



May 2008

# UNITARIANA

Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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- Camp Quixote returns
- New Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Rocker
- Tips for transforming conflict
- Plant sale May 11th

Our community is a place to grow in mind and spirit. We promote a loving, just and sustainable world through service, learning and action.

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## Sunday Worship Services 9:15 & 11

May 4

Rev. Art Vaeni

### *Appreciating the Pleasure of Our Company*

It's been four months since I departed for my sabbatical. While I've greatly appreciated this sabbatical, I am so looking forward to being with you again. I hope you're able to come this morning, so we can share some things we have learned.

May 11

### *Mother's Day Service*

We're celebrating Mother's Day with an all music service led by our music director, Troy Fisher, and featuring the OUUC Choir and guest musicians. This special service honoring mothers is one that can be cherished by all.

May 18

Rev. Art Vaeni

### *Restoring Relationship in Silence*

In his essay, "The Last Third of the Night," David Sanders writes: "Every place where we encounter silence is potentially an opening to connect with that 'other' (human or divine)...Silence is both the guardian and announcer of 'the secret' of each being." We will reflect on as well as share the experience of silence.

May 25

Rev. Art Vaeni

### *In Search of Meaning in the Midst of War*

In The Republic of Suffering, author, Drew Gilpin Faust, writes: "We still live in the world of death the Civil War created...The Civil War generation glimpsed the fear that still defines us-the sense that death is the only end."

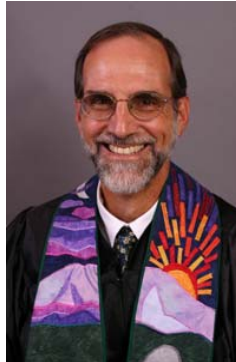
## Growing by Giving Capital Campaign Update

The OUUC's Growing by Giving Capital Campaign raised over \$1,200,000 in pledges in May 2007. First year pledges to the three-year capital campaign are due by June 30, 2008. You may now make your campaign payment by credit card. Contact Darlene at OUUC for information on this. If you are new to OUUC and would like more information about the capital campaign, please contact Mike Harbour at mharbour@comcast.net.

# Along the Ministerial Midway

Rev. Arthur Vaeni, Minister

I don't know how you experienced it, but the four months of my sabbatical passed quickly for me. Nonetheless, it seems like such a long time since we were together, and I am looking forward to being with you again. Since I was participating in a silent retreat during February and March and could not communicate during those months, my March and April newsletter columns had to be written in January. In each of those columns, I tried to imagine how things would unfold during my sabbatical.



I didn't do too badly with my projections, although in one column I wrote that I anticipated traveling to the retreat center in California by way of Amtrak. Part of my rationale for choosing Amtrak was a desire to use a mode of transportation that I believed would have the least environmental impact. After the Amtrak option was eliminated by an avalanche in Oregon, I got tickets for the Greyhound option which I learned upon arriving at the bus station had also been eliminated—this time by heavy snows in California. So, in the end it was the last minute scheduling of air travel that got me to the retreat.

While the transportation gods may have been amused by – and, perhaps, had a hand in my frustrated efforts to go green, I was cognizant that the gods-of-privilege remained steadfast ensuring that I was able to avail myself of various travel options. For my return from the retreat, I traveled by Greyhound as I had originally—or at least, secondarily—planned, having no difficulties other than nearly being bumped to a later bus in Sacramento because of over-crowding.

Boarding the bus in San Francisco at 3:00 PM on Friday, I arrived in Olympia at 10:00 AM on Saturday. While there were some aspects of that travel mode I could have done without, in other respects, it was an ideal way to begin the transition from two months of unhurried silence back into the rush of everyday life. For part of the trip, I sat with an intriguing young man, a college student, who told me

about his spring break excursions in San Francisco via his fixed-gear bicycle. I couldn't imagine biking the hills of San Francisco with only one gear, but he assured me it's the best way to truly experience biking.

For most of the trip, though, I sat alone, dozing and watching the world go by, enjoying the silence of my own company. The breaks we took in Oregon brought me into the frigid night air, and even into snow in areas of upper elevations. The bus driver slowed considerably after seeing a semi that had jackknifed on the snow. Yet, I arrived in Olympia, stepping from the bus into a cool but delightful spring morning. So lovely, in fact, that I needed to walk home to more fully enjoy it.

The teachers at the retreat told us it could take as much as two months to fully adjust to being back in society. I don't know if it will take that long for me. I do know that I've been grateful for this month between the retreat's ending and my return to work. There have been several occasions when my heart and mind have needed to absent themselves from life's hubbub. As I write this, I am heading into the second half of April. I find my thoughts and my general orientation returning to my ministry with you as I begin to wonder what it will be like.

While I know of some things that have happened in the congregation, I'm expecting that I'll be surprised—pleasantly or not—by other occurrences and changes. Four months in the life of a 58 years old man or a 56 years old congregation may not be all that long. Even so, I'm aware that it's long enough to shift some understandings and ways of knowing and experiencing life. I look forward to being with you again, to our becoming re-acquainted, and to our jointly resuming our life journeys and shared ministries.

In the spirit of love and peace,

*Art*

# Growing at OUUC

Melissa Denton, President OUUC Board

Since this is my last month (and column) as president of the board of OUUC, I think a lot about what is next. We often face transition in our family, work, recreation, and church lives. Some transitions are bigger than others, but this one seems big to me. I heard that sometimes former presidents just disappear from church life, though I am grateful that does not seem to be a common trend in our congregation.

For the first many years that I came to OUUC, it seemed that things just sort of ran themselves and there wasn't much need for me to pitch in. Now I know better. This congregation needs each one of us and we receive so much in return when we do engage. (See Unitariana, order of service announcements, OUUC emails, the new volunteer board at church and/or talk with any active member about opportunities to participate in more parts of OUUC.)

From when I first started attending leadership team and planning meetings when I was a pretty wet behind the ears UU, I got a valuable education on how to plan and how this organization is run. Then I got chances to apply that learning in this very supportive environment. I believe I will use those skills in other parts of life and I am happy to have gained them. You will have similar experiences when you engage more in our congregation's life. (Though the benefits you receive relate to your

needs and values—likely not identical to my enthusiasms.)

Part of what OUUC helps me with is keeping a focus on what matters most to me. I want to use my time, energy and other resources wisely. Planning at OUUC is about working with other folks to set and reach good goals. This sounds simple, but it is immeasurably valuable for us (as a church and personally) to choose and state our direction rather than drifting along or mindlessly performing in someone else's plan that we don't agree with.

Ways to be a better steward of our earth, help folks in need, work with volunteers, and grow my mind/spiritual side have all been benefits I take from OUUC. Coming to Sunday services gives me part of this, but even more benefits come from engaging more deeply. I also want to leave some empty space in my life to just be. OUUC also helps me to remember to keep sacred some space and time for spiritual focus—not something I am good about doing otherwise.

That's why I will continue to engage with OUUC committees and activities. You are stuck with me. Let's have fun together.



## Volunteer Opportunity — Fall 2008 Stewardship Drive

Are you a good writer, good with graphic design, or competent with Excel? Are you hard working, gregarious, or clever? Do you enjoy talking with people and meeting with newcomers to our congregation? Do you care about OUUC and want to secure its future?

If the answer to any of these is yes, then you would be welcomed as a member of the Stewardship Drive Committee. Contact Jeff Goltz at [goltzwelsh@comcast.net](mailto:goltzwelsh@comcast.net). (It will mean work, but it will be fun.)

# Camp Quixote Returns to OUUC

In early 2007, the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation (OUUC) agreed to host a new tent city for homeless persons in our community. Camp Quixote has come a long way since that time and has developed into a stable, safe community for many homeless persons. Four other churches in Olympia have since hosted the camp and the cities of Olympia and Tumwater have passed ordinances recognizing the need for and value of Camp Quixote and similar tent cities.

The OUUC is currently hosting Camp Quixote until late June 2008.

Volunteers are needed in several areas:

**Site Hosts:** A site host is on duty 24-hours per day at Camp Quixote. The Camp is looking for site hosts at the present time. This involves being at the camp for a 3-hour shift, monitoring activity, and interacting with residents.

You may sign up as a Camp Quixote Site Host by contacting Maria Garner at [tucocamp@gmail.com](mailto:tucocamp@gmail.com). The Volunteer schedule

can be found at <http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=tucocamp@gmail.com>.

**Meals:** Volunteers are needed to provide hot meals. Persons or groups who can provide meals on a regular basis are needed but everything helps. Please contact Selena Kilmoyer at [k.selena@gmail.com](mailto:k.selena@gmail.com)

**Camp Quixote Steering Committee:** The OUUC - Camp Quixote Steering Committee meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. This group works with Camp Q residents to identify needs and help in any way possible. Members are Mike Harbour, Jeff Goltz, Bill Arensmeyer, Jo Ann Young, and Gail Gosney-Wrede. If you would like to join this group or have any questions about Camp Quixote at OUUC, please contact Mike Harbour, [mharbour@comcast.net](mailto:mharbour@comcast.net).

You are also encouraged to contact the Lacey City Council members and to urge them to pass an ordinance similar to that passed in Olympia and Tumwater.

## Volunteer Coordinator

Hello!

I am excited to introduce myself as the new Volunteer Coordinator for the OUUC. Originally from Pennsylvania, I most recently lived in Colorado before finding my way to Olympia and the OUUC this past fall.

I look forward to using my background in education, leadership development, and volunteer coordinating to serve the church by supporting and enabling an already active community of volunteers.

As Volunteer Coordinator, I'll be focusing on meeting the needs of current volunteers, surveying and matching member interests with opportunities to serve, and being a resource for new visitors to get "plugged in." I also hope to work with the leader-

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ship on the implementation of a Volunteer Board, a resource for finding job descriptions and contact information for all of the current volunteer opportunities.

I've already had the privilege of meeting many of you, and I look forward to meeting many more. If you have any questions or would just like to say "hello," feel free to contact me at [volunteercoordinator@olyuu.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@olyuu.org), leave a message on my church voicemail, or catch

me after Sunday service. I look forward to working with you!

In Service,

— Sarah Rocker

## Dancing the Seventh Principle

If you attended Sunday services at the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation during April, you probably heard some reference to Earth Day, Earth Month, and or the Unitarian Universalists' Seventh Principle: **Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.**

Our Earth Day service was on Sunday, April 13, when the Reverend Carol McKinley and Sister Mimi Maloney shared their message of the sacredness of our relationship with the interdependent web. On April 20 the Green Sanctuary Committee led a work party to clean up OUUC's forested land. We removed large pieces of scrap metal and worked to restore the health of the trees and forest floor vegetation by removing ivy and other invasive plants. On April 27, Children's Religious Education presented our congregation's Procession of the Species and also a puppet show sharing what they had learned about worm bins and recycling food wastes. At the annual meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>, the Space Committee presented the plan to expand the OUUC building while retaining as much of our tree canopy as possible.

Some of these messages and activities were probably familiar to you. After all, Earth Day has been around since 1970 and respect for the interdependent web of all existence has been part of Unitarian Universalists' shared values since the 1980s. Worm bins may be new information for you. And information about reducing our carbon footprints has gotten little attention in the mass media until the last six months.

Whether sustaining the health of our home or of planet Earth has been an emphasis of your life or not, the message that Zibby Zickuhr brought in her "story" on April 13, should be noted and welcomed by all. Zibby noted that there are many kinds of dances done around the globe – and the children helped her name even more than she anticipated. She admires the people who dance so gracefully that they present beauty in motion. But, she said, we can all dance at some level, even in a seated position. She found a parallel between dancing and working to sustain the Earth. Some of us have a natural rhythm and move easily—with grace—both to music and in relationship with the ecosystems around us. Many of us can only complete a few movements or steps, and are clumsy at that.

With practice and attention to our movements we can all become better at the dance. We can carry the message of Earth Day—and the dance—forward in our daily lives: There are many ways to do this at OUUC and in our daily lives. You probably know the next steps you need to make to add grace to your dance.

The next meeting of the Green Sanctuary Program will be Sunday, May 4, at 11:30 a.m. Come join in our efforts to carry out our Green Sanctuary Action plan and help sustain the Earth.

— *Leslie Romer*

## Building Bridges of Understanding among Jewish, Christian and Muslim American Families

The title was a topic of a recent Elderhostel program. Building bridges—such a timely and significant need in today's world! We had daily sessions studying each faith which were led by adherents of the various faiths. Workshops and discussions followed on a variety of subjects including justice, prejudice, forgiveness, interfaith marriage, and human rights. Evening panels brought the topics together relating to family life and culture. It was such a UU approach!

Our children get a similar experience in RE. Adam Dubov and I would like to put something together around this concept for an Adult RE this fall. Adam has a rich history as a rabbi, chaplain in the military and Katrina survivor, among other things, before attending our UU congregation. Talk to us—let us know your interest ! Adam: bevellight@gmail.com; Linda: CrabtreesJL@gmail.com.

— *Linda Crabtree*

# Tips for Transforming Conflict

*Search for Common Ground* is an international organization founded in 1982 to practice ways to transform how the world deals with conflict. You will find more about the work they do in the world at their website: [www.sfcg.org](http://www.sfcg.org). Their suggestions apply to our congregations and homes too, as we found in this excerpt from one of their articles:

When conflicts arise, many of us automatically fall into adversarial ways of thinking—you vs. me. Doing so typically means there is a winner and a loser. However, in reality both sides usually lose something because the relationship is damaged and the problem is often not truly resolved.

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Most of us are aware there is a more collaborative way to deal with conflict. Typically called a win-win, collaborative or cooperative approach, it can be applied to all kinds of conflict, from small everyday disputes between individual to large ones that divide communities.

We can move from an adversarial approach to a cooperative approach by shifting our attitude and behavior—and with practice and experience. Here are a few tips that might help:

- 1. Accept that conflicts are a natural way of life.** We have different needs and beliefs, and conflicts will naturally result from our differences.
- 2. Treat conflict as an opportunity.** Conflict is neither positive nor negative in itself. It is the way we deal with the situation and the other person that determines the consequences.
- 3. Be aware of your initial reaction and take a deep breath.** We all have automatic responses to conflict. We may want to run away, put up our defenses, or dig in and fight. Instead of giving in to our initial impulse, it's important to pause and think about our approach.
- 4. Choose your approach.** There are always choices in a conflict. But when the goal is to solve the problem in a positive way, a cooperative approach is the best option. We have a choice—

between a win-lose approach, where we focus on each other as the problem, and a win-win approach, where we solve the problem together.

**5. Listen and learn.** Conflicts are often based on stereotypes and lack of information. We need to ask questions and listen until we truly understand each other's point of view. We all want to be heard and understood. Truly hearing and being heard can actually transform a conflict.

We each make a difference. Working together to find common ground takes courage because it rarely the easy option, but ultimately can be the most rewarding. By choosing to deal with conflict in a non-adversarial manner, we create a place where it is safe to disagree and contribute to transforming the way our community, and the world, deal with conflict.

— Carol McKinley

## Recommended Reading List

from *Search for Common Ground*

**Getting to Yes** by Roger Fisher, William L. Ury

**The Thirds Side** by William L. Ury

**The Eight Essential Steps to Conflict Resolution: Preserving Relationships at Work, at Home and in the Community** by Dudley Weeks

**Watching the Wind: Conflict Resolution During South Africa's Transition to Democracy** by Susan Collins Marks

**The Peace Book: 108 Simple Ways to Create a More Peaceful World** by Louise Diamond

**Building Peace: Sustainable Reconciliation in Divided Societies** by John Paul Lederach

# An Opportunity to Share Your Thoughts

The Committee on Ministry's (CoM) mission is to support and monitor the health of the congregation's ministry. As part of this mission, the CoM monitors the effectiveness of the OUUC's ministry through the annual goal setting (May) and assessment process (Feb). To do this, CoM works with the minister, staff, committee members and affiliated groups to examine how their activities support and enhance the mission and covenant of the OUUC. This year we had our five year goal setting in March following the congregation vision meetings in January and February.

The CoM also relies on less formal ways to monitor the health of our congregational life such as periodic

meetings with members or friends who want to discuss any concerns they have with the OUUC ministry. We also would love to discuss areas where you are pleased with the direction of OUUC and how we can be even more effective. On Sunday May 11, a member of CoM will host a gathering after first service in the sanctuary. We look forward to speaking with you on May 11.

OUUC members currently serving on the Committee on Ministry are Bonnie Shorin (chair), Don Lane, Linda Witcher, Evelyn Greenberg, Jody Suhrbier and Polly Taylor.

## Adult Education

### LEARNING TO FALL

An adult-education class *Learning to Fall*, will be led by the Reverend Arthur Vaeni, three sessions, Tuesdays 7:00—9:00 pm, May 6, 13, and 27, at OUUC. This will be a discussion based on the book *Learning to Fall* by Philip Simmons, who was a member of the congregation Art served in New Hampshire. In 1993 at age of 35, a husband and father of two young children, Phil learned he had ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. *Learning to Fall* speaks to his deepening appreciation for life as his physical being diminished, illuminating the journey we all must take. Consult the Winter—Spring 2008 Adult Education Program Guide to find more details and how to register for the class. See the Guide's contents on the OUUC website [www.olyuu.org](http://www.olyuu.org) (see

More About Us, Our Religious Education Programs, Adult). Printed copies of the Guide are available at OUUC.

### BOOK GROUP

The **Book Group** will meet Thursday, May 8, 7:00 pm at OUUC, to discuss *Suite Française*, by Irène Némirovsky (2007). Registration is not required; just read the book and show up.

### MEDITATION

Meditation, a continuing class, will meet Friday, May 9, 7:00 pm at OUUC; registration is not required.

— Pete Taylor

## Our Symbol: the Flaming Chalice

The chalice and the flame first came together during World War II by Hans Deutsch as an image with connotations of sacrifice and love. Unitarian Universalists today have many different interpretations of the image. To many, the cup represents religious community, while the flame represents ideas including the sacrificial flame, the flame of the spirit, and more.

The flaming chalice image has changed many times over the past 65 years. Modern chalice designs often incorporate two overlapping circles which, for many people, represent our Unitarian and Universalist heritages. Other images include additional elements, some of which are merely decorative and others which are very meaningful.

— Excerpted from [www.UUA.org](http://www.UUA.org)



Logo of UUA

## OUUC's Fifth Plant Sale is May 11th

This is the fifth year for the OUUC's Mother's Day Plant Sale. Last year we made about \$700 which was used for maintaining the green area of our church.



We will be selling many colorful bouquets and extra special roses/flower arrangements to celebrate the Mother's Day. In addition, we will be offering mixed baskets, annuals, perennials, houseplants, bulbs/tubers, trees/bushes and other items for green thumbs.

As you clean up your garden, please pot up surplus plants, label them, and bring them before the service. If you want to donate plants but will be away on the Mother's Day, we could arrange to hold them until the sale. And most important of all,

please remember that this is another way to help our church and express appreciation to the "mothers" in your life.

On another note, we are seriously looking for a few "brave souls" who will take over and continue our plant sale. We have had fun organizing the sale and made many new friends. We will continue to help the new group and will donate plants from our own gardens. Will someone please step up and continue this worthy tradition?

If you have any questions, or if you have new ideas, or if you can help us set up/sell plants, contact any of the following people: Marcia Killum-Nunn, [marciSun@AOL.com](mailto:marciSun@AOL.com), Janet Swanson, [janetswan@juno.com](mailto:janetswan@juno.com), and Fumiko Coyne, [lawyr@comcast.net](mailto:lawyr@comcast.net).

## Summer Coffee Schedule

We will be going to our one service schedule on Sunday, June 8. Will the coffee makers please consult with the other coffee makers and decide which Sundays they want to make the coffee? The schedules and substitutes are in the kitchen.

— Dorothy Mehaffey

## Flowers for Worship Services

Currently there are May and June dates open for providing Sunday flowers. Share your garden bounty, honor a person or event and/or brighten the pulpit with fresh flowers or a decorative object! Sign up with Janet Swanson—in person—or in the church office. Many thanks!

## Market Place

**FREE GUINEA PIG.** Black and white, sweet disposition! Includes a cage, food, etc. For details: Bob & Bonnie Jacobs 360-352-1346 or [jcsbonnie@aol.com](mailto:jcsbonnie@aol.com).

**FOR SALE: FREEZER.** Kenmore 5.0 cu. ft. upright freezer—\$50. Contact Darlene at 786-9508 or [meaneyedcat@comcast.net](mailto:meaneyedcat@comcast.net).

**FOR RENT in Olympia.** Available on or about June 1st. **House:** 3 br/2bath + small den, fenced yard, San Francisco St Bakery Neighborhood. **Duplex:** 2 bedroom/1 bath, Olympia High Neighborhood. For details contact Bob & Bonnie Jacobs 352-1346 or [jcsbonnie@aol.com](mailto:jcsbonnie@aol.com) Options could include: newly painted, garage for duplex, lots of storage.

## MAY CALENDAR

<b>1 Thursday</b>					
	10:00	am	MUG (Mighty Unitarian Guys)		
	6:00	pm	Earth Scouts		
	7:00	pm	Committee on Ministry		
<b>2 Friday</b>					
	6:00	pm	Coming of Age		
<b>3 Saturday</b>					
	1:40	pm	Voice Class		
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<b>4 Sunday</b>					
	9:15	am	Worship		
	10:30	am	Religious Education Committee		
	11:00	am	Worship		
	11:30	am	Green Sanctuary Committee		
	2:00	pm	Covenant of UU Pagans Ritual		
<b>5 Monday</b>					
	7:00	pm	Space Committee		
<b>6 Tuesday</b>					
	5:30	pm	Camp Quixote Steering Committee		
	6:15	pm	Partner Church Committee		
	7:00	pm	Learning to Fall		
	7:30	pm	Covenant of UU Pagans Monthly Circle		
<b>7 Wednesday</b>					
	10:30	am	PUGS (Powerful Unitarian Gals)		
	5:30	pm	Worship Arts		
	6:00	pm	Choir		
	7:00	pm	Pastoral Care Team		
<b>8 Thursday</b>					
	10:00	am	MUG (Mighty Unitarian Guys)		
	7:00	pm	Book Group		
<b>9 Friday</b>					
	7:00	pm	Meditation		
<b>10 Saturday</b>					
	1:40	pm	Voice Class		
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<b>11 Sunday</b>					
			Mother's Day		
	9:15	am	Worship		
	11:00	am	Worship		
	5:00	pm	Camp Quixote Steering Committee		
<b>12 Monday</b>					
	7:00	pm	Out of the Woods Exec. Committee		
	7:00	pm	Choir		
<b>13 Tuesday</b>					
	7:00	pm	Communications Committee		
	7:00	pm	Learning to Fall		
	7:00	pm	Panza		
<b>14 Wednesday</b>					
	10:30	am	PUGS (Powerful Unitarian Gals)		
	5:30	pm	Small Group Ministry Facilitators		
	7:00	pm	Conflict Management Team		
<b>15 Thursday</b>					
	10:00	am	MUG (Mighty Unitarian Guys)		
	6:00	pm	Earth Scouts		
	7:00	pm	Out of the Woods Board		
	7:00	pm	Living by Heart Class		
<b>17 Saturday</b>					
	1:40	pm	Voice Class		
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<b>18 Sunday</b>					
	11:00	am	Newsletter Deadline		
	9:15	am	Worship		
	10:45	am	Heritage Class		
	11:00	am	Worship		
<b>19 Monday</b>					
	7:00	pm	Choir		
<b>20 Tuesday</b>					
	5:30	pm	American United for the Separation of Church and State		
	7:00	pm	Community Ministers Support Committee		
<b>21 Wednesday</b>					
	10:30	am	PUGS (Powerful Unitarian Gals)		
<b>22 Thursday</b>					
	10:00	am	MUG (Mighty Unitarian Guys)		
	1:00	pm	Adult Education Committee		
	7:00	pm	Board Meeting		
<b>24 Saturday</b>					
	1:40	pm	Voice Class		
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<b>25 Sunday</b>					
	9:15	am	Worship		
	11:00	am	Worship		
	5:00	pm	Camp Quixote Steering Committee		
<b>26 Monday</b>					
			Memorial Day		
<b>27 Tuesday</b>					
	5:30	pm	Camp Quixote Steering Committee		
	7:00	pm	Learning to Fall		
<b>28 Wednesday</b>					
	10:30	am	PUGS (Powerful Unitarian Gals)		
	7:00	pm	Choir		
<b>29 Thursday</b>					
	10:00	am	MUG (Mighty Unitarian Guys)		
<b>30 Friday</b>					
	6:00	pm	Coming of Age		
<b>31 Saturday</b>					
	1:40	pm	Voice Class		

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# UUA General Assembly June 25-29

It's not too late to register for the General Assembly (GA) in Fort Lauderdale! The GA promises exciting and enriching days of inquiry, music, worship, workshops and programs centered on the theme of the "Common Threads" that weave together the fabric of our Unitarian Universalist faith and community. See [www.uua.org/events](http://www.uua.org/events) for details and registration.



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