



Third Annual
Summer Assemblies

June 11 – September 3, 2006
 10:30 AM
 Lower Assembly Hall

*Brought to you by the Summer Assemblies Committee
 and Summer Minister Rev. Wendy Jerome*

JUNE 11: Since What We Choose is What We Are
 What has integrity to do with being attractive to others?

Presenter: Rev. Wendy Jerome

JUNE 18: Music and the Spirit

Presenter: Adele Hansen

This assembly will explore the connections between music, mind and spirit. Music does indeed touch our souls. We can touch and feel sound and appreciate it with our whole bodies. Some members of the Society will reflect on how music has touched their lives.

JUNE 25: Living Our Values

Presenter: Shelley Shreffler

According to the American Heritage Dictionary, a value is “a principle, standard, or quality considered worthwhile or desirable” and a principle is “the collectivity of moral or ethical standards or judgments.” What are your values and what does it mean to live your values? Is it what you say, what you do, what you support? All of the above, perhaps more. How do your values relate to the UU Principles? This morning’s program will explore how we can express our values in the world and the difference it makes.

JULY 2: “. . . with Liberty and Justice for All.”

Presenter: Mibs Pearson

Mark Twain said, “Support your country always and your government when it deserves it.” Our country will soon celebrate the 230th year of its Declaration of Independence. Those of us who are immigrants and those who are descendants of immigrants (“We, the people. . .”) are in this together. Are you a U.S. citizen – how do you express it? What is patriotism? We invite you to come and explore with us, “What it means to be an American.”

JULY 9: Expression of Spirituality in Traditional Chinese Culture *Presenter: Carol Koepf*

Exactly one year ago today I left for Xian, China to teach oral English to university students. I learned much more than I taught and would like to share some of that. With the help of Chinese-American friends, I will try to convey the expression of Chinese spirituality through images, music and poetry.

JULY 16: Religious Discourse in the Public Square: Worrisome or Not?

Presenter: Audrey Kingstrom

In an attempt to counter the political power of the Religious Right, many progressives and liberal Christians are seeking to bring their own religious perspective into the public square. This morning we will consider why religious language is on the rise in our political discourse, the implications of that trend, and how we as humanists and UUs can advocate for our ethical beliefs and still be true to the principle of separation of church and state.

CHILDREN ages 6-11 will be included at the beginning of each service, followed by Chalice Camp (Religious Education programming) in the Chalice Room. **Childcare will be provided** for infants, toddlers and preschoolers from 10:20 to 11:40 AM.

***Hope to see YOU
at FUS this Summer!***

JULY 23: Should We Stand Up for Our Principles? All the Way to Civil Disobedience?

Presenter: Barbara Wallace

This presentation of “The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail” is a theatrical production. Thoreau inspired the concept of Civil Disobedience which Gandhi and King later used to bring huge changes in the world. Each of us must make decisions about how far we will follow our own conscience and how brave we are.

JULY 30: Lessons from the Urban Forest

Presenter: Marcy Leussler

“A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit.” – Elton Trueblood. This service will explore some of the workings of the interdependent web of life. How can we keep balance *and* connections?

AUG 6: Community Building

Presenters: Jean Toll and Gary Blegstad

We often speak of religious community—what does the word “community” mean within that context, and how do we go about achieving it? How does it help us live out our values and how can we make it relevant?

AUG 13: “The Left Hand of God”

Presenter: Heather M.

Unitarian-Universalists tend to attribute our high levels of social activism to our belief that this life is all we get. Yet many people who work with us on social causes have differing religious beliefs—like belief in an afterlife. Despite sharing values with people of different religions, UUs can have a hard time relating to others’ religious beliefs. Michael Lerner, author of “The Left Hand of God,” says discomfort with religion among social justice activists has hurt their causes. Heather explores Lerner’s thesis as it relates to UUs.

AUG 20: Community Service Day

Presenters: Jim Tincher and Andrew Schmidt

Join us for our third annual Community Service Sunday! We will begin with a brief service and then go into the community (some activities will be at FUS) to perform a variety of service acts. Specific activities to be announced.

AUG 27: Musical Reflections of Our Life Passages

Presenter: Cindy Pichotta

There is wonderful music to reflect every stage of our lives. The celebration of birth, the wonders of childhood, teen angst, coming of age, love, marriage, childrearing. . .all the way through to the wisdom of our later years. This *Music Sunday* will include performances that reflect those life stages; and several readings will be included to help us ponder this thing we call life. Music performed by The Eclectics and friends.

NOTE: There will be a soup lunch after this service.

SEPT 3: Summering and Summing Up

Presenter: Rev. Wendy Jerome

Summer, we need it! And what has it given us? How has our slower pace in summer realigned our spirits?