



# New River News

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## President's Column

- August Share the Plate donations for Al Youmans total \$670. Thank you to everyone who donated. This money will assist in offsetting expenses associated with Al's medical treatment. After a couple setbacks, Al is on track to return home on October 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>. He appreciates everyone's support and continues to welcome prayers for his healing. He plans to stay with Joy and Wally Johnson to receive care in their home for a couple weeks after his return.
- We were pleased to see Dave Gellman again and to have him join us at the September board meeting.
- Thank you to Bev and Tom Kinraide who have made a generous donation to the RE program and also an advance pledge donation to assist the Fellowship. We appreciate their continued support, especially in light of the fact that they have relocated to their new home in Massachusetts.
- The American Cancer Society is our designated organization for Share the Plate for September and October. Every two months, we donate to an organization or charity 30% of plate (non-pledge) money collected during the offertory during those months. If you have a suggestion on whom to designate as our next recipient for Share the Plate, please email , please send an email to [newriveruuf@yahoo.com](mailto:newriveruuf@yahoo.com).
- We are pleased to have services lined up for both October and November. Kudos to the Worship Committee. Debbie Thompson is seeking assistance with various responsibilities, including putting together orders of service for presenters. Please contact Debbie Thompson at 304-787-3268 or [deborah.thompson54@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.thompson54@gmail.com) if you can share your talent and a little time.

- RE News: April Puzzuoli, RE Chair, reported that the RE Committee soon will initiate a search for a part-time paid coordinator rather than director. The starting point will be Concord University and Mountain State University. Kim Atterson will be providing RE for children for the coming month. Alaina Damewood will be providing some support. There may be a need for breakfast foods for the children. To offer volunteer support to Kim or to find out if food is needed, please contact Kim at 304-578-9200 before Sundays.
- Our next board meeting on November 20.
- The Fellowship furnace has not been working, so Dave Thompson, Facilities Manager, is having it serviced.

*Evelyn Phillips,*

President

### **Treasurer's Report**

We are now 2 months into our next fiscal year, and are in pretty good shape financially. The new budget seems to be working well, and some members have pre-paid pledges for the coming year. Because of that, we have taken in 56% of our budgeted income for the year – but that will even out as the year progresses. Our final Summer Institute expenses have come in, for a total of \$1,604. We have also met our regular obligations, including utilities, speakers and insurance. Therefore, although we are at 17% of the fiscal year, we have spent 25% of projected expenses. Since some of these are paid only once a year, however, I feel we are doing well.

Setting aside all plate monies in August for Al Youmans' medical expenses collected a whopping \$670 – thanks to all those folks who made special donations for that cause. Our September and October Share the Plate designee will be the

American Cancer Society. As always, if you have any questions on this or any other church financial matter, please let me know. Happy Fall!

*Cathy Abernathy*

Treasurer



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### **Coming Events**

**Sept 4, New River Pagan Circle.** 9:30 am.

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## Sunday Services at 11:00

**10-2 "What's So Funny?"** with **Bob Worth.** What do we find humorous and why? At what point does it not become funny?

**10-9 "EnRaptured by the Bible" With Rev. Rose Edington** of Charleston, WV.

**10-16 "A Course in Miracles, Part II"** with **Andrew Caldwell** of Beckley.

**10-23 "Breast Cancer Awareness"** with **Faith Bragg**, RN, Clinical Instructor at the Veteran's Hospital, Beckley.

**10-30 "Healing Through the Centuries",** with **Alaina Damewood.** The service will look at how healing approaches have changed over time; which are the most familiar; and how science has effected medicine.

**11-6 "Honoring All Veterans" with Teresa Rose and Dave Thompson.**

**11-13 "Diabetes" with Deborah Thompson and Teresa Rose.**

**11-20 TBA, Cathy Abernathy.**

**11-27 Open Forum**



A limited supply of \$20 **Kroger gift cards** are available to members and friends of our congregation. The gift cards are intended for the purchase of emergency perishable food items such as milk, bread, meat, eggs, fruit, etc. Please contact Cathy at [abergroup@aol.com](mailto:abergroup@aol.com) or [teresarose50@yahoo.com](mailto:teresarose50@yahoo.com) for more information.

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There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

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