



New River News

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Give me liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties.

Singing the Living Tradition

President's Update

Thank you to our members who voted at our congregational meeting last month. The vote was unanimously in favor of having the NRUUF pay off the mortgage on church property in full to Tom and Bev Kinraide, who have been holding the mortgage. After paying off the mortgage of approximately \$14,000 the church will still have a \$16,000 nest egg.

We welcome longtime friends of the Fellowship Debbie and Dave Thompson as new voting members. We also welcome Samantha Harvey, who chose on the same day to have her status as a voting member reactivated. At a recent service, all three stated their wishes to be voting members, and we are thrilled. When asked how she came to her decision to become a member at this time, Samantha indicated she would like to participate more in the life of the Fellowship. We encourage her further involvement in our RE program for children and

youth. Debbie indicated that she knows and is comfortable with us. Dave's wry and playful sense of humor was reflected in his remark that he joined because he wants to be baptized. We look forward to providing opportunities for all three to become active in leadership positions, whether by serving on a committee or task force, on the board, or in some other way. Al Youmans has prepared certificates to be given to all three in recognition of their membership.

We are holding several members in our hearts, thoughts, prayers, and meditation (according to the varied traditions represented in our Fellowship): Bev Kinraide, who soon will be undergoing treatment for cancer with a good prognosis for recovery; Joy Johnson, who just had surgery to remove a mass that appears to be benign; Bob Worth, who must have hip replacement surgery; Wilma Meadows, who has had some health difficulties recently; and, April Puzzuoli, who has

been a devoted caregiver for her mother. Thank you to Wilma, Cathy, and April for preparing the Johnson family a meal they enjoyed the night before Joy's surgery.

Needed electrical upgrades have been made to the Fellowship house. The electrician who performed the work, Bob Worley, visited with the board at the board meeting in June to walk through the upgrades. The board also approved hiring Mr. Worley to perform further electrical work that will result in a safer Fellowship house.

July's Share the Plate designated organization is the Summers County Humane Society (ACWP). The group diligently works to place abandoned and stray animals in foster homes and has two spay/neuter programs (one is income-based, and one provides a discount). This organization also exposes and aggressively pursues known cases of animal neglect and cruelty and plans to build a shelter for animals in Summers County. Thirty percent

(30%) of our plate in July will go to this organization. If you have any questions about this, feel free to talk with Cathy Abernathy or me.

We wish our four folks going to Summer Institute this month a wonderful, soul-expanding experience in community with UUs from throughout the district.

Peace and best wishes to each of you.

Evelyn Phillips, President

Treasurer's Notes.

As we come to the close of our fiscal year, we are doing really well financially – able to pay our regular bills as well as handle some other expenses. This month, we finally were able to have electrical upgrades made to our second-floor rooms to enable Covenant House to install computers for their clients. This also will help us financially, as we can begin charging regular rent to them (as well as support a program we believe in). Of course, this also made our Fellowship building safer as well, as the electrician found

several items that were in need of immediate repair. The congregation voted to pay off our mortgage, which will help us in the long run since we won't be paying mortgage interest. We have begun receiving mortgage checks from our Maxwell Hill home buyer, which will give us some financial stability for several years to come. The remainder of our 2009-2010 UUA and OMD Fair Share contributions were paid. We were able to help several congregation members who had significant needs.

Finally, we contributed \$41.40 to our Share the Plate designee for May, the UU Kentucky/Tennessee Flood Victims Fund. Through this, we will be helping fellow UU's who suffered major losses in the springtime floods. Remember that June's designee is the Women's Shelter in Beckley, the same organization we helped during the holiday season. Next month, I will begin reviewing the entire fiscal year 2009-2010.

Happy summer!
Cathy Abernathy,
Treasurer

Joys and Concerns

Please keep Bev Kinraide, Joy and Wally Johnson, Kim Lilly, Burchell Pierce, Dolores Wender, and Bob Worth, in your thoughts and, if it is your tradition, prayers for the best possible health and well-being.

Sunday Services at 11:00

July 4 Open Forum

July 11 Using Tarot and Sephiroth to gain awareness

by Gavin and Yvonne Frost. presentation and workshop will show how to use tarot cards as a guide to climbing the Sephiroth Tree of Lights to gain awareness and eventual oneness with the Jungian great unconscious.

July 18 A UU Collection of Songs, Vol. II

presented by Bob Worth.

July 25 Summer Institute Report

presented by Teresa Rose, Kim Lilly, Autumn Harvey and Destiny Atterson

Children's Principles and Purposes

We believe

That each and every person is important,
That all people should be treated fairly and kindly,
That we should accept one another and keep on learning together,
That each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life,
That all persons should have a vote about things that concern them
In working for a peaceful fair, and free world,
In caring for our planet earth, the home we share with all living things.