



# Newsletter



Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Jersey Shore

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## October Services

We meet at our UU Center, Pomona Rd and Liebig Street, Galloway NJ (near the north entrance to Richard Stockton College).  
Services are at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted.

<p><b>October 3</b></p>	<p><b>A Vision for Environmental Justice and Environmental Sustainability</b> <i>Guest speaker Rev. Dr. Roy Jones</i> What is a vision of environmental justice and environmental sustainability? What does this vision mean to individuals, families and institutions in Atlantic County and New Jersey as a whole? How can we achieve this vision?</p>
<p><b>October 10</b></p>	<p><b>Challenging Relationships</b> <i>Lay speaker Alan Oliver</i> Alan Oliver will explore the potential for spirituality in all relationships, how it is important to be in relationship in many different ways, and the necessity of challenging these relationships. A challenging relationship is alive with energy of all sorts and successfully navigates the impermanence of life.</p>
<p><b>October 17</b></p>	<p><b>Changing the World One Neuron at a Time</b> <i>Guest speaker Dr. Keith Coleman</i> Why does the brain get wired into certain beliefs (literally)? This process makes it difficult (but not impossible) to be open to new beliefs. Dr Coleman will talk about the process (called brain plasticity) in which we can cultivate a new attitude and a brain that is willing to be open to new ideas and beliefs through meditation and mental focus.</p>
<p><b>October 24</b> Volunteer Sunday</p>	<p><b>Adventures of a UU Christian</b> <i>Lay speakers Helene Gentile, Steve Fiedler, Tracy Staab</i> Oftentimes UUs pay more attention to exotic faith traditions such as Buddhism or non-religious spiritual worldviews such as humanism than to its own roots in Christianity. We continue our "Adventures of a UU" series with a look at the positive contributions of a Christian perspective.</p>
<p><b>October 31</b></p>	<p><b>Day of the Dead</b> <i>Lay speaker Theresa McReynolds</i> Rev. Dr. Theresa McReynolds will consider how Death and Ancestors are celebrated in the Pagan Tradition. She invites all to bring pictures of their beloved dead, pets as well as people, to place on the altar. Samhain is the Witches New Year and so we end at the beginning, as we should, and the Wheel turns on.</p>

## UUCSJS HARVEST DANCE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7-10 PM**



## *Our guest speakers this month....*

Roy L. Jones has an extensive business development, civil rights and environmental leadership background that extends over 40 years. He began his environmental justice work in the 1970s, advocating against building an incinerator in Camden, New Jersey. In 2003 he was awarded the New Jersey Environmental Federation Outstanding Achievement Award and in 2006 was appointed to the State-wide New Jersey Environmental Federation Board of Directors. In 2008, he founded the National Institute for Healthy Human Spaces, Inc. (NIHHS), a group which addresses environmental, organizational, and economic sustainability issues related to Healthy Homes, Schools, Industrial, Commercial, Urban, and Recreational spaces.

Mr. Jones' Business Development experience covers nearly 40 years, having worked with numerous non-profit and small businesses. His business advocacy work has resulted in securing millions of dollars for environmental infrastructure, community development and minority procurement contracting for countless organizations and individuals.

**Alan Oliver** was born in Philadelphia, educated at Indiana State University in Pennsylvania and the University of North Carolina. Other than the Northeast United States, he has lived in many places including Kenya, Alaska, the Philippines, Virgin Islands, California and most recently, five years in Thailand. After being married for eight years, he acknowledged his gay identity in the 70's, directed HIV/AIDS organizations in the late 80's, and helped found gay Buddhist groups in the 90's in San Francisco.

Alan is both an Unitarian/Universalist and a Secular Buddhist. Beginning in 1958, his path and practice which began as Unitarian has incorporated the natural world, systems thinking, and since the mid 80's the universal teachings of the Buddha. Now as a Buddhist Educator, he works to translate these teachings into usable spiritual strategies for everyday living. Along the way, he has practiced as a teacher, curriculum developer, youth program director, non-profit manager, community organizer and cosmic citizen.

**Dr Keith Coleman**, currently the Clinical Director of the Ocean City (MD) Mind/Body Medicine Clinic, was previously the Director of Development at the New England Pastoral Institute. He holds a doctorate in psychology from Andover Newton Theological School and trained at the Mind/Body Medical Institute at Harvard Medical School for 4 years. He's also done 3 years post-doc work at the C.G. Jung Institute in Philadelphia. He's been published in the area of faith development.

Dr Coleman is a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Massachusetts. A Quaker for 20+ years, he has spoken at and attended UU services for 15 years. He's also a tennis pro!

## **Remembering Our Roots**

*Margaret Rea, Chalice Table Crew Chief*

The third and fourth sources of our UU Living Tradition are named as **"...Wisdom from the world's religions, which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life; Jewish and Christian teachings, which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves...."** We know that the members and friends of UUCSJS come from many different cultural and religious backgrounds. We have traveled personal paths involving acceptance and rejection of many of those traditions. We live in communities that are flooded by secularized versions of predominantly Christian holy day traditions.

The Chalice Table Crew tries to tie the décor of the Chalice table to the season and to the topic of the Message of the week. It is sometimes both possible and appropriate for us to *also* include items that remind us of meaningful celebrations in the Root Traditions of our members and friends. It is *possible...* and *you* could help us make it happen.

Perhaps you recall the April 4<sup>th</sup> table that included the Seder Plate and Cup... very appropriate, since Passover began March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup> was the Christian observance of Easter. That would *not* have been the focus of the table, if member Maxine Blumenthal had not contacted me and offered to bring the plate with all the items required for the Seder. On September 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> (the Sundays closest to the first and last days of the Jewish High Holy Days), Maxine also made sure that, along with flowers, the table had cards with images commemorating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

It would be great if we could, as a Congregation, celebrate with a full service each peak day of every tradition represented among us every year. We cannot, in part because many of the holy days are seasonal and they tend "pile up". In addition, guest speakers get to choose dates that fit their schedules.

We *could* recognize many *more* of the days that are especially meaningful to our members and friends if you would make a point of letting me (for the time being) know which days are important. It will happen, even more surely, if you offer to bring a token that marks the occasion to be included on the Chalice table on the Sunday closest to holy day or other religious or ethical anniversary.

This is a way for you to share your roots. It is a way you can assist the Chalice Table Crew, without committing to do the whole set up. I promise that your contribution will be recognized in a timely fashion... but be prepared to answer questions from members, friends, and especially the children.

*It is important for us as adults to honor those parts of our roots that still "hold us close" and feed us. It may be even more important for our children (all of them) to be aware of the diversity of roots and branches that feed and shelter them, through us.*

*Mark Bernstein is Regional Growth Development Consultant for the Central East Regional Group of the UUA.*

*He spoke at our congregation on March 8, 2009 and helped us with a workshop on growth and change that day.*

### **To Boldly Go...**

by Mark Bernstein

I was in Youngstown, Ohio a couple of weeks ago facilitating a retreat of congregations from the Ohio Meadville District. I was pouring myself a cup of coffee in the hotel breakfast area when a hotel employee struck up a conversation with me.

“Working hard?” he asked in a cheery voice.

“Hardly working,” I quipped, immediately chastising myself for my annoying habit of being flip with people that I don’t know.

“What do you do?” he asked, undeterred.

Now at this point, I usually hesitate and consider how much this guy really wants to know. My tendency is to give as little information as possible.

“I do training with groups”, I said, hoping that would satisfy him.

“What groups?”

Uh, oh! “Well, in Youngstown, I’m working with a group of congregations.”

“What religion?” he continued.

Okay, now he’d gone too far. Now he was really pushing it. Do I dare tell him the truth? Will he be able to handle the truth? I decide to let it all hang out.

“I work for the Unitarian Universalist Association”, I blurt out, “and I’m facilitating a retreat with Unitarian Universalist Congregations from the eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania regions.”

Okay, that should do it. That should most assuredly end any further conversation. He’ll probably stumble and stammer now and make some comment about having to get back to work. Well, at least I can get on my way and...

“What’s that?” he suddenly asked. “What’s Unitarian Universalism?”

This guy doesn’t know when to quit. I can’t believe he’s asking me this. Even more, I can’t believe I have to come up with an answer. This is every UU’s nightmare. How am I supposed to know what Unitarian Universalism is? No one has ever told me. I decide to take a stab at it.

“Well, we’re small in number, but our hearts are big.” Oy, I am not off to a good start. “We are a liberal religious faith that encourages its members to seek their own spiritual path. We believe in making a difference in the community and fighting for a more just and peaceful world.”

Not bad, I thought. Not bad. I could have talked a little more about our drawing from many religious sources and the whole interdependent web thing, but overall not a bad little statement.

And then my new friend said something that really impacted on me. With true surprise and real sincerity, he told me that he had never heard of our religion until I just told him. He seemed amazed at this and genuinely pleased at having learned something new. We exchanged a couple more pleasantries and then parted. But his words hung in the air for me for a long time. And I realized that if I hadn’t mentioned the words “Unitarian Universalism” to him, he still would not know who we were. But now he knows...and maybe someday he hears the words again, or tells someone else what he learned from me.

That’s how we create awareness. One person; one conversation at a time. Our tendency as Unitarian Universalists to be sheepish about our faith, to think of other words to describe who we are out of a sense of awkwardness or embarrassment, serves no one well. We need to find more ways to display our faith, to encourage questions and conversations, to boldly go where few Unitarian Universalists have gone before. We need to proclaim our religion proudly and loudly, even first thing in the morning over a cup of coffee.

With respect,

Mark Bernstein

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Uncertainty and expectation are the joys of life.  
– William Congreve

Chance is always powerful. Let your hook be always cast; in the pool where you least expect it, there will be a fish.  
– Ovid

## Notes from Board Meeting Sept 14, 2010

Barbara Miller reported her experience attending the **UU Leadership Training Institute** with Jack Miller and Deb Stanton. They attended different tracks in order to maximize and share what was learned.

John Searight reported that the **annual campaign team** is being formed, and that Paul Utts has agreed to chair it.

Thanks to Steve Fiedler, Chris Holaday and Jack Miller, who have agreed to donate their labor, only the materials for the **new entrance sign** will need to be purchased. The sign will be visible from both directions.

**Next Board meeting** – Tuesday, October 12, at 6:30 pm in the downstairs lounge.

UU Book Lovers --

### Visit France by Book in October

Join us Friday evening, October 15 at 7 pm in the UU Center library, when we will travel to the France of our imaginations in discussing *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay. The novel alternates historical scenes with present-day episodes to elucidate an event Parisians would rather forget: the roundup in July 1942 by French policemen of 8,160 Jews, and their infamous confinement in the Vel' d'Hiv before deportation to the camps. *Sarah's Key* begins our trifecta of books about WWII (or fourfecta, if the pre-War 1930s of Lisa See's *Shanghai Girls* is included). Helene Gentile facilitates; light refreshments with a French flair?

And mark November 19 on your calendar for *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka. Jesse Connor leads the discussion. Described as "elegant in its simplicity" and "incandescent," the story follows the vicissitudes of a Japanese-American family in 1942 as they experience life in an internment camp and encounter firsthand the terrible ramifications of WWII-era U.S. policy towards American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

Fifteen people attended September's "Poetry Night" and seemed to enjoy the evening sharing poems of all descriptions. To put your name on, or take your name off, our e-mail list, just contact Judy Pereira.

## Sweetzel's Spiced Wafers!

Buy **Gift Cards** any Sunday for  
**Acme & Shoprite.**



**Don't you have to buy groceries anyway??!**

Using these gift cards for groceries nets the congregation 5%.  
*We also have Fair Trade coffee and tea!*

## UUCSJS Women's Association Meetings

### Margaret Fuller Circle - Thursday, Oct 7, 1 pm

We will meet on Thursday, October 7 at 1 pm in the UU Center library, and start by lighting the chalice at 1 pm and sharing with each other anything significant that happened in our lives during the past month. After a short break for refreshments, Arlene Yacka will lead a discussion of an article by Leonard Pitts on "Some believers decide to keep the faith by losing religion".

We look forward to seeing you there to join in a lively discussion and time shared with the Circle ladies.

### Olympia Brown Circle - Thursday, Oct 14, 7 pm

This group will meet on Thursday, October 14 at 7 pm in the library. Kathleen Hartnett will present "The Masks We Wear" and lead a discussion about the many faces (masks, in honor of Halloween) we wear in our world and how we use these masks to cope with different situations.

Women of all ages are welcome to attend and feel free to bring a friend. Light refreshments will be served. If you are interested in attending this meeting please contact Marsha Hannah, Circle Leader.

### Women's Spirituality Circle - Sunday, Oct 24, 11:30 am

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct 24 at 11:30 am. We have been experiencing difficulty finding a time when all that would like to attend are available. To accomplish this we are returning to our original time.

Some in the congregation have expressed a problem with the word *Spirituality*. Elizabeth Lesser says in *The Seeker's Guide*, the book we are presently studying, that we should put aside the misconception that Spirituality excludes things like rational thought, intellectual rigor, literacy, learning, science, and other great advances of the human mind.

This month we will be discussing Chapter 8, *The Landscape of the Mind*, pages 130 – 139, and Chapter 9, *The Landscape of the Heart*, pages 157 - 172. If you have any questions about this group please contact Kathryn Kelley, Circle Leader.

*All women of the congregation are welcome at these meetings. It's a good way to get to know other women in our congregation better and gives us a chance to get to know you. Please consider attending.*

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If you have zest and enthusiasm you attract zest and enthusiasm.  
Life does give back in kind.  
– Norman Vincent Peale

Vision is not enough, it must be combined with venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps, we must step up the stairs.  
– Vaclav Havel

## Circle Dinners coming to UUCSJS

January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16  
(all Saturdays)

Circle Dinners are informal in-home Saturday night potlucks -- a cherished tradition in many UU congregations (see <http://tinyurl.com/circle-dinners> ).

We are launching Circle Dinners in January, 2011. You sign up for 4 great dinners with stimulating conversations and getting-to-know-you opportunities with changing groups of 8. The dinners are potluck, so everybody shares in the preparation.

You can't plan on all 4 Saturdays? Ok, you're needed on the Alternate list. Then you have a chance to be called to sub for someone with a conflict. Don't miss this chance to participate in some fun with other UU's!

Please mark your calendar and plan to sign up during coffee hour on Sundays in November, or contact Barbara Miller to indicate your interest or questions. We will be assembling a small and efficient committee to manage the Circle Dinners.

## Volunteer Sunday -- October 24

Volunteer Sunday provides a chance for members of our community to see where their time and talents are wanted and needed, and to sign up to be on various task forces and committees. And it gives our leadership a chance to recruit more dedicated people where they are needed. Please come prepared to stay for a few minutes following the service on October 24. Before this time you will be given a description of the various spots where help is needed. On October 24, tables will be out, signup sheets ready, and pencils will roll.



### Lost... and Found

Please stop by the lost and found box and the coat rack in the vestibule to reclaim your lost treasures. We have accumulated so many items at this point that we'll need to donate them to Goodwill if they are not claimed soon.

[*Ed. note:* I found my red jacket! I didn't even remember I had lost it!]

## Children's Religious Education

The Other Sundays

*Once there was a Rabbi who was alarmed by the number of families attending their children's soccer games on the Sabbath instead of coming to synagogue. The rabbi asked the parents, "Do you expect your children to play professional soccer when they are adults?" All the parents answered "No." The Rabbi then asked, "Do you expect your children to be Jews when they are adults? Because your priorities say otherwise." Attendance was never an issue again... and they all lived happily ever after...*

If this story were to be retold in our UU communities today, I am sure the answer to the DRE (including from her husband) would be something like "Our daughter may not end up playing softball professionally, but she will only be eligible for a college scholarship if she shows commitment to the team by participating in all the weekend practices and tournaments...starting at age 8."

Commitments to sports and scouts on Sundays have always been issues that compete with Sunday morning Religious Education. The "Other Sundays," the ones where there are no sports commitments or activities, are also often missed simply due to the sheer exhaustion that some families experience when trying to 'keep up with it all' the rest of the week. It is not realistic to ask that families give up sports or other weekend activities (being in a family that houses one of the worst offenders), but I do ask that we recognize the importance of attending on those "Other Sundays."

Most of our families have been part of the UUCSJS community for years now, but imagine you are visiting us for the first time. You have a son in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, but on this particular day, no other 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> graders are at church, so your 4<sup>th</sup> grader now needs to stay in the class with the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. This is uncomfortable and insulting for a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, and your child most likely will not be interested in coming to UUCSJS again. You, yourself might feel that there is no age appropriate class for your child, so why would you bother spending what is probably your only day off dragging your unwilling child back to a place that doesn't seem to have a flourishing Religious Education program?

The fact is, UUCSJS *does* have a flourishing Children's RE program; we have a great learning space for our children, we have willing and enthusiastic teachers and great lessons, and we are ready to grow. All we need now is consistent attendance from our students, and for that, we need their parents' support. Attending on Sundays needs to be a priority; if not on Soccer or Softball Sundays, on all of those "Other Sundays." The future of our congregation depends on the effort families make now; to attend service, to participate in congregational life and to pass on to our children the UU values we affirm through their Children's RE classes.

Hope to see all you 'this, that, and Other' Sundays!

-- Heidi Jansch, Director of Religious Education

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**MISSION: Broadening Religious Imaginations**

In addition to the ongoing **Spirituality Exploration** that is held the second Sunday of each month at 11:30 and the **Group Meditation** that is held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, the adult RE committee is pleased to offer the following courses beginning this fall.

### **Voluntary Simplicity** (a seven-week discussion course)

**First and third Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm, beginning October 7 in the Library, facilitated by Marsha Hannah and Helene Gentile.**

This course is designed to help you consider how life might be enriched through the practice of simplicity by exploring the material and psychological distractions that prevent us from caring for the earth.

#### *Topics covered are:*

The meaning of simplicity	Living more with less
Your money or your life?	Do you have the time?
How much is enough	Swimming against the tide
The practice of simplicity	

Cost: \$20.00 for the book needed for the course.

There are 2 books left for \$20.00, or you can purchase them online at [www.nwei.org](http://www.nwei.org) for \$20.00 plus shipping. Please see Marsha Hannah if you would like one of the 2 remaining books (first come first serve).

See Marsha Hannah for details. A signup sheet will be placed on the membership table.

### **Evensong** (an eight-week series of Gatherings)

Evensong is an eight week series of gatherings in which participants explore individual life journeys through sharing thoughts, experiences, doubts, and beliefs with other members of the congregation in an atmosphere of attentive listening without judgment.

This course will be held in several locations including in the home of Beth Dusman in Cape May County, the home of Bob and Carolyn Baum in Mays Landing, the home of Paul and Helen Utts in Northfield in Atlantic County, and the home of Prim Reeves in Ocean County.

Each host will schedule the dates and times of the sessions to be held in their homes. Please see the host in your area for possible start dates, and sign up on the sheet that is located on the membership table.

The **Reiki Workshop** was held on Saturday September 25, taught by Charlie Roberts. Charlie will be holding another workshop in the spring of 2011. Look for details in 2011.

If you are interested in joining the Adult RE committee please see Marsha Hannah or Kathleen Hartnett. The committee meets the first Sunday of each month at 11:30 am.

-- Marsha Hannah, Chair, Adult RE

## Our Wonderful Auction Events -- Making Memories!

Have you ever attended a dinner, a party, or a field trip that was one of the offerings at our service auction? If so, you know how much fun and entertaining they can be. You have undoubtedly made new friends or enjoyed the company of those who you already knew. Some of us set our social calendars around the events that we are lucky enough to sign up for. Yes, lucky, as the smaller events usually sell out quickly. (We do make sure that everyone has a chance to sign up for one event before folks sign up for a second one.)

Please consider sponsoring an event. We have a few very interesting ones so far, but we need many, many more. Some folks give dinners, often with a theme or planned program. Game nights and mystery nights have been some of the fun filled offerings. Last year we began to have some excursions, or field trips, and they filled up rapidly. Noteworthy was a trip that Susan and Dominic Bianchini sponsored in the Pine Barrens, where they explained the history of the area around Martha. Jack and Jesse Connor held a Pine Barrens botany field trip where they showed us many of rare and unique flowers and plants in secluded and special places. Lee Campbell has given a beach ecology walk in Brigantine, appropriate for children, where a net is dragged to sample the sea life. Do you have specialized knowledge about someplace in South Jersey where you could lead a trip? Our congregation is an energetic and enthusiastic group, and would respond to someone organizing a kayak trip, a bicycle trip, or a hike. PLEASE THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO, AND GET YOUR OFFER IN VERY SOON. (If it is easier for you to email your event to [debbi.dagavarian@stockton.edu](mailto:debbi.dagavarian@stockton.edu), please do.)

## Got Stuff?

We are winding down our collection of donation information for the UUCSJS's Sixth Annual Service Auction! Donation forms are available in your Order of Service and at the Auction Table at the back of the sanctuary.

What can you donate? Well, of course, "stuff" (new or gently-used only), services (surfing lessons, resume writing, repair work around the house, etc.), dinners and events (birding excursion, make your own pizza party, a dinner at your home, a trip to the movies for kids, etc.), or handmade items and baked goods (pies, vegan and regular pesto, handcrafted earrings and pottery, etc.).

Saturday, November 13 is the date of the Auction.

Donation slips are due on October 17!!!!

Remember to donate! And don't wait another week to fill out a donation form! Do it NOW!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SOCIAL JUSTICE?

Social Justice is getting modernized!

We have recently established a Facebook page. You can visit us at: <http://tinyurl.com/UUCSJS-SJ-Facebook> or search "UUCSJS Social Justice Committee". The site will keep you up to date about upcoming events and allow postings for thoughts, comments and suggestions.

We have also overcome technological barriers by having a brief meeting via conference call! We had several members attend and it was pretty smooth sailing, especially the part about being able to stay in our PJs!

Some of our upcoming events include:

- **October 3 Sunday Service** by Roy Jones of the NJ Environmental Alliance who will talk to us about Environmental Justice. He has an outstanding reputation for having brought attention to and corrected environmental justice issues in Camden.
- **October 3** following the service -- Social Justice Committee meeting at 11:30 promptly. All are welcome!
- **October 10, Sunday-** We will be having a **10/10/10 Work Party** in affiliation with 350.org's yearly international day of climate change awareness. We will be hosting two tours of our soon-to-be LEED Certified building where you can learn about the efforts the congregation made to build in a sustainably sound way. The tours will also be offered to the public and several have already accepted the invitation. Therefore, your hospitality will be greatly appreciated. We will be also holding a road clean-up and clean-up of our grounds. This is a great opportunity to show our solidarity in our commitment to promote sustainability and combat global climate change with others through 350.org and set a powerful example to our local community. The Press will be invited!
- **October 26, Thursday.** We will be hosting Christina Guhl of the Sierra Club as she shows the movie *Coal Country* and provides an informative presentation about NJ's involvement with the coal industry. She will also propose suggestions as to the way forward in affecting our political representatives to move away from fossil fuels and toward renewable energy sources. You will not want to miss this event!
- We should also remember that October is **National Fair Trade Month** and important information about fair trade will be available at our SJ table. Keep your eyes open for more information about this!
- **October 1 is also World Vegetarian Day** and kicks off a month-long awareness campaign about the benefits of a vegetarian diet. If you haven't yet tried to incorporate more plant-based foods into your diet, *NOW* is the time!

We certainly hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to join with others who have like-minded values and concerns. We very much appreciate your involvement and support for our social action related causes. Feel free to speak with any member of the Social Justice team if you are interested in more information.

In fellowship,

Angela Jones - Social Justice Chair

## UU GREEN BUILDING TOUR 10/10/10

On October 10, people across the planet will pick up hammers, shovels, and caulking-guns and join the 10/10/10 Global Work Party, the world's largest day of practical action to fight the climate crisis. This year, UUCSJS is hosting Green Building Tours as part of the global effort to support climate change solutions.

The building tours are free and open to the public. We are publicizing them and certainly hope people in the community find out about the tours in advance and come out, but we especially hope that many of UUCSJS members attend as well. **In fact, it is our goal that all of our members attend one of these tours -- or a future tour.**

Our building is an essential part of our identity, and members, new and old, will benefit by participating in a tour and learning the multitude of ways, large and small, that we committed to being Green.

Recently, Jon Luoma, Angela Jones, and Steve and Barbara Fielder had the challenging task of condensing a four-page list of Green Building features down to a single, double-sided brochure. The result of their combined efforts is beautiful: the brochure highlights the most important features of our center and showcases our strong commitment and local leadership in environmental building. See it here:

[http://uucsjs.org/UUCSJS\\_Green\\_building\\_brochure\\_1.pdf](http://uucsjs.org/UUCSJS_Green_building_brochure_1.pdf)

Participation in a tour will give you:

- greater appreciation for our Center and our environmental commitment
- ideas that you can put into action yourself to reduce your carbon footprint at home, in your neighborhood, or in your workplace.
- information you can share to help spread the word and inspire others to adopt climate change solutions.

**Please mark your calendar now for the 11:30 am or 1 pm tour on 10/10/10 and look forward to being amazed and inspired by what we have accomplished!**

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