: "How have your feelings/opinions about congregational singing changed since you began attending services at UUCSJS?"

Thank you for your continuing support of music at UUCSJS.

-- Barbara Miller



*Did you know that the UU Center hosts a
coffeehouse? If you didn't know, then read on!
Hey, read on anyway!*

The **Greenlight Coffeehouse** is held every 4th Friday of the month from 7 to 9 pm at the UU Center. The Coffeehouse is an open mic night, at which folks of all ages sing, play an instrument, dance, read poetry, tell a story, perform a comedy routine, juggle balls, or do anything that is entertaining and G-rated! Most of us go to watch and appreciate the entertainment.

We provide coffee and tea, soft drinks, and light snacks.

If you or your child has a talent, the Greenlight Coffeehouse is the perfect venue to get some exposure in front of a supportive crowd. It's a safe and low-key atmosphere. We especially want to encourage more children to perform. Performers do not need to be experts! If you plan to perform, please arrive at 6:30. We want your participation!

"If the thought of lack, whether it be money, recognition, or love, has become part of who you think you are, you will always experience lack. Rather than acknowledge the good that is already in your life, all you see is lack. Acknowledging the good that is already in your life is the foundation for all abundance. The fact is, whatever you think the world is withholding from you, you are withholding from the world. You are withholding it because deep down you think you are small and you have nothing to give. Try this for a couple of weeks, and see how it changes your reality. Whatever you think people are withholding from you, praise, appreciation, assistance, loving care and so on, give it to them. You don't have it? Just act as if you had it and it will come. Then, soon after you start giving, you will start receiving. You cannot receive what you don't give. Outflow determines inflow. Whatever you think the world is withholding from you, you already have. But unless you allow it to flow out, you won't even know you have it. This includes abundance. The source of all abundance is not outside you, it is part of who you are."

-- Eckhart Tolle, *A New Earth*

Reverend Charlie's Page

Source of All to Thee We Raise

November is the month where we look upon ourselves as "A People of Abundance." One year after Sandy exposed the parts of our society that struggle to survive, it may seem odd to focus on abundance as a topic, and so this is a challenge.

Growing up the most common hymn we would sing in the Winchester Unitarian Church children's worship service was "For the Beauty of the Earth," number 21 in *Singing the Living Tradition*, and number 32 in *Hymns of the Spirit, for use in the Churches of the Free Spirit*, the hymnal published two years before I was born. Its first verse goes:

For the beauty of the earth,/ for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth/ Over and a-round us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise/ This, our hymn of grateful praise.
A-MEN

The newer song book changes "Lord" to "Source," altering the original 19th century words to reflect the diversity of 21st century Unitarian Universalist theologies -- "Source" could mean Nature, Gaia, God, physics -- rather than the more active and masculine "Lord."

As a kid growing up in Massachusetts I pondered what "the beauty of the earth" might mean, for I loved my home town, especially the huge rocky forest behind our house, called "The Fells." Rocky hills must be the gift of the Lord, or at least very beautiful, or so I thought when I sang this hymn.

Here in Galloway it's hard to find a rock, unless it was trucked in to make a breakwater. The beauty of the earth is the salt marsh, the beaches, the sweeping vistas and the pines. I wonder if children growing up here realize how un-common beaches are. My friend from Iowa had never seen one.

We didn't have any real beaches in Louisiana, and the few tiny ones in northern California were shrouded in cold fog most of the year. What California does have is warm Novembers! Football and tailgating and being outdoors without any mosquitoes. Football games around here are-- well, cold and sometimes snowy. UC Berkeley's home games are warm and fun.

In short, abundance doesn't mean everything, but finding what is abundant and celebrating it, that makes for a community. Our Greenlight Coffeehouses have been wonderful this year -- last month's included belly-dancing and some remarkable young performers.

How can we celebrate our musically friendly home? How can we grow this strength? Our location gives abundant birding opportunities, so in our early years we celebrated that. And today we celebrate our natural environment by using native plants in our building's landscaping and teaching environmental stewardship. What will we celebrate tomorrow?

Abundance is clearly a theme of Samhain (pronounced SOW-win), the Pagan New Year and third and final harvest of the year. Pumpkins filled with candles light the evenings, children visit asking for treats, and we will celebrate with a Spiral Dance at the UU Center on Sunday evening, November third.

Whether it is music, dancing, or a Thanksgiving dinner, the most important abundance is simply: "The love which from our birth" we have received and which we share. Happy November.

-- Rev. Charlie

From the UUA website:

UUA President Peter Morales Issues Statement on Marriage Equality in New Jersey

October 21, 2013

The Rev. Peter Morales, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), issued the following statement applauding the legalization of same-sex marriage in New Jersey:

"Today, New Jersey becomes the 14th state to allow marriage equality ensuring equal rights for its citizens. It is a historic day and a victory for all who support justice and equality.

Many couples who have waited so long for this day are already applying for marriage licenses, and weddings are being performed by many Unitarian Universalist ministers across the state.

More and more Americans realize that marriage equality strengthens families, protects children, and ensures basic rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender couples. I applaud the work of those people and organizations, including our Unitarian Universalist congregations and ministers, who have fought so hard for so long for this cause.

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's decision to drop his appeal against the court ruling is just another indication that marriage equality is here to stay. As always, Unitarian Universalists will continue to stand on the side of love, and we look forward to the day when marriage equality is the right of all families."

Giving thanks for abundance is sweeter than the abundance itself...

-- Rumi

Come and Drum and Celebrate with a

Spiral Dance!

at the UU Center
Sunday November 3
at 6:30 pm
(Eastern Standard Time!)
Bring a friend.



Samhain (pronounced SOW-in, SAH-vin, or SAM-hayne) means "End of Summer", and is the third and final Harvest, and also the Pagan New Year. It is the time we honor and grieve for our losses and affirm life. Samhain is usually celebrated on October 31 or November 1. We will be celebrating it on November 3rd at the UU Center with a Spiral Dance, an ancient symbol of rebirth and renewal. Bring a picture or memorabilia of your beloved dead to include at our altar. It is a time to honor those that have gone before us.

Come grieve the end and celebrate the beginning with us. Bring your drums and rhythm instruments if you would like to play along with the music. The dance will start at 6:30 and we will be ending at 8:30. Children are welcome and appreciated.

And so we end in the beginning, as we should, and the Wheel turns on.



The miracle is this – the more we share, the more we have.
– Leonard Nimoy

3rd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner UU Center on Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28, at 12 noon

You may bring a dish to share or not, either way is fine. Richard Schurig will be cooking his delicious turkey and stuffing, Theresa McReynolds will once again bring her tofu turkey, and Joe Terrazzini will be cooking something delicious. Invite your family and friends.

Come early if you wish to participate in setting up. Sign up will be in the back of the church so we can get an idea of how many will be coming and what you may be bringing..

Vegetarian Choices for Autumn!

Americans love their turkey but Fall is such a time of ABUNDANCE of veggies. Jazz up your dinner table with these hearty dishes:

Butternut Squash/Apple Casserole

"I have made this twice now and it is definitely on my 'favorites' list. The only change I have made is that I put in 4 apples (Granny Smith) because I just really like apples. It is sweet enough to satisfy the sweet tooth, but not sickeningly sweet."
<http://vegetarian.about.com/od/sidevegetabledishes/r/butternut2.htm>

Wild Mushroom & Barley Risotto

In this pungent mushroom risotto, we substitute fiber-rich barley for the more traditional arborio rice. Any combination of mushrooms will work.
http://www.eatingwell.com/recipes/wild_mushroom_barley_risotto.html

Barley, Wild Rice and Cranberry Pilaf

Make a healthy whole grain barley pilaf recipe made with wild rice and cranberries and flavored with orange juice, a touch of salt and fresh parsley, with chopped walnuts for extra texture and protein.
<http://vegetarian.about.com/od/ricerecipes/r/barleyrice.htm>

Roasted Beets 'n' Sweets

"This is a great autumn or winter side dish, especially for those who like things sweet and salty. The colors are beautiful and make a nice autumn presentation."
<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Roasted-Beets-n-Sweets/>

EAT LOCAL! CRANBERRIES COME FROM A FEW MILES DOWN THE ROAD...

REAL Cranberry Sauce is SO EASY to make you'll never buy the "jelly log in a can" ever again

In a medium sized saucepan over medium heat, dissolve 1 cup of sugar in 1 cup of water. Stir in a 12-oz bag of fresh cranberries and cook until the cranberries start to pop (about 10 minutes). Remove from heat and place sauce in a bowl. Cranberry sauce will thicken as it cools.

Easy to experiment with to make it your own—try brown sugar, walnuts, orange juice, nutmeg, etc!

Each year the newly elected Board of Trustees (with Doug Dickinson as the newest member) meets with the minister, members of the staff, and members of the Committee on Ministry for “visioning”. We take some time to reflect on the previous year, consider our “strengths to build on”, “areas of concern”, “hopes and dreams for the future” and outline some specific goals or priorities for the year ahead. Looking back, I can’t believe that it has been five years since our first service in our UU Center. So much seems to happen each year in the life of the congregation. Here are the things that are on the collective minds of the Board of Trustees and staff as we look forward.

Financial Leadership and Stability (6 votes)—At the time of our meeting we were operating without a Treasurer and no candidate had yet been identified. Understandably this issue was heavy on our minds. Thankfully, Carl Benner has been elected as Treasurer and he will serve through June 30, 2014. The difficulty that we had in identifying a candidate for Treasurer reveals a soft spot in our organization that needs some attention. This past year through the effort of John Searight, Kathleen Hartnett, and Mary Seaman we made great progress in improving our financial systems and in addressing unexpected financial issues. Going forward we are moving in the right direction, but there is more work to be done. This is not a matter of whether or not we can pay the bills each month, but our focus on the need to build reserves so we can weather unexpected expenses that will inevitably arise in the future. This is a commitment of the Board to build a strong financial foundation to provide stability into the future, and to cultivate a team of people who are attentive to financial matters, maintaining healthy systems and transparency to the congregation. Contacts for this initiative: Karen York, Carl Benner; Finance Committee, Jeff Taylor, chair; Stewardship and Fundraising Committee, Paul Utts, chair.

Deep integration of Covenant (5 votes)—Last year we invested some time in articulating a Covenant of Right Relations for the congregation. However, the question often arises, now that we have a covenant, what does it mean, how do we use it? Rev. Charlie and the Covenant synthesis team has already begun to communicating their reflections on the Covenant at the beginning of the services and in the midweek announcements. This is a first step, to what will be continued deep integration of the Covenant into the life of the congregation. Contacts for this initiative: Doug Dickinson and Joe Terrazzini, Rev. Charlie and Covenanting team.

Get involved in community social justice project (4 votes)—Our congregation is involved in many initiatives around environmental justice, sustainability, and fair trade. We also give regularly to the Community FoodBank, local animal shelters, and the Coalition Against Rape and Abuse, and contribute to community organizations through special collections. However, there has long been an ember burning in the hearts of many in the congregation for us to be involved in a community outreach program. As a small congregation we are limited to what we alone can accomplish, but partnering with other congregations or other organizations may provide a path to move forward to get involved in a community outreach project. This will be a new program in the congregation and we will need some congregational consensus around the selected initiative(s) and a critical mass to make it work. This is an area that we wish to develop further this year. Contacts for this initiative: Joe Terrazzini and Rev. Charlie.

Promote and encourage Adult Religious education, interest groups and connections (4 votes)—This year under the leadership of Prim Reeves, Adult RE Committee, there has been an increase in the number and variety of adult religious education programs offered. These provide a way for members to connect with others in the congregation in a setting outside the Sunday morning worship service or committee meetings and provide paths to personal growth and exploration. We want to encourage participation in these programs and establish a sustainable system of to continue to provide and variety of programs. Contacts for this initiative: Karen York, Rev. Charlie, Adult Religious Education Committee: Prim Reeves, chair.

Long range and strategic planning and be explicit about vision and mission (4 votes)—We last engaged the congregation in a process of long range and strategic planning over five years ago. It is time to share our hopes and dreams for the congregation going into the future, and outline congregational goals for the next five years. Contacts for this initiative: Art Wexler, Karen York.

Leadership development and succession plan (3 votes)— We are a vital and organic community with broad involvement by the membership in many different initiatives. However, as a relatively small congregation with so many different activities going on, it often feels like a few people are doing all the work. In my mind, we either need more leaders or fewer committees and we are looking at both of these. Is our committee structure working given our size? Are committees getting the support they need to do the work of the congregation? Can we establish a system to identify, inform and equip new leaders in the congregation, and provide a system of succession to ensure key information and expertise gets passed along? Contacts for this initiative: Karen York, Debbi Dagavarian and Committee on Ministry, Marsha Hannah, chair.

Establishing an identity out in the community (tabling at community events) (1 vote)—There is a desire is to increase our visibility at community events, but also a sense that some of our other initiatives will help to provide more visibility.

I hope you can see that the Board has a rich agenda of specific goals for the year. *Do any of these goals resonate with you?* Please communicate your interest to those listed as contacts. May these initiatives provide opportunities for our personal growth and have an impact in our local community as we live out our Unitarian Universalist faith together.

Board of Trustees
HIGHLIGHTS
October 2013

The **regular monthly meeting** of the **UUCSJS Board of Trustees** was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 6:45 pm at the UU Center, President Karen York presiding. The chalice was lit and joys and concerns were shared. The Board welcomed newly-elected treasurer, Carl Benner.

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1) The next **Board Talk-Back** is scheduled for Sunday, October 20, Joe Terrazzini and Karen York to attend. A list of future dates is posted in the UU Center Office.

2) Adult RE has scheduled the first part of "**Building a Multicultural World**" for Sunday, October 20 from noon to 2 pm, facilitated by congregant Shelee McIlvaine and Adult RE chair Prim Reeves, who has urged Board members to attend.

3) JPD's **9th Annual Racial Justice Conference**, "Weaving Our Stories of Change: Journeys Toward Wholeness," takes place November 1-3 at the Unitarian Society of Germantown in Phila. General conference registration is \$50 (or for Mass Incarceration Teach-In ONLY on Sunday, \$10).

4) The president mentioned upcoming **DelMarVa Cluster** events, as UUCSJS has been unofficially adopted by this group of eight congregations: **a)** we were happy to learn that congregant Shelee McIlvaine was the sole UUCSJS attendee at the recent October 13 Cluster Celebration in Lewes; **b)** the next Cluster meeting will take place October 22 in Chestertown, MD; and **c)** a website technology workshop in Lewes is unfortunately scheduled the same day as our annual UUCSJS Service Auction.

5) The secretary reported we have letters from **Community FoodBank of New Jersey** acknowledging receipt of the quantity of 431 "Assorted Food" (and Non-Food) items between March 16 and October 8, 2013. President York she also has a letter from the FoodBank requesting we collect for them again this year as after Hurricane Sandy. At our September meeting the Board approved a collection for **Family Promise of Atlantic County**.

—The Board unanimously approved a motion to authorize a second plate collection to benefit Community FoodBank of New Jersey, on a date yet to be determined.

It was decided no special motion was required to approve collecting for the **UU Service Committee** through "Guest at Your Table" during the holiday season.

• **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1) **Office Administrator work load.** This complex staff position may need an increase in number of hours in order to allow a realistic amount of time to accomplish the many tasks involved. This will be an ongoing question.

—The Board unanimously approved a motion to authorize an increase from nine (9) to ten (10) hours per week for the position of Office Administrator, effective immediately, as a gesture of good faith and our support.

2) **Goals for 2013-2014.** President York circulated an expanded version of our Visioning goals which includes a list of those who expressed interest in the top three categories. The president said she hopes we can hear reports each month on progress in their areas of interest.

a) Financial Leadership. At the time of Visioning we had no treasurer in sight. Even with the immediate problem solved, the vacancy may reveal a systemic problem within our congregation that needs to be addressed. [Contacts: Karen York, Carl Benner, Jeff Taylor, and Paul Utts, along with Finance, Fundraising, and Stewardship committees]

b) Covenanting. Joe Terrazzini reported he and Doug Dickinson decided on a panel of six (6) people and are waiting for positive responses. Each of these six "very involved" people

will assume a leadership role in picking a subject area and running a "congregational session," he explained, as mandated at the June 2013 Annual Meeting. [Contacts: Doug Dickinson, Joe Terrazzini, Rev. Charlie, and others on Covenant Writing team]

c) Social Justice Project. Family Promise of Atlantic County is still in its formative stages, but UUCSJS has already taken steps to become closely involved with this community project. As expressed by Carl Benner, we have a great facility for the program's needs, and we should be on record we're interested even though we still need to find out what our level of participation should be. "Everybody thinks it's a great idea," Joe Terrazzini added, "but how many will commit?"

It was decided that rather than hang back and wait until things develop further, we can choose to have a more active role while the group is still evolving.

—The Board unanimously approved a motion to affirm our full support for Family Promise of Atlantic City in their mission to reduce homelessness, assisting in any way possible to help create a viable program here in Atlantic County.

The Board's support will need to be communicated and the congregation kept up to date on Family Promise's progress.

[Contacts: Joe Terrazzini, Doug Dickinson, Rev. Charlie, congregant Robbenmarie Insogno, and Adult RE chair Prim Reeves]

• **REPORTS**

1) **Staff & Committee Reports.** President York mentioned highlights from this month's reports, including acknowledgment of new Building & Grounds chair Jesse Connor, and Margaret Rea and Bud Smith as co-chairs of the Worship committee. No explanation was offered at this time, but quarterly attendance is down from an average of 78 to 68 on Sundays from last year to this, according to statistics compiled by Prim Reeves of the Membership committee.

2) **Minister's Report.** Rev. Charlie reviewed "a whole bunch of things" that have happened since his written report on October 9. Among these was attending an area meeting of "NJ United for Marriage," and remarking on the increase in babies and toddlers in RE and the need to serve our new families well. He also said we are very close to activating a new email group for our community using the host UUism.net. After conferring with the communications team, all we need to do is enter the email addresses.

3) **Treasurer's Report.** President York distributed financial data. The Funds Balance Report (10-15-13) shows: Checking/Operating Funds, \$9,571.93; Money Market/Reserve Funds, \$5,500 (Capital Funds, \$3,500); Savings/Designated Funds, \$363.07 (Margaret's Circle, \$83 and Men's Group, \$30); Fidelity Investments/Capital Funds, \$525.09; and Total Funds, \$15,960.76.

New treasurer Carl Benner reported on our Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECs). Although meter readings have not been done regularly for some time, we will have lost nothing once everything is sorted out, he said. SRECs have been accumulating at the rate of about one per month, he explained, and by the end of November, after new GATS-compliant meters are read, we should have about 20. The Finance committee will review whether to sell or hold.

• **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm, and no Executive Session was required.

— Judy Pereira, Secretary

The **NEXT REGULAR MEETING** of
the UUCSJS Board of Trustees will be held on
Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 6:45 pm
in the Lounge at the UU Center,
75 S. Pomona Rd.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Be sure to look for the Adult Religious Education Basket at the UUCSJS Auction on Saturday, November 16. In the basket are many wonderful “goodies” including a copy of this year’s UUA Common Read, *Behind the Kitchen Door* by Saru Jayaraman, a set of absolutely beautiful wind chimes (representing “Spirit in Practice”), a journal and pen (representing our “Journaling” course), your own small chalice (representing “Small Group Ministry”), and many other surprises! Check it out!!

Continuing in November:

Building A Multicultural World, based on a UU program that helps us develop antiracist, anti-oppressive, and multicultural habits and skills. The program will be led by Shelee McIlvaine and Prim Reeves. Our second session will be on **Sun Nov 17 from Noon-2 pm**. If you did not attend the first session you are still welcome to attend. Please register so we know how many sandwiches to order.

Other on-going programs that you can still join are:

Spirit in Practice, led by Rev. Charlie Dieterich and Charlie Roberts, meets from 7-8:30 pm Tues evenings Nov 12, Dec 10, and the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The program weaves UU values, principles, and sources with four “strands:” spiritual development, ethical development, UU identity development, and faith development. If you missed the first sessions you can still join in.

Stay on Topic! This is a **day-time discussion program** which meets at 1 pm on Thursdays Nov 14 and Dec 12. Rev. Charlie starts with a poem, song, or short video and the discussion goes from there.

Journaling: Bob Baum continues to be the leader of this creative program which meets from 6:30-8 pm. It will meet November 4 and the 1st Monday of each month after that. Bring a pen and journal or notebook and leave your writing fears at home. Newcomers welcome.

Starting in December:

“Rise Up and Call Her Name.” this multicultural and multimedia course has been experienced by thousands around the world. Many have been profoundly moved by its exciting exploration of sacred narratives that honor the cross cultural female divine, as well as the many diverse and creative activities included. The program is highly recommended by Unitarian Universalism Women and Religion Movement.

Coming in January:

“Be Present in the Universe: Explore Time Thru Science & Awareness.” a one-day workshop presented by Alan Oliver and Michael Cluff.

“Principled Commitment”, a couples workshop presented by Rev. Charlie Dieterich.

In the Spring look for more sessions of

“Harvest the Power”, a workshop on the Common Read, *Behind the Kitchen Door* by Saru Jayaraman and other programs now in development.

If there is something that you did not read about here and would like to see offered, please be sure to contact any member of the committee: Bob Baum, Charlie Roberts, Gerri McCluskey, Kathleen Hartnett, Kim Trotto, Marsha Hannah, Rosemarie Noonan, Shelee McIlvaine, Prim Reeves & Rev. Charlie Dieterich.

As always, you can direct questions and register for programs by email to: adultre.uucsjs@gmail.com or sign up at the back of the sanctuary.

-- Prim Reeves, Chair, Adult RE

CHILDREN’S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Autumn in Children's RE

Because Halloween falls in the middle of the week this year, the Children's RE committee has decided to celebrate El Dia de los Muertos as our fall celebration. Under the guidance of Kim Studzinski and family, who observe a Day of the Dead remembrance each year, all students in our RE classes are invited to participate in our celebration on Sunday, November 3. The children are invited to bring along a photo of a loved one who has died (person or pet) and to dress in bright colors. At press time we are looking forward to offering the kids this opportunity to experience a celebration of the lives of those who have died as they enjoy some fun activities and learn about Mexican culture.

Heidi Janssch

UUCSJS Director of Religious Education



El Dia de Los Muertos

with our Children's Religious Education classes

Sunday, November 3

When: During RE classes

What to bring: A photo of a loved one
(person or pet) who has died

What to wear: Dress in **BRIGHT** colors

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