

A newsletter for Emerson Unitarian Universalist Chapel
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A Window into Our Soul

It's funny how revelation comes when you're not expecting it.

Take the chapel that so many Emerson members had devoted such time, energy and money to build. We thought we were erecting a sacred space for the gathering of a spiritual community. Not that this has not happened! Sunday service in our chapel has become a source of peace and growth for myself and I gather many others. It seemed like a complete space for our needs.

Except for one thing. I always felt badly that we could not finish our central round window with some type of decorative installation like stained glass. We were left with a large piece of plain glass that seemed, well, vacant. Someday, somehow, our congregation would be able to get around to finishing this.

Then during a recent Adult RE session several members shared a completely different view of this round piece of plain glass. One member shared how she loved seeing the trees across the street and had even contemplated asking the neighbors there to preserve them if possible. Another noted that birds would often sit on the power line and once appeared to be roosting on the head of guest speaker. And another member noted that the window was magic: at night the outer spotlight would cast a round light that on the ceiling became a heart-shaped shadow. To these members the window was already complete.

I realized that as we build this community, we gather together ourselves into unexpected alignments, creating surprise, intrigue, and, well, revelation. Here's to more surprise!

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KRISTA'S CORNER

MINISTER'S NOTES FROM REV. KRISTA TAVES



Stewardship: Showing That We Care

In February I had the privilege of attending one of two Kindling the Flame sessions. These sessions were intended to help the members and friends of Emerson Chapel express why this congregation is so special to them and what they would like to see for its future. We had a great turnout. Long-time and not-so-long-time members, young and old, parents and singles, members and friends.

I was deeply moved by much of what I heard. For many this is a tremendously important community that has become central to their lives. Their deepest friendships are here. This is a place where you can truly be who you are and say what you believe and be accepted just as you are. This is an oasis for many as they struggle to find community in conservative St. Louis and St. Charles Counties. This is also a beacon for many. We have a different religious message to offer the world – one of freedom from fear and a willingness to engage the reality of our world.

Many of you come here for your children. You want your children to have a strong religious foundation that is

child-centered, not doctrine-centered. You want them to understand how important it is to live their values. You want them to understand what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist and to have a basic knowledge of world religions. We cannot live in isolation in our pluralistic world. We want our children to have the spiritual literacy to live rich full lives in this beautifully diverse world.

What impressed me most was the exceeding generosity of those participating. You were not only giving of your time, you were giving of your thoughts and hopes, your creative impulses and ideas. You were giving of your spirit for the future of this church.

Generosity is the heart of this congregation. The generosity of generations past is the reason we are here, and it is our present and future generosity that will sustain and grow us into the future. This church, like all Unitarian Universalist churches, has the right and responsibility to govern itself. There is no centralized authority that supports us financially, nor does it tell us what to do or what to believe. Emerson Chapel is self-sustaining and our primary source of financial support comes from our members and friends who make financial gifts to the church.

As a group of people covenanted together into a church, we believe that a financially healthy church is the responsibility of all. We also know that if this church and this faith are to live into the future for our children and

grandchildren, we must care for this institution, and keep it strong.

Every spring, we ask our members and friends to renew their pledge for the coming year. Our pledge will begin March 15th and end April 5th. In anticipation of our pledge season, I would ask each and every one of you to take some time to consider what this congregation means to you and how you are willing to support its ministry. It takes everyone to make this place what it is.

*In faith,
Rev. Krista.*

Rev. Taves Office Hours

Available by appointment:
Mar. 2 - 7: We Th Sa Su
Mar. 9 - 15: We Th Sa Su
Mar. 16 - 22: We Th Sa Su
Mar. 23 - 29: Tu We Rev.
Taves will be attending the Unitarian Universalist Revival in Tulsa OK March 26-28.

Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care please call 417-343-8657.

For regular pastoral care, please contact the Care and Concern Committee through the Church Office
(office@emersonuuchapel.org)

LEIGH'S LINES

President's Notes from Leigh English



Mind your own business! How many times have you heard that? As a parent of two young adults I don't hear it anywhere near as often or as loudly as I did through Elementary, Middle and even the early parts of High School. Now I am in a position where my children actually want my feedback, and more surprising than that, they even ask for it as if to ensure that they are still part of my business. Many of the questions we face in our homes, our lives and certainly within our religious fellowship boil down to similar questions: Are we minding our business? What is our business?

Emerson Emissary

Serving the members and friends of Emerson Unitarian Universalist Chapel. Editor: Tom Kibby

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The Emerson Board has been asking this question and trying to come up with a clear articulation of what we are all about—what our business really is. The mission and vision team have been asking this as well perhaps within the context of another great question: who do we want to be?

At the mid year board meeting I suggested that we are a congregation comprised of many different walks of life and many disciplines but we are not a congregation that exists because of these occupations—in fact, the congregation may even exist in spite of these. Granted, what we can do professionally or choose to do as amateurs adds a lot of meaning to our lives; but arguably, our congregation exists because there is something that causes us “to become” something else together.

Whatever the shared collective sense of “becoming” may be, we symbolize it with the flaming chalice, that fire inside of a receptacle for all to consume. Some of us access the flaming chalice through our participation in children's or adult Religious Education. Others access it through our wide variety of Worship experiences. Still others access the chalice through Fellowship with like minded people; and others find collective opportunities for Service at the heart of the flame.

Our shared commitment to care for and minister to each other opens the chapel doors and lights the flaming chalice for Religious Education,

Worship, Fellowship and Service. While others may find different sources of energy at the center of our tradition, I am most compelled to believe that it is our commitment to care for each other that makes everything else possible. I enjoy seeing this commitment as a center we share with other great religious traditions—effectively loving our neighbors as ourselves. Shared commitments require shared resources of time, talent and finances.

My own experience with these facets of our business changes with time and circumstances. When my children were young, Religious Education dominated my religious life. Now other dimensions are maturing. The nice thing about our religious heritage is that growth is ours to claim and our chapel encourages our growth in all aspects of our life together.

So what do you claim as your business? What of our business together brings out your sense of shared commitment? How does minding your business shape the resources of our community? Whatever those things are, we are all better for your commitment to them. Our growth together depends on you minding your own business—together!

*Grace and Peace,
Leigh*

A Month of Services

All Sunday Services begin at 10:00 AM

March 1–
**“Unitarian Universalist
Theology V: Missiology”.**
Rev. Krista Taves

“Mission” work has received a lot of well-deserved criticism for its disrespect of different belief systems. In recent years, progressive religious people have sought to reclaim the concept of mission in a way that respects religious diversity and returns us to the true meaning of mission. Unitarian Universalists are no exception.

Musician: Nancy Pappas, Piano, and Lauren Suttie, Vocals
Adult RE: “Faithfulness in a Pluralistic Society” Rev. Taves

March 8
**“Ethical Culture and
Unitarian Universalism:
Similarities and
Differences”**
Kate Lovelady, Leader,
Ethical Society of St. Louis

There is a lot of overlap in the development of Ethical Culture and Unitarian Universalism. Both are liberal religions that grew out of enlightenment ideals and free thought movements. Today, both tend to attract people of similar bent: those looking for community, inspiration, and social action without traditional dogma. But there are also differences in history, emphasis, and style

that make each tradition distinctive and that help us to appreciate the diversity within liberal religion.
NOTE: Rev. Krista Taves and Ethical Society Leader Kate Lovelady are exchanging pulpits this Sunday.

Musician: Bill Dechand,
Singer-Songwriter-Guitarist
Adult RE: Kate Lovelady

March 15
**“Generosity in Hard
Times”**
Rev. Krista Taves

The news media and the politicians aren't mincing words - we are in a serious economic recession. These are hard times for many people. Hard times ask us to focus on what really matters in our lives. We can't be wasting our precious resources of time, talent, and treasure on things that don't matter in the long run.

Musician: William Taves,
vocals
Adult RE: “Spiritual Beings
vs. Human Beings”

**March 22 “Live and Let
Live (Even When Others
Won't)”**
Rev. Krista Taves

Buddhism asks us to develop a light touch to life. Care deeply, live passionately, but know enough to let go. Let people be who they are. Let

yourself be who you are. Live your values. Let others live theirs. Easier said than done, especially when values clash and you see other's choices (and quite possibly even your own) doing harm. How do you live lightly when the stakes feel so high? [Youth Pew]

Musician: Matt Krafcik,
Cello
Adult RE: “Faith and Belief”

March 25 7 PM
Wednesday Vespers

Rev. Krista Taves

March 29
**“World Religions and
World Federation - Henry
Nelson Wieman: Unitarian
Philosopher of Religion”**
Dr. David Oughton

Dr. David Oughton teaches courses in the world's religions at CBC High School and at several colleges. He organizes the St. Louis Dialogue Group of the World's Religions and Philosophies. In this address, Dr. Oughton will explore the perspectives of Henry Wieman, a Missouri-born theologian, leading American religious philosopher, writer, speaker, and UUA-Distinguished Unitarian Universalist.

Musician: Ron McGowan,
Piano
Adult RE: Dr. David
Oughton

Programming

Our Unitarian Universalist Roots

*February 24, March 3, &
March 10,
7 PM - 8:30 PM*

This class is an excellent introduction to anyone new to Unitarian Universalism or new to this congregation, as well as those considering becoming a member.

The three session class will be held on three consecutive Tuesday evenings. The first session will cover the history of Unitarian Universalism; the second will explore UU theology; and the final session will cover Emerson Chapel's 25-year history and next steps for making this your religious home.

Participants benefit most by attending all three sessions, although we will certainly welcome you if unable to attend all three.

Please call the office (636 526-7393) to attend.

The Music Committee

is looking at music for the next church year. We would like to hear from you and anyone else who has ideas for next year. Let us know if you would like to invite back a particular guest musician from this year; submit the name/email of friends or family you would enjoy hearing. All suggestions are welcome.

*The Music Committee:
[Phyllis MacLaren](#), [Eric Stix](#)
and [Sam Faith](#).*

Voluntary Simplicity An Adult Religious Education Course

The five sessions will be:
The Meaning of Simplicity;
Living More with Less;
Making a Living; Do you
Have the Time?; and Living
Simply and Sustainably.
We meet at Emerson on
Thursday evenings from 7
to 8:30 on the following
dates.

- March 12 Living More with Less
- March 19? Making a Living: Your Money or Your Life

Anyone is welcome to attend one session or all five. Contact Nancy Russell for more information. Learn more at adultre@emersonuuchapel.org

Becoming a Member of Emerson Chapel

What does it mean to become a member of a Unitarian Universalist congregation? Being a member of a community of faith is what makes the meaning of one's religion come alive. If you feel that Unitarian Universalism fits you better than any religion, if you find that Emerson Chapel is a place where you feel you belong, we would welcome you to consider joining this covenantal community. You may sign the membership book at any time. Simply let Rev. Taves or a member of the welcoming team (the ones greeting at the door!)

Spring Retreat

*Owning Your Religious Past
April 3-4
at Emerson Chapel*

Rev. Taves will be offering a weekend retreat beginning Friday evening, April 3rd and continuing through the day on Saturday April 4th.

The retreat offers participants the opportunity to explore who they are religiously, what their past religious perspectives and experiences have been, and who they hope to become as Unitarian Universalists.

This retreat provides some simple tools through which people may reexamine and retrieve positive aspects of past religious connections. It addresses the affective elements of these connections, rather than dogma. The workshop is designed to provide both group sharing and private exploration.

Deadline for Registration: March 31, 2009. Please email minister@emersonuuchapel.org
Times: Friday April 3, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday April 4, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Daytimers Club

The next Daytimers Club will be held Thursday March 12, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The monthly Daytimers Group is now permanently meeting on the second Thursday of the month. Bring a brown bag lunch and a readiness for good conversation.

AWESOME EMERSON!!

Our cup (red wheelbarrow) runneth over! You have responded overwhelmingly to requests for food for the Circle of Concern. The first collection amounted to too many cans, jars and boxes to count, and each collection has been better than the first.

Phyllis MacLaren has been delivering our goods to the Circle and has filled up her car trunk many times so far. The Circle has expressed their appreciation for our donations, since there is a greater need than ever before for their aid. They also mentioned that they include peanut butter & jelly in every bag, so there is always a need for them—and jello!

Canned fruit is requested for March 1, 8 & 15; March 22 & 29 we'll collect family supplies, such as TP, facial tissue, toothpaste, etc. And as always, any donation you choose to bring is appreciated.



Can You Sing? Dance? Write?

If you are creative, enjoy bringing fun ideas to life, or making people laugh, then WE NEED YOU in the Emerson Canvass Players!

We are “casting” a troupe of writers and players for the entertainment portion of our Canvass Dinner Celebration scheduled for Sunday night, April 5th. Don't miss out on the fun. Watch for more information in your weekly e-mail: This Week at Emerson and in Sunday's Order of Service.

Or, contact co-chairs Linda Giddy & Camille Herman.

Canvass Dinner Celebration – Sunday, April 5th

Contact Marcy Saphian to help with the dinner portion of the evening. She needs cooks and people to help with set-up and clean-up.

Women's Weekend at Eliot April 18-19, 2009

Women's Weekend is sponsored by the women of Eliot Unitarian Chapel and is open to other Unitarian women and their friends. We provide a wonderful variety of workshops, meditation, networking. Join us at Pallottine Renewal Center, 15270 Old Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO. Women can register on-line www.eliotchapel.org/WW

Photographic Exhibit Coming in April

Coming This Spring Emerson UU Chapel welcomes a photographic exhibit by Emerson members Bob Layne and daughter Katie Layne. The exhibit ([sample](#)) will be showing in Emerson's Sanctuary from April through May. Featured will be photos of New Orleans taken during the Chapel's Social Justice trip in 2007.

Past Emerson artists who have displayed their work include:

- Carole Behrer, Scherenchnitte in False Grain Frames
- Marcy Saphian paintings
- Phyllis Maclaren, fiber based and mixed media

Emerson Readers Circle

March is Read MOre month for Readers Circle and we continue our tradition this year with "A Thousand Acres" by Jane Smiley. We're excited, too, that our discussion will be led by Kathleen Nigro on Monday, March 16th. Those of us who want to share a brown bag dinner meet at 6:30; discussion and dessert begin at 7 and we're usually done around 8 or so. If you're planning ahead, the April selection is Daniel Botkin's "Our Natural History: the Lessons of Lewis & Clark." For more information or to be added to our e-mail information list, contact Pam Foresman.

RE VIEW

Lauren Lyerla, DRE

As we begin March, our RE Program takes its final turn for the year, leaving our study of world religions, and returning to our study of Unitarian Universalist history, identity, and values.

I am so grateful to the guests who have visited with us these past weeks. H. Shukla taught about Hinduism, Jennifer Nahm and Glenda Starek taught about Paganism, Shoshin taught about Buddhism, and Maria Kwarta taught about the religious beliefs of the Ojibway (Chippewa) tribe.

March 1 is our final lesson of this World Religions unit, and we have a speaker coming from the Islamic Foundation of St. Louis.

This is our first year of using what is called a “pillar model” of RE: learning about world religions, our Jewish and Christian heritage, and our UU history, identity, and values all in the same church year (before, those three topics had been separate year-long programs of study). Our classrooms return to studying Unitarian Universalism, but with the context of having spent 5 lessons studying Jewish and Christian heritage and 5 lessons studying world religions. With this greater perspective, we can now look more deeply into our own faith

Lastly, if your children are still very young, you might not be reading my Youth Interface column – but I encourage you to read it this month. I’m reporting on a fascinating and inspiring book that impacts all of us: as parents and as liberal religious people.

Youth Interface

I’ve just finished reading a remarkable book: *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation* by Eboo Patel. Eboo is American raised in Chicago but his family is Muslim from India. He had a difficult time carving out an identity for himself, as these three aspects didn’t seem compatible in the same individual. He was bullied in school because he looked different, and worried for his family members still in India when Muslims are targets of violence there.

As he read about the suicide bombers from the London railway bombings of 2005, he saw that the young men who committed these crimes were from backgrounds not so very different from his own. What makes some men become violent religious extremists, while others work for religious pluralism? In his well-written book he determines that it is influence from adults that makes the difference, and that religious fundamentalists are very good at reaching youth and speaking to their needs. He argues persuasively that if religious pluralists had reached those young men before the fundamentalists did, their lives could have been very different. What I took from this story is that Unitarian Universalists can and should be doing some very important work by serving our youth, and by reaching out to other youths.

Eboo has started a powerful movement with his Interfaith Youth Core (ifyc.org): it brings together youth of differing religious backgrounds to work together on social justice projects. I encourage all of Emerson’s youth to visit the website and learn more.

Religious Education Hour for Children and Youth: February 2009

March 1

Preschool-PreK: People of all colors are important.
K – 8th*: Islam – guest speaker.
Senior Youth Group: no class.
Any youth at Emerson on March 1 are invited to join our Islam class, or Adult Education, or help in the nursery/preschool

March 8

Preschool-PreK: Bodies are beautiful.
K – 2nd: “Used to Think”
3-5th: Human rights: the story of Errol D. Collymore
6 - 8th*: Love and equality
Senior Youth Group: Articulating your UU Faith

March 15

Preschool-PreK: Spring makes our earth beautiful with color.
K – 2nd: Asking questions
3-5th: Guest interview
6 - 8th*
Senior Youth Group: A famous UU and how he or she put values into action

March 22:

Preschool-PreK: Spring brings changes to our earth.
K – 2nd: A vote for everyone
3-5th: The rights of all people
6 - 8th* The black box
Senior Youth Group: Rev. Krista Taves continues discussion of Youth Pew topic.

March 29:

No classes: Ice cream sundae Sunday followed by short social justice project.

* 8th Graders have a choice: they may elect to go to the Junior Youth Group class/activity or the Senior Youth Group class/activity.

Children and Youth Religious Education is every Sunday from 11:15 until 12:15

RANDY'S DESK
Chapel Administrator's
Notes - Randy
Whitman

New Office Hours
M,W,Th,F: 9:00 - 1:00

In February this generous congregation donated a total of \$358.43 for Lift for Life Gym, dedicated to helping children who live in the City of St. Louis, to challenge themselves to be the best that they can be. In January we welcomed 18 visitors.

Randy is requesting that members and friends keep her updated of their current phone, address and e-mail to be ready for the next update of the Chapel Directory. Randy can be contacted by calling the chapel office at: 636-256-7393 or by e-mail at: office@emersonuuchapel.org



Finances January 31, 2009		
	January 2009	Year to Date
Pledge Income	\$ 10,893	\$ 90,356
Other Income	\$ 2,574	\$ 29,787
Total All Income	\$ 13,467	\$ 120,143
Total Expenses	\$ 15,568	\$ 115,503
Difference	\$ (2,101)	\$ 4,640

MONEY MATTERS

Susan Bell, Treasurer

When it comes to our Chapel, I am reminded of the saying, "It takes a village..." In this case, I am referring to the individuals who are making sure that the Chapel is running smoothly. I would like to name a few who are making sure that this is happening from a financial perspective.

- Randy Whitman – who is diving into her new job and making sure those deposits make it to the bank
- Lynn Murdoch, a Finance Committee chair who is always asking if she can help
- Barb Brown, who continues to answer finance questions for those of us who are still struggling.
- Peggy Colwell, who has helped the bookkeeper get our records set up accurately, trained Randy on financial matters and reminds me when items are overlooked.

And a special thanks to those who contributed to ensure that we could take the next step towards an outside bookkeeper, Stephen Rudolph. It is individuals and groups like these who make the Treasurer's job somehow manageable. Yes, we have small potholes in our

village as we have four critical individuals (Randy, Peggy, Stephen and myself) who are new to their roles with Emerson. But we also see lots of smooth pavement in our community. We have made tremendous progress in the past few months as a result of extra efforts by the individuals above, especially Peggy. Are the operations running smoothly? Probably not quite yet, but we see the potential just a little farther ahead.

The Canvass is coming up and from a financial perspective, look for a program based budgeting. You may wonder how that differs. From the accounting/bookkeeping side of the finances, it will be the same. But from trying to understand where our money is spent, it will be basically simplified into about five or six categories: Sunday Worship, Youth RE, Adult RE, Fellowship and Pastoral Care/ Outreach. This will help put some of our numbers in perspective. If you are an individual who only comes for the Sunday worship service, you may not realize that it costs almost \$2,000 a Sunday to provide a minister in the pulpit, music, worship space as well as heat and lights. Watch for more details in the canvass material coming out soon.

Emerson Chapel Board of Trustees Meeting

Feb. 15, 2009

Present: Susan Bell, Leigh English (President), Ian Evison, Larry Foresman, Rebecca Langrall, Charlie Lewis, Krista Taves.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Leigh English at 12:36 p.m. Krista read the opening words which dealt with what we see as the reasons we value our church.

Ian Evison, Congregational Services Director (CMD)

Discussion of how to manage the transition between family sized to a pastoral sized congregation. Involves moving from thinking about a minister's work toward thinking about ministries. Different kinds of leadership are needed for congregations of different sizes.

Roles - It is a huge shift from having a part-time to a full time minister. There is a huge renegotiation of the responsibilities.

Finances – In the first 4 – 5 years as a pastoral sized church, finances can be very stretched as both the building and minister can take up a large share of fixed costs.

Mission – Being UU in general isn't enough for a pastoral-sized church. We need to discern where the sense of felt mission among us exists. The Board's role becomes one of maintaining focus on that mission (a few central commitments), especially in the context of an economic downturn. Financial giving in congregations is remarkably durable throughout these downturns. 60% of churches expect the same income as

last year and 20% expect more. But money is given for different reasons, usually something related to filling the direct needs of those who suffer. People have to be convinced that we are focusing our money toward those ends, e.g., ways to save money, ways to distribute money to those in need. Helpful to have an image to capture the center of energy of the congregation. Where do all our circles of concern overlap?

Financial Committee Report –

A congregation of this size needs more formality with its financial reporting and this is now possible with Stephen Rudolph's services available to us.

Leigh thanked Susan and Peggy for their work with Stephen Rudolph to help present the Emerson budget, income statement, balance sheet, and program budget in such a clear manner. Susan Bell's Program Budget is divided into six areas, moving from most to least funding allocated: Sunday Morning Worship, Youth RE, Fellowship, Pastoral Care, Outreach and Adult RE. This format helps us clarify our values. We are at mid-year and pledges are at about the mid-point.

Stewardship Committee –

Canvass Sunday is March 15, 2009. Might have people speak about the themes we are "lifting up" from the kindling the flame sessions, such as healing, raising our kids, fellowship, and deepening our spiritual selves and how they each overlap with service. We are identifying folks who share why they are here at Emerson at this service. We could then select key points from their stories to put into text to

distribute along side other canvass materials.

Krista could start and Leigh could end the service, with the testimonials in the middle. Leigh could encourage folks to fill out their pledge card at the end of the kick-off Sunday. Need to connect with Camille about the communication piece.

Need to identify folks who can make calls to folks who forget to turn in their pledge cards.

Leigh will collect info the board can use to help with the canvass process.

RE Report – Looks very exciting. There are opportunities to address Islam locally.

Ministry Report – Leigh thanked Krista for her report and the many activities being undertaken.

Larry Foresman read closing words on honoring the places in us that are universal.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Becky Langrall
Emerson Board of Trustees
Secretary*



Alton Fundraiser

First Unitarian Church of Alton will have a fundraising concert on March 7th, 7 to 9:30pm. "An evening of music with Khleber Van Zandt and Friends" will feature some of Emerson's favorite UU musicians, Kathie Price, Rich Heuermann and Kathleen Meade. Show your support by buying tickets early. Email Phyllis MacLaren (pemaclaren@aol.com) or look for her after church. \$10 (\$5/students)

Covenant Group News

The M&Ms covenant group for midlife women has grown! So we have divided into M&Ms East and West, determined by whether you reside east or west of Clarkson Road. Both groups continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in member homes, and quarterly they will meet jointly at the Chapel. We are welcoming new members, so contact Pam Foresman (West) or Linda Giddy (East) for more information.

Green Thoughts

What will happen to some 15 million analog TV sets rendered obsolete after the transition to digital transmission on February 17, 2009? According to the Consumer Electronics Association, 25% of them will be recycled. Even one TV set can leak 8 lbs. of lead into the environment. You can research online where to dump your TV by checking the CEA's website www.mygreenelectronics.org or go to www.earth911.org. Type in your zip code, and a list of area recycling centers pops up with addresses and phone numbers. Or contact the U.S. Environmental Recycling Hotline at 1-800-253-2687. Call your recycling center first to see if they accept TV's. Another option is to go to manufacturers and retailers, like Sony and Best Buy, who have their own plans. The EPA lists its plug-in partners on www.epa.gov/rcc/plugin. That will transfer you to corporate sites that detail their TV recycling programs.

Susan Stafford

Calling All Singers

Our "occasional choir" will sing on Easter Sunday, April 12. We will rehearse on Tuesday nights at 7:00 beginning Tuesday, March 3rd. If you would like to sing, and would like to join us, please contact Camille Herman at Music@emersonuuchapel.org All voice parts are needed. No training necessary.

Universalist Convocation 2009

Celebrating the religious heart of Unitarian Universalism
May 15-17, The Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham, Alabama
Information will be posted at www.nmuc.org/Convo

March Circle Suppers

are on the weekend of March 13-14. If you would like to take part, contact Camille Herman, chair at Circle@emersonuuchapel.org

Womyn's Web

The Womyn's Web meeting in March will be Monday, March 2nd at 7pm. This meeting will be held at Emerson Chapel and include the annual clothing exchange. Women attending may bring any clothing items they wish to donate for this event. As it is also potluck, women may bring snacks, treats and/or a beverage to share.

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Service 10AM Rev. Taves	2 Womyns Web	3 7PM Choir Rehersal	4 Movie Matinee Men's Group 7PM	5 The Spiritual Journey 7PM	6	7 Family Game Night 6-9 PM
8 Service 10AM Kate Lovelady	9 M&Ms 7PM*	10 Wyse Womyn 1:30PM* Living the Journey - Emerson 6:30PM 7PM Choir Rehersal	11	12 Daytimers Club 11AM 7PM Voluntary Simplicity	13 Circle Suppers	14 Circle Suppers
15 Service 10 AM Rev. Taves BOARD 1PM	16 Readers Circle 7PM	17 7PM Choir Rehersal	18 Men's Group 7PM Caregivers 7:30PM*	19	20	21
22 Service 10 AM Rev. Taves	23 M&Ms 7PM*	24 Wise Women 1:30 Living the Journey - Emerson 6:30PM 7PM Choir Rehersal	25 Wednesday Vespers 7PM	26	27	28
29 Service 10 AM Dr. David Oughton	30	31 7PM Choir Rehersal	1 Movie Matinee Men's Group 7PM	2	3	4

All events occur at Emerson unless noted with an *
Child care may be provided to any Emerson Sponsored event, please call the Chapel office.
Confirm with Covenant Group (CG) leader for meeting location and time.

Upcoming events:

- Circle Suppers March 13/14, April 10/11
- Emerson Spring Retreat April 3-4
- Canvass Dinner Celebration Sunday, April 5
- Youth Con, Eliot Chapel April 17-19

Emerson Covenant Groups Invite New Members.

Emerson's Covenant Groups, our program of small group ministry, welcomes new members. Groups of up to ten people meet once or twice a month with a focus on deep listening and sharing personal experiences. Prepared session plans are used to guide each session, with topics such as forgiveness, gratitude, or saying good bye. Groups also do service projects for the church and community. Participants find that they get to know themselves, and often others, more deeply in these small groups. For more information about specific covenant groups, please see the church [website](#) or pick up a copy of the Emerson Program Guide at the visitor table. If you are interested in joining a covenant group, please email office@emersonuuchapel.org and we will be in touch with you.



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