Highlights Fourteen of us from First UU took part from youth in a spectacular week of events in from Charlotte, NC, at the 2011 General Assembly, 50th Anniversary GENERAL celebration of the formation of the ASSEMBLY Unitarian-Universalist Association. 2011 June 22-26 Look for some of our highlights of the Charlotte, NC experience throughout this month's newsletter...



There was all kinds of Southern whoopdee-doo at the Southern Regional In-Gathering (Florida, Mid-South, Thomas Jefferson Districts and the Southwestern

Conference). We recognized that being a liberal denomination in a conservative South, we have a lot in common, and it is our job to let everyone know that we are here! Evangelism was the theme as well at the Southland Region Workshop "Turn the World Around: the South Can Lead Us!!!" They said that "the South's demographics show that it is fertile ground for creating a vibrant, lovegrounded, spirit-centered, multicultural Unitarian Universalist faith" and that we have a lot to offer for the future of Unitarian Universalism. We were led in story and song by "our" very own Meg Barnhouse and Kiya Heartwood!

The Youth Caucus made a special invitation for adults to join them during GA, and I was able to accept on several occasions. I am so impressed and encouraged when I participate with our youth at First UU, and this was no exception at GA. While welcoming and including everyone, the youth respectfully listen, worship, share and connect with others. Youth expressed how quickly they feel loved and accepted by other UU youth, whether at home, at cons or at GA, as opposed to how they feel when with other high school friends. Some expressed that it is particularly difficult for UU youth in small congregations in politically conservative, rural areas to connect with likeminded youth so they greatly value any opportunity they have to spend time together at UU events. I went away

caucus sessions greatly

appreciating what our youth and young adults are doing

for our liberal religious movement, our communities and our world.

I attended sessions regarding the 2012 "Justice GA" in Phoenix. John and I are looking forward to this very special GA focusing on immigration, justice and human rights. We hope many others from First UU will join us, including, hopefully, many youths. Denominational Affairs will provide detailed information about 2012 GA in the September



newsletter, but meanwhile, save the date: June 20-24, 2012.

I was moved and heartened by the documentary "Raw Faith."(shown as a special at GA on the date of its opening in NYC). It concerns two years in the life of UU minister, Rev. Marilyn Sewell: afaith, love, and life's journey. I hope it will show in our community in the near future. For more details and to view the trailer, see: http:// alivemindcinema.com/reg.php?reg=static.php&page=RawFaithFIP

It is always a delight to participate in Plenary Sessions (where UUA business is done) moderated by Gini Courter, and a pleasure to be present for the Opening Celebration, Worship (Service of the Living Tradition, Synergy Bridging Worship, Youth and Young Adult Jointly-Led Worship, Sunday Morning Worship), Public

Witness event and Ware Lecture and learn more about our denomination in the sessions and at the numerous booths in the Exhibit Hall. Of course, it is also a joy to share in all of this with members of our First UU family! -Karen Franks



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Sunday Worship

The time for the Sunday morning Worship Services is 10:00 a.m.



August 7 "Sometimes You Just Need a Good Exorcism," Marisol Caballero, UU Ministerial Candidate During my time as a hospital chaplain in San Francisco, I encountered rituals that were quite different from my own spiritual practices. In what ways can such rituals inform our own theologies and what lessons do they hold for Unitarian Universalists about compassion and renewal?

Ministerial Candidate, Marisol Caballero, is a life-long UU and Native Texan. She recently returned to Texas after spending the past 2 years in California, doing one year of hospital chaplaincy at USCF Medical Center in San Francisco, and one year as a Ministerial Intern at Neighborhood and Throop UU Churches of Pasadena. In 2010, Mari, as many call her, was honored to "fly solo" as Neighborhood UU Church's Summer Minister. Mari earned her B.A. from St. Edward's University in 2003 and her Masters of Divinity (M.Div.) from Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 2007. She now lives in Cedar Park with her long-term partner, Chanel, and their cat, Peppercorn Cottonpaws, and works as substitute teacher in the Austin school district and as a chaplain at St. David's Hospital. She was a member of this congregation for a time during college.

August 14, Luther Elmore "Henry David Thoreau and the Simple Life" Henry David Thoreau is generally recognized as one of us, a UU. He most famously lived for two years at Walden Pond and wrote of his life and observances while there. His quest at Walden and at other times in his life reflect a search for meaning and simplicity that we can apply to our lives today. Luther Elmore has been a member of First UU Church for about five years. He holds a Masters of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Masters of Arts degree from Texas Christian University. He has served as chair of the Adult Religious Committee and as Church Treasurer. He retired from the State of Texas where he worked for twenty-six years. For over twenty he has been an Adjunct Professor of American History at Austin Community College where he still teaches.

August 21 and 28 The Rev. Meg Barnhouse will be leading our Sunday Worship Service.

Highlights My GA highlights were:



- The two lectures "Church for the New Millennium" by Galen Guengerich. I think they were brilliant and insightful.
- The Ware Lecture.
- The workshop "Crossing Boarders: Immigration from the Migrants Perspective" was
 - very good. It's commentary about the immigration issue was well delivered, and the presenters shared an analysis of how liberals and conservatives view the world differently. Understanding this makes it much easier to find the "inherent worth and dignity" of our politically conservative friends and facilitates a meaningful public policy discussion with others across the political spectrum.
- Singing "Gather the Spirit" with thousands of capable and enthusiastic UU's during the hymn sing. *-Rob Feeney*



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The Stewardship Campaign for 2012 is underway!

The new co-chairs for the 2011-12 Stewardship Committee are Luther Elmore and Mary Jane Ford. Luther is currently the Church Treasurer and Mary Jane is a long time Stewardship Committee member. Both have worn many hats at the Church. The campaign awaits consultation with Rev. Meg Barnhouse, but high on the list of considerations for our goal is a budget which includes a Volunteer Coordinator. But the specifics of this campaign are like a flower, waiting to unfold.

We expect to have a Kick-off Lunch at the church, free to all, most likely in late August, complete with speeches. This will be followed by a letter to the congregation announcing and explaining the Stewardship campaign. The main campaign is in September and October, with the final wrap-up in late October and early November. Look for great inspirational sermons beginning on Stewardship Sunday. There will be individual testimonies from members at the services. We will have face to face and telephone canvassing done by trained Stewardship volunteers, and a



table in the Gallery for pledging. There will be other, as yet undisclosed events. We welcome volunteers to the Stewardship Committee, especially those willing to plan and work on special events and to contact their fellow church members for the canvass. Contact Mary Jane at 926-4122 or mianeford@grandecom.net and Luther at 288-7916 or lelmore@austincc.edu .

This year's campaign will be a celebration of our new mission statement and our new minister, Rev. Meg Barnhouse. We hope to change our church's culture from one of scarcity to one of abundance. What better place is there to put your money than in your own spiritual elevation? Mary Jane Ford and Luther Elmore, Co-Chairs, Stewardship Committee for 2012

Highlights "There were the excellent lectures and from workshops, of course; we enjoyed programs on becoming more "radically hospitable" (from a GENERAL church that after decades of treading water, ASSEMBLY went from 700-something to 993 members in 2011 June 22-26 seven years after initiating the steps they Charlotte, NC showed us) and on developing a more UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST generous church culture (from a church that has about the same number of pledging members as us, but gave \$1,000,000 1961-2011

compared to our

\$600,000+ last year) and UU history (someone showed a film he's made that went from 1 CE to 1553, the first of several; it looked good). But what really makes GA is the fellowship: we spent quality time with five people (three of them ministers) we knew from our

previous church in Pennsylvania."



-Gary & Amy Bennett

The **Membership Committee**



The Membership committee is looking for usher/greeters to reach out to the many visitors who come to visit our church each week. We will definitely need more woman/ manpower starting in September when we return to two services.

This is a great opportunity to support Rev. Meg Barnhouse. We need outgoing people who are excited about the possibilities for growth before us and can promote the positive aspects of FirstUU with enthusiasm. This is a great way for new members, as well as old, to contribute. Do you want to play a key role? If so, call Gary Payne or Jill Wiggins at 441-4720.

First UU Social Action at



Additional volunteers are needed for the 2nd Tuesday Collate Group at People's Community Clinic to collate and stuff patient information packets. We have taken on additional responsibilities and need more help. We meet next on August 9th in the workroom at PCC. Arrive anytime after 9:30 am and leave when you need -- we are always finished by noon. You don't need to participate each month, just as you can. There are usually around 4 to 8 of us and it is a nice opportunity to visit with each other. Please call or email Sheri Overton (512-847-2685).

August 12th, Moon Circle:

Gather with us under the full moon and let the mirth and reverence within us unfold. This is an intimate and inspiration-lead time to connect with the lunar energies and each

other. We do not exclusively follow any one tradition, and offer an opportunity for you to express your appreciation for nature whether you are Deist or Atheist; Pagan, Christian, Buddhist, or any or none of the above. And we have fun doing it, too! Bring your open heart and join us under the circle of oaks at the church at 7:30 pm, and come ready to how! **Highlights** These are a few highlights Brian and I experienced:



~Learned lots in workshops on Campus Ministry and Lay Ministry, and Stewardship matters from our delegation's meeting with Wayne Clark, UUA Guru of stewardship and capital campaigns.

~Enjoyed Karen Armstrong at the Ware Lecture who spoke about the Golden

Rule being central to all religions. If

we don't practice this, religion will fail the test of time. ~The Rev. Kaaren Anderson of the Rochester church spoke at the final worship service about Compassion and Connection as the way to grow and move our faith onward.

~The Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf's lecture on "A Spark of Freedom in the Muslim World" was inspiring. What a gentle, centered, intelligent man!

~Sharon reconnected with the Revs. John Buehrens and Laurel Hallman, whom she worked with at Dallas's First UU Church, as well as the Rev. Cathy Harrington, our first intern minister here in Austin. She sends greetings to all here!!

~Sharon also reconnected with The Association of UU Administrators, a group she started in the 80's that continues to support our church administrators and executive directors.

~We so enjoyed downtown Charlotte, the Mint Museum, public park close by our hotel, good

restaurants, and how clean and modern downtown is. Brian loved the Nascar Museum! This was a good GA!!! -Sharon and Brian Moore



August Share the Plate offering is for...







AGE (Austin Groups for the Elderly) is celebrating 25 years of providing direct assistance to older adults and their families through our unique programs, including:

- Elderhaven, the only licensed Adult Day Centers in Central Texas, provides a safe and interactive environment for medically vulnerable seniors at both our facilities in Central Austin and Williamson County. Offering therapeutic activities under licensed, medical supervision during the day, specializing in memory loss care. With a loved one spending the day at Elderhaven, family members can return to work, get a break, and even prevent early nursing home placement.
- The Caregiver Resource Center provides free referrals, information, and education to seniors and their families at no cost.
- The Health Equipment Lending Program (HELP) provides critical safety and mobility equipment to the Central Texas community in need of wheelchairs, walkers and shower chairs. The program is run through donations of gently used equipment and cash.
- The Austin Computer Learning Center is a peerto-peer senior computer literacy program that engages and connects older adults to new technologies.

"William," a Veteran of World War II, has been diagnosed with Schizophrenia, cognitive impairment and diabetes mellitus. Before attending Elderhaven, his blood sugar would vary drastically. In just one day his blood sugars would be as high as 500 and as low as 30. This takes a tough toll on a body, especially on a small framed, 80 year old man.

William's Story

Our full time nurse and staff set a goal to get his diabetes under control. The Elderhaven nurse contacted the nursing staff at the VA clinic where William goes. After multiple phone and in person meetings, a plan was created. After daily monitoring of his diet and blood sugars while at Elderhaven, his diabetes is significantly more controlled. The nurses at the VA and at Elderhaven continue to keep in contact over his progress.

Elderhaven has made a significant difference in the life of William. He's much more active, participating in all the great activities we offer here. He loves to garden and now is our weed puller and water man for our garden. The intimate and personalized care at Elderhaven keeps clients like William healthier and prevents additional trips to the emergency room or doctors' office.

To learn more www.ageofaustin.org 512.451.4611

SINGALONG!



This month's Singalong will be held as usual on the fourth Saturday, August 27, 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. 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 <u>lavest@sbcglobal.net</u>. If you want to add somebody to the email list, contact Mary Jane Ford at <u>mjaneford@grandecom.net</u>.



EXCITING TIMES!

It is an exciting and wonderful time at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Austin. I feel honored and privileged to serve as your Board of Trustees President during

this momentous period in the life of our church.

On August 15, our new Settled Minister, Reverend Meg Barnhouse will begin her journey with us. Reverend Barnhouse is an extraordinarily gifted minister and is highly thought of throughout our denomination. I am thrilled to welcome her, along with her terrific and talented partner, Kiya Heartwood. I have no doubt they will bring great blessings to our church.

Because of all the intensive, tremendous work we have done during the transition period, we will be well positioned to walk with Reverend Barnhouse toward a vital and transformative future. We have done so much together over the past few years that it is impossible to name everything. Here are just a few examples:

The Bridge Builders Process and Action Plan _

- Discerning our Covenant of Healthy Relations
- Articulating values, mission and ends
- _ Increasing pledges/two-year bridge pledges
- Demonstrating the transcendent possibilities for church-wide ministry through our Journey with Food.
- Creating fellowship, community, healing, worship and sacred spaces in far too many ways to list here.

Through it all, we were blessed with hard working, magnificent staff, outstanding Interim Ministers and an incredible Interim Director of Religious Education!

To top it all off, our new two year Interim Director of Lifespan Religious Education, Barbara Stoddard, also joins us in August! Barbara is highly respected in the field, and we can look forward to accomplishing great things in RE with her.

I look forward to gathering with you to nourish souls, transform lives and do justice – I believe that given all of the above, we will do so in ways and to a degree that we have not yet even imagined. - Chris Jimmerson. Board President

from GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011 June 22-26 Charlotte, NC UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST 1961-2011

Highlights I was reminded how lucky we are to be a large church in a liberal city and how much I appreciate the bravery of the 25people congregations in tiny towns. I also attended workshops (LGBTQ inclusion and accessibility inclusion) that made me wonder if we spend too much time on the policies of a church instead of the people aspect of it. I wish there were a mentor program between large churches and small fellowships. It was so lovely to reconnect with former San Francisco friends and see current Austin ones – what a wonderful bridge UU is across the world. -Natalie Freeburg



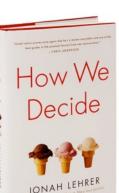
Backstage at Paradox Players



August is opportunity time at Paradox Players, when we seek folks with a variety of skills to join our extended theatre family. It may surprise you to know that many other fields transfer handily to the theater world, like marketing/PR, computer savvy, event

planning, commercial art design and technical knowhow. If you enjoy – or want to learn about – how these diverse skills translate to Paradox Players, please contact Bill Walters at info@paradoxplayers.org. We'll introduce you to a family of theatre folks who pool their broad talents to produce three shows a year (Oct, Feb and June), read aloud monthly with Readers' Theater and contribute Sunday Shorts to the worship services. We welcome newcomers, whether you have prior theatre experience or none at all – come play with us!

Heritage Book Club

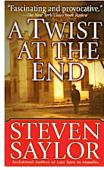


Heritage Club (a book club open to all people). Our next meeting is Friday, August <u>12th.at</u> 7:00 P. M. It will be held at Kitty Clark's house on 4308 Avenue D. We start our gathering with a pot luck supper.

Discussion on the book "How We Decide" by

Jonah Lehrer starts at 8:00 p.m.

If you want to read ahead, the September book is "A Twist at the End" by Steven Saylor, a historical novel that takes place in Austin, Tx. Come join us, we have fun.



Summary of July 19, 2011 Board Meeting

Eugene Balaguer outlined the scope of the payroll audit and listed items that would be needed from staff. With three volunteer auditors and barring time constraints on staff, he estimates the audit will take approximately one month.

Luther Elmore provided an explanation of the balance sheet portion of monthly financial reports. The profit and loss page will be discussed next month. This was followed by a discussion regarding what information the board needs to fulfill its financial fiduciary duty.

The board agreed that the appointment of stewardship chair is an executive decision and does not require board approval.

John Franks reported on GA (attached to minutes). He requested board members complete a survey for "Forward Through the Ages" (FORTH). Completion allows access to this UUA stewardship resource.

Susan Thomson talked about "Gathered Here," an 18-month appreciative-inquiry planning process that will result in a shared vision for the future of Unitarian Universalism.

The three board workgroups reported —policy, monitoring, linkage. Details in the minutes.

Following the recommendation of Kae McLaughlin, Finance Chair, the board changed access to church investment accounts to full access for the president, treasurer, executive director, and limited access for the financial chair and minister.

The board approved use of funds previously approved for Meg Barnhouse's Aug 15 arrival for health insurance coverage beginning no earlier than Aug 1.



Songratulations!

Giles and Dorothy Garmon celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on August 2, 2011.

Please join us for a special Wedding Anniversary Party at the Manor Lions Club in Manor, Texas Sunday afternoon August 14th 2011. Please stop by anytime 12-3 pm to visit! Light snacks will be served. Casual attire. Your presence is present enough - no gifts please. "Giles was a prisoner of war during WWII; the Germans took work details from the POW camp. One cold day the Germans asked a woman if the prisoners could use her toilet. The POWs stood in line - Giles was last. On the kitchen table sat a bowl of German potato salad. Giles was so hungry (94 pounds) he couldn't take his eyes off it. The German guard left when he realized Giles was about to go into the toilet. The German woman - who had noticed Giles' interest in her salad - offered him the bowl. Giles ate it gratefully as she and her elderly husband watched. A true communion of spirits and bodies."- story told by Jack Harris Bonham

An invitation for all adults to Read... "You've Got To Read This Book!: 55 People tell the Story of the Book That Changed Their Life"

by Jack Canfield and Gay Hendricks

We will talk about this book at the Pot Luck after the service on Sunday the 14th. We are also creating a "Read it Forward" collection. A book that includes First UU's reflections on their favorite books or books that have changed our lives. Anyone can contribute drawings ...poems...essays...what ever fits your age and fancy and illustrates what this book means to you. Make sure to give your submission by Cyndi Louden by email <u>cirrus84@gmail.com</u> or at the Literacy Table in the Gallery.

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George Denny brings a book to life Corinna chats with Bookspring representative Susan Patterson

Enjoying a quiet momen in the Book Nook Sally Scott working with children on their bookmarks

Camp Fire USA Service Project at Inks Lake State Park

Camp Fire USA is a co-ed and all inclusive scouting organization that has been around for more than 100 years. The church has had active Camp Fire USA clubs for many years, and the current club, The Mighty Platypi, gained some notoriety recently for a service project and fundraiser they did at Inks Lake State Park over Father's Day weekend. The kids, who are six to nine years old, worked with park staff and their

parents to sand and paint a 1000 gallon water collection tank that will be used for rainwater collection and irrigation of a butterfly garden at the park store. The tank was donated by the neighboring Inks Dam Federal Fish Hatchery, where the tank was going

to be thrown out because it was no longer being used. The Friends of Inks Lake State Park provided the paint, brushes, gloves, masks, and eye protection for the project and the Camp Fire USA kids and their parents provided the labor. During the week before the event,

Andrew and Kaitlyn Young were both interviewed on KVUE's morning show to discuss the project and its accompanying fundraiser. In the past Camp



Fire USA has sold candy as its main annual fundraiser. However, this has become more and more out of line with Camp Fire USA's mission of teaching kids about proper diet and healthy living. Because of this, the local Camp Fire USA organization, Balcones Council, decided to use water conservation as the central theme for this year's fundraiser. Camp Fire USA groups throughout Central Texas participated in various water conservation projects and asked for

> donations and pledges to help support them in the endeavor. If you would like to make a donation to the fundraising campaign for The Mighty Platypi, or if you'd like more information about Camp Fire USA here at the church, please contact Andrew Young at andrew@ austinuu.org.



There will be no Sharing Suppers in August.

Please mark your calendar's for Saturday, September 19th and we can all share stories about our summer. See you then.

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"Roots hold me close... Wings set me free..." From the song, "Spirit of Life", written by Unitarian Universalist musician and activist Carolyn McDade

Lifespan Religious Education Kick-Off!

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Come and join the Religious Education Department for the first Annual Gathering of the First UU Austin Lifespan RE Kick-off Saturday, August 27th. This event is for folks interested in learning about the new and exciting pathways that our children, youth and adult religious education programs are embarking on.

We will gather in Howson Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with Barbara Stoddard, Interim Director of Lifespan Religious Education, to begin a conversation with both volunteers and paid staff. We are inviting youth in Jr. and Sr. High to attend, folks interested in Adult RE, Children's RE and Youth RE. We welcome everyone!

Howson Hall is set aside for us until 1:00 p.m. so that you may bring your own lunch and share more of your enthusiasm and love for the future directions in RE.

Childcare will be provided in Room 19, beginning at 9:45 a.m. and ending at 1:15 p.m. Thank you for picking up your children on time. *-Barbara Gay Stoddard, Interim Lifespan Director of Religious Education*



Literacy Project Pot Luck for All on August 14th!

After service and coffee hour on August 14th, you are invited to bring one or more dishes (perhaps inspired by children's or adult literature to share with everyone!). We'll discuss book selections, sort donated books for Bookspring and enjoy being together doing literacy related activities. We hope you will join us!

Highlights The GA is a university experience of UU congregational issues from Policy Based Governance to Diversity. A new emerging category is the proliferation of virtual



congregations and the interaction with 4 wall churches. I concentrated on governance classes, and our friends from Unity gave excellent presentations. I would have liked classes on Evangelism. Karen Armstrong was the keynote speaker and was terrific and dynamic. She emphasized Compassion as a key denominator in all the Abrahamic religions. I met some good folks from the Meadville Lombard seminary. Ginny Courter, moderator, was delightful and savvy. The Plenary Sessions were lively and informative. We planned our modus operandi for the next GA in Phoenix. We intend to make the UU voice heard in Arizona and teach about the dignity of each individual. We furnished a talented and serious delegation. *-Mike LeBurkien*



First UU Church of Austin Book Groups: Exploring Spirituality and Thought through Reading

action project, First UU Loves Books!, we pause to look at three of the book groups that are nourishing the minds of our First **UU Austin Community!**

First UU Church of Austin book groups have existed for many years. While they must remain small enough to foster real discussion, most are open to new members.

groups provide:

•a place to exchange ideas and learn about the world;

 motivation to dive into new books that they might not otherwise read;

•a community in which to discuss how each of us fits into our changing world, and why people behave the way they do;

•a place to bond with others.

One book club member reported, "The book group is important to me because I enjoy being around a group of stimulating, bright thinkers. It is stretching my brain, leading me into areas I have not had previous exposure."

> The Mind and Meaning Book Group and the Sunday Morning Book Group meet at the church on Sunday mornings. Stefan Windsor considers them complementary approaches that help grow

In the midst of our summer social conscious spirituality. The inside-out approach of the Mind and Meaning Book Group with a focus on the neuroscience of language and consciousness contrasts with the Sunday Morning Book Group's outside-in approach which considers cultural expressions of experience.

The Heritage Book Club meets in the evenings at the homes of club members. Their most recent book was The Big Rich: The Rise and Fall of the Greatest Texas Oil Fortunes by Bryan Burrough. During their meetings, members enjoy a pot luck meal and discuss the book(s) Participants report that book they have agreed on during previous meetings.

> One participant explains: "The book group is an important alternative to traditional forms of religious practice that are based on a particular holy book



interpreted through a spiritual leader who gives instructions to the followers. In the book group format, concepts are challenged, with books of value selected by all members, up for debate during discussion. In addition, the discussion leader changes weekly, with no individual taking on a permanent leadership role. The process is inherently democratic and empowering to members based on the premise that there are no absolute answers to fundamental questions of mind and meaning, and no one person who can provide all the answers. The limitations are those of the group members' prejudices and their ability to find value and meaning within a limited set of texts. The potential expands as the group grows and diversifies."

If you are interested in learning more about the book groups and perhaps even in starting a new book group, please contact the chair of the Adult R.E. committee, Cyndi Louden <cirrus84@gmail.com>.

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Photographs in the First UU Newsletter are from Jane Parsons and Margaret Roberts. Thank you both!

Hogwarts Gamp just completed!

During the last week of July, our church was filled with children, teens, and adults learning and enjoying activities in the spirit of the Harry Potter stories. The September newsletter will include a report about the classes, the social action projects, the overall sense of celebration, and the



special elements of the July 31st Sunday service inspired by the camp experience.