

Universalist Anchor



August 2006

From The Board Of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on July 10, 2006, for a regular monthly meeting.

Treasurer Brian Pepper indicated that the value of the endowment increased by approximately \$8,000 due to receipt of dividends and an increase in the net value of holdings.

The Board discussed a proposal by "Spooky Action Theatre" to fund improvements to Perkins Hall and other areas of the building in conjunction with related UNMC-funded improvements. Moderator Greg Wigle indicated that a meeting between the parties and UNMC's architects would be scheduled to ensure that the proposal fits within the Church's plan for future improvements. Potential upgrades include replacement of the current boiler system with a new HVAC system. The Board unanimously agreed that the parties must enter an agreement regarding the scope of work, responsibilities of the parties, and estimated costs before any renovation work takes place.

A new security system that tracks who has been using the church has been approved for installation in the coming months.

A new microphone for use from the pulpit will be purchased and the sexton will paint the pastor's office prior to the arrival of Rev. Henley.

The Board authorized the purchase of a fire-proof box to protect the Church's membership ledgers.

The Board offered thanks to Rev. Morgan for the year of dedicated service as our interim minister.

In attendance were Greg Wigle, Brian Pepper, David Burton, Liz Crawford, Lisa Harris, Al Templeton, Mark McNabb, and Rev. Jim Morgan. The Board is next scheduled to meet on August 7th at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

August Worship & Activity Schedule at UNMC

Sunday, August 6th-

10:30am Sermon: "Walking Together In The Spirit"

11:45am Membership Committee Meeting

Monday, August 7th-

7:00pm Board Meeting

Sunday, August 13th-

10:30am Sermon: "Be Imitators Of God And Live In Love"

Sunday, August 20th-

10:30am Sermon: "Discernment Leads To Wisdom"

Sunday, August 27th-

10:30am Sermon: "Our Struggle Is Not Against Enemies"

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Hymnal Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the task force on hymnals took place on July 16. The purpose of this group is to agree on a proposal for hymnals for our congregation for the long term. Our current practice is to use the Red "Hymns of the Spirit" supplemented by the grey "Singing our Living Tradition." We discussed some general guidelines for hymnals followed by a brainstorming session on some possible options. There was a general consensus on the following suggested guidelines:

1. Keep singing our traditional hymns from the red Hymnal with updated and inclusive language.
2. Use hymns that reflect our liberal Christian theology and tradition.
3. Include Psalm based hymns.
4. Use hymnals that include liturgical materials for the year and for special services.
5. Use hymnals with large print that are piano and organ compatible.
6. Try to represent our UU tradition as well as using contemporary works that have artistic and theological merit.

Following are some of the options suggested:

1. Keep current red Hymnal. Vote on making the grey hymnal permanent and use supplements.
2. Publish our own hymnal drawing on the work of Richard Hurst, and in collaboration with other like minded groups such as King's Chapel; Unitarians in UK; UU Christian Fellowship; and American Unitarian Conf. Obtain funding for this project from Veatch Fund.
3. Consider other hymnals such as British Unitarian, other Christian denominations, or independent publishing houses.

The hymnal task force will meet again after the service on Sept. 10. Please give your suggestions and feedback to Perry King, chair.
(Perikine@yahoo.com)

The Pastor's Ponderings

This is a "Goodbye - Goodbye." I had already said one in July, but was asked to write an "Ultimate Goodbye" for the August edition of the Anchor. I will be gone by the time you read this and my time with you will be but a memory. Memories are not necessarily a bad thing. While some do leave a person sad, others can be a joyful, positive remembrance that brings a challenge and evokes a sense of inspiration.

I can only trust my memory will not be a hindrance or a deterrent, but it will encourage you to richer and rewarding experiences in your walk with God. Your future is bright and wide open. You can grasp the challenges and work with your new Pastor for a splendid harvest of new faces. The opportunities are yours and are legion. You will remain in my prayers that God's treasure will reward you and God's hand will rest mightily on your shoulders. Shalom to you.

Jim

COMMUNITY SERVICE FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Food For All

UNMC serves as a storage center and gathering point for the community program, Food For All. This program delivers food to poverty stricken members of the D.C. community, who tend to be elderly, disabled, or single mothers with young children. Every Saturday morning at about 9am, volunteers gather at UNMC to assist with a variety of tasks, including packing boxes with food and delivering them to low-income DC residents. This is fun and fulfilling work, with a great group of people who care deeply for their community. If you would like more information, you can contact Food For All at jsandler@amurt.net.

The appreciative residents of Leland Place – a halfway house for men recovering from addiction and homelessness – on July 15 enjoyed a hearty dinner of Chicken Monterey (a fricassee of chicken thighs, carrots, onions, red pepper, squash, crushed tomato and orange juice) over noodles thanks to volunteers Dara Petersen, Bill Baker, Judy Burns and Dave Skidmore.

And the men still remembered (fondly) the delicious pasta-veggie-salmon salad and brownies a la raspberry sauce created by Catherine Bocskor and served at the June dinner.

Hungry?

Good. Then please join us for our next dinner – on Saturday August 19. Volunteers – one "planner-shopper" and two to four "helpers" – gather in the church kitchen at 3pm and aim to share the meal at Leland, on North Capitol Street, at 5pm. Volunteers divide the cost of the meal – usually between \$15 and \$25 per person. Leland is a program of S.O.M.E (So Others Might Eat) and a long-time partner with our church.

Please RSVP by Aug. 17 to Dave Skidmore at dave_skidmore@cox.net.

Chancel Flowers For August

Mary Simmons, Chair

August 6: Flowers given in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Clarence A. Weaver by their family and friends.

August 13: Flowers are given in memory of his father David Skidmore by his son David Skidmore.

August 20: Open

August 27: Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Frances Marin Pepper by Vicki, Brian, Stephen, Irina, and Godmother Pi-rung.

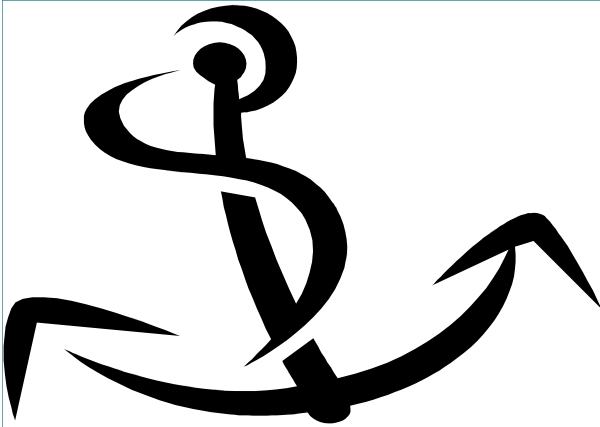
The Welcome & Committee Meeting

The Welcome and Membership committee will meet on August 6 following the refreshments. New persons are encouraged to attend. We will discuss organizing refreshments, greeters, publicity, and building our numbers for Rally Sunday, Sept 10 2006.
Thanks, Perry

Rev. Lillie Henley's Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, & Saturday
10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

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We create a loving community
for worship and service
in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

We welcome all and respect individual beliefs
as we grow together

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