

Spotlight On...

Kathryn Govier

She is everywhere. If she is not playing the piano on Sunday as accompanist for our hymns, she is in all probability singing in the choir.

There is not a play put on by Paradox Players that has not been influenced by Kathryn behind the scenes getting props, gathering volunteers and managing the house. In our theatre she is the jack of all trades.

As if this is not enough, she works diligently with NAMI grassroots network providing services, education, support and advocacy for people with mental illness and their loved ones.

Kathryn encourages church folks to participate with her in the NAMI walk fund raiser. The list goes on...the order of service, large print and braille hymns are ready for Sunday services thanks to Kathryn's volunteer service in the office every week. So much help from a lady with lots of heart. **Thanks Kathryn!**



Joseph Hunt & Stan Hutchison

How are FUUCA members tracked? -- who they are, how many there are, when they joined/resigned? Addresses? Children? How to contact? It's all in a software database, but who's in the background? Office staff do data entry and some retrieval, but who provides the TLC for the system?

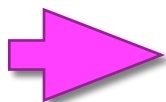


For years our super-volunteer Stan Hutchison has served as database administrator for COMS (Church Organization & Membership System). He has been security officer, trainer, report developer, liaison with the software developers, and all-round fixer of all technical problems.

About two years ago, Stan began a search for someone to learn the in's and out's of the system so that he would not be the only person who could work through the complexities. Without his personal knowledge, the church could be crippled for getting needed information.

Enter Joseph Hunt. Stan has done a tremendous job of passing along to him all the details of caring for the COMS system, and Joseph has taken the reins without a hitch. His wide understanding of software systems and ability to continue with Stan's work has made Joseph indispensable to office staff, Board of Trustees' projects, and the membership at large -- volunteer work that is mostly unseen, but greatly appreciated.

written by Nancy Groblewski (the third champion of our COMS system!)



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Church Systems Theory Lecture Series presented by Dr. David Jones

“How we function in our family of origin is how we function in our church family”.

David Lee Jones, ThD,

Family systems theory and how it manifests itself into our First UU family will be the focus of this 4-part lecture series sponsored by Adult Religious Education and presented by Dr. David Jones, Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Austin Presbyterian Theology Seminary.

Dr. Jones comes to us by way of Dr. Peter Steinke who recommended that staff meet with Dr. Jones to set goals and establish objectives for the upcoming year. Since garnering “healthy system tools” from Dr. Jones, we want to share this information and these tools with you, our church family.

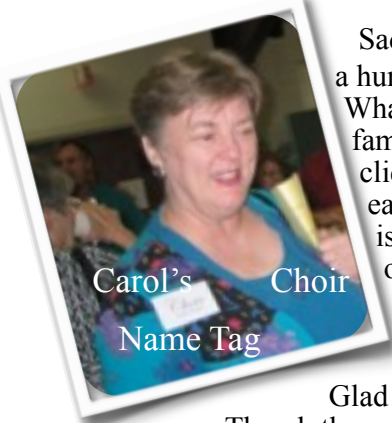
As the Public Affairs Forum does not meet in July and August, the perfect time and location is established. Location is Howson Hall, time is 11:30 a.m. and dates are Sunday July 5th and 26th, August 2nd and 23rd. Contact Peg Frey for more information at peg@austinuu.org.

Did you know?



- * The Austin Chapter of Amnesty International got its start at First UU?
- * It costs \$100 every time we clean the spills and stains out of the carpets?
- * The Roots of UU are mainly England and America but some are traced to Transylvania, Poland, and Switzerland.
- * Rev. Janet Newman has the longest track record of any Unitarian Universalist interim minister (22 years straight)?
- * In 1961 the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church in America merged to form the UUA. Even earlier, for a quarter century, these two denominations had worked together on hymnals, and religious education of children.
- * At the time of merger, the Unitarians were at least twice as numerous as Universalists.
- * The newsletter used to be collated and made ready to mail by a group of wonderful ladies who came to the church once a month, ate yummy goodies and drank tea and coffee chatted and laughed for years. How many years? Will one of you let me know? news@austinuu.org

*The Importance of Being



Sad, but true—the average person can only keep track of about a hundred relationships before a system becomes too complex. What does that mean when your local community expands? A tight family becomes a group of strangers. The larger group manifests the illusion of cliques and closed groups, as independent whorls and eddies spawn and swirl away from each other. Your group no longer touches their group, creating a sense of intentional isolation. And ultimately, the growth of the larger community, ironically, creates a sense of alienation—the pond grown so large, we can no longer see the far shore.

How (I must assume you ask yourself this, as I am on the far side of the pond and cannot hear you) am I going to fight this, armed only with a 2"x3" piece of cardstock pinned to my chest?

Glad you asked!

Thumb through the newsletter, read the Joys and Concerns book, (on the credenza outside the sanctuary). Dozens of names. Even if you don't know who Andrew Karwoski is, you might learn that his sister is ill, and that he planted a stand of lantana in the back yard. You see his nametag, instant communion. You connect his physical self, his name, his sister, his interest in plants. It's as if you know him. Maybe you do. It's a good thing you remembered the name Karwoski!

You're interested in (pick one: theater, gay and lesbian concerns, domestic violence, catfish noodling.) You, and all your friends in church who share this interest, pin a small (Greek tragedy mask, rainbow triangle, teal ribbon, catfish) to your nametags. In three weeks, the nametag rack is "full" of your allies—and it only takes a few pins to make a pattern! Then, someone comes to church, and because of the magic of selective perception, sees a community of noodlers. They, themselves, noodle, and when they see your pin, on your tag, on your chest, share their passion for noodling. Instant communion.

You're lost in a new church. You have to find the bathroom. You ask someone with a nametag. You're hurting because of a change in staff or a new policy. You find someone with "Board of Trustees" on their nametag. Even the act of conversation lifts some pain. You want to congratulate (or extend sympathies to) the new Chair of Membership, but have never met him—but he's wearing his nametag. You recognize an on-line friend from their name. You get a new nametag to match your spouse's. You print your own tag in Star Track 50 pt Bold. Instant Communion.

The simple act of pinning a nametag on makes people accessible, turns vague and ephemeral associations into conversations and connection. We recognize new visitors by their hand-written tags, or by no nametag at all—but how do we spot a long-time churchie we haven't had the pleasure of meeting?

Wear your nametag—your real one, not a sticker—and then find someone with a hand-written tag and start up that first conversation. No-one can know everyone in a 600-person church, but by letting people know who you are, and that you belong, closes the distance across the pond.

by Jacob Williamson, Co Chairperson of the Membership Committee.

*The title doesn't make sense to you? Who's Ernest? Ask someone with a nametag. Someone will know!



How To Get Involved...

This month's Sing-a-Long will be held

...on the fourth Saturday, July 25, from 7:30 to 10:30 at the Friend's Meeting House on 3701 E. MLK Blvd. Please bring snacks and finger foods, musical instruments, and copies of songs you want to sing with the group. Copies of "Rise Up Singing" will be available. Please do not bring alcohol, since this is not a custom of the Quakers. For more information contact Larry Vaughn 469-0029 or email lavest@sbcglobal.net. To be added to the email list, contact Mary Jane Ford at mjaneford@grandecom.net. Looking ahead the will be August 22.



Social Action Activities at PCC



Our Sunday work session on May 31 was a great success, with lots of help turning out to make new patient charts for People's Community Clinic. **Thanks to Lynn Adams, Clark Boykin, Alexander Burton, Mia Burton, Scott Butki, Nora Hughes, Nancy Neavel, Sheri Overton, Carol Reed, Pat Robards, Judy Sadegh, Del Taebel, Kay Taebel, Marilyn Wilson, and Angela Woodbury.** We continue to send a team to the clinic

every other week to copy materials, and a monthly group to compile educational materials. We are always in need of helpers to make up this Tuesday group, and the next work session is July 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.



We are also looking for volunteers to provide Storytime in the waiting room and child-programming during parenting classes. If you can help with any of these activities, please contact Sheri Overton at sherioverton@hotmail.com or 512-847-2685.

SWUUSI

2009

*"The Way to Peace
is Through UUs!"*

What? South West UU Summer Institute

When? August 2 - 7, 2009

Where? Western Hills Guest Ranch, Sequoia State Park, Wagoner, Oklahoma

Why?

- Rest, renewal, and inspiration for peacemaking
- Connecting with the larger denomination
- Stimulating workshops including Spiritual Belly Dancing; New Monasticism & the Organic Church; Was Jesus a UU?; Ecological Gardening for the Soul; CUUPS; Young Adults; Songwriters; Jam session Singing; Choir and more.
- Sunset talks by Rev. Jonalu Johnstone overlooking beautiful Ft Gibson Lake
- Swimming pool; golf course; plentiful wildlife.
- Fun and meaningful programming for children and youth of all ages.
- Reg. fee only \$130 for 4 full days of programming + Sun. p.m. & Fri. a.m.

How? Brochures and registration forms are available in the Church office and on the SW District web site, www.swuuc.org/swuusi. You can mail in the registration form with your check or pay on-line through a Paypal account, payments@swuuc.org. Email your form or ask for specific information at SWDUUA@aol.com. If you are planning to go and if you want more information, please contact seasoned SWUUSI attendee, Mary Jane Ford, 512-926-4122 or email, mjaneford@grandecom.net. Tell her if you are looking for riders, need a ride; or need roommates or cabin mates.

Attention all Birders -



Summer is not too hot for birding in Austin if you know where to look. The birds are with us year round. And what better time to see the birds that are with us all year long. The newly formed UU Birding Covenant Group is look for additional birders, experienced or novice that can get away on Monday mornings to share their interests in birding. We'll meet about once a month during the hot summer months and then more frequently when it starts to cool off and the birds start to migrate down South.



The trip for July has not been finalized yet. Please check the announcements and Sunday Bulletin for date. We'll try to keep the outings to small groups of 10-12 so not to scare the birds. And don't feel you need to come to each meeting, this will be very casual. If you are interested, please contact Joseph Hunt (joshunt@sbcglobal.net) at 349-0825. Peace, Joseph Hunt - Austin, Texas

Congregational Care Committee...

wants people to know ...

we are up and running...

The wheel has not been reinvented ... we took what we used to do (Caring Cards, Listening Ministry and Helping Hands) and made it more functional, more responsive to the needs of the church community.

What we want you to do, if you need help or know someone who needs help. is call us at 452-6168 ext 315 or email us at uuconggcare@gmail.com

We are a team of church members who are here to serve the congregation. We need more members on our team. Our goal is Manageable Volunteerism. If making a difference in small or large ways is something you would like to experience then contact us to join our team.



Spiritual Movie Night

"Baptists At Our Barbeque"

July's Spiritual Movie Night, July 17, 7 pm in Howson Hall:



In this fun, award winning feature film, we follow a sweet, young, Mormon park ranger to his new assignment in a town with 262 Mormons and 262 Baptists. His arrival has tipped the scales!

What follows is an adventure in comedy, romance, friendship, satire, family and community that asks us if we are willing to open our hearts and homes to those different than ourselves.

This film's love story is a wonderful metaphor for dissolving the old, destructive barriers between belief systems.

Adults \$5 Family \$7. Snacks are \$1.



Eight is Not Enough

Having grown up in Idaho, where every home has a basement, I have yet to adjust to living without one. Not only does the basement stay cool on even the hottest summer days, it can double a home's square footage, providing storage and a place for informal family life (a "second" living room that you don't have to keep spotless like the more public areas of the home that visitors might see). I have space challenges.

Here at First UU, we have space challenges too. On Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, we're packed to the gills with church activities. We have so many church activities at those times that we frequently have to turn away church groups who want to gather here at those times, to say nothing of potential non-church groups! As we add covenant groups and other great new programming, we've begun to feel the squeeze at other times as well.

That is why "8" is not enough.

Those of you who have come to First UU for more than nine years or so may recall that room 8 (next to the kitchen) used to house our library. With the exception of our most recent senior minister, all First UU ministers had their office in room 7 (between the main administrative office and the religious education office). Guided by our history, and motivated by our space challenge, our future ministers will again use room 7 as their office.

Our challenge has also led us, with generous support from Paradox Players and Stephan Windsor, to partition room 8. The larger side (closest to the kitchen) will continue to serve, as it has in recent months, as a meeting space. Our library, currently scattered around the church, may also again call that space home. The smaller side will house the mailboxes, photocopier, and provide storage space to committees.

So, while 8 is not enough, it's a start. While these new arrangements might be less than ideal, they make the best of our limited options. As many of you know, First UU is long overdue to add new space which is the best way for us to accommodate our tremendous growth over recent years. In the meantime, we will continue to identify strategies to maximize the use we can get from our current facility.

Sean Hale, Executive Director

Split the Plate

On the first and third Sunday of each month the First UU congregation shares the non-pledge offertory plate with a non-profit organization whose work helps to put our social-justice values into action.



On July 5 we will split the plate with **Casa Marianella**. Founded in Austin in 1985, Casa Marianella provides safe temporary shelter for immigrants and refugees. It is run by a director and four full-time volunteers who receive room, board, and a stipend for their services. With help from additional part-time volunteers, they provide or put residents in touch with services such as English-language instruction, information on nutrition and child care, job training, and health-care advice.

On July 19, our beneficiary will be the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee**. UUSC is guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and creates programs in partnership with local groups based on UU principles that affirm the worth, dignity, and human rights of every person. UUSC responds to crises around the world as well as at home and is especially concerned with defending the rights of marginalized and oppressed populations and providing them with humanitarian aid.





President's Corner

I don't usually re-purpose words – there are so many good ones to start with. However, given the level of activity around 4700 Grover in the past year, I have come to think of “church” as verb as much as a noun. Church is not just a place, but it's what we do when we come together at that place. Much as people used to get their “schooling,” I sometimes come home on Sunday afternoons feeling fully “churched.” It's a good feeling that comes from being welcomed, worshipping thoughtfully, singing out loud, and hugging dear people. Some days I even get to attend meetings and wash dishes and if it all required more than one Kleenex to mop up tears, it was an extra good “churching”

The Board of Trustees attended a real retreat in mid-June. Instead of just holding a potluck dinner, we actually piled into cars and drove an hour outside of town to spend a day together in a quiet spot. We laid out our expectations for ourselves and began sifting through our priorities for the upcoming year. Here are some of the things we're looking forward to:

- Welcoming Janet Newman as our interim minister for one year. She specializes in working with churches that have undergone dramatic changes, and she'll bring a full toolkit of experience and resources to help us continue moving forward.
- Working with the congregation to write a fresh mission for our church, and setting up a structure to engage in congregational self evaluation on a regular basis.
- Having the Nominating Committee establish a leadership development program to identify, train, and support new leaders in our church. Why should only a handful of over-committed folks have all the fun?
- Seeing the Membership Committee draft new policies for membership that will welcome our new members into our community and give them the tools they need to make it their home.

So, will **YOU** be there to help make these changes? If so, it will be churching at its best.

Nell Newton, President of the Board of Trustees

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Ushers and Greeters! Thanks!!

What a great way to meet folks and serve the community!

Thanks to the following volunteers for helping in the Sunday services during the summer session: **Nahdiah Hoang, Emily Wethington, Russell Eskew, Joyce Wilson, Beverly Donoghue, Alice Cashman, Sudie Vassef, Barbara Weeks, Doug Ginn, Elizabeth DeLeon, Roseanne Graham, Lori & Richard Sommer, Kitty Traylor, Luther Elmore, Annie Smith, Linda Buehlmann, Joe Linsalata, Jim Burson, Jenny Loehlin, Geri Mosher, Cyndi Loudon, Catherine Reynolds, Brendan Sterne, Autumn Barker, Nola McKey, Suzy & Bill Reid, Peter Langlois, Carol Ginn, Gary & Amy Bennett, Barbara Denney, and Jeanette Swenson.**

Volunteers work in teams performing duties beyond handing out the Orders of Service and greeting the congregation. They are responsible for duties that open and close the services, which include keeping the sanctuary neat and orderly, monitoring the foyer, replacing pew items, maintaining the candles, collecting and counting the offering, and completing the report for information needed by the church.

Volunteers are still needed for this session, especially to fill in for vacations. Training is done for each new session, but can also be done in between the two services. To become involved and learn more about the church and congregation, contact Kitty Traylor at ktraylor3@austin.rr.com.



Sunday Worship



The times for the Sunday morning Worship Services are 9:45 and 11:30 a.m

July 5: "Listening." Ron Phares. Listening takes time. Listening invites relationship. Relationship is reality. How you listen determines what you hear. What are you hearing? What are you missing?

July 12: "Taking a Bet on the Truth." David Throop. 'The search for truth is our sacrament. And service is its prayer.' We are called to action, based on the truths we know. But there's a catch. Revelation isn't finished - tomorrow may prove today's truths to be partial, provisional. Or just wrong. Our free churches have struggled with the question ever since the Pilgrims -- How do we act boldly, faithfully, given that we might be in error? This Sunday, we look back to our Unitarian roots to learn how UU's serve with confidence even as we walk in doubt.

July 19: "Sheep without a Shepherd - Human Rights vs. Human Duties" Jack Harris-Bonham. We will celebrate the UU Service Committee Justice Sunday and the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Rev. Harris-Bonham promises a stimulating point of departure for this special service.

July 26: The Miracle of Metaphor, Ron Phares.

Adult Religious Education Lecture Series

The time for the Lecture Series will be 11:30 a.m. in Howson Hall

Although there are no Forums in the months of July and August, we will have a special four part series of lectures presented by the Adult Religious Education Program in Howson Hall on July 5th and 26th and August 2nd and 23rd at 11:30. Please refer to page 2 of the newsletter for more information.

Denominational UUpdates

This summer, consider reaching out to other UUs.

The UUA General Assembly took place in June, in Salt Lake City, but you can reach out in other ways.

1) Books

a) Read a book

You might want to read Barack Obama's "Dreams of My Father." As you might know, Grandmother Durham, who helped raise him, was a UU.

b) Clear out some books and CDs by taking them to a book fair at Wildflower UU Church, 3911 Manchaca in South Austin. These are held monthly, usually on a 2nd Sunday. Contact is Lois Davis at Wildflower, email: pink697@cs.com

2) Travel/Summer UU Gatherings

a) Go to the www.uua.org Then go to "find a congregation."

You can find other UU congregations by state, by zip, by distance.

Think of how visiting other UUs could enrich your life, and of what you might bring back to our church to enrich ours.

b) You might go to the Southwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute, on August 2-7 at Western Hills Guest Ranch near Tulsa: www.swuuc.org/swuusi

c) Perhaps send your kids, or grandkids to camp for a week in July, at U Bar U, about 100 miles from here in Kerrville, Texas. UUs in Plano included a pitch in their newsletter, and Plano(north of Dallas) is 300 miles from Kerrville.

swuuc.org/pages/services/camps.php

John Keohan, Denominational Affairs Chairperson keohane@prodigy.net (512) 371-3853

Long Time Friend Leading Worship on July 12th Join in after Second Service for BarBQ

You may have heard that a long-time friend of 1st UU will be leading the Worship Service on Sunday July 12th. It is David Throop from Houston! David serves in many capacities in the UU community, including Covenant Group Facilitator, at the Bay Area UU Church. He is also a member of the Flying Fish Sailors, a band of Happy folks who make Happy Music for Happy People. Perhaps most important for us on July 12th, he is known by first name at his favorite local BBQ joint.

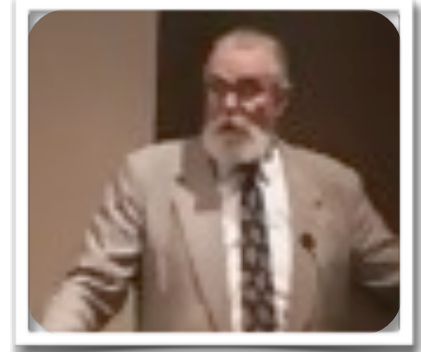
David is hosted this weekend by Sheila Gladstone and Stefan Windsor. After the service anyone who wants to is invited to accompany David Throop to the County Line for a dutch treat lunch. All who wish to join him please congregate in the foyer after second service and begin the convoy from the Church parking lot as David directs us to the...

County Line BBQ.



Justice Sunday July 19th UU Service Committee

The worship service will include a sermon by Jack Harris-Bonham, split the plate for UUSC's program in Darfur and information regarding the work of UUSC in promoting Human Rights, especially in Darfur, Sudan.



We all have the right to life, liberty, and personal security. Yet this most basic right is often the first casualty of conflict and natural disasters. The crisis in Darfur, Sudan, puts all civilians at risk of violence, especially women and girls. UUSC is improving safety for women living in camps in Darfur. Come by the Social Action table in the Gallery to learn more about human rights in crises and the simple steps you can take to have real impact on our world.



UUSC is a membership organization that receives no funding from the UUA. It depends on the active participation and financial support of its members to carry out its vital work. Become a member of UUSC today or give the gift of membership to someone you love: Stop by the Social Action Table to learn more about membership and a special opportunity for new members.



It's Summer Time in Children's Religious Education!

We are now one month into our summer curriculum and having a great time in RE. We are reading stories, creating art, enjoying the outdoors and making meaningful connections with each other every week. We are also very excited about this summer's RE Social Action Project that the children will be participating in. More details to come.

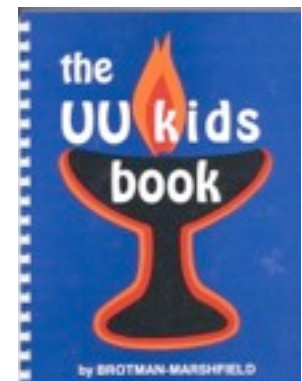


The PRE-K class, taught by Bill Douglas, is doing "Story Time; A Literature-Based Curriculum for Preschool" by Mary Jerse Schwartz. This curriculum is based on contemporary children's literature. This program helps preschoolers focus on feelings, relationships, nature, and holidays. Each session has a story, a discussion, and a choice of related activities. The main goals of this curriculum is to get in touch with feelings, relationships, nature, and holidays through stories, discussion, art, and other activities.

We want to extend a warm welcome to Bill Douglass for filling Miss Erin shoes and becoming our new Pre-K teacher. Already the kids are very excited about having him as their teacher and we are all thrilled to be working with such a warm kind soul. He's a real keeper!

Grades K-2, taught by Adriana DeLaRosa, and grades 3-5, taught by Kami Cornell, are doing a curriculum called "The UU Kids Book" by Barbara Marshman, Charlene Brotman and Ann Fields.

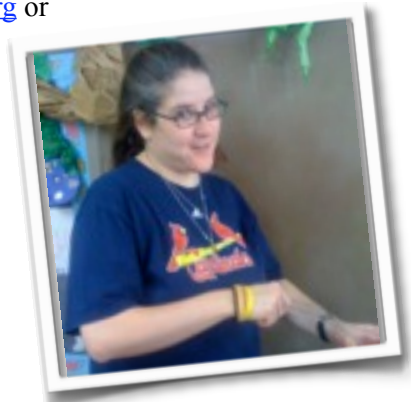
This is an activity book for children ages 6 to 10. It presents an extraordinary mix of engaging activities including; crafts, games, stories, puzzles and projects to introduce children to UU history, identity, and values. It is imaginative, informative and brings UU history and values to life. The goal is to have fun while learning about Unitarian Universalism.



The Children's RE Department would also like to give a big thanks to the many volunteers who heeded our call and stepped up to help out in the classrooms as Teacher's Assistants on Sundays. We are using a new on-line tool Volunteerspot.com that helps us schedule and keep in contact with our volunteers on a weekly basis. It seems to be working well and we've received a lot of positive feedback on it. To check out this new online tool or to volunteer to be a teacher's assistant on Sunday in RE please contact Cyndi Stein at cyndi@austinuu.org or 560-2839.

We'll Miss you Miss Erin!

Erin Campbell, our former Pre-K teacher, will be leaving us this summer to move to Portland, Oregon. Erin has been teaching Pre-K and providing childcare in RE for several years. She is much loved by us all and will be dearly missed. We had a nice going away party for Erin last month and the kids were able to share cards, hugs and cake with Erin and give her a heartfelt farewell. We wish her all the best on this new journey in her life and we hope she will come visit us soon.





YRUU Busy Month!

For the middle school class May meant the end of one curriculum (Messages in Music) while June brought the start of a new curriculum focused on social action. The curriculum, which I am developing with Shannon's help, will dovetail with a church-wide social action project. May and June have also meant changes in teachers. The Middle School teacher Shannon Vyff and her family are moving to England this summer. I am taking her place as the Middle School teacher and we are currently doing a gradual transition, which should make things less jarring or disruptive for the students.

Speaking of transitions, at the June 5-June 6 YRUU lock-in the high schoolers elected Shannon Mahoney and Patrick Balaguer as their new leaders, also known as Co-Deans. Returning are Rachael as secretary and Aaron as board representative. Shannon, Rachael and Aaron are going to be seniors next year and Patrick is going to be a junior. During the lock-in they made some general plans for the summer. Some of the youth are planning on attending some religious education programs this summer. Meanwhile, Josh and Edward were the stars and focus of a bridging ceremony during the June 7 service as they will be leaving Austin to attend college elsewhere. Both graduated from high school last week. They were invited to attend the young adults group when back in town.

Lastly, YRUU is looking for more advisers, to attend meetings, events, etc. Please email Lara Douglass or me for more information. Thank you, we look forward to having you come interact with our kids :-). Scott Butki scott@austinuu.org

A Possibility for the future!

Scott, our new youth leader, was walking down the hall leaving the church on Monday and I stopped him in the kitchen. He told me that the youth were up for the challenge and they would be getting me copy and pictures for the newsletter starting in August.

That is exactly what I wanted. So I went home got all the recent pictures of the youth (taken while they were preparing the lunch for the Spring Congregational Meeting). I knew they would have more of their own to contribute later-here they are! The new Co-Deans of First UU's YRUU are in the right hand picture Patrick Balaguer and Shannon Mahoney. The middle picture has Michael, Rachel and Edward just having a good time. On the left we have most of the crew after the Youth Service this spring.

Everyone in the pictures will be around next year (except for Edward and Josh) and they want to "grow" the youth program. So let me be the first to congratulate them. Starting in August one page of the newsletter will be created and written by YRUU! *Linda Taylor, publications.*



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*Next Newsletter Deadline
15th of the month*

*Please submit information to
news@austinuu.org*

Your Goals for 2010

More than 100 of us attended the combined Stewardship / Board dinner meeting on June 15. The purpose of the meeting was to meet our new Interim Minister Janet Newman, and to engage in discovering our collective dream for us to incorporate into our Fall Canvass.

We broke up into 10 groups and considered more than a dozen potential “stretch goals.” The voting showed that the top three goals of the participants concerned: (a) balancing the budget; (b) a facelift for our building’s interior; and (c) kitchen renovation.

Our next steps will include recruiting and training ourselves to conduct the canvass; sculpting our goal of balancing the budget into a practicable task; and continuing the evolution of our church’s culture concerning financial support.