



West Shore Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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CELEBRATION SUNDAY IS MAY 3!



PEOPLE'S CHURCH: THE MUSICAL!



A Musical written by Josh Swenson and Jane Carpenter with song lyrics by Carol Farley, Jane Carpenter, Nanci Swenson and Vail Weller to be performed in celebration of the 15th Anniversary of People's Church.

**VOTE ON
OUR NEW
COVENANT**

"We, the community of People's Church, uphold one another in our reverence and faith in the transcendent power of love, in our individual spiritual journeys, in our cultivation of compassion and understanding, in our stewardship of earth's blessings, and in our efforts to promote justice, equity, and peace in the world. We seek to forgive ourselves and others for our limitations, support one another in times of trouble, assume good intentions, and resolve issues with honesty, fairness, and respect. Together, we celebrate the sacred moments of life's passages and honor the holiness at the heart of being."

So, we ask you -- those of you have been members for a long time and lived with other covenants, and those of you who are new to People's Church and to this process -- to read this covenant, think about what it can mean to you, to our interactions, and to our congregation.



AND THEN...
LET US EAT CAKE!

Mark Your Calendar for June 12 and 13, 2009

**John Dominic Crossan
Seminar Titled "Jesus and the Kingdom"**

**John Dominic Crossan is an Emeritus Professor of Religious
Studies at DePaul University, Chicago, IL**

**Explore the life and times of Jesus
through the lens of faith.**

Ludington will host John Dominic Crossan. He is a renowned Biblical scholar on the historical Jesus, a refreshing voice who is a frequent guest on national television documentaries about Christianity, a cofounder of the Jesus seminars, and author of more than a dozen highly acclaimed books on the life of Jesus and on Christianity.

People's Church and The United Methodist Church of Ludington are working together to make this a great seminar series. Plan to join us for a multimedia presentation on Friday evening and/or two sessions on Saturday morning.

Friday June 12th 7:00 PM

The World of Jesus

Saturday June 13th at 9:00 AM

The Life of Jesus

Saturday June 13th at 11:00 AM

The Death of Jesus

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SUNDAY SERVICES — 11:00 A.M.

May 3 ~ Celebration Sunday!

PEOPLE'S CHURCH: THE MUSICAL by Jane Carpenter, Josh Swenson & Friends.

We will truly celebrate and give thanks for this church community with fun, joy, and gratitude. This is an intergenerational service. Child care will be available.

Congregational meeting to vote on the Covenant immediately after the service.

May 10 ~ The Best Advice my Mother Gave Me & Flower Communion

Bring a flower to share for our annual flower communion and a brief story about one piece of advice (or example) your mother gave you (or someone who mothered you) that had a positive influence in your life. Thanks, Mom!

May 17 ~ Proverbs

Dr. Lou Yock

Great wisdom whittled down to that single sentence, something to remember and make a person chuckle, many religious and philosophical traditions have their "one-liners." When a person finds themselves in a bind, or asked to comment on a situation, these powerful little gems offer the clever way out. "Love may be blind, but the neighbor's aren't."

May 24 ~ Sacrifice

George Dila

This Memorial Day we will explore what it means to make sacrifices for those we love and for what we believe in by sharing inspirational stories and readings.

May 31 ~ Whine Tasting

Reverend Catherine Harrington

What's behind the whining and complaining that we do? If we carefully unpack the messages hidden beneath our clumsy attempts to get our needs met, we might find a better way to communicate with one another. Conflict analysis and engagement, a transformational approach.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS MAY'09

We will be finishing our section on Bible stories with Timeless Themes in May, and ending our look at Christian Scripture. Beginning in June, we ask members of the congregation with any craft or art skills, any environmental project that can be done in our time allotted on Sundays, or something of particular interest that you would like to share, to please sign up and lead a class with our children. If you are interested, or have an idea, let a member of the children's religious education committee know and we will find a date that fits your summer schedule.

Lou



MUSINGS OF REVEREND CATHERINE HARRINGTON

Winter seems almost like a bad dream as we see the beginnings of new life burst forth in optimistic shades of fledgling green, tiny and tender, young and hopeful. Carol Marshall, our new church administrator/wizard cleared away the remnants of old growth and raggedy trash that lay hidden beneath the snow for months, and she cleared away the tangle of weeds in our sweet little flower bed in front of the church. You can't help but smile. Ah, spring at last! Never mind the cold rain mixed with snow the last two days. Forget about that, it doesn't stand a chance against the force of spring once spring makes up its mind. Summer is just around the corner! Summer! There are kayaks, rivers, picnics, beach walks, sunsets, bike rides, hikes, sand dunes, tourists, oops, family, more family, house guests, company, tourists, more family. Is it fall yet? Just kidding....



It's been an interesting and invigorating spring, I'd say. My invitation to participate in the Good Friday community-wide service has ignited a latent conflict amongst the local faithful. The Unitarian Universalists were tolerated, much like gays and lesbians, and people of color, as long as they kept to themselves and didn't flaunt their liberal faith. But, to have the gall to expect to be acknowledged as equal or included is just going too far. The energetic reaction to our Unitarian Universalist faith in the letters to the editor of our local newspaper makes me conscious of how very important our remarkable heretical history is and how we must understand it clearly. I will focus in sermons over the next few weeks on our rich history to help you articulate our faith in ways that can be translated comfortably to others; this is who we are and why we are here. Third-generation Universalist, Dr. Elizabeth Strong sums up our UU faith beautifully:

"We have responded to an angry God with a loving God. We have asserted that God is One. We have affirmed Jesus as a teacher and prophet of God. We have affirmed the worthiness of humankind, of truths unknown and to be known and that all religions have some truth but no one religion has all the truth. We have moved with an evolving culture and increased knowledge with reason, faith, hope and tolerance, love and freedom."

Don't forget that we will vote on our covenant on May 3. Celebration Sunday! Our new covenant is a statement of how we want to be together. It is our guide; it doesn't mean that no one is allowed to disagree or be angry. The covenant states that when we disagree we will stay the course. We will listen, we will honor and acknowledge one another as we work towards understanding and hopefully resolution or an agreement to disagree in love. We do not need to think alike to love alike.

Let us live our UU values so completely that people will come to us and say, "I want to know more about your faith. I want to believe in the transformative power of love. I want to believe in the worth and dignity of every human being. I want to understand how to walk together in the ways of reason and tolerance, engaging our differences, working for justice, offering mercy, hope, love, and compassion to all people. I want some of that UU stuff you've got!"

In faith and love,

Cathy

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

May 14-25:
Cathy will be
in California for
Nina Kalmoutis'
ordination where she has
been invited to give the
ordination address.

MAY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

7— David Day	26—Stephen Hillman
15— Devon Hall	28—Lauren Smith

FABULOUS FIRST FRIDAY FILM FESTIVAL #63 FRIDAY, MAY 1, 7 P.M.

.**The Corporation**, a timely, witty, award-winning documentary will be shown at **People's Church** on **Friday, May 1st**, at **7:00 pm**. As the result of an 1868 Supreme Court decision, modern corporations enjoy the same legal rights and privileges as a person. However, given the status of persons, how do they compare? Viewers of the film may be surprised. Is the film fair? Reviews of the film on the website, "Rotten Tomatoes", are 90% favorable, mostly citing balance, giving equal voice to corporate representatives. Reviews critical of the film tend to cite that the focus is on problems, not solutions. Would you agree? The criterion for First Friday Films is that they lend themselves to discussion. Don't miss the discussion. Questions regarding the film may be directed to 843-4099.

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## MAY 3 IS CELEBRATION SUNDAY!!

WE WILL CELEBRATE ...

- "PEOPLE'S CHURCH:  
THE MUSICAL"
- COMPLETION OF THE  
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
- VOTING ON OUR NEW  
COVENANT
- 15<sup>TH</sup> YEAR BIRTHDAY CAKE

## ARE (ADULT RELIGIOUS ED) CLASS SUNDAYS AT 2 P.M.

### May 3 Understanding the Bible

This ongoing series, led by Dr. Louis Yock, will deal with understanding the Bible in its historical and literary context. It will examine how it was composed, the motivations of those composing it, and the historical circumstances surrounding its composition. We are following the book *Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals* by John A. Buehrens.

### May 10 Understanding the Bible: Institutions

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**May 17** The Welcoming Congregation: Discussion  
The People's Church Board of Directors has voted to investigate and pursue our church's becoming a "Welcoming Congregation." In this discussion we will investigate what this means as defined by the UUA, what it means to us as a congregation, and the next steps to be taken.

A.R.E. WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.

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TWO-BITS UNIVERSITY SUN., 5-6:30 P.M.

MAY 3 Tonight we will be watching **Young@Heart**, a vibrant and moving 2007 feature documentary produced for British television.

Young@Heart is about a fun-loving senior citizen's choir Northampton, MA, who have earned an international reputation for their unique interpretations of popular rock songs. To prepare for a show in their hometown that is only weeks away, choir must learn a slate of new songs, ranging from James Brown to Coldplay. The chorus' tireless musical director leads the group through a series of hilariously chaotic rehearsals, proving that hard rock can be hard work---especially when you're hard of hearing! Climaxing in a triumphant performance that will leave

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you cheering, their inspiring story celebrates the unbreakable bonds of friendship and the life-affirming power of music

MAY 10 *There will be no Two Bits "U" this evening.*

MAY 17 Tonight's program includes three more creative and entertaining short films from the Spiritual Cinema Circle.

Love on Track - In this film two people sit near each other on a train, trying to navigate the possibility of connection between them while taking a crash course in non-verbal communication.

We Were One - Welcome into the mind of a man who is a bit overwhelmed....by a computer printer? Blending humor with serious spiritual catharsis, the film brings us that moment where we remember that we truly were (and are) all one.

Humanity Ascending - Futurist Barbara Marx Hubbard gently takes us from the beginning of time to our possible future in this spellbinding documentary. Exploring our own evolution, she brings us hope in a time of immense change, offering an alternative and optimistic view of our future.

MAY 24 *No Two Bits U this evening.*

MAY 31 Tonight's program is a one-hour documentary produced by Coy Davis, of Grand Rapids, retracing the history of Idlewild.

Whatever Happened To Idlewild? - For many years, Idlewild was one of only a few resorts in the country where African-Americans could vacation and purchase property. From 1912 through the mid-60s, this "Black Eden" was an active year-round community and visited by well-known entertainers from throughout the country. Idlewild attracted entertainers such as Sarah Vaughn, Ell Fitzgerald, Count Basie, plus Smokey Robinson, the Miracles, Temptations and Four Tops got their start here. The documentary explores the social, political, and economic factors that shaped, and continue to shape, the rich history of Idlewild.

Don't forget! Photographers from *Life-touch* will be at our church on **Monday, May 4**, to take portraits for our People's Church family album.

Appointments have been made for the majority of our Members and Friends. Contact Carol Farley, Anne Pettigrew or Ron Johnson if you haven't made your date with the camera.

These pictures will not only make a fine directory for us, they will also be wonderful gifts for others. Each family will be given a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a free album.

MAY 31— INTERFAITH EVENT
7 P.M.—PEOPLE'S CHURCH

**MICHAEL DOWD,
THANK GOD FOR EVOLUTION**

As museums and universities the world over celebrate dual anniversaries for Charles Darwin in 2009, Reverend Michael Dowd, author of *Thank GOD for EVOLUTION* (Viking/Plume), a bold new book praised by both Nobel laureates and religious leaders, enters his 8th straight year traveling the country with his popular *Gospel of Evolution Roadshow*. In his dynamic sermons and seminars, awestruck audiences across America are wowed by Dowd's evolutionary epiphanies about the meaning of life and the current global integrity crisis

Evolutionary thinking is the zeitgeist of the 21st century. Not since the Copernican Revolution have we experienced comparable revelations about the natural world and our place in the universe. How will society ultimately reconcile science and religion? "Marry them!" exclaims Reverend Michael Dowd, author of **THANK GOD FOR EVOLUTION: How The Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World** (Plume; May 2009; ISBN: 978-0-452-29534-6).

<http://thankgodforevolution.com/category/media>

~~~ JUNE 7 - ANNUAL MEETING ~~~

so many hats....

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!**

- **AUCTION CHAIRMAN**  
(FILLED BY CAROL MARSHALL)
- **ONCE-A-MONTH NEWSLETTER STAPLERS, FOLDERS, SEALERS, SORTERS, LABELERS, STAMPERS, MAILERS, ETC.**  
(VOLUNTEERING ARE:  
PEG AND KENT GAGE, CAROLYN BEEKER, CAROL FARLEY, PATTY FURST, JUDY HARRINGTON, DIDI HOEPFINGER, MARY MARKOV, IRENE MAYER)
- **SOCIAL CHAIR**
- **SUNDAY GREETERS**  
(MANY PEOPLE ARE STEPPING FORWARD TO GREET!)
- **AUCTION COMMITTEE (SEE PAGE 9)**
- **AND MANY MORE**

**NOTE: THIS LIST WAS SO SUCCESSFUL IN RECRUITING THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO PLACE YOUR HELP WANTED AD HERE!**

**“TIME TO SPRING CLEAN”**

The office is in need of some items to help make things run more smoothly. To get ready for your spring cleaning, we are asking that you look in your garage, attic, shed, basement for these items, and, if you have no more need for them, we would gladly and gratefully accept them. Call Carol at the office, 845-6493, if you have any of these items:

- 2-drawer file cabinet
- 3-drawer file cabinet
- Wood desk
- Solid wood core door, paneled or plain
- Dining room arm chairs – 2 or 3 are needed
- Desk accessories – paper trays, pencil boxes, etc.
- Book ends
- Desk lamp
- Intercom
- CD holder
- Cross-cut shredder

“Affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person...”

Thanks go to Christine Reed-Fast for her painting “Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns Grow” for our Stewardship Campaign ( the original is now in the sanctuary); Carol Farley and Anne Pettigrew for heading up Stewardship as well as Membership; Lisa Hammond and PM Floral for answering our late request for Easter flowers, they were bountiful and beautiful! And to all those who purchased and dedicated the flowers; to Carol Farley, Anne Pettigrew and Ron Johnson for negotiating with photographers for the family album. Don't forget, pictures to be taken May 4; to Sunday goody providers, they are outstanding; to Office Volunteers— how did we ever get along without you? to Cathy for expanding our horizons in the community with a Good Friday service; to the Stewardship canvassers, a tough but necessary job; you are all wonderful emissaries of our congregation; to our choir who share their voices and love of singing every Sunday; to Lynn Hoepfinger who played his recorder the first Sunday after he and Didi returned from their snowbird duty; to the writers of PEOPLE’S CHURCH, THE MUSICAL performed on Celebration Sunday; a great script!! and to the cast and crew for your dedication and enthusiastic participation! To the board and all committees who work quietly behind the scenes. Your work is not invisible to us. And thanks to all the members and friends who contribute just by being part of our congregation.

**FAIR TRADE**

Fair trade coffee-- Mexican style spicy hot cocoa now on the shelves. Also tea, dried cranberries. What you

I THINK,  
THEREFORE, I'M DANGEROUS.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SALT LAKE CITY, UT  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION  
WED. JUNE 24 TO SUN. JUNE 28, 2009**

**Workshop:** The Network will present *Facilitator Training: The Key to Small Group Ministry Success*, at GA 2009 in Salt Lake City. Speakers include Diana Dorroh, the Rev. Melissa Carvill-Zeimer, the Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman, and the Rev. Bret Lortie. The workshop will provide a concrete plan for designing and implementing a comprehensive training program. The minister's role in sharing and blessing this ministry will be a special focus. Specific topics include:

1. Identifying and Recruiting
2. The Initial Training
3. Facilitators Meetings
4. Individual Coaching
5. Facilitator Recognition

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**SUN., AUG 16 TO FRI., AUG 21, 2009
THE MOUNTAIN, HIGHLANDS, NC
UU SMALL GROUP MINISTRY INSTITUTE**

The 2009 Institute incorporates the varied ways that Small Group Ministry/Covenant Groups enhance our congregations and Unitarian Universalism. There will be general information and in-depth sessions around special focuses (example: facilitation or coordination). We will be including resources and developments in the last year. We are looking for emerging trends and uses of Small Group Ministry. We will have opportunities for participants to present seminars from their own experiences. This distinguishes an Institute from a conference! AND we will have several hours each day to enjoy what The Mountain has to offer! There are trails on The Mountain and additional trails and other side trips nearby. The food is great. Visit the web site at <http://www.mountaincenters.org/>

The costs this year are \$500 for the lodging and program costs. There is a discount of \$25 for registering by July 1, and a \$30 discount to UU Small Group Ministry Network members (individual or congregational). We are aware of the cost of the conference. Please consider this as an investment in the Small Group Ministry program in your congregation.

**The Future is Now for
Electronic Newsletters***

Let's think about saving money, trees and time by distributing the People's Voice through the internet. Many UU congregation newsletters are now being sent electronically and eliminating their mailing and printing costs. Presently you can download our newsletter from our website, www.peopleschurchuu.com.

YOU MAY OPT OUT OF THE MAILING BY NOTIFYING CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, CAROL MARSHALL, 845-6493, OR UU-CHURCH@CHARTERINTERNET.COM. YOU CAN, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO RECEIVE IT THROUGH SNAIL MAIL.

***Excerpted from InterConnections, Spring 2009, Volume XII/Issue 2. Published quarterly by the UUA**

"Ah for the good old days, when a group of congregants would get together and fold and address a few hundred church newsletter, then lug them down to the post office. And wait two days for everyone to receive them. And then two weeks or a month later do it again.

That way of doing things has changed for many, perhaps most, congregations as the printed newsletter has given way to an electronic one. These days a majority of congregations seem to have their newsletters posted electronically, either by email distribution or posted to the church website, although most still print a few copies for those without access to computers and for Sunday morning visitors.

There are many good reasons for making this switch—saving money, saving trees, saving time, getting news into the hands of readers earlier, the ability to do a newsletter in color and to make last-minute changes and make corrections more promptly. Some might say it is eminently more findable—always there on the computer—rather than buried under a stack of paper on the corner of the desk."

"The big question for church leaders is whether readers are staying as connected and informed with an online newsletter as with a printed one... 'After listening to other editors and to congregants at annual meetings, going electronic hasn't

**Hate free zone;
Intolerance will not be tolerated.**

AUGUST IS AUCTION TIME!

It's that time of year again to begin thinking of our annual auction. Auction 2009 will take place in August – before you snow birds go south! This is our one opportunity to raise additional funds to support our many important programs and services and have **fun** doing it! This year, in addition to the silent auction, we'll have a live auction and a raffle!

The committee will include as many of you who are interested in being part of this annual event. There is much to do to get ready. The more of you who could assist in making this event a success, the more successful the auction will be for the church. Come to a brainstorming session to share auction ideas; help at the auction; solicit auction items; prepare publicity; work on auction night decorations; and many more opportunities for you to use your creative talents.

In the past the most successful auction items have been social events. What dinners, parties, services or treasures are you going to donate to the Auction this year? Just some teasers already planned:

Jazz brunch on the lake

Dulcimer music and wine

Salsa dancing for everyone

Beach glass jewelry workshop

Ways to help now:

Brainstorm to identify ideas for the Auction:

On Monday, **May 4 – 4-6pm**, Meet to talk about your ideas for the auction. Carol will be here to meet with you while you are here for your Church directory portrait.

Donate auction items– goods or services.

Email Carol at yannidesigns@charter.net or snail mail at 4460 W. Fox Farm Rd., Manistee, MI 49660 with (1) name of item, (2) brief description, (3) estimated value and (4) minimum acceptable bid. We're already looking for donations of air miles, vacation house rentals, chef offerings, and even pet sitting services. Please note, if goods are donated, they need to be new or in excellent condition.

Be part of this exciting committee

Just let Carol know. Meetings will be brief and to the point. There're sure to be snacks, and even more importantly, you won't be asked to do more than you want.

Looking forward to hearing from you, and *thank you!*

Carol Marshall, Auction Coordinator

Laughing at Ourselves: UU Jokes

Rev. Cynthia A. Snavelly, Unitarian Universalists of Fallston, Maryland

There are many, many jokes about Unitarian Universalists. As with most jokes, there is an element of truth in them. That is what makes them funny. We can learn something about ourselves from the jokes about us.

A visitor to a Unitarian Universalist church sat through the sermon with growing incredulity at the heretical ideas being spouted. After the sermon a UU asked the visitor, "So how did you like it?" "I can't believe half the things that minister said!" sputtered the visitor in outrage. "Oh, good, then you'll fit right in!" the UU replied.

A Catholic was explaining to a Unitarian Universalist friend how dogma was formulated in the Catholic Church. "First it is debated by the Church authorities. Then, when the debate is ended, whatever was decided upon is declared dogma by the Pope."

"It's pretty much the same with us," said the UU. "I thought you didn't have dogma?" "That's because no debate among UUs ever ends!"

A Unitarian Universalist died, and to his surprise discovered that there was indeed an afterlife. The angel in charge of these things told him, "Because you were an unbeliever and a doubter and a skeptic, you will be sent to Hell for all eternity -- which, in your case, consists of a place where no one will disagree with you ever again!

It is said that wherever you find two Jews, you find three religious opinions. UUs would be amazed at such unanimity

Hearing that a great flood was coming, Roman Catholics fondled their rosaries, Methodists joined in prayer, but UU's formed a class to try to learn to live under water.

Didja hear the one about the UU monastery. All are welcome, but to allow for peaceful contemplation, you must take a vow of silence -- unless you think of something REALLY good!

We do like to talk, which is why we have occasionally been described as Quakers who can't keep silent.

A UU family moves into a new neighborhood. Their little girl finds a new playmate, and they are happily getting to know each other. One day, the playmate says, "We're Episcopalians, what are you?" The UU child thinks for a minute and says, "I'm not sure, but I think we're League of Women Voters."


The copy machine broke down at the Unitarian Universalist church -- a disaster of biblical proportions! Because it was Sunday, no repair person could be called until the next day, and they desperately needed more copies of the morning hymn. After fluttering around the machine in distress for some time, a member more mechanically inclined than the rest found the problem. "It's just out of paper. The flashing box said right there 'Replace Paper in Tray 2.' Sheesh, can't anyone here follow directions?" Another member retorted, "If we were the kind of people who followed directions we wouldn't be Unitarian Universalists!"

We are who we are. Let's enjoy it.

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 for the Arts

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>You can access the church calendar by going to <a href="http://www.localendar.com/public/uuchurch">www.localendar.com/public/uuchurch</a></p>					1 7 p.m. Fabulous First Friday Film	2
<b>3 CELEBRATION SUNDAY!</b> 9:30 a.m. —Choir Practice 11:00 a.m.—Church Service & RE 2:00 p.m.—ARE 5:00 p.m. - Two Bits U 7:30 p.m. - Zen Meditation	4 2 P.M.—9 P.M. Portraits Taken 4-6 p.m. Auction Brainstorming	5 6-9 p.m. Closed Meeting	6	7 10 a.m. Recorder Practice 7:30 p.m. Zen Meditation	8	9
<b>10 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9:30 a.m. —Choir Practice 11:00 a.m.—Church Service & RE 1:00 p.m.—Adult RE 7:30 p.m. - Zen Meditation	11	12 6-9 p.m. Closed Meeting	13 7 p.m. Board Meeting	14 10 a.m. Recorder Practice 7:30 p.m. Zen Meditation	15	16
<b>17</b> 9:30 a.m. —Choir Practice 11:00 a.m.—Church Service & RE 2:00 p.m.—ARE (Final) 5:00 p.m. - Two Bits U 7:30 p.m. - Zen Meditation	18	19 7 p.m. COM 6-9 p.m. Closed	20	21 10 a.m. Recorder Practice 7:30 p.m. Zen Meditation	22	23
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<b>31</b> 9:30 a.m. —Choir Practice 11:00 a.m.—Church Service & RE 2:00 p.m.—ARE 5:00 p.m.—Two-Bit U 7:00 p.m.—Michael Dowd (PC) 7:30 p.m. - Zen Meditation SPLIT-THE-PLATE SUNDAY	June 1	2	3	4 10 a.m. Recorder Practice 7:30 p.m. Zen Meditation	5	6

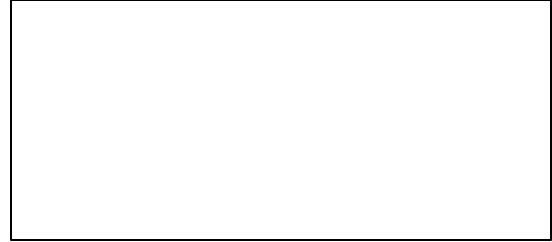
Date	Hospitality Hosts	Flowers	Sanctuary Keepers	Ushers
5/3	Jane Carpenter Irene Mayer		Carol Farley	Carol and Dave Rodwell
5/10	Carmine Killey & Dave Nixon Mary and John Markov		Carolyn Beeker	Elizabeth and Dan Caldwell-Bissell
5/17	Alison and Dick Puffer Sue Scarfino	Alice	Alice Dennison	Alice and Ed Dennison
5/24	Ruth and Keith Crompton Marilyn and Ron Steiner		Carol Farley	Ruth and Keith Crompton
5/31	Deb Dila and Terry Murphy Marianne Strickland	Anne	Anne Pettigrew	Anne and Norm Pettigrew

REGULAR MEETING TIMES
SUNDAYS @ 2:00 P.M. - A.R.E.
SUNDAYS @ 5:00 P.M.—2-BITS U
SUNDAYS @ 7:30 P.M.—ZEN MEDITATION
TUESDAYS @ 7P.M.—CLOSED MEETING
THIRD TUESDAY @ 7 P.M.—COM
SECOND WEDNESDAY @ 7 P.M.—BOARD MEETING
THURSDAYS @ 10 A.M.—RECORDER PRACTICE
THURSDAYS @ 7:30 P.M.—ZEN MEDITATION
SATURDAYS 10-12—EVENSONG
LAST SATURDAY @ 7:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. - BUDDHIST RETREAT



## People's Church

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### **We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:**

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

### **The living tradition we share draws from many sources:**

Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;

- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit; and
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

**“ Love is the spirit of this church, and service is it's law.... ”**