



NEWSLETTER

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WHOEVER YOU ARE
WHEREVER YOU ARE
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY
YOU ARE
WELCOME
HERE

Summer 2016

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FOOD FIRST FOOD DRIVE WILL BE JULY 3

Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the evening service! Thanks!

Sunday, July 3rd, 2016 Worship & Celebration at 6:00pm *No morning worship service!*

- ★ There is NO morning meditation in the Chapel.
- ★ **Worship at 6pm** featuring the *All-Church Band*. Vince Amlin preaching.
- ★ Nursery care from 5:45 to 7:15pm.
- ★ Activity Time after the Children's Story until the end of the Worship Service when children return for the annual parade with the All-Church Band.
- ★ Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall following the service. ***Please remember to bring your favorite ice cream topping to share, leave it in Reimer Hall prior to the service and take any leftover toppings when you leave.***
- ★ Bring non-perishable food for our monthly "Food First Food Drive"

Summer Worship Schedule Sundays at 10:00 AM, July 10-August 14

"Songs of Summer"

More than any other season, summer has a soundtrack. It's a time for the beach parties and road trips, a time for band camps and summer sings. Music is woven through the summer. Our worship theme through August is "Songs of Summer." That may mean biblical songs that lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Or it may mean the songs of protest at Stonewall. It could be the anthems of Independence Day or Celtic tunes brought back by UCG pilgrims. Wherever your summer travels take you, we hope they'll bring you back to experience the songs of summer at UCG.

"And still after all this time the Sun never says to the Earth, 'You owe me.' Look what happens with a love like that. It lights up the whole sky." ~Hafiz

What's Happening This Summer

Food First Food Drive - Many of you know we collect non-perishable food on the first Sunday each month which is given to Gainesville Community Ministry Food Bank for distribution. **Upcoming dates are July 3 and August 7.** Thank you for your generous donations!

All Church Band – July 3- If you do now or ever have played a musical instrument, join the All-Church Band in a middle school level arrangement of "Stars and Stripes Forever" for the evening service, July 3. Music is in the church office, and rehearsal is at 5:30pm on July 3.

Parents' Night Out aka PNO - Attention parents of kids pre K—5th grade! Need a night out? Bring your children to the UCG church school wing on **Friday, July 8 and/or Friday, August 12** from 5:30 to 9:30 where they can play, eat pizza*, watch movies, and have fun with our child care staff. The cost is \$11 for the first child and \$6 for each additional child. **RSVP by July 7 for July's PNO and August 11 for the August date to summerh@ucgainesville.org**. *Due to life threatening food allergies, no outside food can be brought in. Thank you.

Labyrinth Week - A summer opportunity for walking the labyrinth is being offered **July 11-15**. The labyrinth will be open in our sanctuary **Monday-Friday from 9:00-4:00 daily and on Tuesday evening July 12, a worship service including candlelight and Taizé music will be held at 7:00 PM.** The labyrinth is a walking meditation that allows participants to follow a one way circuitous path that leads to a center representative of the center of the spiritual self on its sacred life journey. **All are invited.**



FFPIDD Volunteer Recognition Reception on July 17 at 11:00am in Reimer Hall - Mark your calendars for a special coffee hour as our Adults with I/DD and their parents recognize our volunteers who have participated in the Volunteer as Needed program, part of the Ministry for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). Pick up a cup of coffee and join us for treats, lemonade and iced tea. We will have information about our program and you can enjoy sharing in our appreciation of our volunteers. **Everyone is invited!**

Other News.....

Summer Office Hours - The church office hours through Monday, August 15 will be **9:00am to 4:00pm.** Regular office hours, 8:30am to 4:30pm, resume on Tuesday, August 16.

Financial Update - Thank you to all of the members who have kept up – or even pre-paid – their summer pledge commitment! Having a consistent flow of income helps the church maintain a healthy bank balance while still paying those big summer utility bills. If you have any questions about your pledge, please feel free to contact me. -Catherine Cake, Accountant

Our Next Newsletter is the "August Supplement" - This will cover the last two weeks in August which includes the start-up of the Regular Sunday Schedule on August 21. **Please send in any submissions by Wednesday, August 10.**

Help Needed on August 21 - On Sunday, August 21, between the 9:15 and 11:15 Gathering of Waters services, there will be a Potluck Brunch! We need helpers to set up, serve and take down. You can volunteer for the early crew (from 9:00 to 10:30) or you can volunteer for the later crew (from 10:30 to noon) by signing up on the bulletin board outside the church office, or contacting the church office at 378-3500 or info@ucgainesville.org. Everyone attending the brunch will bring a finger food to share.

Moving Toward Online Sign-ups - In our efforts to be as carbon-neutral as possible, we are finding more and more ways to reduce our paper usage and streamline our communications. We have moved the newsletter to an electronic format, member information can be updated through an online form, and this summer, we are preparing for further transitions in this vein. We will be making use of a wonderful site called "Volunteer Spot" to move all of our volunteer opportunities to a centralized location and, for the first time ever, Adult Small Group registration will happen online! There will still be printed materials available, but the registration process will be electronic. Stay tuned for more information as we launch these exciting platforms in the fall!

Library News - The Task Force for Racial Justice, with the support of Andy, is establishing a shelf in the UCG Library for books that will assist members and friends of UCG in their struggle to seek racial justice. Have some books been particularly helpful to you? Please pass the names of titles and authors on to us.

Thanks for contributions for Ray Meeks. Two times each year we receive contributions for Ray Meeks: during December, for Christmas, and in June for Ray's birthday. This year you donated over \$1,300 to Ray. He uses his money for shoes, sweatshirts, snacks, toiletries, and books. He is always very appreciative. Ray has been on Death Row since 1973 and turned 62 this June.

SPECIAL THANKS... to Larry Reimer, Sandy Reimer and the Board of Parish Ministry for leading beautiful worship services this summer to give Vince and Shelly needed breaks.

New UCC Florida Conference Location to be Dedicated on August 6 at 2pm - The Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ will dedicate it's new office space at 9300 University Boulevard, Orlando, which was the location of a UCC congregation which closed it's doors and left the building to the conference as a legacy gift. The building has been remodeled in compliance with LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certification standards to make it a green and sustainable place for the Conference staff and the community to enjoy. All are invited to attend this festive dedication! **Worship begins at 2:00pm and will be followed by a light reception.**

Crafts with Conviction - Twenty-two boxes of fabric and yarn were donated to the Lowell Women's Prison Crafts with Conviction program. Barbara Beynon and Karen Johnson recently received a tour of their work area and saw how some of our donations were being used. They made some beautiful tote bags for women leaving the prison. There were many quilts, quilted baby bibs, caps for chemo patients, Dollies without Borders to accompany Doctors without Borders, and some very huggable bears for Alzheimer's patients. Nothing goes to waste; they started making the bears so they could stuff them with even the smallest scraps of otherwise unusable fabric. The seamstresses and knitters were very effusive in their thanks to UCGers for cleaning out our closets.

Looking Ahead.....

All Board Kick Off – Sunday, August 28th – 4:00-6:30pm - At the All Board Kick Off, all Board and Committee and members enjoy getting to know one another better, make exciting plans, and share a great meal! As we set goals and make plans, everyone's voice is needed! Dinner is \$8 and child care is included. Contact Sara Magnuson (378-3500 or saram@ucgainesville.org) to let us know that you're coming, whether you want a meat or vegetable entrée and if you need child care. The deadline for responding is Sunday, August 21st.

Mark your calendar for United Tribes Registration Day on Sunday, August 28 at 10:15am. Watch for more information in the Summer Supplemental Newsletter at the end of August.

We Welcome Our New Members

who Joined on June 12

Jenny Jones is grateful to have found in UCG a community that welcomes soul-stretching conversations and encourages members to sit with deep, often difficult questions. Jenny is newer to Gainesville and teaches nonprofit management and leadership at UF. She spends much of her days thinking about how philanthropic activities help volunteers and donors to grow, and what this growth means for our ability to address complex social problems. She enjoys hiking, cycling, and whales. She loves chasing lizards.

Maria Vera grew up in Chile where she attended Catholic schools and university. She came to USA and attended graduate school and in 1974 joined the faculty at UF for 33 years. She did not go church for years until she came to UCG 3 or 4 times before joining; her first visit being the chalk talk service, where Andy Bachmann came up to her and invited her to stay and that made her feel included. She likes the diversity, openness and inclusiveness of the church and is excited to be part of the UCG community. The gift she brings is an openness to learn new things and meet new people and motivation to participate in the spiritual community and activities at UCG. Maria is a self-employed psychotherapist and likes reading, movies, playing bridge and travel.

Roger Robar: Originally from Gainesville, Roger was raised Methodist. After college in Philadelphia, he went to England where he met his wife Alice. They stayed in England for 10 years, however, he had always wanted to come back to Gainesville and he said that coming to UCG felt like being home and it "just fit." Here he is hoping to find community and a place that can help his family adjust to living in the U.S. He is also hoping to be spiritually challenged. Some gifts he brings – he is good at technological things and is empathetic. He and Alice, who is also joining today, have two children, Mary 6 and Bobby 3. **Alice Robar** was raised in an Anglican church and then in a congregational church. She said that at UCG she feels like she received a proper welcome, a real welcome and that all people regardless of background or opinion, are welcome here. Alice wants her children to have a place where they could know a loving God, and a place where she can worship and serve. She is a free-lance chef and catering consultant and likes all domestic arts.

Sue Sullivan is fairly new to Gainesville. After trying a few churches that did not fit, she saw a UCG bumper sticker that said worshipping God however known and thought "I need to go to that church." Here she is seeking a sense of community and diversity, and says that UCG feels right to her. She also likes what a member told her; that you "didn't have to un-teach your children what they learned in Sunday school." Sue is married and a stay-at-home mom to four kids, 4th through 12th grade. She is great at organizing events and cooking for groups and her Midwest upbringing enables her to "make a casserole with her eyes closed!"

Tiffany Fisher first learned about UCG from an ad she saw about our "borrow a bike" program and has been attending for 2 years. She says her history is one of being "anti-religion" but UCG felt right to her. She joins seeking a relationship with God, a God of understanding, and by being a member, she feels engaged with others at the church and with the community. Tiffany is a PhD student at UF and says her strength is that she is a good writer, is good at committee work, and is passionate about local politics and advocacy. She enjoys vegan/vegetarian cooking and baking, cycling, yoga and theater.

New Members, Continued

Cory Wise grew up in Cincinnati as a catholic and then his family switched to a very conservative church. He joins UCG seeking guidance and spirituality in his life and as an LGBT person, really loves the Open & Affirming welcome here. His strength is that he has a good sense of humor and enjoys public speaking. He and his fiancé Luigi, drive from Bell Florida to come to UCG. They tried other churches in their area but didn't feel welcomed at all. Cory and Luigi co-own a cleaning service and Cory says he has political aspirations for the future. **Luigi Rodriguez** was born into the Catholic Church in a Puerto Rican family but later converted to Protestantism. He is looking for a place where he has freedom to worship with his partner and loves UCG for the acceptance and welcome he feels here. He brings empathy and is a good listener and likes volunteering. He loves cooking and music and is currently re-learning how to play piano and guitar.

Clark Durant was raised on a mix of Episcopal church and Catholic school. He spent the last couple decades exploring other communities, including Methodist, Unitarian Universalist, agnostic and secular humanist. Clark was introduced to UCG by his wife Taylor, who joined in 2006. They were married here in 2009. They became more regular attendees when they moved to Gainesville from Washington, DC in the fall of 2014. He joins UCG seeking a place of refuge, reflection and support for his family. Clark is a self-employed consultant who helps organizations build leadership development and succession preparation into day-to-day operations. He and Taylor have two kids, Pepper 3 years old and Kirk 18 months old.

Jeannette Fernandez-Baca grew up in a non-denominational church in a small conservative town in Iowa. She joins UCG seeking a sense of family and she loves that everyone is welcome here regardless of their background. Jeannette is a Research Assistant at the Institute on Aging at UF and says she likes to be helpful and enjoys volunteering. She joins today with her husband **Daniel Fernandez Baca**, who grew up Catholic, but says his family only really attended church on holidays, and he did not feel connected to his spiritual community. He instantly got a sense of community from UCG and likes the variety and scope of outreach that is done here. His strengths are that he is a good listener and asks lots of questions. Daniel is an Assistant Director at the Institute for Child Health Policy at UF and in his free time he dabbles in photography. They are parents to a beautiful and strong willed daughter named Elena, who turned 2 in April.

Carolyn Ashby: Grew up in a Lutheran Church in Seattle but after confirmation she didn't go back. She was always a spiritual child and about 10 years ago she attended a Presbyterian church for a while. She relocated here from eastern Washington after deciding she wanted to live where it was warmer and is a House Director of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. She was driving by UCG and saw lots of people coming into the church and decided to come in. The church seemed alive and she started meeting people, making friends and has gotten involved in the Seminar Committee. She enjoys sewing, guitar, coloring and is a member of the Ukulele Club.

Sandy Flory grew up in Africa, the child of missionary parents. Her family was part of the Evangelical Free Church. She comes to UCG seeking the freedom to be herself. She loves the chatter in the Sanctuary before the service begins on Sunday. Sandy offers UCG her authenticity and honesty. She is the Internship Coordinator at UF's Heavener School of Business and is a single mom to three elementary-aged kids, Celeste, Grant and Eve. In her spare time, she enjoys running, quilting and piddling around.

News from United Tribes and the UCG Children's Program

This is the time of year when Tribes has changed over to weekly Activity Time. The kids get to have a Summer full of fun crafts, games, free play, and relaxed socialization in an environment that is spiritually and emotionally supportive. Join us for these fun times all summer long! United Tribes registration for 2015/16 will occur on Sunday, August 28th with our annual bounce house day.

Tribal Camp, our UCG Summer camp is weekdays July 25th - August 5th. Be sure to sign up as soon as possible as spaces is limited! Applications and brochures are available in the UCG front of-fice. Completed forms can be mailed to or dropped off at the UCG front office.

We need your help! Adult volunteers are needed to lead specialized activities designed to provide enrichment for the campers, exposing them to new and exciting things. If you have a hobby or interest you would like to share or if you would like to share an example of how a person showing character impacted others in a lesson format during Character Counts time in the Sanctuary, please contact Cam Parker at ucgtribalcamp@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you soon!



Staff Summer Schedules

Associate Minister, Andy Bachmann, is in Wisconsin for the summer and will return in mid-August. If you have any questions about the youth programs, contact Emily Ott. Contact information is available through the church office.

Sara Magnuson and Joe Magnuson will be on vacation June 29 through July 10

Lisa Goldstein & Catherine Cake will be attending a continuing education conference in Dallas, Texas July 6 through 8

Shelly Wilson will be on vacation July 17-21

**United Church of Gainesville's
Summer Newsletter Supplement Deadline is Wednesday, August 10**

Please e-mail lisag@ucgainesville.org by the deadline above.

CHURCH BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Social Justice Committee & Family Promise Collection

During the month of July, SJC is working with the Hispanic Latino Affairs office at UF and Family Promise is working with Friends of Grace Marketplace (<http://ihlc.multicultural.ufl.edu>) to collect items for local migrant workers and our local homeless population.

The items we are hoping to gather are:

- gently used work shoes (sneakers, hiking boots and the like) sizes 6 - 9.
- socks
- diapers
- non-perishable foods, like rice, beans, pasta, canned meat, tuna, etc. are greatly appreciated.
- long sleeve shirts to protect them from sun and pesticides (S, M, but no L or XL)
- jeans (sizes 30 - 36)
- OTC meds (acetaminophen, ibuprofen, eye drops, skin rash cream, chap-stick, sunscreen, band-aids, antibiotic ointment, etc.)
- Blankets, Sheets, sleeping bags, quilts

There will be collection boxes outside the sanctuary each Sunday in July and your donations are greatly appreciated.

From SJC: Information for upcoming elections

This election cycle, the boundaries of many districts have been redrawn. For many offices, there is not an incumbent. Moreover, the office of President of the United States is on the ballot for the General Election in November. We strongly encourage you to vote in the two upcoming elections on August 30 and November 8. Every office on the ballot is important and needs your attention. We publish this information to help you to prepare to vote.

These offices are on the ballot for August 30:

Multi-County, State, and Federal

- United States Senator
- United States Representative Districts 3, 5
- State Attorney Circuit 8
- Public Defender Circuit 8
- State Senator District 7
- State Representative Districts 10, 20, 21
- Circuit 8 Judge Groups 2, 6, 10

Alachua County

- Clerk of Court
- Sheriff
- Property Appraiser
- Tax Collector
- Supervisor of Elections
- Commissioner Districts 1, 3, 5
- Judge Groups 1, 3, 5

You can register or update registration *online* or *in person* at 515 North Main Street, Suite 300, Gainesville, FL 32601. All changes or registration must be completed 29 days before any election. The next election is August 30, 2016. Early voting is from August 19 to August 27, times to be announced. Absentee voting is possible, but the rules are very specific. If your ballot is not completely accurate, your vote will not be counted. The completed ballot must be received by the Election Office by Election Day. You may want to update your signature, especially if it is many years since you first registered.

The League of Women Voters will be holding candidate forums before the elections. You can get details at the website. <http://www.lwv-alachua.org/voter-information>. The Social Justice Committee will be hosting a Candidates' Corner on August 14, after the 10am service. For more information contact Joanne LaFrumenta.

Self Care: Why We Need Vacations

It's not always easy to give ourselves time away from our work. Yet we all know the value of taking time off and enjoying some rest and relaxation with our families and friends. The commandment to "remember the Sabbath" is not only an instruction for rest; it is an invitation to experience the joy of being "unnecessary" for a period of time. Nobody is more important or necessary than God, and the Bible says that even God took a day off.

The importance of time off for our physical and mental health supports why we should take vacations. Time away from the demands of our daily responsibilities creates a happier, more productive, and recharged person. The summer months are often quieter times for schools, churches, and other organizations, and this can make it easier to get away to the beach, the mountains, or even abroad. If travel isn't practical, people can also benefit from a "stay-cation", which is time off spent close to home relaxing locally in your own town or neighborhood.

We live busy lives and are increasingly uncomfortable with downtime and relaxation, checking our phones and laptops during unoccupied moments. Chronic busyness and stress takes its toll on our body's ability to resist infections, maintain vital functions, and avoid injury. Our sleep can suffer and we may become anxious or moody. Our memory may falter and cause us to make poor decisions. We might be less fun to be around.

Vacations have the potential to break the stress cycle. We can emerge from a vacation feeling ready to face the world again. Time off helps us gain a new perspective on our problems, have fun with our loved ones, and get a break from our usual routines. So be good to yourself and schedule a vacation! - Your Health Ministry Team

Joys Shared

- Congratulations to the following UCG winners of the Veterans for Peace Poetry Contest, which was entered by K-12 students in Alachua County:
 - 5th grade:
 - 1st place: Elena Frenock
 - High Honors: Tupelo Hostetler
 - 6th and 7th grade:
 - High Honors: Anna Frenchman
 - 8th Grade:
 - High Honors: Callista Coates
- Congratulations to Holden Martin who was recognized for Outstanding Academic Excellence in Honors English I as a ninth grader at Gainesville High School.
- UCG member Peggy Mixon recently received the "Award of Excellence" for her pastel painting "Private Moments" in a juried landscape competition at the new Gainesville Fine Art Gallery on S. Main St.

Passages

- Emma Murphy and Ben Murphy, daughter and son of Martina & Ryan Murphy, were baptized on Sunday, June 5 by Rev. Vince Amlin. Our love and joy surround the Murphy family.

Summer Sundays

July 3- NO Morning Service

NO Morning Meditation

5:30pm -All-church Band Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

5:45 to 7:15 -Nursery care

6:00 pm—Worship - Vince Amlin. **Annual Evening Independence Day Service**

Special Music by the Hogtown Strutters and "Stars and Stripes Forever" by the All - Church Band



6:15 to 6:55 -**Activity Time** following the children's story; children return at the end of the service for the annual parade with the All-Church Band. Rising 6th – 8th graders remain in the service.

7:00pm – **Ice Cream Social** in Reimer Hall. ***Remember to bring a favorite ice cream topping to share and drop it in Reimer Hall before the service begins***

Food First Food Drive - Bring your non-perishable food donations to support Gainesville Community Ministry food bank

Summer Sunday morning schedule:

Silent Meditation in the Chapel - 9:15am

Child Care – 9:45 to 11:15

Worship Service at 10am with Fellowship time following

July 10

10:00am - **Worship** - Shelly Wilson

11:00am - **Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate sales** - Courtyard

7:00pm - **Crystal Bowl Concert** with Cindy Bergbower in the Sanctuary

July 17

10:00am - **Worship** - Vince Amlin

11:00am - **FFPIDD Volunteer Recognition Reception** - Reimer Hall, all are welcome!

July 24

10:00am – **Worship** - Sandy Reimer

11:00am - **Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate sales** - Courtyard

July 31

10:00am - **Worship** - Shelly Wilson

August 7- Food First Food Drive

10:00am - **Worship** - Board of Parish Ministry invites you to a unique contemplative-style service celebrating the particular soundscape of the natural world in our luminous Florida summertime.

The service will include fun with the children, music, poetry and a few surprises as well! Rebecca Pethes will sing a piece she is composing especially for this service. Join us for a peak Summer experience we hope will delight and inspire you. See you there!

August 14– Candidates Corner

11:00am - **Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate sales** - Courtyard

10:00am - **Worship** - Shelly Wilson

JULY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Morning Prayer 8am Lunch Groups 12pm	2
3 Food First Food Drive Worship 6pm July 4th Celebration and Ice Cream Social	4 Office Closed	5	6 Council Exec 1pm	7 FFPIDD Lunch 12pm BPM 5:30pm	8 Morning Prayer 8am Lunch Groups 12pm PNO 5:30- 9:30pm	9
10 Meditation 9:15am Worship 10am Crystal Bowl Concert 7pm	11	12	13	14	15	16
Labyrinth in the Sanctuary this week: M-Th 9am - 4pm, F 9am—12pm						
		ONA 5:30pm Compensation Committee 6pm Labyrinth Taizé Service 7pm	CMRB Noon Health Ministry 2pm	BOM 6pm	Morning Prayer 8am Lunch Groups 12pm	
17 Meditation 9:15am Worship 10am FFPIDD Volunteer Recognition reception 11am	18	19 Budget Summit 12pm PFLAG 7pm Alzheimer/ Dementia Support Group 7pm	20	21 BoB 6:00pm	22 Morning Prayer 8am Lunch Groups 12pm	23
24 Meditation 9:15am Worship 10am	25	26	27	28	29	30
Tribal Camp at UCG this week						
			Lively Arts Committee 4pm Compensation Committee 6pm		Morning Prayer 8am Lunch Groups 12pm	
31 Meditation 9:15am Worship 10am						

AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	TRIBAL CAMP AT UCG THIS WEEK					
	Handmade Grace* 7pm		Council Exec 1:00	FFPIDD Lunch 12pm BPM 5:30pm	Morning Prayer 8am Lunch Groups 12pm	
7 Food First Food Drive Meditation 9:15am Worship 10am	8	9 Budget Summit 12pm ONA Committee 5:30pm Small Groups Committee 6pm	10 Supplemental Newsletter Deadline	11 RJTF 12pm BoB 6pm	12 Morning Prayer 8am Lunch Groups 12pm PNO 5:30-9:30pm	13
14 Meditation 9:15am Worship 10am Candidates Corner 11am BCM 11am Crystal Bowl Concert 7pm	15	16 PFLAG 7pm Alzheimer/ Dementia Support Group 7pm	17	18 Choir Practice 7:15pm	19 Morning Prayer 8am Lunch Groups 12pm	20

Sunday, August 21 - Annual Gathering of Waters Services at 9:15 & 11:15 am

Please join us for Gathering of Waters, our annual service that celebrates our reunion as a UCG family. At summer's end, from swimming pools and faucets, from rivers and streams, from oceans and lakes, near and far, from sources that give you strength and joy, you are invited to bring a small bit of water to share as we gather together.

We pour our individual waters from moments of power, of healing, of peace, of homecoming into pitchers and then into a common urn, blessing it as the gathered waters become our sacred communal water of baptisms and blessings for the year ahead.

Also on that day, we will enjoy a Potluck Brunch in the Reimer Hall, between the 9:15 and 11:15 services. Bring a finger food snack to serve 8 to 10 folks. Beverages and paper goods will be provided.



"Celtic Wayfarers"
UCG Pilgrimage to Ireland
June 17 - July 2









