



New River News

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New River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense. Emerson.

President's Update

June promises to be another busy month for our Fellowship and for your President.

In important news, the board has voted in favor of accepting the trustees' recommendation that the current mortgage be paid off in full. Tom and Beverly Kinraide hold the mortgage, which covers both properties at 312 Maxwell Hill Rd. and 911 S. Kanawha St. Voting members are requested to participate in a **Type I congregational meeting and vote** after the service on **Sunday, June 20, 2010** at the Fellowship. A minimum of **50% of voting members** must participate in order for a vote to be held on this matter. Thank you in advance for participating. If you have questions, please see or call me at 466-5787.

Recommended electrical upgrades have been made to the Fellowship house. They will allow us to operate two air conditioners – our own (downstairs), and one

belonging to Covenant House/the Mpowerment Project (upstairs). The electrical panel in the basement has been replaced and one has been installed upstairs. New electrical outlets have been installed in the green room. One is for operation of the air conditioner and one for computers for the Mpowerment Project. We now will be able to operate lighting in the new sign with the switch by door in the sanctuary. We also have been advised on how to eliminate the buzzing sound when operating the lights and fans in the sanctuary. The electrician has offered to meet with us should anyone have questions about the upgrades.

On a different note, two members and two children in our congregation – Kim Lilly, Teresa Rose, Autumn, and Destiny – are attending Summer Institute in July. We are pleased that the Fellowship had enough funds to cover all expenses.

We are keeping Bev and Tom Kinraide and their family in our hearts. We wish Bev all the best in terms of her health. So far the reports are positive and we hope they will continue to be so.

Special thanks to Wilma Meadows for planting the beautiful flowers at the base of our sign and on the deck. Thank you, also, to everyone who helped during our clean-up day in May and to everyone who comes through to bring a dish to our fundraiser luncheons. However you give and whatever you do in service to our Fellowship, know that it makes a difference. Your participation helps create and strengthen the bonds of our spiritual community.

Best wishes and peace to you.

Evelyn Phillips, President

Treasurer's Report

This month has been a bit quieter for your Treasurer, after the excitement of the Annual Meeting where the budget was passed.

However, I did want to update you on a few points. First, the Share the Plate program has gotten off to a good start. April's choice for Share the Plate was the families affected by the Montcoal Coal Mine disaster. On behalf of NRUUF, I made a donation of \$38.40 to a special fund for this purpose set up by the United Way of Southern West Virginia. The selection for May's Share the Plate is a special fund set up by the UUA for UU families affected by the flooding in Tennessee and Kentucky, and in June, we will send a donation to the Women's Shelter in Beckley (the same group which we targeted for our holiday activity).

The Trustees are suggesting we pay off our mortgage – which I strongly support. I know this will reduce our savings somewhat, but I believe it will be worth it to save on mortgage interest. Please consider supporting this at the special meeting in June.

Thanks to all our folks who have made their 2010-2011 pledges – we all appreciate your contributions of any amount you can pledge. If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet, there's still time – just see me, or leave it in the plate or my mail slot in the RE room.

Happy summer!

Cathy Abernathy, Treasurer

Joys and Concerns

We keep Bev Kinraide, Burchell Pierce, and Teresa Rose in our hearts and wish them the best of health.

Coming Events

June 6: Monthly Fundraiser Luncheon

This will be held on following our service.

June 20: Board Meeting

The board meeting will be held following the service at the Fellowship. For more information, contact Evelyn Phillips at (304) 466-5787.

Pagan Circle

For information, contact Al Youmans at (304) 497-3810 or yurya2@yahoo.com.

Sunday Services @ 11:00

June 6: "Was It Chicken Little or Chicken Big That Came to Beckley? UU's Must Spread the Word" will be presented by Randy Grumpelt

June 13: "God in the Shadows: the Theology and Recent History of Genocide" will be presented by Kelly Kaufman.

June 20: "The Nature of Man" will be presented by Al Youmans.

June 27: "A UU Family Helps our Neighbors in Haiti" will be presented by June and Bill Sale.

Principles and Purposes

We, THE MEMBER CONGREGATIONS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION, COVENANT TO AFFIRM AND PROMOTE:

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

