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FROM OUR MINISTER

Dear Friends,

During the June 1st worship service, Kristin and I announced to the congregation that she is pregnant. We are thrilled to become parents! We are highly blessed to have a child born into the Unitarian Society of Germantown. Like so many, Kristin and I have been blessed by the children and youth of this community. Now we will contribute one of our own to the mix!

On June 8th our congregation had a tremendous worship service celebrating our Religious Education programs. Jude Henzy did a superb job, from organizing the service to preaching the sermon.

For that service Kristin served as worship associate and wrote her own words for the chalice lighting. I wanted to share them with you in this forum as they speak volumes for how we feel in preparing for a new child. They also reflect the spiritual vibrancy of our congregation.

As we light the chalice this morning, we give thanks for the many blessings all children bring to our lives: their sense of wonder, their curious nature, their thoughts, words and deeds. May we have the knowledge and good sense to guide our Unitarian Universalist children toward "a free and responsible search for truth and meaning" and "acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth." May we be guided today by our children's leadership and blessed by the love and care they give in leading this service. May all the children know how much they touch our lives and how much they are loved by our USG family and community.

This summer we have a wonderful Sunday program for our children and youth. If you are a parent interested in bringing your child, talk to the RE Committee, one of our RE families or Jude. Throughout the year, the energy and love of children blesses us all.

In Faith,
Kent

SUNDAY SERVICES

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. during July & August.
Childcare is available 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

July 6 "We Stand on Their Shoulders: Good-bye, Unitariana"
Rev. Kent Matthies, with Susan Bockius, Ann Schoonmaker,
Edna Jones & Sam Stormont

Our congregation prepares to hand off our wonderful collection of historic materials given to USG by deceased member George E. Nitzsche. The collection is composed of documents that are the writings of Unitarians and related liberal thinkers, such as John Adams, Julia Ward Howe, Susan B. Anthony, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and William Ellery Channing. These forebears are models for living a life of social justice and liberty.

July 13 "The Road to Heaven is Paved with..." **Berdine Whedon**

If the road to hell is paved with good intentions, what is the road to heaven paved with? And how do we get on that road? In this service we will explore some possibilities.

Berdine Whedon has been a member of USG for 14 years, has led many a winter solstice, spring equinox and other rituals and services, and is now enjoying being on the Board of Trustees, the choir, and assorted other ministries.

July 20 "Poetic Responses to Artistry" **Peter Walsh**

Peter Walsh will read some of his poems, most of them written over the past year. Many focus on responses to artistic experience. Many others have been inspired by experiences within our Sanctuary on Sunday morning, especially by sermons delivered from our pulpit. Each one of us as Unitarian Universalists has a personal responsibility to define our own spiritual and religious perspective since our Church provides minimal doctrinal guidance and virtually no dogmatic imperative to inform our religious worldview. Poetry is a medium by which some of us may define our spirituality and religion.

Peter Walsh has been a member of the Unitarian Society of Germantown since 1973. He works at Temple University School of Medicine as a physician and scientist. For more than 25 years he has been writing poetry, some of which he has shared with members of the church in eleven previous services.

July 27 "O, Freedom! O, Freedom!" (SGM topic) **Rev. Kent Matthies**

During the struggle to free South Africa from Apartheid, I was among tens of thousands of students organizing on college campuses. In those days we would sing "O, Freedom!" with great passion and vigor. So many people around the world suffer from a lack of basic political and economic freedoms. Spiritual freedom can often be more intangible, but highly valuable. Come liberate your soul.

Aug. 3 “What I Learned on My Summer Vacation” Jude Henzy, et al.

The travelers have returned and want to share with the congregation our amazing experience in Guatemala. Come hear our reflections on what we learned about poverty, oppression, the country of Guatemala and, most importantly, ourselves.

Jude Henzy is Director of Religious Education at the Unitarian Society of Germantown. She accompanied some of our youth on a trip to Guatemala in July.

Aug. 10 “Unitarian Universalism, by Way of Yoga” Kristin Shieler

Yoga beautifully unifies mind, body and spirit. It also celebrates and upholds many of our Unitarian Universalist principles. Through the practice of yoga, we are better equipped to seek justice, equity and compassion in human relations; accept one another; and experience spiritual growth. We will examine yoga in all of its richness, including meditation, chanting, and *yamas/niyamas* - the “Ten Commandments” of yoga.

Kristin Shieler, a long-time educator and trainer, began her yoga path while reintegrating back into the US after three years abroad. Kristin is now a certified *Vinyasa* yoga teacher. She also teaches Spanish and is the Modern Language Chair at the Shipley School, consults with the Peace Corps, serves on the NIM Board, and is a member of the Unitarian Society of Germantown.

Aug. 17 “I Need a Hero” (SGM topic) Rev. Kent Matthies

The Honorable Mark Bernstein named Joseph Campbell as an honorary UU Saint. I agree! One of Campbell’s seminal works is *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*. In human history, people throughout the cultures of the world have held up heroes for having gone out and accomplished supernatural tasks and returned with blessings for the common folk. Why do we need heroes?

Aug. 24 “Who’s Got the Power?” Rev. Kent Matthies

Theology asks, “Who has the power? (a) God, (b) humans, (c) nature, or (d) none of the above?” In our religious tradition there are almost as many answers as people. Actually there are probably more answers, because many people answer differently depending on the situation. We embrace this theological diversity. However, we also must work to clarify our understandings of power in order to help ourselves and the world.

Aug. 31 “It Is What It Is: The Beauty of the Present Moment”

Eric Wilden

Buddhist teachers tell us that suffering arises when we are not “present.” What do they mean? How do we drop our attachment to the past and the future, even when the world is full of injustice? Join us as we celebrate “this very moment” in all its beauty!

Eric Wilden has been a member of USG since 2006. He is a father, husband, meditator and runner who earned an M.Div. from Naropa University in 2003. He serves as Assistant Director for Congregation and Community Programs with the Neighborhood Interfaith Movement when he's not playing with his daughter, Lily, or his dog, Dharma.

FROM OUR DRE

Staying in Touch with USG Over the Summer

Many families take a vacation from church in the summer. Maybe they're traveling a lot. Some have second homes at the shore. Others just need a break from the hectic pace of the school year. Whatever your summer lifestyle, there are still ways to stay connected to your church and denomination.

First of all, we have programming for kids all summer long. So, if you do come to church, your children can participate in various multi-age activities, including woodworking, cooking, group games, and hand drumming with trusted adults from the congregation. They can keep in touch with their USG friends in a setting that's more relaxed than the regular Sunday School program. They can also attend the worship service with you, and activity pages and crayons will always be available from the ushers.

If you just can't get to church on Sunday, consider inviting a church friend for a play date at your home. The folks who get the most out of church are those who feel most connected to it. Looking forward to seeing church friends is a big motivator for attendance for people of all ages, especially kids. It's especially important to build church relationships in younger years, so that children will still want to attend as they get old enough to participate in important programs like *Neighboring Faiths*, *Our Whole Lives (OWL)* and *Coming of Age*.

Families can also think about ways to bring our religion into the home. One family I know has our hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*, and one night a week at dinner they light a candle and read one of the readings in the back before beginning their meal. Or, you can purchase some of the children's books from the UUA bookstore. There's a UU coloring book, collections of short stories, and picture books with UU messages.

If you're traveling, you might consider visiting the nearest UU congregation at your travel destination. Even if you can't attend the Sunday service, you can drive by and point out to your children that they are looking at another church that's the same religion as USG. Often our kids think we're the only church of our kind; it's helpful to understand that we're part of a larger movement.

You can even travel to UU destinations. There are lots of summer camps and family programs within a reasonable drive of USG. This will be my family's 10th summer attending RE Week at Ferry Beach in Saco, Maine. Other USG families attend UUMAC, SUUSI, Unirondack, Star Island and The Mountain. Check them out at the UUA website. Shorter excursions include visiting the Joseph Priestley House in Northumberland, PA, or touring one of the nearby buildings designed by Unitarian architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

Whatever you decide to do, I wish all our families a fun and relaxing summer, and I hope to see many of you at church at least once.

In faith,
Jude

EVENTS AND FELLOWSHIP

"Rites of Passage," Third Annual Men's Retreat

The Third Annual USG Men's Retreat will be held October 10-12 at Murray Grove Conference Center in Lanoka Harbor, NJ. Every USG man is invited to attend and experience a wonderful weekend. The activities and workshops will reflect our theme. In the past, workshops have included: yoga, hiking, drumming around a bonfire, delicious food prepared by Dallis Graham, poker, and topped off by worship in the 19th century chapel. Come, get to know and bond with the other men in the congregation.

The cost for the weekend is \$150. This includes Friday supper, three meals on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast. Include a check for \$75 made out to USG with your application. Give or send to: Hal Krieger, 670 Jamestown St., Philadelphia, PA 19128. Include your name, address, telephone number, email address, and any food restrictions.

Race and Parenting Discussion Group/ Multicultural Play Group

If diversity and open dialogue about creating non-racist environments for our children appeal to you, we invite you and your family to join others who look forward to celebrating our multicultural community through sharing, exploration, understanding and play. Let's start by asking, "How are issues of race currently impacting our children?"

On Sundays, July 20 and August 17, noon to 2:00 p.m., we will meet at the Grove and playground area behind USG. Playground supervision will be provided so that parents are free to visit with limited interruptions (teenage sitters would welcome cash tips). Please bring a box lunch for each member of your family attending. If you would like to attend, or for more information, please contact: Ursa Vincent at ursaraquel@yahoo.com or 215-849-1139.

Friday Morning Book Group

Would you like to expand your reading choices and discuss them with witty, intelligent people? If so, the Book Group is for you. It meets monthly on the third Friday at 10:00 a.m. at members' homes. All are welcome. The Book Group is now on summer holiday until September 19, but we do have a reading assignment: *1491* by Charles C. Mann. For additional information, contact Cynthia Claus.

CONTINUING OUR FOOD CUPBOARD TRADITION

Church members and friends are asked to continue our tradition of bringing food to the church on the first Sunday of each month. We need nonperishable food to fill our community cupboard, now housed in baskets located at the Dining Room door to the courtyard and next to the coat rack. Please mark your calendar for **Sundays, July 6**

and August 3, as a reminder to purchase food for the hungry in Germantown. Collected items will be taken to St. Vincent's Food Pantry for distribution to those least able to make ends meet.

Young Adult Small Group Ministry Openings

Small Group Ministry is a great way of connecting with other members and friends of USG and for new members and visitors to participate in church life outside of Sunday worship. Groups meet once a month to discuss spiritual questions. Rev. Kent Matthies preaches on the topic in one of his sermons each month.

The theme for this year is "Living Our UU Values." The topics for June through September are:

June - Learning from Negative Emotions

July - Freedom and Independence

August - Heroes

September - Checking Your Ethical Pulse

There are currently several groups with openings available, including Young Adults (20s, 30s, 40s) and Buddhist Meditation. There are four Young Adult groups. They meet on the first Thursday, the second Monday, the second Wednesday and the second Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Andrea Bernstein at bosphila@verizon.net. We hope you'll join us in this meaningful experience.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

From the Financial Secretary

July 1 marks the beginning of the 08-09 fiscal year. At this time, all 07-08 pledges should be paid in full. If you have questions about your pledge amounts or payments for either year, please contact the new Pledge Secretary, Ursa Vincent, (215)849-1139, ursaraquel@yahoo.com. She replaces Cynthia Claus.

If you ordered 08-09 giving envelopes, they are now ready for your pick-up on the hall table on the second floor outside Kent's office. Just look for your name. Please don't forget to remit the small fee for use of this system in the included blue envelope. If you have not yet ordered giving envelopes, you may still do so by contacting Ursa.

Minutes from May 17, 2008 Annual Meeting

Opening Remarks were by Rev. Kent Matthies.

The 2008 Annual Meeting of USG was called to order by Sam Gugino, Board President. The election of the Chair, Linda Bernstein, and the Secretary, Beth York, were completed by voice vote.

Minister's Report

In his remarks Rev. Kent Matthies added these comments to his written report: He emphasized that his top priority is worship and that the Sunday morning service

should be a celebration of life. He credited the worship arts and music ministries, especially, in creating a great worship experience at USG. The main theme of the year has been the “team” work of the leadership teams, including work in community development.

Director of Religious Education

Jude Henzy was unable to attend the meeting, but has submitted a written report which was distributed with the written materials.

Church Social Action Priority

The report on church social action was delivered by Margaret Griffen. The current Board priority is to expand and coordinate efforts, including continued work with the Lingelbach School, NPIHN and the Ending Racism Committee. This year, monthly Social Action Sundays were included in the children’s religious education program. This year also saw the planning of the first youth service project, an eight-day trip to Guatemala. Margaret discussed the success of the Share-the-Plate program and the Green Sanctuary program. The organization of the programs now provides the ability to include social action in the planning process at the beginning of the year.

Unitariana Update

Susan Bockius reported that the Unitariana Collection, donated to the church by George Nitzsche, has been catalogued and valued at between \$45,000 and \$50,000. Included are 253 documents and five books, almost all of which are in good condition. Three offers of \$50,000 have been received for the entire collection. A recommendation regarding the offers was made to the Board, and the Board voted to proceed with a specific offer of \$50,000.

Congregational Awards

Three members received Congregational Awards: Charles Gabriel presented an award to Edna Jones. Jamie Preston presented an award to Margaret Griffen. Deanna Kemler presented the Early Achiever Award to Betsy Gabriel. The presentation of an award by Leslie Guy was cancelled. These awards were given for the many contributions to the community by these individuals.

Board President’s Report

Sam Gugino expressed that it has been a privilege and honor to have served as president. He thanked the Board members and asked them to be recognized. Sam reported that there are now over 300 members for the first time in over a decade. The adult and children’s religious education programs are expanding. Youth religious education membership is at its highest in 33 years. The School District of Philadelphia has presented the church a Best Practices award for its work with the Anna Lingelbach Elementary School. USG was the only faith-based organization to be recognized.

Sam reported that pledge income has increased, but not in pace with spending. The church has continued to use its investment income to compensate.

Ironically, the church has actually not been spending enough. The church had been underspending on staff salaries and on the Joseph Priestley District and UUA fair

share, all of which has been corrected. Since the church has increased its fair share, USG is now eligible for grants. UUA consultants believe the church should be balancing its budget through pledge income. If members pledged at 2.5% of income, the deficit would cease to exist.

Sam reported that the unrestricted portion of the church's investments (approximately \$750,000) will be used to improve the church facilities over the next five years. \$60,000 has been approved for feasibility studies and to hire a capital campaign consultant.

Sam announced that copies of the budget will be distributed and that he and Kent will remain after the meeting to answer questions.

Sam reported on the six-month sabbatical that Kent is planning to take beginning in February 2009. A sabbatical team is already in place, and the church will use Kent's sabbatical as an opportunity to develop leadership skills. Berdine Whedon will head the training of church leaders.

Linda Bernstein thanked Sam for his energy and professionalism.

The Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting were approved as submitted.

Strategic Planning Council

Charles Gabriel introduced the Council and its purpose. Members are Tom Smith, Eli Scearce, Linda O'Gwynn, Carolyn Cotton and Mark Bernstein.

Charles stressed USG's emulation of the spiritual ministry and social justice of Martin Luther King's "constructive church." The church's ultimate concern is to heal the broken-hearted and set free those who are victims of fear and prejudice. The church is not a social club or entertainment center.

Charles explained that adding church programs and increasing membership will require additional space. Linda, Carolyn, Kent and Charles have attended training on congregational growth and fundraising. The church facilities needs survey, which all members are invited to fill out, will be reopened and will be made available through the website. The Strategic Planning Council will develop a request for proposals for a master plan from two to three architectural firms, and then one firm will be selected. There may be the need for more congregational meetings. The Green Committee will be included in the process.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Ann Schoonmaker presented, on behalf of David Bonanno, the slate of nominations for the Board: Susan Bockius, Rudy Sprinkle and Berdine Whedon.

Six candidates were proposed to serve on next year's Nominating Committee: Walt Ceglowski, Margaret Griffen, William Morrow, Linda O'Gwynn, Soyini Powell-Emory, and Diane Sharp. Ballots were provided containing names for elections for the 3 new Board members and for the Nominating Committee members. Members were asked to vote for Nominating Committee members by ranking the nominees. The ballots were collected by the tellers.

A complete copy of the budget was distributed.

Kent Matthies described his excitement about his personal professional plan, which included his upcoming sabbatical and his development as a public theologian. Kent then presented closing words.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth York

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

Our New Members

We extend a warm welcome to five people who signed our membership book in May. Our membership rolls now include **Al and Kati Parker, Mike Heinsdorf** and **Janella and Tom Hecker and Dylan and Aiden**. Please congratulate them and watch for their profiles in this and future issues of the CommUUnicator.

New Member Profiles

Mike Heinsdorf joined USG in May 2008. His responses to the USG "Get To Know You" questionnaire were short but wonderfully pithy . . . so, read on, gentle reader.

Mike lives in Chestnut Hill with his wife, Carol Wasserman Heinsdorf, presently a librarian at the Juvenile Detention Center in Philadelphia. They have two sons: Michael, 28, an electrical engineer in Washington, D.C., and Paul, 25, in the Navy on the *Donald Cook*.

Mike grew up in Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania. He has attended the University of Goettingen in Germany, Muhlenberg College, Lutheran Theological Seminary, and is currently finishing a master's degree in Central European Studies at LaSalle University. He has taught German and English as a Second Language at Philadelphia's Northeast High School and presently is Adjunct Faculty at LaSalle in the Foreign Language Department, teaching German. Mike enjoys woodworking---he has rebuilt two homes---and swimming.

He writes, "I was Lutheran, later became Episcopalian. In some things, I am not impulsive. I drove by USG for nineteen years before I decided to try it. It has become important to me to unpack a few unnecessary religious beliefs, as well as be part of a faith community which is not, in its 'holy' hierarchy, restrictive dogmatism, and fear of extinction, going the way of ENRON."

Christine and Steve Niezgoda joined USG in March 2008, and then, on May 19, **Emory Alexander** joined them! (Either Christy or Steve—I suspect Steve—wrote much of this entertaining profile.)

The Niezgoda family lives now in Cheltenham. Christy grew up in

Southampton, Bucks County; Steve's childhood was spent in Buffalo, Chicago and New Jersey. Christy studied communications at Muhlenberg College and is trained as a birth doula. Steve is currently completing a doctorate in materials science at Drexel University on a fellowship. He is an FAA certified aircraft mechanic and has worked for two years restoring antique wood and fabric airplanes. He has also previously worked as an industrial mechanic, independent contractor to the mailing industry, tutor, short order cook, and has loaded trucks at UPS.

Christy's hobbies include studying childbirth, reading, and horseback riding. Steve enjoys collecting (and using!) straight razors, fountain pens, roasting coffee, and building coffee roasters. Steve is also an avid reader of mathematics, physics, and engineering.

They have been a couple for nearly ten years and will celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary in October. They have the best cat in the world and a dog that (Steve thinks) is the pinnacle of canine perfection (Christy thinks otherwise). Christy is currently four days overdue with their first child, who better have been born before this sees print. (Emory Alexander was! Whew!)

Both Christy and Steve were raised Roman Catholic and grew up with a distaste for religion, although Steve has not been able to shake an almost cult-like devotion to the Virgin Mary. Both are confirmed tea-pot agnostics. (They are not claiming the existence of god is impossible but is about as likely as finding a hot pot of tea orbiting Jupiter.) They have also come to believe that doing good in the world is hard, and a support community like USG will help them leave the world a better place than they found it.

Reception for Visitors, Sunday July 27

The Membership Committee invites all visitors and friends to a reception on Sunday, July 27, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The reception will be held at the home of Linda and Mark Bernstein, 506 Westview Street, Philadelphia 19119. Hors d'oeuvres, wine and other beverages will be served. Rev. Kent Matthies will give a short presentation. This is a great way to learn more about our congregation in an informal setting. Those interested in attending should contact Mike Redford at michael.redford@gmail.com or 610-413-0770.

The Membership Committee is also looking for volunteers to help with the reception, including making a dish. Those wishing to help should also contact Mike. Childcare will be provided; please let us know if you will need it when you RSVP.

To Join the Church

Have you been thinking about joining USG and wondering what that might mean? At USG, membership involves mutual commitment.

Our church commits to provide members:

- Excellent worship experiences
- Caring and outreach
- Faith development opportunities
- Opportunities for service

- Spiritual education for all ages

Individual members commit to provide the community with their:

- Regular attendance at worship services
- Work on personal faith development
- Financial generosity
- Volunteer service to USG
- Service to the larger community

To learn more about membership at USG, please contact Andrea Bernstein, chair. If you are not ready to become a member, you may still get involved in the church. In fact, we encourage visitors to get to know us by becoming active in our community before they make the commitment to membership. For more information about USG events and activities, contact Andrea Bernstein at 215-327-7122 or bosphila@verizon.net. We send out a monthly email of events, so make certain we have your email address.

Passing the Torch

Andrea Bernstein will be serving as Membership Committee Chair beginning July 1st. She brings great energy and boundless enthusiasm to this important role; she will serve the congregation well. Anyone with questions about the congregation or membership is welcome to contact Andrea at 215-327-7122 or bosphila@verizon.net. I truly appreciate the generous support both the committee and I, as chair, have received from so many in the congregation.

Betsy Gabriel, Retiring Chair

USG STAFF

Minister: The Reverend Kent Matthies
 Director of Religious Education: Jude Henzy
 Office Administrator: Robin Neill
 Music Director: Mark Daugherty

MEMORIAL FUND

Remember a loved one or recognize a special day with a donation to our Memorial Fund. Send a check, made out to UUSG Memorial Fund, to the church office. Indicate the name of the person you are remembering, and your gift will be acknowledged. The Memorial Fund supports special church projects.

Questions? Call the church office.

TRASH TO CASH

Don't forget to bring in your spent printer ink cartridges and used cell phones for our Trash to Cash program.

Keep those Acme receipts coming in, also, for a 1% rebate.

AMONG US

Two of our dearest long-time members will mark their 90th birthdays this summer: **Dick Eberle** on July 13, and **Dick Magaziner** on August 27. Be sure to give them your best wishes!

BOARD NOTES

As I mentioned in the last CommUunicator, the Strategic Planning Council (SPC) has been working for the past several months to come up with a Master Plan that will give us an idea of what USG will be like in the next 10 years and how we will get there. Rev. Kent Matthies has given two sermons on his vision for the congregation over the next 20 years.

Why all this forward thinking? One reason is that we are growing. We have had a net gain of 50 new members in the past five years. (Well over 100 have signed the membership book in that period but that number has been offset by existing members who have died or moved away.) Based on this trend, SPC estimates that we will have between 410 and 500 members in 10 years. And if the pattern of growth continues as it has over the past five years, many of those new members will be young families with children, which bodes well for our future.

But how do we accommodate the needs of a congregational population that could be double what it was in 2002? With the number of children in our RE programs at record levels, we are already squeezed for space for their Sunday classes. A much wider array of Adult RE programs has also put pressure on our need for space throughout the week. Then there are rental considerations for weddings, memorial services and other events.

In addition, our 80-year-old building and the surrounding grounds are in need of significant repairs (\$40,000 for a refinished parking lot), refurbishing (\$20,000 for storm windows) and improvements (such as air conditioning).

All of this does not fall on the shoulders of Strategic Planning, or the Board of Trustees, or the minister. It's OUR church; we ALL have to pitch in to make it work today and in the future, which is why SPC solicited your input on what you like most about USG's building and grounds and what you would like to change about them or add to them.

The information that SPC gleaned from questionnaires and from the feedback solicited by SPC members at various committee meetings will help the firm that is selected by SPC to give us a feasibility study. That study will tell us what we need and how much it will cost. If all goes well, the firm will be chosen in September, and that study will be completed by the end of the year.

Thank UUs this month go to:

* All the volunteers who put on the annual dinner honoring the most improved students at the Lingelbach School on June 5, and to Wanda Will, who was honored that evening for her years of work at Lingelbach.

* Gale Gibbons, who was honored for her community service at the NIM Annual Assembly on June 5.

* Kim Killian and all those who helped out with the annual church picnic on June 8.

Sam Gugino, Board President

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SUMMER 2008 MEETINGS & EVENTS

JULY

Wednesday	7/9	7:30 p.m.	Buildings & Grounds Committee
Saturday	7/12	10:00 a.m.	Summer Grounds Keeping
Sunday	7/13	9:30 a.m.	UU 101
Sunday	7/13	6:00 p.m.	Drumming Circle
Sunday	7/20	9:30 a.m.	UU 102
Sunday	7/20	9:30 a.m.	Meditation Circle
Sunday	7/27	8:30 a.m.	Buddhist Meditation
Thursday	7/31	7:00 a.m.	ERC Trip to D.C.

AUGUST

Saturday	8/9	10:00 a.m.	Summer Grounds Keeping
Sunday	8/10	9:30 a.m.	UU 101
Sunday	8/10	6:00 p.m.	Drumming Circle
Sunday	8/17	9:30 a.m.	UU 102
Sunday	8/17	9:30 a.m.	Meditation Circle
Sunday	8/24	8:30 a.m.	Buddhist Meditation

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