



New River News

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New River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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Treasurer's Report.

Last month, I reviewed where our money came from during the 2010-2011 fiscal year – this month, I will look at where it was spent. Altogether, we spent a total of \$17,567, slightly less than our budgeted amount of \$18,825.

As a group, our Reserves expenses were our biggest expense (59%) this year, with Maintenance expenses (\$2,544 or 14%) as the single biggest area. This was not surprising and the reason we increased our monthly budgeted amount for this fiscal year in this line item. The Speakers area (\$2,356 or 13%) was the next biggest line item, but that is because when money was needed for unexpected Maintenance costs, it was transferred from this category. Other Reserves expenses included Charity (both member and non-member

- \$1,400 or 8%); Insurance (\$1,123 or 6%); Taxes (\$722 or 4%); and Lay Leadership training (\$553 or 3%). Also counted as Reserves expenses are our UUA obligations, with the UUA contribution at \$1,146 or 7% and the OMD contribution at \$452 or 3%.

Our Utilities expenses were the next biggest area, at \$3,901 or 22% of the overall expenses. Heating was our biggest expenses here, at \$1,782 or 10%. Frontier (phone/internet) was the next biggest expense, at \$867 or 5%, followed by electric (\$402 or 2%), sewer (\$326 or 2%), and trash disposal (\$320 or 2%) and water (\$203 or 1%).

We spent \$724 (4%) on Miscellaneous expenses, \$438 (2%) on Office Expenses and \$187 (1%) on RE. Finally, our Share the Plate contributions were \$210 or 1% of our Budget

There were several other expenses not funded from our budget, which were made possible by the generosity of several of our members. These included expenses related to a special donation to Religious Education, which paid for attendance at a conference by RE leaders, and the hiring of our RE Director (\$1,066 or 6%), and parking lot expenses (\$745 or 4%). Finally, in addition to all the above expenses (but not counted in these percentages) was a transfer to savings of \$8,000 during the past year.

As always, if you have any questions on this or any other Treasurer matters, please let me know. Thank you.

Cathy Abernathy,

Treasurer

Joys and Concerns

We hold in our thoughts and in our prayers the following people: David Gellman, Delores Wender, Burchell Pierce, Wally and Joy Johnson, Bev Kinraide, Kim Atterson, Teresa Rose, Al Youmans and others with issues related to their well-being.

Coming Events

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

Saturdays, Martial Arts Classes ~ 5:30 pm at the Fellowship. Contact James Lilly for further information, ninpo_arts@yahoo.com

Sept. 10, 10:30-1:30 Appalachian American Indians of West Virginia. Contact the tribal chief, Wayne Appleton (304)762-2416 for further information.

9-18 Board Meeting and fund-raiser luncheon following the service.



Sunday Services at 11:00

Sept. 4, Autumn Harvey, Back-to-School.

Sept. 11, Open Forum.

Sept. 18 Classism, with Kim Atterson.

Sept. 25 Eleanor of Aquitaine with Gavin Frost.

Eleanor led a very active life, politically and personally. As the hereditary Duchess of Aquitaine, she controlled one quarter of the land mass of present-day France. Then as Queen of France she led the crusade to the east. She divorced the French Louis VII and married King Henry II of England (Lion in Winter), thus becoming

queen of England. Her life with him was tempestuous. Three of her children became kings of England, yet Henry had her locked up, essentially because she would not deed Aquitaine to the British crown. Upon Henry's death her son, another Henry, had her released. She lived on to be 81.



A limited supply of \$20 **Kroger gift cards** is 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 or teresarose50@yahoo.com for more information.

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.