



New River News

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President's Update

Our love, concern, and best wishes for healing are with several in our congregation:

- Wally Johnson, who recently was hospitalized for a heart attack and had subsequent medical complications, now is recovering at home. Joy remained by his side in the hospital, sleeping in a chair by his bed and only going home for meals and showers. We are relieved that both are back home recovering and resting and that they will have the support of home health services. Joy and Wally would appreciate contact and visits from folks in our congregation. Their phone number is (304) 252-7427.
- Bev Kinraide, who recently underwent surgery for cancer, has started receiving chemotherapy treatments in Massachusetts where she is staying with her daughter Jeruscha and family. Bev expects to be there for several months. We are relieved that her prognosis for recovery is good. During this time, Tom is balancing visits with Bev in Massachusetts with his work in WV. Tom may be reached at (304) 255-1728.

- April Puzzuoli's mother recently passed away. Our

deepest sympathy, caring and concern go out to April. May she find peace in knowing she provided loving care to her mother during her time of need. April may be reached at (304) 384-9574.

- Bob Worth, who is recovering and healing following hip replacement surgery. Bob may be reached at (304) 228-0620.
- Burchell Pierce, who is at an assisted living facility. Thank you to those who have been visiting him.

Thank you to everyone who has been reaching out to provide what essentially is pastoral care - showing caring and compassion, listening with genuine concern, giving the gift of time and presence - in different ways to our members and friends in their time of need. A special thank-you goes to Wilma Meadows for the extra time and attention she has given to to so many in the midst of her own health challenges. She has comforted folks with visits and food, including food baskets she has prepared on behalf of our entire congregation. Each of you who reaches out to another in need is making a difference in bringing healing and is reflecting the best of a truly

spiritual community. Thank you to each of you.

Kim Lilly has moved to her new apartment and is requesting donations of the following: pots, pans, dishes, utensils, rugs, any type of storage, shelves, lamps, sheets, and curtains. If you can donate any of these items, please see Kim or send an email to newriveruuf@yahoo.com.

Blessings and wishes for peace and healing to each of us.

Evelyn Phillips, President

Treasurer's Report.

Happy New Year! Well – happy new FISCAL year anyway. This past month is the beginning of our financial year – we start new pledges and our 2010-2011 budget (which was passed in the April meeting). I will start off by looking back over last fiscal year, and where our money came from.

Most of our income came from our members' pledges. YOU are the reason we are able to keep our Fellowship going, and every bit of pledge money is deeply appreciated by all of us. Pledges accounted for 73% of our income this year (\$15,390 of the \$21,117 taken in). Our



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second biggest income category was our rental/mortgage monies from Maxwell Hill (\$2,958 or 14%), with Miscellaneous income coming in third (\$1,141 or 5.4%). Offerings from our Plate added another 4% of income (\$879), and our Luncheon and other Fundraisers, 3% (\$721). Finally, we also received \$267 in the Birdhouse (actually included in the Maintenance account) and \$29 in bank interest. Next month, I will review where the money was spent.

Our Share the Plate designee for June was the Women's Resource Center, and we sent them a check for \$15.30. For July, the Summers County Humane Society was selected for Share the Plate. Please keep them in mind as you make your plate contributions.
Your Treasurer,
Cathy Abernathy

Upcoming Events
Our Monthly Luncheon / Mini-Fundraiser was held on Sunday, **October 1** following the service.

Board Meeting
The board meeting will be held on **August 15** following the Service at the Fellowship. For more information, contact Evelyn Phillips at (304) 466-5787.



Sunday Services
at 11:00

August 1
Human nature revisited a continuation of an earlier service presented by Al Youmans.

August 8
Topic presented by Kelly Kaufmann

August 15
Open Forum

August 22
Joseph Priestley, A Unitarian Universalist Man: Minister, Chemist, Pioneer, Pedagogue presented by Tom Kinraide

August 29
Chocolate is not just for breakfast by Teresa Rose

Spiritual energy brings compassion into the real world. With compassion, we see benevolently our own human condition and the condition of our fellow beings. Christina Baldwin, *Life's Companion, Journal Writing as a Spiritual Quest* (1990)



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.