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## Choices

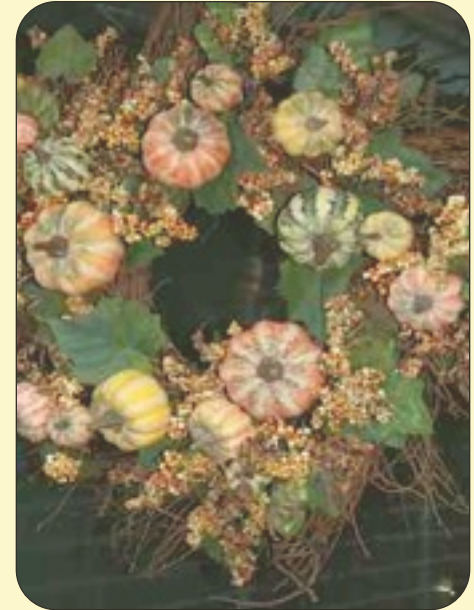
This is a season of choices. The obvious kind looming before those who are adults and citizens is a round of national, state and local elections and referenda. This election provides distinct choices between liberal versus conservative values. But it also provides numerous pragmatic choices: taxes versus services, short-term versus long-term goals, character versus experience.

Choices face us daily that test our value system, whether we must decide between self or group, church or state, hometown or world community, security or environment. Choices both trivial and profound. (Do I burn electricity for my front porch light all night or suffer the darkness to save the polar bears? How is my response to hunger and homelessness a spiritual choice?) Choices define who we are and how we fit into our world.

Choices facing us as members of this congregation both great and small can be found in this issue of the *Emissary* and include:

- Rev. Taves considers the looming economic crisis and our response to those most affected (page 2)
- Board President Linda McAffrey revels in the variety and diversity of fall colors and UUism (page 3).
- Sunday services ask us to consider religion, politics, gender and poverty (page 4).
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Choices define us. Make them count!



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**New Service Time!**  
All Services begin at  
10:00 AM  
Summer and Fall

## KRISTA'S CORNER

MINISTER'S NOTES FROM REV. KRISTA TAVES



I am mindful as we move towards the holiday season that there are many families in this nation that are struggling. Unemployment is high. The stock market is very volatile. Groceries are more expensive. Trade is uncertain and even though gas prices have declined for the time, they could rise again just as easily.

We are being asked as a nation to reconsider our priorities. We are being asked once again to reflect on the reality that this economy works for some and not for others. The difference now is that it has become all too apparent how vulnerable most families are.

It is true that Unitarian Universalists among denominations in the United States have the highest per capita incomes. We are as a group pretty well off. What this means is that fewer of our members will be so affected by our unstable economy as to be completely unable to provide for themselves and those who depend on them.

However, this does not mean that all of our members are shielded from the repercussions of what is happening. There are people in our church who are struggling.

Unitarian Universalism, with its emphasis on human possibility, sometimes struggles theologically with how to approach human vulnerability. Sometimes we so focus on what is possible that we struggle to deal with the limits of our lives, the limits of who we are, the limits of possibility itself. Human weakness is not something we talk about a lot.

This has to change. We proclaim ourselves the religion of diversity, of acceptance, of understanding and openness. We don't ask people to leave a piece of themselves at the door in order to be here. That is anathema for us. Truly living this is going to be very important in the next months and years. There are some in our congregations who may experience being vulnerable in ways they have not before. Let our church be a safe place for them to express that vulnerability.

What I hope is that we will learn from this recession. What I hope is that those who thought they could never be this vulnerable will

not allow the system to become what it was once our economy gets back on track. There have always been inequalities in the economy. There has always been the need to protect the vulnerable. When things are well, the most vulnerable become invisible and it is easy to turn away. That's not so easy when the vulnerability comes into your neighborhood, as it is right now.

Let's not turn away any more. This is going to take more than foodbanks to fix. It needs a larger solution that is going to ask something from every single one of us. Let's not be afraid to give what is needed.

*In faith,  
Rev. Krista Taves*

### **Rev. Taves Office Hours**

Available by appointment:

Nov. 3-9: We Th Sa Su

Nov. 10-16: We Th Sa Su

Nov. 17-23: We Th Sa Su

Nov. 24-30: Tu We

Rev. Taves will be out of town  
Nov. 27 - Nov. 30.

Rev. Taves' weekend is all of Monday and Tuesday until 4 pm. She is available during that time for pastoral care emergencies only.

**Pastoral Care** For regular or emergency pastoral care, please contact the Care and Concern Committee through the Church Office

([office@emersonuuchapel.org](mailto:office@emersonuuchapel.org))

or Rev. Taves directly at her cell: 417-343-8657).

## BETH'S DESK

### Chapel Administrator's Notes - Beth Harmon

**New Office Hours**  
**M,Tu,Th,F: 8:30 - 12:30**

In September this generous congregation donated a total of \$211.71 for Habitat for Humanity. Also in September we welcomed fourteen new visitors.

Beth 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.

Beth can be contacted by calling the chapel office at: 636-256-7393 or by e-mail at: [office@emersonuuchapel.org](mailto:office@emersonuuchapel.org)

### **Emerson Emissary**

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## LINDA'S LINES

### President's Notes from Linda McAffrey



I get really excited about fall and the coming of my favorite holidays. I think Thanksgiving is my favorite, but Christmas is right there with it. I like the decorations and all of the stuff that comes out to liven and color up the house, inside and out. I think that is what I like most about being a Unitarian Universalist, we get to bring out all of the stuff we like and in which we believe. It doesn't mean we ignore the hard stuff it just means we have a chance to examine our lives based on what we believe. There have been lots of times in my life, and probably in your own, where you really didn't get to be the person you really are. Maybe you saw things about life in a different way than your friends and family. Maybe at work you felt you needed to be quiet when everyone, at least it seemed, felt very different about life than you do.

When I came to Emerson in August of 1993 I had no idea there was a place where you could responsibly believe and think your own

thoughts about how to live your life and explore your spirituality with people who didn't always think the same things. The Rev. Meg Barnhouse is the minister at the UU Church of Spartanburg, SC. She is a wonderfully gifted musician, writer and minister. This last summer I bought her new CD entitled "Mango Thoughts in a Meatloaf Town". The song is about why it is so wonderful to have the faith we do... including how important it is to be able to find some spicy conversation instead of just the mashed potato and blue jello fare we can find everyday. With the everyday fare we just move through life with very little thought...but when you take a bite of that spicy Indian dish...what a chance to think about how you are living, what you value and who you love.

It takes faith and trust in each other to be able to move away from the meatloaf, mashed potatoes and blue jello to talk about the spicy Vietnamese, blintzes and mango salads. If we can take the chance and trust each other in our journey think how much more magnificent the fall colors might be for us all. Happy Thanksgiving.

*Linda McAffrey*

## A Month of Sundays

**November 2** –  
**“Religion and Politics in an Uncertain Age”** Rev. Krista Taves.

At long last, we will (hopefully) know by November 4th who will be the next president of the United States. This election is unique for the strong role religion played in the campaign of both parties. Has this helped or hindered the democratic process? Has this validated or weakened the separation of church and state? And finally, what does Unitarian Universalism have to say about it?

Musicians: The Eliot Winds  
Adult RE: Activity Fair: An extended coffee hour during which Emerson committees and groups will be available to discuss their activities.

**November 9**  
**“Men and Church”**  
Rev. Krista Taves.

Megachurches are filled with men. Mainline churches and Unitarian Universalist churches often have more women than men in the pews.

What's happening here? We'll be exploring the male psyche from the viewpoint of "archetypes" and what that means for how men "do" religion.

Musician: Pam Triplett, Soprano  
Adult RE: Allen Schwab and Victor Paglisotti

**November 16**  
**“Staying on the Ground (even when it's moving!)”** [Youth Pew]  
Rev. Krista Taves.

No doubt about it: We live in an ever-changing world. Add to the mix an economy that's pretty unstable, and it's clear that we all need something to lean on, something we can trust to be there for us even in the hardest of times.

Musician: Ron McGowan, Piano  
Adult RE: TBA

**November 23 "Annual Thanksgiving Bread Communion”** Rev. Krista Taves

On this special intergenerational Thanksgiving Service, we give thanks and profound

gratitude for all that we have been given. There will be a special fellowship time following the service. Please bring your favorite baked goods to share.

Musicians: The Emerson Singers, Camille Herman, Director  
Adult RE: Taves&Lyerla: A joint youth-adult social justice project

**November 30**  
**“Social Justice and America’s Poor”** Glenn Keenan.

The Executive Director of 'Circle of Concern' will share his perspectives on this ever-present issue.

Musician: Jessica Lips, Vocalist  
Adult RE: Glenn Keenan



*Bread Service 2006*

## ENGAGING OUR THEOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

### Offered by Rev. Taves

In 2005, the Unitarian Universalist Association published "Engaging Our Theological Diversity." This groundbreaking study, written by a team of Unitarian Universalist ministers and lay people, is the result of several years of deliberation, discussion and dialogue in Canada and the United States, and in congregations from coast to coast. It explores Unitarian Universalism at its deepest level, and seeks to hold up what unites us, even as we remain committed to diversity.

This nine-session course will take participants on a journey through Unitarian Universalism's theological landscape and towards the religious values that weave its outward diversity into a unified whole. The class meets on average two Thursdays a month from 7 – 8:30 p.m.. Preparation for each session includes 15-30 pages of reading and 15-20 minutes of journaling. (see church [website](#) for more details)

Please register for this course through the Church Office. ([e-mail here](#)) New registrants will be accepted once the course has begun (please contact Rev. Taves)

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT VESPERS

November 26th, 7 p.m.  
Our monthly half-hour vesper service is a time of recentering.

Readings, silence, meditation and prayer will leave you rested and spiritually nourished. November's service will feature the meditation readings of Unitarian Universalist and professor Jeffrey Lockwood.

Childcare is provided.

## EMERSON READERS CIRCLE

Our November selection is a very special memoir, "Here If You Need Me" by Kate Braestrup, who became a UU minister and chaplain for the Maine Warden Service after the death of her husband. Highly regarded by both critics and readers, this inspirational work tells stories with compassion and a concern for the big questions that come from tragic events. Readers Circle meets at the chapel on Monday, November 17th. Come at 6:30 to share a brown bag dinner or at 7 for dessert and discussion. For more information, contact Pam Foresman.

## LEGACY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, November 19, 2008 from 11:00 am- 1:00 pm in the Hearth Room at Emerson. Lunch will be provided, followed by a period of discussion facilitated by Rev. Krista Taves. This discussion will focus on the wisdom and experience of the attendees in order to achieve a more inclusive church community which responds to an ever larger range of spiritual needs. Please RSVP by November 16th to Beth at (636) 256-7393

## IT'S POINSETTIA TIME

There will be Order Forms available beginning Sunday, Nov. 2. We are again offering 6 different varieties in 6.5" pots. This year's price is \$10/plant. It is a small fund raiser (\$2.00 per plant) for Emerson. (We have a minimum order of 48 plants.)

We use the funds raised to buy the greenery for our Hanging of the Greens on Dec. 5th. Please plan to order these beautiful 5-6 bloom plants for your own home, or for gifts. They must be ordered, and paid for by November 23rd. They will be delivered to Emerson for pick-up on Dec. 5th. You can pick yours up at that time, or leave them to decorate the sanctuary until Christmas Eve. See Camille Herman for more information.

### HEAR YE! HEAR YE

Emerson's 7th Annual  
Elizabethan Evening  
Featuring the Greenleaf  
Singers

Friday & Saturday,  
December 12 & 13, 2008  
Tickets are on sale NOW

If you are interested in performing, cooking, serving, decorating, PR, Programs, set-up, clean-up etc., please contact Camille Herman, Director at [Madrigal@EmersonUUChapel.org](mailto:Madrigal@EmersonUUChapel.org). Order form is online at [http://www.emersonuuchapel.org/documents/order\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.emersonuuchapel.org/documents/order_flyer.pdf)

### CALLING ALL SINGERS!

The "Occasional" Emerson Singers a.k.a. The Choir will sing for the November 23 Bread Service. We will rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM - Oct. 14, 28 & Nov. 4, 11 & 18. A rehearsal CD with the songs will be given to you to facilitate your practice. If you are over the age 15, and like to sing, you are welcome to come and join us. No training is necessary, just a love of singing and a desire to contribute to the music ministry of Emerson. If you are interested, please contact Camille Herman at [Music@emersonUUchapel.org](mailto:Music@emersonUUchapel.org), or by personal e-mail or phone in the directory.

### CIRCLE SUPPERS

Emerson's first Circle Suppers are Nov. 8th & 9th. Sign-up by Nov. 2nd by filling out a form in the Hearth Room, or e-mailing Camille at [Circle@emersonuuchapel.org](mailto:Circle@emersonuuchapel.org)

- Circle Suppers are held on the 2nd or 3rd weekend of the month
- Generally 4- 8 people plus the host(s) participate in each location
- The Host(s) (at their home or at Emerson) - provides the Entree
- Guests choose to bring either an appetizer, salad, or dessert, sometimes bread
- You do not have to host to participate. Singles are welcomed along with couples.

This year we are planning - "Neighborhood" Dinners, Ethnic Themes, Affinity Themes and Family Suppers As you'll see below, by adding the opportunity for children of all ages to be involved, we hope to allow more people to participate and provide a positive experience for adults and children alike. Contributing children is not required to attend a Family supper! And, hosting an Adult dinner does not mean you have to hide your children. Both options will provide great opportunities to get to know other Emersonians, eat some wonderful food, and relax

with old and new friends. Remember – you're having friends over, so you don't have to go crazy worrying about how your house looks.

Won't you try participating in at least one during this church year? They can be very habit forming.

### ANNUAL BOOK SALE SATURDAY NOV 8

Mark your calendars and start now to gather all those books you've read, or will never read, or children's books you can't bear to read one more time, DVD's and CD's, for Emerson's annual book sale.

The sale is scheduled for Saturday Nov 8. Since there's very little storage space at the Chapel, please save your donations until at least Oct 26, but preferably Nov 2 through Nov 6.

The following are scheduled dates to sort and price books:

- Wed., Nov. 5, 7-9 PM
- Thurs., Nov. 6, 9-3
- Fri., Nov. 7, 9-?

Please let me know if and when you can help with this Emerson fundraiser.

*Dorothy Newell*

## Administration

### TREASURY NOTES

1) Financials were given to the Board before the October meeting; please ask me if you have questions. A copy is placed in the folder within a week of the meeting.

2) The Finance Committee is working on ways to reduce the work load of the treasurer.

3) As reported last month, Lynn Murdoch has volunteered to head up a new weekly process to assist in this. This is working very well, and we greatly appreciate Lynn's volunteer time in this QA process.

4) Peggy Colwell, Assistant Treasurer, and Beth Harmon, Office Administrator, continue the process of documenting processes and procedures. We appreciate the volunteer time of Peggy Colwell in this documenting of processes.

5) How should you look at Money Matters? Our pledge income needs to be (for Sept, which is three months into our 12-month fiscal year, so one-third of our expected pledges for the year). This should be about \$46,728.14 from our budget passed in May. And, indeed, it is close, but it is under the amount. Our total income should be about 1/3 and that would be \$55,695.46, and we are significantly under. However, keep in mind, our fall book sale (a planned fundraiser) and madrigal

### Money Matters September 30, 2008

Pledge Income	\$45,547.61
Total Income	\$49,362.90
Total Expenses	\$49,259.46
<b>Bal. All Accounts 9/30/08</b>	<b>\$34,675.66</b>

(our largest, other than grocery certificates, fund raiser annually) have not happened by this time in the year. Our expenses, thanks in part to the large unplanned, unbudgeted costs due to our air conditioners this summer, is significantly below where we should be for the year. We are at \$49,259.46 and we had budgeted \$42,786.53. So, we are about \$7,000 over in expenses and yet about \$6,000 under in income, and yet we are about \$100 to the good. I'd say our board is managing YOUR money very well. Let's give them some help, if you have not paid your pledge, please do so.  
*In faith,*  
*Barb Brown,*  
*Treasurer*

### SO WHAT IS STRATEGIC PLANNING?

It's Lighting Our Beacon of Hope! And here's how it will work at Emerson Chapel over the next few years.

Step 1: Kindling the Flame: Defining Mission and Vision  
Here's where we gather input from the congregation about what's valuable to

each person and to the community as a whole. It's where we examine where we are and where we want to be. And it's how we define the beacon that Emerson is and will become to ourselves and others. The Flame Committee is currently active and includes: Susan Stafford, chair; Melissa Grizzle, Stan Herman, Pam Foresman & Russ Saphian.

#### Step 2: Focusing the Beacon: Long Range Planning

In this step, the Mission and Vision that results from Step 1 is molded into objectives and principles to guide the decisions our staff and leaders make as we move into the future.

#### Step 3: Lighting the Way: Implementing the Plan

While focusing on implementing the long range plans, the congregation and its leaders use the results of the planning process to guide them as we grow toward becoming that beacon of hope we all treasure. All members and friends of Emerson Chapel play an important role in this planning process and will be invited to participate. Stay tuned!

## Religious Education

### RE VIEW

Dear Emerson UU  
Religious Education  
Families,

Wow, has 2008 flown by!  
With November arriving, the  
holiday season is just  
around the corner. In  
preparation, we will be  
using some of our  
Children's Chapel time this  
month to prepare for our  
annual RE Holiday  
Program, which will be held  
on December 7.

Every year, usually in early  
December, the Religious  
Education program  
presents the worship  
service, the highlight of  
which is a skit starring our  
children. Our themes have  
varied over the years as we  
celebrate the winter  
holidays of different faith  
traditions. We have had  
skits about Christmas,  
Hanukkah, Eid al Adha, and  
more. For the past several  
years, our skits have been  
written by member Susan  
Stafford. This year, she has  
created a skit about Bodhi  
Day, the day the Buddha  
became enlightened  
(traditionally celebrated on  
December 8).

If your child enjoys  
participating in skits, please  
make sure he or she is  
present during Children's  
Chapel (approximately  
10:30 am – 11 am) for as  
much of November as  
possible. We will be  
practicing throughout the  
month, giving all interested  
parties a chance to try  
different roles (those who  
don't enjoy participating in  
skits will have the important

job of being our test  
audience). This will also  
give all of our Chapel  
participants a chance to get  
familiar with the story of  
Buddha's enlightenment.  
If your child definitely wants  
to be in the skit this year  
and will want a speaking  
part, please do let me know  
via email at  
"DRE@emersonuuchapel.o  
rg or by calling my voice  
mailbox at the church at  
636-256-7393.

Also, please note that at the  
end of this month, most of  
our Religious Education  
classrooms will begin a unit  
on our Jewish and Christian  
heritage (the fourth source  
of our living tradition [http://  
uua.org/visitors/  
6798.shtml](http://uua.org/visitors/6798.shtml)). Beginning  
right after Thanksgiving,  
children and youth from  
Kindergarten through 8th  
grade will focus on the  
people, stories, and  
messages of Jewish and  
Christian teachings,  
particularly those regarding  
Christmas and Hanukkah.  
In late January, we will turn  
our attention to a unit on  
other world religions, and in  
March we will return to  
examining our UU identity  
and values in light of our  
exploration of these other  
faiths.

*In Peace,  
Lauren Lyerla  
Director of Religious  
Education*

### YOUTH INTERFACE

#### Notes for and about our Youth (Senior High)

Fall CON (the Central Midwest  
District's fall youth conference)  
is almost here! Many  
members of our Senior Youth  
Group are attending ICON in  
Palatine, IL, November 7 - 9,  
along with Les and Sally  
Armontrout and Leigh English,  
their advisors for the event.  
This is a wonderful opportunity  
for the youth to get to know  
each other better as well as  
meet youth from other UU  
churches. Youth Conferences  
include worship, food, fun and  
games, social justice projects,  
and small group workshops  
and activities. At this particular  
CON, our youth will explore  
the very act itself of going to  
CON. Why do they CON?  
What are the personal and  
group dynamics involved in  
participating in CON? How do  
individual experiences of CON  
affect the greater CON  
community? They will also be  
exploring the idea of icons:  
How do we decide who we  
admire? This conference  
promises to be a fascinating  
weekend for our youth.  
Another exciting thing about  
November is that our Senior  
Youth Group will have several  
opportunities to learn from and  
with Krista. She will be leading  
the youth group's religious  
education class on November  
2, the week before CON. The  
week after CON, November  
16, is our next Youth Pew.  
Krista will be looking for youth  
to fill important roles for that  
morning – liturgist, readers,  
and more. She will also lead  
their religious education class  
later that morning.

*-Lauren*

## Religious Education

### RE Sunday Schedule

- 10:00 – 11:00  
Worship hour
- Younger children leave sanctuary about halfway through, for Children's Chapel in the Hearth Room.
- 11:00 All-church social time, coffee and snacks available
- 11:15 – 12:15  
Religious Education hour for young people preschool – high school
- 11:30 – 12:15 Adult Religious Education "hour"
- Nursery care available all morning, 10:00 - 12:15
- See our Web page for more details; <http://www.emersonuuchapel.org/education.shtml>

### Upcoming RE Events

**November 23:** After Bread Service, an all-church social action project.

**December 5:** Hanging of the Greens: decorating, singing, who knows what else?

### Religious Education Hour for Children and Youth: November 2008

#### November 2

**PreK:** Talks about the importance of differences.

**K – 2nd:** Wonders who owns the earth.

**3 – 5th:** Explores the idea of religious freedom..

**Junior Youth Group (6th – 8th):** Meets a U and a U (a Unitarian and a Universalist).

**Senior Youth:** Learn about a famous UU, and how that person lived his or her values.

#### November 9

**PreK:** Talks about boys and girls both being capable.

**K – 2nd:** Learns about Dorthea Dix, a Unitarian who improved conditions for the mentally ill.

**3 – 5th:** Explores our congregation's history.

**Junior Youth (6 – 8):** Makes predictions about the beliefs of our congregation.

**Senior Youth:** Fall CON. Youth not attending CON are invited to Adult RE.

#### November 16

**PreK:** Talk about making good wishes come true

**K – 2nd:** Considers a very short, but very important rule.

**3 – 5th:** Travels to the mid-nineteenth century to meet Unitarian Theodore Parker.

**Junior Youth (6 – 8):** Conducts a survey to analyze the beliefs of our congregation.

**Senior Youth:** Youth Pew at 10, class with Krista at

11:15 to further explore sermon topic.

#### November 23

After the Bread Communion and an extended social time, we will have an all-church all-ages social action project.

#### November 30

**Preschool-PreK:** Talks about things we have learned from Native Americans.

**K – 2nd:** Learns about the Advent season – a time for getting ready.

**3rd – 5th:** Begins its short "Bibleodeon" unit with an Intro to the Bible.

**Junior Youth (6 – 8th):** Begins its short Jewish & Christian heritage unit with an Intro to the Bible.

**Senior Youth Group (9th – 12th):** Broadens awareness of UU history and gets ideas for how to answer questions about UUism.

### FROM THE RE COMMITTEE

The Religious Education Committee thanks everyone who helped with the Fall Festival and the RE Halloween Parties, in addition to all the people who assisted in our classrooms in October. You make our program possible - we couldn't do it without you. Check the Religious Education Bulletin Board in the Hearth Room for ways you can help in November!

## Bulletin Board

### ***Kudos This Month Go To: All who helped make the Round, Round, Get Around Circle Party a Success:***

- ★ Mindful Midlifers and Wise Women Covenant Groups for set-up and cleaning
- ★ Kevin Horth and Soul Addiction for the great dancing music.
- ★ The guests who brought dinner.
- ★ Camille Herman and Linda Gidday for organizing!

### **Green Column**

On September 28, Ecuador ratified a new constitution in which the government has granted legal rights to Nature itself. The text of these historic and globally significant rights are below (edited for space):

**Art. 1.** Nature where life is reproduced and exists, has the right to exist, persist, maintain and regenerate its vital cycles, structure, functions and its processes in evolution.

Every person, people, community or nationality, will be able to demand the recognitions of rights for nature before the public organisms.

**Art. 2.** Nature has the right to an integral restoration independent of the obligation on natural and juridical persons or the State to indemnify the people and the collectives that depend on the natural systems.

In the cases of severe or permanent environmental impact, including the ones caused by the exploitation on non renewable natural resources, the State will establish the most efficient mechanisms for the restoration, and will adopt the adequate measures to eliminate or mitigate the harmful environmental consequences.

**Art. 3.** The State will motivate natural and juridical persons as well as collectives to protect nature; it will promote respect towards all the elements that form an ecosystem.

**Art. 4.** The State will apply precaution and restriction measures in all the activities that can lead to the extinction of species, the destruction of the ecosystems or the permanent alteration of the natural cycles.

**Art. 5.** The persons, people, communities and nationalities will have the right to benefit from the environment and form natural wealth that will allow well-being.

*Susan Stafford*

### **Help Wanted: Care and Concern**

People who like to work behind the scenes to help make Emerson a warm and caring place. Some of the activities include planning events like Potlucks, Parties, Hanging of the Greens, Annual Picnic, Sunday Hospitality, Sunday Greeters, bringing food to families in need, sending cards of joy or sorrow, visiting shut-ins, etc. If any of these sound like you – please contact Nancy Russell (see directory), or catch her during Social Hour after church. Be sure to stop by the Care & Concern table at our Emerson Fair during Adult Ed hour after church to learn more about how you can contribute.

### **Pianist Needed:**

Emerson pianists to substitute occasionally to play Sunday hymns. We know the hymns a few days in advance so you can practice. Don't be shy; contact Kevin Horth or Phyllis MacLaren if you can help out."

Thanks so much,  
Phyllis MacLaren

### **Calling All Closet Musicians!!!**

Can you sing or play an instrument? Emerson Chapel is in need of musicians on a few Sundays for the remainder of the year. If you would be willing to share your talents with us, we would love to hear from you. Contact Janie Fowler to learn more.

# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> Service 10AM Rev. Taves "Religion and Politics in an Uncertain Age"	<b>3</b> 7P* Womyn's Web	<b>4</b> 7-8:30P Choir	<b>5</b> 7P Men's Group	<b>6</b> 7P: Engaging our Theologic Diversity  7P Spiritual Journey CG	<b>7</b> Circle Suppers	<b>8</b> Book Sale 8-2  Circle Suppers
<b>9</b> Service 10AM Rev. Taves "Men and Church"  2P Living the Journey St Charles	<b>10</b> 7P* M&Ms CG	<b>11</b> 1:30-3:30P* Wise Women  6:30P Living the Journey- Emerson 7-8:30P Choir	<b>12</b> 6:30P Cakes for Queen	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Service 10AM Rev. Taves "Staying on the Ground" 12:30 Board Meets	<b>17</b> 7P: Reader's Circle	<b>18</b> 7-8:30P Choir	<b>19</b> 11AM: Legacy Luncheon  7P Finance Cmte 7:30P: Caregivers CG	<b>20</b> 7P: Engaging our Theologic Diversity	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Service 10AM Rev. Taves Bread Communion	<b>24</b> 7P* M&Ms CG	<b>25</b> 1:30-3:30P* Wise Women  6:30P Living the Journey- Emerson	<b>26</b> Wednesday Vespers 7P	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Service 10AM Glenn Keenan "Social Justice and America's Poor"	<b>1</b> 7P* Womyn's Web	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7P Men's Group	<b>4</b> 7P: Engaging our Theologic Diversity  7P Spiritual Journey CG	<b>5</b> Hanging of the Greens	<b>6</b>

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:

- Nov. 7-9 iCon, Palatine IL
- Dec. 5: Hanging of the Greens
- Dec. 12 & 13 Madrigal Dinner
- Feb. 8: Beacon of Hope Evening

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All Services begin at

10:00 AM

Summer and Fall



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