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services
October Worship Theme: **AMONG**

Sunday, October 2, 9:15 & 11:15 AM

The Pursuit of Happiness

Rev. Mark Ward, Lead Minister

Philosophers tell us that it is happiness that we seek in life, but what is happiness, really? Blissing out? Sitting on a pile of cash? We'll explore some thoughts on the answer to that question as we reflect this month on how what we do here affects how we relate to others, how we are **AMONG** each other. Also, today is Association Sunday, where we celebrate our wider Unitarian Universalist connections and share our collection plate with the UUA to support their efforts to foster Excellence in Ministry. Souper Sunday; Share-the-Plate: Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)

Sunday, October 9, 9:15 & 11:15 AM

Choosing Forgiveness

Rev. Mark Ward, Lead Minister

When another person injures or offends us in some way, we have many choices in how to respond. Today, in a service inspired by the recent Jewish High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we reflect on what it takes to choose forgiveness.

Sunday, October 16, 9:15 & 11:15 AM

The Shape of Justice

Rev. Lisa Kemper, Assistant Minister

Social justice is a deep and rich part of our Unitarian and Universalist heritage, an essential part of our identity as modern Unitarian Universalists. How does our faith inform our work in the larger community? What is it that calls us to this important work? Most importantly, perhaps, are we willing to let our own hearts be changed by our work in the world? We will explore these and other questions regarding our individual and corporate engagement in the work of blessing and healing the world.

Sunday, October 23, 9:15 & 11:15 AM

What Became of the Common Good?

Rev. Mark Ward, Lead Minister

Perhaps we're just tired or fearful, but our culture seems to find little room these days for advocacy for the common good. Is this ideal outdated or naïve, or can it still be a source of hope? We'll explore this notion and some of its implications for our religious life.

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Minister's Musings

The Rev. Mark Ward, Lead Minister



WORK AS RELIGIOUS PEOPLE ON BEHALF OF SOCIAL JUSTICE can be lonely and dispiriting. Our resources are few, our time is limited and the need, often, is so vast. But there are moments when we are in the right place to make a difference. That was true during the Civil Rights movement, when through witness and advocacy, religious people were able to ease the way for politicians and policy makers to take needed steps to dismantle state-sponsored racism across the country.

I believe we are at a similar movement in the campaign for equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Overall acceptance of LGBT people has grown tremendously in recent years, and steps like elimination of the military's "don't-ask-don't-tell" policies have shown that a consensus is growing in support of ensuring equal rights for all. Still, we have a long way to go to reach that goal, and one of the key hurdles is prohibitions in states like ours against marriage by same sex couples.

Polls suggest that the majority of people in this state support same sex marriage, but opponents, exploiting fears surrounding homosexuality, have seized a moment given to them by last year's elections to seek to lock those restrictions in place through a constitutional amendment. The vote will come next May at our regular primary election.

Rarely, does such a stark decision point present itself. We know that those who support the amendment will be out in force. Will we who oppose it be out there as well? This is work for religious bodies like ours because the amendment speaks to the heart of who we are, people of faith who affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person and justice, equity and compassion in human relations. These are words we speak, but this amendment is where the rubber meets the road.

We know that progressive voices in other religious traditions join us in our concerns, and coalitions are already being formed around this issue. But our voice is needed as well to witness, to advocate, and also to talk with our neighbors and friends, to encourage them to put aside their fears and Stand on the Side of Love. A banner declaring that stand is now attached to the side of our building by the Edwin Street entrance and will remain there through next May.

As the May vote approaches, we will offer and communicate opportunities to learn more and get involved. I hope you will join us. This is a moment in time when this religious body just might make a difference. May it be so.



View from the Topp

Linda Topp, Board President



WHEN CONGREGATIONS EXPLORE THE IDEA of changing the way their boards do their work, most take a serious look at having the board do less managing of day-to-day items and more setting of policies and future goals. Our Board has done that very thing, and, now that we are in the second of a three-year trial, I can tell you that this move to bigger-picture thinking has been a wondrous experiment.

One of the mysteries that comes from this kind of change is often proposed as a question: "So what DOES the Board do at its meetings?" If we're not listening to staff and committee reports, approving committee requests, hiring staff, closely following the work of staff, or buying major equipment items, what the heck are we supposed to be doing?

Here's our "standard" agenda:

- LIGHT CHALICE AND OPENING
- CONSENT AGENDA: allows the Board to approve less complex items without discussion so that it can concentrate on larger and/or more difficult issues. Any item on the consent agenda, however, may be removed by a Board member for further discussion and/or action.
- ENDS or POWERFUL QUESTIONS: on a rotating basis the Board will either educate itself about issues relevant to reviewing and revising Ends Statements or examine important issues that affect or will affect the congregation's future. When appropriate, these Powerful Questions will be opened to the congregation for maximum input.
- GOVERNANCE PROCESS: discussion and decisions on questions that were sent to Board members in advance of a scheduled meeting, i.e. Board business.
- MONITORING: regular monitoring of Executive compliance according to the schedule established by Board.
- NEXT MEETING: review annual cycle of monitoring with emphasis on what preparation is necessary for the next meeting.
- SELF-EVALUATION: board members will compare the meeting with Governing Principles outlined in the "Governance Process" section of the Governance Document with an eye towards confirming whether the Board is following its principles and policies.
- EXTINGUISH CHALICE AND CLOSING

This year, we've gotten a little better understanding of both Powerful Questions and Monitoring. At the moment, we are in the process of developing a Powerful Question that we hope will engage us and the congregation together as we chart our future. The Question we decide on should meet one or both of these criteria: 1) What question, if answered, could make the most difference to the future of UUCA? 2) What conversation, if begun today, could ripple out in a way that creates new possibilities for the future of UUCA?

Need I say, you will be hearing more about this process.



Lifespan Religious Education for Adults, Children & Youth

Benette Sherman, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

RALPH WALDO EMERSON, a UNITARIAN MINISTER and transcendentalist writer, wrote, "A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds," but then what would be a wise consistency I wonder? Unitarian Universalists probably don't want to be thought of as foolish followers of current cultural, political or religious norms, but desire to practice freedom of thought and convictions of the heart.

Some of us come to our communities almost every Sunday -- some might think that's a wise consistency. Some of us practice the best stewardship we possibly can, serving the community in various useful ways and acknowledging the need for contributions from all -- another wise consistency. Some of us want our minds not to be little, but to be growing in wisdom—just as we want our hearts to open to compassion and love.

Consistency in attendance implies we will make deeper connections with each other. Consistent creativity in worship implies our souls will be nurtured and our minds challenged. Consistency in practicing our faith implies we know it well and are willing to share it with others. And now here's the hobgoblin that I deal with---the foolish consistency that organization, planning and visioning will get done eventually with not much of my effort. But I really do know better, and I want to be consistent with all three of those important and necessary aspects of "church life." We can't do the personal, formative work for ourselves or support others without being consistently well-organized.

Yukihiko Matsumoto said, "I believe consistency is a tool of design, not the primary goal in design." That's it, isn't it? We can use consistency as a tool for the greater goal and vision of lifespan religious education—to see the divine in each of us. Namaste.

NOVEMBER OPPORTUNITY

Our Whole Lives (OWL) for Parents
November 1, 8, & 15, 6:30-8 PM
Led by Dr. Donna Burkett, Dr. Melissa Himelein

Do you have a child who will be going through the Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education program this spring? Learn how to find the teachable moment to talk about sexuality and relationships with your youth, become familiar with the information your child will be learning, and gain confidence for dealing with the issues as a family. We are fortunate to have two qualified and experienced OWL teachers in UUCA Members, **Dr. Burkett** and **Dr. Himelein** to lead this course.

The signup form is posted on the Lifespan Learning bulletin board in Sandburg Hall. (It is not necessary to have a child registered for the OWL program to register for this Parents' class.) Maximum class size is 25.

October Calendar

Sunday Early Session 9:15-10:30 AM

Nursery-Grade 5

Sunday Late Session 11:15 AM-12:30 PM

Nursery-Grade 12

Group:

Unitots (0-3)

Chalice Children (3-5)

Elementary Classes (K-5)

Youth Classes (6-12)

Classroom:

RE #2

RE #6

RE #3-5

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FMI on events, contact RE Assistant, **Susan Enwright-Hicks**
(ReligiousEdAsst@UUAsheville.org/254-6001 x205)

SUNDAY, October 2, 9:15 & 11:15 AM

Regular Class Schedule. See Above.

Intergenerational (IG) Beginning Service (Students in kindergarten and up are invited to begin in the sanctuary with parents and teachers.)

SUNDAY, October 9, 9:15 & 11:15 AM

Regular Class Schedule. See Above.

9-Noon Hero's Journey fieldtrip (YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly)
1:30-4:30 PM COA youth/mentor trip (YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly)

WEDNESDAY, October 12, 6 PM

RE Committee Meeting (RE #5)

SUNDAY, October 16, 9:15 & 11:15 AM

Regular Class Schedule. See Above.

FRIDAY, October 21-23

Elementary Age Con (The Mountain)

SUNDAY, October 23, 9:15 & 11:15 AM

Regular Class Schedule. See Above.

SATURDAY, October 29-30

COA Fall Retreat

SUNDAY, October 30, 9:15 & 11:15 AM

Intergenerational Service

Between Services All Ages Potluck Brunch: Bring a spooky dish to share and wear your costume! Games for younger children will be provided by YRUU. Sign-up in the RE Common area. Nursery/Pre-K open.

Kemper's Contemplations

The Rev. Lisa Bovee Kemper, Assistant Minister



EQUAL MARRIAGE IS ON MY MIND, as it may well be on yours, given the recent developments in North Carolina's legislature. You may recall that some years ago, Mark and some other ministers, locally and nationally, took a stand on the same gender marriage issue. They pledged that they would not sign marriage licenses for any couple until all couples

could obtain one legally. This is an important stand that many of my colleagues, both Unitarian Universalist and other denominations have taken, and I support them fully in the statement they are making.

I have not, however, taken this stand myself. I continue to sign marriage licenses for both same—and different—gendered couples. This is a choice that I have made after much thoughtful consideration, and my decision is not in opposition to the decisions of my colleagues. I am a lesbian, and as such, the issue of equal marriage rights impacts me directly—I do not have the right to get married legally in most states at this point. Because his own marriage is legally recognized, Mark is leveraging his privilege in service to the cause.

Because my relationship is the very type of relationship that we are seeking to affirm, it does not serve the cause for me to deny others the same right that I seek for myself and others like me. It would be just like the stand of an acquaintance who once told me that she did not support same-gender marriage rights because there were still a few states with blue laws on the books outlawing interracial marriage. This is the "If I can't do it, neither can you" argument, and that is not the kind of stand I want to take.

One of the most important things we can do as we engage in the work of social justice, whether we are advocating, serving or protesting, is to be clear about our intentions and the implications of our actions. What are we trying to accomplish? How will our actions meet that goal? And what is the theological, moral and ethical underpinning of our position? Mark and I are working toward the same goal, both using our consciences and our intellects to determine how best to do so. This is the gift and the responsibility of our free faith at work.

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Sunday, October 30, 10 AM

Chasing Away Fear – Day of the Dead

Rev. Mark Ward, Lead Minister;
Benette Sherman, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

We enter the world facing many fearful things, but we can find a path to peace in the people we love and those who loved them – our families and ancestors. Once again for our intergenerational Day of the Dead service we will have stories and a central altar where everyone is welcome to place photos or keepsakes that bring to mind a forebear. And we'll be treated to the music of our Intergenerational Choir.

Thou Shalt Not

Carol Taylor, Board Vice-President

Lonesome for policy governance? Here ya' go!

Up to now, the Board has been working on the Ends—the results this church exists to produce. Now we've moved to Executive Limitations. (Say what?)

Under policy governance, the Board says to the Executive—a.k.a. the Lead Minister—go thou and implement the Ends we've established. We won't tell you how to do it. That's your job. Use your judgment! Be creative! Do anything you want!

Except these things. In poly-gov jargon, "these things" are called "Executive Limitations." They are the limits the Board sets for Executive behavior. They state what the Board won't put up with.

An example: "The Executive shall not place UUCA in financial jeopardy or allow actual expenditures to deviate materially from Board priorities established in the Ends Statements."

So, dear Executive, whatever you decide to do, you can't bankrupt us, and you can't re-prioritize the Ends, because setting those priorities is *our* job.

Comments? Nab a slow-footed Board member, and talk.

UU101 Membership Orientation October 12, 19 & 26

This workshop is led by **Rev. Mark Ward**, UU101 team members, Membership Coordinator **Linda Kooiker**, and other church leaders.

The fall format will consist of three evening sessions, one each week for three consecutive weeks. Attendance at all three evenings is essential. The next UU101 will be the weekend of January 27 and 28.

These sessions are the foundation of membership at UUCA. The multiple session UU101 gives all an opportunity learn about UU'ism, UUCA, and other new Members. It is suggested for those planning to become Members, but others are welcome.

Each session will begin at 5:30 PM with a complimentary dinner for all participants and their children. Childcare, at no charge, will be provided.

Becoming a Member of UUCA requires a commitment to use your time, talents and treasure to support the church. Signup sheets are located behind the Welcome Table in Sandburg Hall and on a bulletin board in RE. Additional information will be sent out before the workshop.

FMI, contact Membership Coordinator, **Linda Kooiker (MembershipCoord@UUAsheville.org)**.

facebook

The wait is almost over! UUCA is set to launch our Facebook page on October 5. We are excited about being able to share information and news about the church in a new way using social media. Facebook will allow us to share timely information, promote events, and post images and videos, just to name a few. It's also a place where our "fans" can post comments and questions regarding anything UUCA. We look forward to this new way of sharing our church's energy and involvement with others and look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions about our new UUCA facebook page, please contact Communications Coordinator, **Jules Smith** (publications@uuasheville.org, 254-6001 x 207).

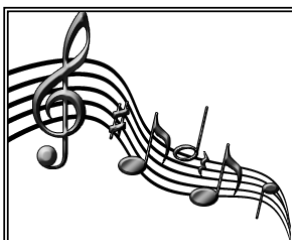
Pastoral Visitors on Call for October

See Member/Friend directory for phone numbers

10/2-10/8	Doug Hibshman
10/9-10/15	Bob Wilson
10/16-10/22	Beverly Cutter
10/23-10/29	Ruth Christie
10/30-11/5	Joy Christi Przewor

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION?

We will be publishing the new Member/Friend directory in November and want to have your correct information. If you have changed any contact information since the last publication and have not provided the update to the church administrative staff, please email **Tish Murphy** at information@uuasheville.org by **October 24, 2011**.



Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal

Each Sunday, October 2, 9,
16 and 23
12:30-1:15 PM (S)



Join in the "Downtown" Auction Action

From a pumpkin cheesecake to a weekend for two in Bermuda – all donations that have come in for our "Downtown" Auction will contribute to our ambitious \$30,000 goal this year.

Whether you donate a dog-sitting service or rental of your beach home, your donation is important. The auction is our major fundraiser to help the church meet its operating budget goal.

So, start thinking about your part in our most talked-about event of the year. Brainstorm with committee members at the auction table after church to get auction donation ideas, or go online to contribute an item or a service.

At the same time, buy your early bird tickets to the auction – \$30 until midnight Sunday, October 30. After that date and at the door, tickets will be \$40. Quite a bargain for a festive night on the town, drinks, dinner and free babysitting!

Buying your tickets and donating are as easy as clicking your mouse on **www.unasheville.org**. Next, click the "Downtown" button, then click on donate and buy tickets. Voila, you've got a date for **6 PM on Saturday, November 5 at The Venue downtown**. And a whole lot of fun!

Take Stock of Your Contributions



Did you know that you can contribute to UUCA by donating stock? Your accountant can fill you in on the tax advantages of this option. If you are interested in donating stock, e-mail giving@uuasheville.org for instructions to provide to your broker.

**A note to those who have given in the past: UUCA's broker has changed. Please contact us to receive the current account and clearing numbers.*

EVENTS

Come One, Come All!

Friday, September 30, 6-8 PM

The Lifespan Religious Education Committee invites one and all to a Start Up workshop with Rev. Sue Sinnamon, Director of Faith Development for the Southeast District; our own Benette Sherman, Director of Lifespan Religious Education; and the LRE Committee. The workshop kicks off Friday night with a multigenerational session on our vision, hopes, and dreams for faith development across all ages. Whether you have children in the program, participate in Adult RE classes or are a young adult looking ahead to parenthood, the program touches us all. The event is open to the entire congregation. Childcare will be provided for our littlest congregants. Please bring a light snack or dessert to share.

GatherRing 4

(Weaverville and North... or anyone close!)

Saturday, October 1, 5:30-8:30 PM (offsite)

Join us for a potluck supper and enjoyable conversation at the Clubhouse at Hamburg Crossing. Please bring a dish to share and fun questions you would like everyone to answer. We'll draw from a hat and get to know each other better. RSVP to **Anna Olsen**.

GatherRing9

Saturday, October 1, 5 PM (offsite)

Get ready for an exciting outing at Tropical Gardens Mini Golf on Saturday, October 1. Please plan to meet at Tropical Gardens and bring a picnic dinner so that we can also enjoy eating together. (There are several fast food restaurants nearby if you don't have time to pack a meal.) The mini golf course is located on Patton Avenue between Louisiana and Leicester roads. The cost is \$4.50 per child or adult and includes a free snow cone. RSVP to **Nancy Heath**.

UUCA Craft Fair Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 7 PM (RE #4)

Would you like to help plan and organize the UUCA Craft Fair in November? If so, please come to the Craft Fair meeting on Wednesday, October 5. FMI, contact **Sammy Fong**.

THANK YOU

'Back to Religious Education Spruce Up!

Thanks to the tireless work of dedicated volunteers - **Anna & Clark Olsen, Stephen Jones, Ann McLellan, Stan Nachman, George Ramig** and other "angels" that pitched in, the Religious Education classrooms, meeting spaces and

storage areas have received a real 'top to bottom' cleaning and sprucing up! Reorganizing, cleaning, painting, and decorating will really enhance the experience of our RE Staff and families who regularly populate those spaces. Other groups who share the use of Jefferson House and RE spaces in the main building will also note the new sparkle! The Fibre Friends group has taken on the project of making curtains for the Jefferson House first floor areas, which we will soon see. Thanks so much to these volunteers for their generosity of time, talent and resources!

9/11 Community Picnic Volunteers

Stan Nachman would like to thank the following volunteers for their help with the 9/11 Remembrance Picnic: **Clark Olsen, Stephen Jones, Nancy Nachman, Ann & Jerry McLellan, Jay Bretz, Paula Massey, Karen Reese, Cynthia & Dane Barrager, Gordon Pirie, Larry Golden** and Ben, whose last name we missed.

If you volunteered and were inadvertently left off the list, please accept our apologies.

Church Family

There is no one else in the world quite like **Phil Fleet '02**. How many people do you know with the gumption and panache to perform an 80th Birthday Concert? Who can memorize and perform not only songs, but stories and quips in between the songs? That's what Phil does, and he has an admirable track record to prove it. Twice before in these, his Golden years, he has performed one-man concerts under the inspired tutelage of pianist and voice coach, **Lenora Thom**. On Sunday, October 16 at 5 PM, he will perform a benefit concert along with UUCA singers **Jann Nance '00**, soprano and **Mike Ellis '04**, baritone. The theme is "Age," and if Phil's past concerts are any indication, the theme will be explored with tenderness, humor, warmth and imagination. A bountiful reception will be offered following the concert. All are invited for an evening of enjoyment with friends. Donations will be distributed by the Music Committee to benefit the Music Program and UUCA.

Suzanne Williams '97 is doing better and is appreciative of all the responses she's received from the UUCA community. She is especially grateful for all the volunteers who helped with grocery shopping, doctor's appointments, and she enjoyed their company too. Although it will be several weeks before she can drive, she is glad to be making progress.

Mary Alm '83 and partner Darrell Russell have been "on the road" since late July. Their travels have included WI, MN, ND, MT, WY (Yellowstone Park), ID, and WA. Mary says she misses the UUCA faith community but was happy to attend a UU service in her hometown of Fargo, ND during Gay Pride Weekend, giving her the opportunity to wear her "Standing on the Side of Love" tee shirt. To read Mary's letter, visit the "UUCA Family News" bulletin board in Sandburg Hall.



Share-the-Plate Sunday

NEXT STP: Sunday, October 2, 2011

RECIPIENT: Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)

CONTACT: Nancy Williamson

The total contribution to the September 11 Share-the-Plate (STP) recipient, **The Mountain**, was **\$1,060.50**.

Because October 2 is Association Sunday, the day we celebrate the bonds that join us with Unitarian Universalists across the country and around the world, donations made through this month's Share-the-Plate collection will support the **Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)**. In our services that day we will dedicate what we receive in our plates to efforts at the UUA to foster excellence in ministry.

To make a nomination for a Share-the-Plate recipient, contact **Nancy Williamson**.

Cultural Celebration, An All Church Event

On Sunday, October 2, from 4-6 PM, we will bring the Guadalajara music tradition to Sandburg Hall, sponsored by the Social Justice Council and the Human Rights Team. We plan to bring Unitarian Universalist and immigrant families together to enjoy a mariachi band, Estrellas Del Sur, considered exemplary of Mexican culture.

The afternoon is intended to build a bridge between church members and Latino families living in our communities through traditional music, dancing and fun. Children of all ages will enjoy a swing at piñatas in hopes of knocking all the goodies inside free.

The immigration system in the US is broken. This should not, however, prevent us as Unitarians Universalists from recognizing the inherent worth and dignity of immigrants who live and work among us. We invite you to join us on Sunday afternoon, dance to the strings, horns and soaring tenor voices, and begin to understand their perspective. We can stand with them in the pursuit of justice and equity.

Social Justice Movie Night



FILM: "Gasland"

DATE & TIME: Friday, October 14, 7 PM (SH)

CONTACT: David Williams or Elizabeth Erb

Event is free; donations welcomed

The largest domestic natural gas drilling boom in history has swept across the United States. The Halliburton-developed drilling technology of "fracking" or hydraulic fracturing has unlocked a "Saudi Arabia of natural gas" just beneath us. But is fracking safe? When filmmaker Josh Fox is asked to lease his land for drilling, he embarks on a cross-country odyssey uncovering a trail of secrets, lies and contamination. A recently drilled nearby Pennsylvania town reports that residents are able to light their drinking water on fire. This is just one of the many absurd and astonishing revelations of a new country called GASLAND. Part verite travelogue, part exposé, part mystery, part bluegrass banjo meltdown, part showdown. Learn how this film is relevant to North Carolina by contacting **David Williams**.

Become an Envoy for the UU-UNO

The Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) promotes the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all, as reflected in the United Nations Charter. Through targeted education, advocacy and outreach, they engage Unitarian Universalists in support of international cooperation and the work of the United Nations. Since the UU-UNO was founded in 1962, UU envoys have been working to ensure that their congregation's voices are represented at the United Nations and have been tremendously successful at influencing UN policy to promote global justice.

Soon, our congregation will have an opportunity to join other UU voices at the United Nations. Eleanor Brow, a member of UUCA's Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) will be at a table in Sandburg Hall after services on **Sunday, October 30** with information about the UU-UNO and how to become an envoy.



Green Sanctuary Corner

"Congregations and congregants working together to restore Earth and renew Spirit."

UUCA Green Sanctuary Co-Chair: **Grace Curry**

GREEN ADVOCACY: Now is the Time to Act

Early in November, President Obama will decide whether his administration will issue a permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline to carry tar sands oil from Alberta to Texas. The UU Ministry for Earth is urging congregations to become informed about the impacts from the pipeline and to take action. The UU Ministry for Earth (UUMFE), many other faith organizations and numerous environmental organizations, politicians and individuals have taken a strong stand against the pipeline. Some reasons include: tar sands mining devastates extensive areas of boreal forest; it impacts sacred native lands; it creates miles of toxic waste ponds; and it results in an increase in greenhouse gases. Also, there is concern about pipeline leaks impacting the water supplies along its US route. Information sources are: **UUMinistryforearth.org**, the Sierra Club (**sierraclub.org/tarsands**), and Natural Resources Defense Council (**nrdc.org**).

Become informed and take action. Call President Obama, 202-456-1111 before the November deadline.

To see the monthly calendar for October, please visit our website (**www.uuasheville.org**) and click on the 'Calendar' tab on the home page. The UUCA online church calendar offers the date, time, event and a brief description. To print a specific month, click on the "print" button at the top of the page.

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We nurture individual search for meaning as we work in community for freedom, justice and love.

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Jamie Laval

Sunday, October 9;
Doors 6:30 PM;
Music 7 PM (S/SH)

"One of the hottest fiddlers out there" (Asheville Citizen-Times) and "The next Alasdair Fraser" (Scotland Press and Post), Jamie Laval, internationally acclaimed Celtic violinist will perform selections from his newly released album "Murmurs and Drones" in a fun-filled musical evening tracing the immigration of the Scots-Irish to Appalachia. The program will include amusing stories along with the toe-tapping melodies that highlight historical and cultural ties throughout the Celtic Diaspora.

Winner of the 2002 U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Championship, Laval appeared on the NBC Today Show, collaborated on Dave Mathews' album "Some Devil," and gave a command performance for Her Majesty the Queen. "Zephyr In The Confetti Factory," the second of his albums, won "Best World Traditional Song" in the 2007 Independent Music Awards Vox Populi. Laval tours full-time throughout the U.S. and Scotland with over 100

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engagements per year. He is an active educator, producer, and composer, and is currently on the faculty of The Swannanoa Gathering, a celebrated summer institute for traditional music and arts.

Laval creates rapt audiences with his passionate performances of traditional music of Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, Quebec, and Appalachia rendered with superlative tone and a depth of expressiveness formerly associated with classical virtuoso. Trained at the Victoria Conservatory of Music in Canada, Laval's unique approach blends the simplicity of an ancient art form with stunning virtuosity and contemporary flair that resonates with families, youth, seniors, and devotees of ethnic, jazz, and classical music.



TICKET INFORMATION: Ticket sales are limited to 120 to provide a small, intimate performance. To reserve tickets, call **Don & Louise Baker (299-4171)**. Ticket cost (depends on show): **adults, \$15-\$20, students, \$8-\$10, under 14 yr, free. Doors open at 6:30 PM and music starts at 7 PM.** The coffeehouse is a smoke-free, alcohol-free, listener-oriented environment. Fair-trade coffee, tea and home-baked goods are available for purchase. FMI, visit the web site at www.uuasheville.org.