



## Gadding About

A dear friend of mine, who has long since died, shared with me a wisdom about hospitality that he was taught growing up in southern Virginia (he definitely saw this as a Southern perspective!). He was taught that it was important to treat every guest like a jewel on a velvet pillow. He would talk with me about how important it was to make every person who entered his home feel important and special. I think of this as making every guest feel like they matter.

I believe “mattering” is an essential human need that is often overlooked. What if we, as people of faith, made sure that every person among us felt like they mattered?

What does this require of each of us? How might we do this? Certainly, as the minister, many of you make me feel like I matter. I receive feedback that lets me know that what I say and what I do makes a difference ... sometimes that feedback is constructive in helping me be a better minister, and sometimes it is affirming about what I’m doing well. Both are welcome!

How might we do the same for all of us in creating this shared ministry? How do we make sure everyone has the opportunity to share this ministry? What if, instead of treating guests like a jewel on a velvet pillow we treated every person like a jewel on a velvet pillow? Not like a fragile being, but as a precious being? Beings who require ways to connect and contribute to the community? Beings who need affirmation, constructive feedback, the tools and resources to be fulfilled in their lay ministry, and the knowledge that their part in our community is needed and essential? How might we also care for one another to prevent burn-out in our ministries and share the leadership so that all can experience the joy of contributing, and mattering?

How might we practice radical hospitality, radical welcome, not just for the guests coming in our doors each week ... which is indeed very important ... but for every person who is here among us week in and week out? What assumptions might we need to let go of? What do we need to examine within ourselves about the inherent biases that shape our expectations of one another? What if we engaged in deep conversations about what gifts we bring, what passions we have to share, and what needs we hope to have met?

There is an abundance of gifts here at UUCG. Each person brings life experiences, skills, passions, talents, and so much more to enrich our community. I urge you to use every opportunity to have a real and deep and “mattering” conversation with someone at least once a month ... more if you can! One opportunity for such conversations is coming up this month ... if you are invited to have a conversation with a Visiting Steward, please give an enthusiastic YES! so we can share with one another what we love about UUCG and what matters to each of us in building the Beloved Community.

In the spirit of Radical Hospitality...

*Reverend Jan*

October 2017

**Sundays at UUCG**

**10:00 am Faith Development**

**11:00 am Worship Service**

**October Theme:  
Hospitality**

**Oct. 1: Our Hospitable Planet**

Rev. Jan Taddeo, Service Leader  
Miriam Patrick, Worship Associate  
Bryan Bishop, Pianist  
*Choir Practice before service*

**Oct. 8: Come On In – The Door is Open!**

Lydia Patrick, Service Leader  
Lorena Griffin, Worship Associate  
Bryan Bishop, Pianist  
*Choir warm-up before service*

**Oct. 15: All God’s Children are Welcome**

Rev. Jan Taddeo Service Leader  
Bob Patrick, Worship Associate  
Bryan Bishop, Pianist  
*Potluck Lunch  
Best of Breads Contest  
Choir warm-up before service*

**Oct. 22: Hospitality for the Earth**

Daniel Bailey, Service Leader  
Sherree Bailey, Worship Associate  
Bryan Bishop, Pianist  
*Michael off. No choir.*

**Oct. 29: Parting the Veil: A Service of Compassionate Presence**

Rev. Jan Taddeo Service Leader  
Toby Lyles, Worship Associate  
Bryan Bishop, Pianist  
*Choir warm-up before service*

*October plate contributions are  
shared equally with  
Life After Hate  
www.lifeafterhate.org*



Announcements for the November newsletter are due by Oct. 25. Announcements for the weekly e-newsletter and Order of Service are due on Tuesdays at noon. Send announcements to “[announcements@uucg.org](mailto:announcements@uucg.org)”. Contact [Ldecastro@uucg.org](mailto:Ldecastro@uucg.org) to subscribe to newsletters.



## Faith Development Programs on Sunday Mornings at 10:00am

### Theme: Hospitality

- **October 1: Faith Development Forum - *Radical Hospitality*.** “Unitarian Universalists believe in practicing what is known as ‘Radical Hospitality.’ This is the deliberate effort to reach out to a person who is different—someone who may even be possibly hostile to us and our beliefs” (Michelle Richards). At UUCG, part of our vision statement includes the words ‘radical hospitality.’ Are we ready to break down barriers that keep people apart, and destroy stereotypes in order to create a beloved community for the world? Join the conversation at 10:00am to discover how ready you are. Facilitated by Karen Smith
- **October 8: Spiritual Practice - *Elemental Movement*.** Experience the 5 elements of earth, air, fire, water, and spirit as expressed through your body. No dance experience is necessary to participate in this enlivening practice. People of all shapes, sizes, genders, and abilities are most welcome! Wear loose, comfortable clothing and plan to dance in bare feet. Facilitated by Stacey Beth Shulman, E-RYT 500 (Registered Yoga Teacher). Visit [www.curvyogini.com](http://www.curvyogini.com) to learn more.
- **October 15: Faith in Action - *Welcoming the Stranger*.** We live in a time when the “poor, tired, huddled masses yearning to breathe free” are routinely refused entry to our country, even those who seek political asylum from war-torn countries. Children travel by themselves to our southern border to escape the violence in their own countries that threatens their lives. As people of faith, how do we welcome the stranger/immigrant/refugee? How do we take our desire to practice Radical Hospitality in our congregations out into the world? Facilitated by Dan Kelly.
- **October 22: Book Discussion - *Acts of Faith* by Eboo Patel.** “*Acts of Faith* is a remarkable account of growing up Muslim in America and coming to believe in religious pluralism, from one of the most prominent faith leaders in the United States. Eboo Patel’s story is a hopeful and moving testament to the power and passion of young people—and of the world-changing potential of an interfaith youth movement.” Whether you have finished the book or not, please bring your coffee to the Playhouse room and join us for this important discussion. Facilitated by Pat Holt, author of *Committee of One: Making a Difference, One Life at a Time*.
- **October 29: Video.** Join us in the Playhouse room for a video presentation addressing white supremacy systems in America. How do we create a societal mindset of hospitality to each other?

Every Sunday, Early Elementary aged children are welcome to their program, which begins with Worship service and then explores the theme further in a story-based, age-appropriate program. Children will begin in the Worship Service with their family, and be escorted out to the Studio by their leaders after about 15 – 20 minutes. Their workshops end when the Service is over.

## UU 103: Where Have We Been?



### October 1 after service

UU 103: Where Have We Been?“, a class on Unitarian Universalist history topics, will begin October 1 and then continue on every other month on the third Sunday following the service. These classes will continue throughout the 2017-2018 program year, with different topics discussed during each session. While the class is part of our developing UU New Member education series, everyone is invited! The topic on Oct 1 will be early to mid-20th century Unitarian and Universalist church history in Atlanta. Please see Denise Benschopf for details.



## The Religion of the Future

Hosted by Gwinnett: Understanding Secular Truths (GUST)

October 9 at 7:00pm

What does religion look like in the future? What does the 22nd century hold for the world's religions? The 32nd century? Religions have evolved over the last few millennia. Will they continue to change, or will they fade away? Come share your thoughts.



## Relationship, Commitment, & Stone Soup: Rockin' a Movement Together

UU Allies for Racial Equity Conference

October 20-22, UU Congregation of Atlanta

This fall Allies for Racial Equity moves into new ways of being in relationship together: among our members, with our accountability partners, and at our annual conference! Together with our conference hosts at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, we invite you to join us in building new relationships, deepening our commitment to the work, and having faith that what we collectively bring to the table crafts the "stone soup" to nurture and sustain the growing movement for racial justice in Unitarian Universalism. UU ARE was our Give Away the Plate recipient for the 1st quarter of 2017. Learn more about the exciting programs included in this year's conference at [www.uuare.org](http://www.uuare.org) and click on the conference link. If you can help with home hospitality that weekend, Please feel free to contact me, Carolina Krawarik-Graham directly at 480-370-4526 or at [theTeam@uuare.org](mailto:theTeam@uuare.org) with any concerns, suggestions, or questions about hospitality, and the conference in general.

## UUCG Book Club



Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Library

*And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini

Come and discuss a novel about how we love, how we take care of one another, and how the choices we make resonate through generations. In this tale revolving around not just parents and children but brothers and sisters, cousins and caretakers, Hosseini explores the many ways in which families nurture, wound, betray, honor, and sacrifice for one another; and how often we are surprised by the actions of those closest to us, at the times that matter most.

Following its characters and the ramifications of their lives and choices and loves around the globe—from Kabul to Paris to San Francisco to the Greek island of Tinos—the story expands gradually outward, becoming more emotionally complex and powerful with each turning page.

## Samhain Celebration: Reaching Through the Veil



Saturday, October 28 with Ritual at 6:00pm and Magical Arts at 3:30pm

Come and celebrate this Beginning of the New Year as we enter more fully into the darkness, commune with those who have gone on before us, and seek guidance for the coming year. This ritual of Samhain is open to the public and led by members of the Sylvan Sanctuary Grove of Druids. Ritual begins at 6:00 with shared snacks and fellowship afterwards. Ritual attire is welcome but not required. All ages are also welcome to the Magical Arts of the Crafty Pagan that begin at 3:30pm.



## Visitor Orientation

### UU 101 Oct. 15 after service

**CURIOS** – If you are new to Unitarian Universalism or just new to UUCG, this class should answer some of your questions.  
**COURAGEOUS** – Join us in the library on third Sundays immediately following the service.

**COMPASSIONATE** – We hope the information and discussions will help you on your spiritual journey.

Childcare and lunch provided. Sign up on the bulletin board by the nametags, visit [www.uucg.org](http://www.uucg.org) and select “register”, call the UUCG office at 770-717-7913, or just drop in. For more information, contact Peggy at [membership@uucg.org](mailto:membership@uucg.org).

## New Member Class

### UU 102 Oct. 15 after service

If you have taken UU 101 and feel ready to move on to the next step, please join us. UU 102 meets in the Lounge. Childcare will be available and lunch provided. Sign up is available by selecting “register” on the [www.uucg.org](http://www.uucg.org) website, through the office at 770-717-7913, or through email to [membership@uucg.org](mailto:membership@uucg.org). After completing UU 102, you are eligible to become an official member of UUCG at an upcoming signing ceremony.

## Signing Ceremony

If you are considering becoming a member of UUCG, please contact [membership@uucg.org](mailto:membership@uucg.org), to participate in the next ceremony. Ceremonies take place quarterly in the Pastor’s Parlor, with the next ceremony on November 19.

## To Be Continued: Sabbatical Enhances Trust, Strengthens Compassion, and Renews Inquiry by Bill Benshoof, September 25th, 2017

Recently, UUCG completed our most significant accomplishment as partners in Ministry with Reverend Taddeo. I’ve admired everyone’s contributions, welcomed new experiences, and discovered that I have much to learn.

Reverend Dawn Cooley, a “Sabbatical veteran” herself and our Congregational Life Primary Contact from the Southern Region of the UUA, helped lead the “Sabbatical Reboot” weekend. Friday evening was for the Congregation, Saturday was for Leadership, and Sunday was for our celebration- both of Sabbatical and of our relationship with the wider world of UU-ism through the UUA.

We were invited to ask ourselves some questions. How had our involvement and our plans changed? What was our vision for the future- one, three, and five years from now? From our new experiences, did we find talents we weren’t aware of, or see them in others? Were there areas where we didn’t make progress?

We used the “1-3-5” approach to discuss our future with UUCG- where we see ourselves one, three, and five years from now. We used the RACI (Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed) chart to begin to break out the tasks of our shared Ministry and discuss who held those roles.

Throughout the weekend, I made use of a great “focusing statement” from the words of Reverend Cooley: “I believe our mission is to love the hell out of the world. This means being in relationship with the world. It means constantly expanding who “we” are. It means challenging ourselves to listen more and put down our need to be right all the time. It does not mean we will always agree – we won’t – but it means we will stay in conversation without trying to convince the other person we are right. We will stay in conversation because we will want to hear more about their story.”

We generated far more questions than answers- and those questions deserve more conversation. So, important work remains: Continue this work of “listening each other into speech.” Provide opportunities for folks to gather in small “cottage meeting” groups to define our future in shared Ministry together. Do the work of finding our “sweet spot” - the place where our passions and interests intersect with the needs of our community and the larger world. Continue to refine our 1-3-5 year goals, and to better define our roles with our RACI chart.

The opportunities start immediately, as we kick off our Pledge Drive with a “what do we love about our Beloved Community” question. And, that conversation will continue in cottage meetings. Because, dear friends, to “Love the Hell Out of the World” most effectively, we need to know some things. What resources do we need? What relationships do we need to build? How do we prepare ourselves to navigate (both “from the front” and “from the rear”) the challenges that lie ahead?

As this Program Year progresses, so will our understanding of the Strategic Plan for our shared Ministry. And, as we enter the next Program Year, our Strategic Plan (changing with the times, of course) will inform and guide our actions as we reach for our goals together

# Green Team Hosts Southern Wings Bird Club

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The Southern Wings Bird Club cordially invites one and all to our meeting.

**Monday, NOVEMBER 13 from 7:00-8:30 PM**

We thank the United Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett for hosting us at  
12 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville.

We are honored to have Charles Seabrook as our speaker.

Charles is a longtime environmental writer for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution,  
Including his weekly column Wild Georgia.

He has published several books and written many articles for papers and  
magazines including topics on song bird decline.

In 2001 Charles received the R.L."Rock" Howard award. This is the highest  
conservation award given by the state Georgia.

We are proud to have him speak to us on the topic of:

**35 Natural Places in Georgia you must see before you die!**

**\*\*PLEASE JOIN US\*\***



# Faith in Action

## What's Social Justice All About?

If you are new to UUCG, you may have wondered what the Social Justice Committee is all about. Our monthly meetings are a review of what the church is involved in with our community, standing up for the issues our shared values lead us to.

Our focus has been on civil rights, LGBTQ equity, immigration reform, environmental sustainability and racial justice. An issue may be spotlighted based on happenings in our world, UUA recommendations, or congregational interest. New committees like the Green Team and the Racial Equity Committee are born when targeted education and action are needed.

Everyone involved in social justice at UUCG doesn't come to meetings. There is no requirement to meet to be involved. Everyone is invited to show up to the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, the Pride Parade, protest marches, visits to el Refugio, collections for Corley Elementary School, educational events and many others forms of participation.

Watch for announcements in the GNUUS, weekly updates in printed material on Sundays, UUCG Facebook and the Friday email. The Faith in Action Bulletin Board has an annual events calendar and a monthly calendar that is being updated frequently. Look for an event you are passionate about and show up. The first rule of working for social justice is showing up.



## Life After Hate

### Recipient for 4th quarter Give Away the Plate program

Life After Hate is a nonprofit organization that counters violent extremism through intervention and prevention. It was both founded and is run completely by former violent extremists, mostly defectors from the violent far-right. This organization is “dedicated to inspiring individuals to a place of compassion and forgiveness” and is engaged in research, outreach, education, and consulting. Its major program helps radicalized individuals disengage from extremist movements and begin the process of deradicalization. The unique experiences of the staff position them in the best place possible to understand the challenges and support needed to assist those who want to leave an extremist movement, or who have already done so on their own. The

organization also supports community practitioners (counselors, social workers, faith leaders, etc.) and families who are working with individuals who have the desire to change. Located in Chicago, Life After Hate is active in the US and in Canada.

***UUA/UUSC Hurricane Harvey Recovery and Relief Fund had two dedicated plates in September and UUCG raised \$1,361.01 for the fund.***





## **Serving With Grace: What's the Purpose? A Message from Theresa Waldrop, President of UUCG**

At its last meeting, the board of trustees began reviewing UUCG's bylaws, as this is the task we have set for ourselves this program year. I thought we were starting off easy by reviewing just the first four articles: Name, Purpose, Denominational Affiliation and Non-Discrimination. Sounds pretty easy, right? And certainly sounds less challenging than, say, the fifth -- Membership, which could take a few sessions to cover.

So: Article I. Name. "The name of this organization shall be "Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett," hereinafter referred to as "UUCG" or "this congregation." Ok. Even for us UUs, who like to discuss things, this presented no questions or issues.

But then: Article II, Section 2.1 - Purpose: The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett is a supportive religious community whose purposes are to explore spirituality, celebrate humanity, and respect diversity, inspired by the Principles and Purposes of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

As you can imagine, we spent most of our discussion time on this one. Of course, we mean no disrespect to our founding members or the members who must have poured so much thought and work into putting our bylaws together in the first place. But the world surely looks a lot different (darker? Or is it just me?) than it did in 1981.

So, perhaps, if we were to edit our purpose, we might add something about promoting equality and social justice, or just helping to heal our world. Something along those lines.

How would you describe our purpose? As we begin our pledge drive with a discussion of what UUCG means to each of us, it's a good question to ask.

By the way, you can read our bylaws online, under the section About Us, Governance.

### **Business the board decided:**

- Approved adding one person to the nursery staff. This won't increase overall hours or costs, but rather widen the pool of people available to be in the nursery when needed.
- Identified two people willing to form a policy-review task force. We need just one more! Rev. Jan is working on drafting a charter for the task force.

## **Safety & Security Training**

**Nov. 18 from Noon-4pm**

UUCG is going to conduct a Safety/Security Training activity on Saturday, November 18, from Noon to 4 p.m. A few parts of this class will be specific to our building, but much will be generic and applicable to just about anyone, anywhere. We will cover tornado and fire response, then a Training Officer from Gwinnett County PD will conduct a session on how to respond should an active attacker/shooter event ever happen. Following his presentation, we will role-play various scenarios in our building to get an idea of how we might best respond to various situations that could occur.

The classroom training will be from noon until approximately 2 p.m., after which attendees can participate in some or all of the different role-play situations we plan to conduct. The practice role-play portion should last until around 4 p.m.

For those who would like to have a light lunch upon arriving at noon, we will have some sandwiches available for a donation of \$5-\$10.

Please visit [www.uucg.org](http://www.uucg.org) and select "Register for Events" to sign-up and order lunch. For additional information, contact Larry Long at [LLong47@gmail.com](mailto:LLong47@gmail.com) or 770.962.1100.





## Calculating my Pledge for UUCG

**By Barbara Stahnke, Treasurer**

Each year for the past 7 years, I have spent time learning more and more about pledging and giving. I have been inspired by visionary folks like: Lisa Earle McLeod about giving until you're happy, Debra Greenwood who brings her faith heritage concept of tithing at 10%, Toby Lyles recollection of going to church as a youth and having the opportunity to drop her gift in the basket, Bert Schuster who remembers everything he loves about UUCG when he pledges, etc. All of you

inspire my pledge and gift at the visionary level.

Pledging and giving to me mean that I am supporting UUCG and the work we do with my time, talent and treasure. It makes me happy to know that I am helping along with everyone else to make a difference in reaching our vision and living our mission. It means that I can say I am walking alongside folks like Sue Ann Soloway and Peggy & Dave Averyt who were original founders of UUCG and continue to gift our congregation with their time, talent and treasure. I am doing my part to make sure that UUCG is here now and in the future.

So, how do I calculate what I will give? I look at my annual salary. I calculate my major expenses for the year – education, retirement account, major house repair, and major medical. That is what I use for my Adjusted Gross Income, and what I use to calculate my percentage of salary for my gift level.

Then I look at my budget. I make sure that I have enough money to pay my mortgage, utilities, car payment, loan payments, basic medical expenses, food and clothing. Then I look at where I am spending money on entertainment and gifts as well as other donations. What do I spend where? Am I spending my money on things that evidence my values in the world?

Then I see what I can give from my budget. I compare that dollar amount as a percentage of my Adjusted Gross Income. My goal is to be in the Visionary level of giving moving toward the Transformer level (see chart below). Last year I was at 7%, and this year I was able to increase to 7.5%. I did have to give up about \$25 a month of food dollars. But those food dollars include beer and wine that I could give up as those items don't actually live into my values. I can still use some funds from my entertainment budget if I want some beer or wine with a meal.

This is just my thought process of how to calculate my pledge for UUCG. My pledge evidences my UU faith and helps me live out my values and makes me happy. You need to find a pledge that will make you happy and live out your values. I hope you will look closely at your pledge for the coming year and see if you can nudge toward the next higher level of giving.

No matter what, remember that your gifts to UUCG are important. If you are invited to meet with a Visiting Steward, please say yes to this opportunity explore why you are in community with us at UUCG.

Adjusted Monthly Income Range	Adjusted Annual Income Range	SUPPORTER 1 – 5% OF INCOME		SUSTAINER 3 – 6% OF INCOME		VISIONARY 5 – 9 % OF INCOME		TRANSFORMER 10% OF INCOME	
		Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge
\$1,000	\$12,000	1%	\$12	3%	\$30	5%	\$50	10%	\$100
\$1,500	\$18,000	1%	\$15	3%	\$45	5%	\$75	10%	\$150
\$2,000	\$25,000	2%	\$40	3%	\$60	5%	\$100	10%	\$200
\$2,500	\$30,000	2%	\$50	3%	\$75	5%	\$125	10%	\$250
\$3,000	\$36,000	2%	\$60	3%	\$90	5%	\$150	10%	\$300
\$3,500	\$42,000	3%	\$105	4%	\$140	6%	\$210	10%	\$350
\$4,000	\$50,000	3%	\$120	4%	\$160	6%	\$240	10%	\$400
\$6,500	\$80,000	3%	\$195	4%	\$260	6%	\$390	10%	\$650
\$8,500	\$100,000	4%	\$340	5%	\$425	7%	\$595	10%	\$850
\$10,000	\$120,000	4%	\$400	5%	\$500	7%	\$700	10%	\$1,000
\$12,500	\$150,000	5%	\$625	6%	\$750	8%	\$1,000	10%	\$1,250
\$17,000	\$200,000	5%	\$850	6%	\$1,020	8%	\$1,360	10%	\$1,700



**September Cook-Off – Best of Salads** Many scrumptious salads were entered in September’s “Best of Salads” cook-off. The taste-testers claimed it was difficult to only vote for two. Thanks to all who participated by bringing in a salad to enter, and for all those who made a donation to be a taste-tester. This event raised \$126 for the UUCG’s 2017 operating budget. Don’t forget to bring in a copy of your recipe or enter your salad recipe on our website, UUCG.org by clicking on “Register for Events” and scrolling to Best of Salads – Sept. 17. You can upload an electronic copy of your recipe at this site, or just type it in. You can also tell a story about your recipe on this registration site, too. Remember that we plan to put all the recipes at the end of our monthly contests into a UUCG Recipe Book, which will be available for purchase. Congrats to our September winners pictured below.



October’s Cook-Off Contest on October 15 will be “Best of Breads”, so start making plans to enter. You can register ahead of time by going to UUCG.org, clicking on “Register for Events”, and scrolling down to “Best of Breads – Oct. 15”.



## Yard Sale Thank You

Our Yard Sale is underway as this Sunday bulletin goes to print, so look for a total to be announced from the pulpit. A great big thank you to this year’s helpers, shoppers, and donors. A great big thank you also to Karen Smith for organizing the Yard Sale. After 4+ years as chair or co-chair, Karen is stepping down as a Yard Sale leader, so please give her a great big thank you. If you’d like to plan next year’s event, please contact [ResourceDevelopment@uucg.org](mailto:ResourceDevelopment@uucg.org).

## Call for Artisans

Share your creations at the  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett’s

### Holiday Artisan Fair

We’re looking for woodworkers, stitchers, jewelry makers, soap makers, specialty cooks, painters, and creatives of all kinds.

Sunday, November 12, from noon-4 pm. 12 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville, 30044. Tables rent for \$25. To reserve a space online, go to [www.uucg.org](http://www.uucg.org) and click on “register for events.”

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## OWL – Parent Meeting

### November 5 at 1pm

Our Whole Lives helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information and helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. OWL provides a safe and judgment free environment to ask questions and get answers leading to informed choices. OWL is tentatively scheduled to resume in the 2017-2018 program year. Parents planning to enroll teens need to attend the Parent Meeting on November 5.

## Choir Practice Moves to Tuesdays at 7pm

### A message from Choir Director, Michael Parker

Hey UUCG...

... I've been chatting with your steering wheel and shower fixtures...

... and they tell me you have a beautiful voice!

Starting Oct 3rd the UUCG Covenant Choir will begin weekly rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30pm.

This will be a time of fellowship and music-making to prepare us for upcoming anthems, as well as music for Christmas and other special services. You don't need to have any special musical training, and we will all be learning as we start this very exciting new chapter in the life of the music program here at UUCG. See you in October! Contact Michael at [mparker@uucg.org](mailto:mparker@uucg.org).



Curiosity. Courage. Compassion.

*We are a radically welcoming sanctuary in a green space.  
We foster spiritual growth as we joyfully nurture connections  
and community within our walls and beyond.*