

A newsletter for Emerson Unitarian Universalist Chapel
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Deepening Connections

October at Emerson is a month of deepening connections. Finding one's own way perhaps means finding a place to belong: a small circle of seekers, an informative seminar, a challenging exploration into spirituality or gender identity. These opportunities exist for finding and deepening one's connections to self and community in October at Emerson.

In this issue of *Emerson Emissary* find articles on these activities and events:

- "Engaging our Theologic Diversity", an exploration into UU theology toward the values that hold us together
- "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven", a curriculum in feminist theology
- "Men's Spirituality", invites men to gather to explore their particular brand of spirituality
- "Our Unitarian-Universalist Roots", an introduction for newcomers, and also a deepening in knowing our UU roots
- UU Circle Party Oct. 18, kicks off the Circle Supper season
- Children and Youth Religious Education, plus out-of-classroom activities
- Annual Book Sale
- Madrigal Dinner planning

Enter, Rejoice and Come In!

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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



There is a certain buzz at Emerson Chapel. In fact, there's a buzz everywhere you go. It's an Election Buzz. The Presidential Campaign is heating up and the stakes feel very high.

As good Unitarian Universalists, we will talk about it, because talking is what we're good at! We all have opinions, and they're often quite strong ones!

But I would ask us to pause for a minute and think about how we should best engage this election in our church. It is common for people to assume that everyone at Emerson has similar politics, and supports the same party. And truth be told, the majority of Unitarian Universalists vote Democratic. But, not all do. Our church has Republicans, Independents, Democrats, and those who choose not to participate in the political system because they have lost faith in it.

When you speak of your political convictions at church, be aware that we

have diversity here. Do not assume that you are speaking to someone who has the same views or political allegiances you do. Do not assume that some people embody our Unitarian Universalist values better than others because of their political allegiances.

This country is founded on the principle of the separation of church and state. This principle protects not only the church from state control. It protects the state from religious agendas that might not hold the well-being of all first and foremost. As we have seen with our evangelical Christian brothers and sisters, the way is easily lost when a church aligns itself with a political party. It loses its ability to criticize injustice wherever it is found. It has a stake in the structures of political power and can easily compromise its values in the pursuit of power rather than justice.

If a Republican is elected president, we will have much cause to agitate around the values we hold dear. If a Democrat is elected president, we will still have much cause to agitate around the values we hold dear.

Does this mean we can't talk politics at church? Not at all. I would never dream of asking people to censure

themselves in this way. We say we welcome all of who we are, and we have to walk that talk. But, let us, in the coming month, be very mindful that we are a diverse group of human beings all of whom have different eyes through which to view the world. We would be letting ourselves down, and our religion down, if we expected political homogeneity in a church that holds acceptance and diversity as its foundational cornerstone.

On November 5th, some in our congregation will be grieving. Others will be celebrating. We need to be ready to embrace both.

*In faith,
Rev. Krista*

Rev. Taves Office Hours

Available by appointment:
Oct 1-5: We Th Sa Su
Oct 6-12: attending CMWD Ministers' Retreat
Oct 13-19: We Th Sa Su
Oct 20-26: Tu We Th
Oct 27-Nov 2: We Th Sa Su
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) 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
(Oct 19-25 Sun 9:30-12,
M,F 8:30-12:30, Th 8:30-2)

In August this generous congregation donated a total of \$717.85 for the Knoxville Relief Fund to assist in their recent tragedy. Also in August we welcomed 14 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

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LINDA'S LINES

President's Notes from Linda McAffrey



This last month I have been thinking a great deal about how we communicate with one another. Sometimes I think I am pretty good at it and other times I know I have failed miserably. I have had both of those experiences this month as your president.

One example has given me my topic for this month's article, and in fact will be our topic of leadership development at the board meeting. I found myself attributing a statement, of what I thought was fact, to another member of the church. My comment got back to the person who I said had said this "fact"... follow me so far...guess what...the person proceeded to call me and tell me they had not said any such thing. How dumb and how bad do you think I felt?

More times than I care to remember I have engaged in those kinds of conversations. How much harm can it really do..."did you hear what Linda said about whomever"? Usually it gets back to the person or

at the very least a friend of the person. Feelings are hurt and more importantly trust is lost. The loss of trust in any congregation will lead it down a path no one wants to travel. I've experienced both sides of the loss of trust this month and I'm not happy to be on either side of the equation. I don't think anyone really likes it when they have been talked about or when they have been the one to do the talking.

Recently, I've "heard" I have all sorts of plans for the congregation...plans that are news to me and that are not mine to make. The board is here to guide the congregation on its journey not to be the driver. Last month I wrote about vision. It isn't my vision or the minister's vision. It isn't the vision of any "special" group. It is the journey of our shared vision. We all won't get every part of what we want. Living in community is about compromise and progress. It is about trusted and loving community and it starts with honest communication with the person for whom it is hardest for you to engage. Think about making that call or stopping at coffee hour to have a chat with the person with whom you most need to connect.

Thanks for another month of valued learning.

Linda McAffrey

A Month of Sundays

October 5 –
“Elder Wisdom” – Rev.
Krista Taves, Terry
Colwell, Carol Jose,
Betty Maag, T.C. Peng.

What is it like to age in our society? Four members and friends of Emerson Chapel share their journey. They will be speaking about the challenges they face, the unanticipated joys of their senior years, and the legacy they would like to leave the world.

Musician: Kathy Mead,
Folk Singer

October 12
“The Jewish Holy Day Cycle As A Path To Redemption” Rabbi Joshua S. Taub.

An exploration of the six major holy days in Judaism, of which the recent Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur celebrations are two.

Musician: Matt Krascik,
Cello

October 19 “To Die Never Knowing”
Rev. Dr. Daniel ÓConnell

Most people will die never knowing about a religion like ours. What can we do about it? Today is Association Sunday - there will be a special collection. Rev. Dr. Daniel ÓConnell is Lead Minister of Eliot Unitarian Chapel in Kirkwood, and President of the Central Midwest District of the UUA. Rev. Krista Taves and Rev. O’Connell are exchanging pulpits today.

Musician: Rich
Heuermann & Kathie
Price, Guitar and Vocals

October 26
“Honoring the Deceased” [Youth Pew]
Rev. Krista Taves

We name and honor those who have passed at a special service the last Sunday of October. This Sunday will be exceptional in that drummers from Eliot Unitarian Chapel and our own Emerson Chapel will join together to lend the magic that only drums can to our service.

Musicians: Eliot Chapel
Drumming Circle

Celebrate Association Sunday: Growing Our Spirit

Our second Association Sunday, scheduled for October 19, 2008, will raise funds to support projects focused on deepening our Shared Ministry. The theme is Growing Our Spirit. The following specific initiatives were chosen based on a survey of Unitarian Universalist leader

50% of the funds raised for Association Sunday 2008 will support Lay Theological Education programs. Congregations, districts, and seminaries will have the opportunity to apply for grants to create programs which focus on spiritual and theological deepening.

50% of the funds raised for Association Sunday 2008 will be divided equally among the following Excellence in Ministry programs:

- The Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association’s new initiatives for continuing education programs for ordained leaders

- Scholarships for promising students preparing for our ministry.

- The Diversity of Ministry Team’s Initiative to support our ministers of color.

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)

Men's Spirituality Workshop

A five-session workshop in October open to all male members and friends of Emerson Chapel
WHEN: Wednesday evenings 7:00--9:00 p.m., October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
WHERE: Emerson UU Chapel Hearth Room

Facilitator: Maury Boehmer is a friend of Emerson UU Chapel. He holds graduate degrees in Theology and in Culture and Spirituality and has taught at the university level.

For additional information and for registration, contact Maury Boehmer through the Chapel Office.

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven:

A Feminist Theology Curriculum for Women

This five part series will be offered this fall at Emerson Chapel. Beginning September 10th, we will meet every second and fourth Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. To register, contact Mary Fogarty, facilitator, at:

Cakes@emersonuuchapel.org

Background information also at:
<http://www.cakesforthequeenofheaven.org/>

Emerson Readers Circle

Calling all book lovers!! Emerson Readers Circle will launch its sixth year of stimulating book discussions. We meet on the third Monday evening of the month at the chapel. Some gather at 6:30 pm to share a brown bag dinner; discussion begins at 7 and usually conclude by 8. Our first meeting we'll discuss "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck. In October, the selection is "Lone Survivor" by Marcus Luttrell and Patrick Robinson and November will feature "Here if you need me" by Kate Braestrup. If you would like to receive an '08-'09 book list, contact Pam Foresman.

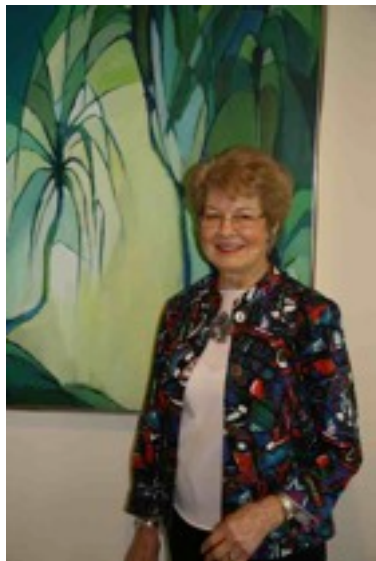
Do You Like To Drum?

If you drum, or like to drum, there is a place at Emerson for you! At our October 26th Service, Honoring the Dead, Lynn Murphy and several drummers from Eliot Unitarian Chapel are coming to Emerson and they are inviting any and all drummers, experienced and less experienced, to join them. Please bring yourself, and if you have one, your drum, to the Emerson Sanctuary by 9 a.m. on Sunday October 26th. If you want to join but don't have a drum, let us know! Email Rev. Krista at minister@emersonuuchapel.org and we'll do our best to get you a drum or some type of percussion instrument.



Member Displays Art in Retrospective at Chapel

Emerson UU Chapel is pleased to welcome an exhibit of art work by Emerson member Marceline Saphian, "A Decade and More" opened at Emerson UU Chapel on September 21, with a public reception. The showing includes oil and acrylic paintings, monotypes, welded sculpture and mosaic pieces. The exhibit will run through November 16, 2008.



Our Unitarian Universalist Roots

Rev. Krista Taves and the Welcoming Committee
October 14, 21, 28 7:00 – 8:30

This three-part course is for anyone who is new to Unitarian Universalism or to Emerson Chapel. In this class you will not only learn about our religious heritage, but will also have the opportunity to connect with others who have found us recently.

The first evening we explore Unitarian Universalist History. The second evening focuses on Unitarian Universalist Theology. The third evening deals almost exclusively with Emerson Chapel, what goes on here, how to get involved and meet people, children's programming, becoming a member, and anything else you can think of! Each evening is a mix of lecture, discussion and sharing. Please pre-register with the church office by October 12th.

You can either leave a phone message with the church administrator (636 256 7393) or drop her an email (office@emersonuuchapel.org) letting her know you'll be attending. If you require childcare, please be in touch at least a week before class begins so that arrangements can be made.

Vespers

Perhaps you've been wondering about the Wednesday Vespers Service which takes place on the last Wednesday of the month. What happens? This simple mid-week service focuses on rest and renewal. There are readings, silence, music and prayer. The service lasts 30-40 minutes. Childcare is available because we want everyone to be able to attend.

Adult Education October 5th Elder Wisdom.

This adult education session follows a service in which four members of Emerson Chapel offer testimonies about their experience of aging. We will continue this conversation, engaging the topic of aging as a spiritual journey and how we experience it at all stages of life.

COVENANT GROUPS AT EMERSON

Find your home at Emerson among seekers on a similar journey. The following Covenant Groups and Interest Groups meet at least monthly:

- Spiritual Journey
- Living the Journey at Emerson
- Living the Journey-St. Charles
- Womyn's Web
- Caregivers
- Men's Group (taking October off for Men's Spirituality)
- M&M's (Mindful Midlifer's)
- Wise Women

Find more at

<http://>

www.emersonuuchapel.org/covenant_groups.shtml

HEAR YE! HEAR YE

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

Friday & Saturday,
December 12 & 13, 2008

Tickets go on sale –
October 12th

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. There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at Camille's house. Please let her know if you would like to attend.

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, or by personal e-mail or phone in the directory.

CIRCLE SUPPERS

Looking to meet new people at Emerson? Plan to participate in this year's Circle Suppers. These are monthly (almost) get togethers for 4-5 couples, generally held in members/friends homes – and occasionally at Emerson. The host provides the entrée, and the guests bring the appetizer, salad, & dessert. We are going to use a little different format this year.

- 1) You do not have to sign up for the whole year – you can do it one month at a time.
- 2) You do not have to be a host.
- 3) We'll plan a few of them in neighborhoods so you

don't have to drive too far, and

4) Work out some ways to make it easier on those who have children.

UU CIRCLE PARTY You're Invited!

Round, Round, Get Around

**A UU Circle Party
Saturday, October 18th**

6:00 – 10:00 PM

Music by Kevin Horth & Soul Addiction

Child Care Provided

Come and see the large variety of circles we can make as we eat, drink, play games (can you say hula hoop?) and listen to some great music! We'll even have a dance floor for those who want to move in circles, lines, or any other patterns. Everyone is invited to sign up to bring your favorite entrée, salad, or dessert. We will have appetizers, wine, beer, and soda.

Invitations will be handed out during the Sept. 28th service. To RSVP, just call Beth in the office 636.256.7393. Or, sign up in the foyer. Dress is Fall casual and colorful. We'll be there – will you?

Linda Gidday & Camille Herman, Co-chairs

TREASURY NOTES

1) Financials were given to the Board before the August meeting; please ask me if you have questions. A copy is placed in the folder within a week of the meeting. The budget is being modified to show the split of the Worship Committee (budget \$1,400) into Worship (\$900 budget) and Music Committee (\$500). No change to the total of budget.

2) The Finance Committee's motion was passed by the Board to make the policy to provide purchase of grocery certificates equitable for all types of certificates.

3) As reported in the newsletter last month, to provide better transparency, I provided the finance committee the originals of all bank statements to compare to the reports I provide them.

4) We reviewed the Audit Committee's letter and discussed a few process and procedural issues that might help provide not only transparency but accountability. Lynn Murdoch has volunteered to head up a new weekly process to assist in this. More on how this is working next month.

5) Peggy Colwell, Assistant Treasurer, and Beth Harmon, Office Administrator, have begun the process of documenting processes and procedures.

6) I have provided the board my resignation effective 12/31/08. I will remain on

Money Matters August 2008	
Pledge Income	\$27,087.96
Total Income	\$32,114.41
Total Expenses	\$29,132.45
Bal. All Accounts 8/31/08	\$30,524.85

finance committee to assist a new treasurer in any way that I can.

*In faith,
Barb Brown,
Treasurer*

SHAPING THE FUTURE THROUGH STRATEGIC PLANNING

In order to more intentionally focus the actions of Emerson Chapel and its members, the Board of Trustees has initiated a full strategic planning process that is expected to engage all members of the congregation in planning our future. This planning process has several distinct phases: training, needs assessment, data gathering, establishing a mission and vision, making recommendations, defining objectives and goals, and implementing the plan.

As a first step in this process, a group has been formed and charged by the Board with revisiting the Mission and Vision Statements of Emerson Chapel. As a part of our work, in the coming months we will be asking for input from the congregation about

their hopes and dreams for Emerson—its role within each of our lives and within the wider world. Our goal is to create new Mission and Vision Statements to guide the long-range planning process and other key decisions. We have defined Mission and Vision as follows:

Mission: A mission statement is a concise and memorable statement of our congregational identity and purpose, stating what we believe, who we serve and what gifts we have to offer.

Vision: A vision statement puts into words what Emerson wants to be. It is a source of inspiration and guidance for decision-making and offers criteria by which we measure our success over the long term.

We invite and appreciate your participation in this process.

*Susan Stafford, Chair
Stan Herman
Melissa Grizzle
Pam Foresman
Russ Saphian*

Emerson Chapel Board of Trustees Meeting Sept. 21, 2008

Present: Barb Brown, Larry Foresman, Rebecca Langrall, Charles Lewis, Linda McAffrey, Nancy Russell, Susan Stafford, Krista Taves.

Absent: Leigh English (away)

The meeting was called to order by Linda McAffrey, President of the Board at 12:36 p.m.

Healthy Communication - The Board spent time on leadership development and the topic of healthy communications. The church leaders reaffirmed their commitment to provide the congregation prompt and accurate information about decisions and process.

Stewardship – Linda will go to the Program Committee to request the establishment of a year-round stewardship team to help determine the real needs of the congregation so that the annual budget is well-founded.

Finance Committee has taken on the task of finding a new treasurer. Barb will serve until Dec. 31, 2008. A representative from the Audit Committee and Larry Foresman will serve on the Search Committee.

Treasurer's Report – The Finance Committee moved that purchase of grocery certificates happen when the inventory reaches 50% of the bulk purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Goals – In October we will define these. Linda will send first thinking about the goals from the retreat.

Crystal Ball Committee – Will function independently from the Board, but will communicate regularly with the Board. This team will have small-group meetings with members of the congregation throughout the year to collect information and present its findings back to the congregation to help establish direction for the church.

A discussion of the status of the repair of the deck took place. Repair questions will be referred to Stan Herman.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Langrall
Emerson Board of Trustees
Secretary

Annual Book Sale Saturday Nov 8

Mark you 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 sale requires many helpers to set up and to sell. Please let me know if and when you can help with this Emerson fundraiser.

Dorothy Newell

A LEGACY LUNCHEON is planned for Wednesday, November 19, 2008 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Hearth Room at Emerson.

Lunch will be provided, followed by discussion facilitated by Rev. Krista Taves. This discussion will focus on how Emerson Chapel can respond to an ever larger range of spiritual needs, particularly among our retired members and friends.

RE VIEW

Dear Emerson UU RE Families,

Our Religious Education is off to a good start. Our young people of all ages are having fun, making friends, bettering the world around them, and learning about Unitarian Universalism.

Please keep in mind that we cannot provide this experience for any of our young people without you, their families:

*We rely upon you to bring your children to church school as often as you can, as consistency helps them make friends and internalize what they are learning about our faith.

*We rely upon you to help out in their classrooms regularly, because for safety's sake we are required to have two adults in each classroom: we need helpers in almost every classroom, almost every week. (See sign-up sheet on RE Bulletin Board to see where your help is needed most!)

*And we rely on you to talk with your children about church school. Your interest in their experiences at Emerson communicates the value you place on their religious education. Children learn so much more from what we do than from what we say, so show them you care about church.

October is one of the most exciting months of

Emerson's RE calendar! Our big activities for the month of October are the Fall Festival, on Friday evening, October 24; the costume parade and Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF during the worship hour on October 26; and the Halloween parties in lieu of RE classes during the RE hour on October 26. Watch for more specific information in This Week At Emerson emails, or contact me with any questions.

Again, these events will only work if we have the support of parents acting as volunteer helpers. We will need at least 6 helpers for the Fall Festival to help with the pumpkin decorating contest, apple bobbing, bonfire, and food. We will need as many as 10 helpers to manage the Halloween parties on October 26 during the RE hour. Volunteers will supervise games and crafts for the various age groups. Please be a part of making these much-loved events a success.

Our committee is small – we can't do it by ourselves. But with your help, we can make memories our children will cherish for a lifetime.

*In Peace,
Lauren Lyerla
Director of Religious
Education*

YOUTH INTERFACE

Notes for and about our Youth (Senior High)

Our Senior Youth Group is gearing up for the Fall Youth Conference, ICON, which is being held this year in Palatine, IL, at Countryside UU Church, from Nov 7 – 9. Early in October, we will be sending in our completed registration forms and making arrangements for the bus to Palatine, which we will share with youth from four other area UU congregations.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported us financially at our bake sale held September 21, at which we raised important funds toward getting us to CON. In the meantime, we have been very busy working with the parents of our youth group members to set up a "PTA" of sorts. While I, as DRE, will manage the educational elements of the youth group's Sunday morning plans, the parents' group will act in the place of a youth director (a position to fill once we get a bit bigger), managing the more "extracurricular" activities of Youth Making a Difference (social action), youth conferences, lock-ins, and fundraising. Thanks so much to Jeff Giddy for his leadership in this area. I am grateful for his enthusiastic, unflagging support of our youth programming.

The Senior Youth Group will have its own Halloween party on October 26 (following the Youth Pew sermon), in the youth group room on the lower level of the RE wing.

-Lauren

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>

RE Events for October

October 24: Fall Festival: Friday evening at the Chapel

October 26: Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF; costume parade after service; and Halloween parties in lieu of RE programming

Sept 28: Nature Day - most classes held outdoors doing outdoorsy stuff, could use help from outdoorsy adults

Religious Education Hour for Children and Youth: October 2008

October 5

PreK: Learns about the importance of trees.
K – 2nd: Explores our fourth principle of learning together.

3 – 5th: Travels back to prehistoric times and considers how our actions have repercussions far into the future.

Junior Youth (6 – 8): Talk about the heretical idea of being free to choose your beliefs.
Senior Youth: Learn about a famous UU, and how that person lived his or her values.

October 12

PreK: Learns that congregations are places of caring.

K – 2nd: Explores our fifth principle of deciding together.

3 – 5th: Travels back to 1645, Massachusetts Bay Colony, to learn about our religious history.

Junior Youth (6 – 8): Explore the meaning and history of the chalice symbol.

Senior Youth: Learn about UU “heresy” and explore how others talk about our faith.

October 19

PreK: Spend time with older members of our church.

K – 2nd: Explores our sixth principle: It’s a small world.

3 – 5th: Travels to the past to learn about the beginnings of Unitarianism

and Universalism in North America.

Junior Youth (6 – 8): Talk about life and death.

Senior Youth: Explore our Principles as pillars of our faith.

October 26

At the end of the worship hour, we have our annual costume parade and Trick or Treating for UNICEF. During RE hour, all grade levels will have Halloween parties.

News of RE Committee

We are off to another fabulous year with Religious Education. To make our classes even more spectacular, we need assistants to help the teachers in the classrooms. We have great kids that go here so it makes helping in the classrooms that much more enjoyable. If you currently have children in RE, then you’ll be able to observe your children in a learning situation and how they interact with their peers. If you don’t have children in RE, then stay young-at-heart and interact with the youth and maybe you can provide them some real-world perspective. You’ll be helping the children and Emerson and might even learn a few things yourself.

Thanks

Greg Keller
RE Committee Chair

Bulletin Board

Kudos This Month Go To:

- ★**Charles Landauer** for diagnosing and repairing the power supply in the Office computer
- ★**Russ Saphian** for donating a battery back-up for our office computer system
- ★**Barb Brown** for “umpteens” years as treasurer and chief bean counter!

Readers' Circle

Join other avid readers on October 20th to discuss "Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of SEAL Team 10" by Marcus Luttrell and Patrick Robinson, an inspiring true story of American heroism and Afghani humanity.

We meet at the chapel at 7:00 (some come early to share brown bag dinners) for discussion and dessert, and are usually finished by 8 or so. Our November selection will be "Here if you need me" by Kate Braestrup. Contact Pam Foresman for more information or check out the reading list at the Emerson website.

Green Column

Let's talk about a threat living amongst us—Vampires. I am not talking about the guys in capes. I am talking about appliances around your house that stick their tiny fangs into your wall socket and suck large amounts of power daily even when you are not using them. These devices include TV's, VCR's, DVD players, answering machines, MP3's, cell phones, stereos, laptops, desktops, anything with a remote, anything with a charger, or anything with a clock display. These devices don't use large amounts of power when not being used, but the fact that these items are always running can add up. Vampire power, sometimes referred to as phantom loads or standby power, can account for up to 10% of a residential electric bill. The easiest and most effective solution is to unplug devices when you are not using them. You can also plug these devices into a power strip that can be turned off when you are not using the device. Chargers (for laptops, cell phones, and the like) draw power even when the device is not attached. Unplug! Smart power strips also exist for devices like computer printers, etc. that are used too frequently to unplug each time. EnergyStar's website has information on everything from household electronics to major appliances. Look for energy efficient products when you replace your equipment.
Susan Stafford

If you are an Anheuser-Busch stockholder, particularly if you have had your stock for some time, you might have significant capital gains taxes as a result of the sale of Anheuser-Busch. You can avoid these taxes by transferring your A-B stock to Emerson (a non-profit, 501(c)3 corporation).

We know you may be asked by other nonprofits in our community to donate your stock. We wanted to take the opportunity to ask you to consider contributing to Emerson during this time. If you need information about how to donate stock, please contact our treasurer Barb Brown to arrange a transfer of your stock to our account at Schwab. You can donate it to pay toward your pledge, or to contribute to our Endowment Fund. For tax implications and advice, please consult your tax advisor.

Linda McAffrey, President
Emerson UU Chapel Board

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 7P-Men's Spirituality	2 7P: Engaging our Theologic Diversity 7P Spiritual Journey CG	3	4
5 Service 10AM Rev. Taves and guests "Elder Wisdom"	6 7P* Womyn's Web	7 6:30P Living the Journey-Emerson	8 6:30P Cakes for Queen 7P-Men's Spirituality	9	10	11
12 Service 10AM Rabbi Taub "Jewish Holy Day Cycle"	13 7P* M&Ms CG	14 1:30-3:30P* Wise Women 7P Choir	15 Finance Cmte 7PM 7P-Men's Spirituality 7:30 Caregivers CG	16 7P: Engaging our Theologic Diversity	17	18 6P UU Circle Party
19 Service 10AM Rev. OConnell "To Die Never Knowing" Association Sunday Board 12:30	20 Reader's Circle 7P	21 6:30P Living the Journey-Emerson	22 6:30P Cakes for Queen 7:30P* Care-giver's CG 7P-Men's Spirituality	23	24	25
26 Service 10AM Rev. Taves "Honoring the Deceased"	27 7P* M&Ms CG	28 1:30-3:30P* Wise Women 7P Choir	29 7P-Men's Spirituality Wednesday Vespers 7P	30	31	

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. 8 Book Sale
- Nov. 7-9 iCon, Palatine IL
- Nov. 19 Legacy Luncheon
- Dec. 12 & 13 Madrigal Dinner

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