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## May Sunday Services

**May 4 10:00am: Beltane** - Here Ye! Here Ye! Hail the Holiday of Beltane!! This morning we will dance together with caller Lisa Cox to relish the joys of spring and usher in the beginning of summer. Come and dance or come and watch; it will be a good time had by all.  
Service created by CUUPS  
PS: We will be making head wreaths at the UUF on May 3rd, 10:30-12:30; bring greenery and flowers. Blessed Be!

**May 11 9:00am: Forum: Coping in Difficult Times**  
**10:00am: Everything On Your Plate** - Mom and apple pie. Mom's home cooking. Food like Mom used to make. My grandmother's recipe. Stereotype though it may be, many people have a strong association with mothers and food. This Mother's Day, worship will explore the spirituality of food: how emotions connect with food, how we think of our bodies, how our eating habits can change ourselves and the world.  
Lyn Cox, Intern Minister at the UU Church of the Monterey Peninsula

**May 18 10:00am: Flower Communion**- Today we ask each of you to bring a flower to share with the community. The sermon today will explore our UU roots and blossoms. (Please note that this will not be an all ages service, though the children will join us as usual for the first part of the service.)  
Rev. Pamela Langston-Daley

**May 25 9:00am: Forum: Tithing**  
**10:00am: Music** - Throughout the ages music has touched and inspired us on many levels of our life experience. Join us this morning as the Music Committee brings us a service that will pique that life experience, yet again.  
Gerry Bailey - Service Associate

(NOTE: the Forum does not meet during the summer)

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## Langston's Daley Thoughts

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Spring has arrived!! And with it, V's heath has improved a bit. She is holding steady and able to eat more and more solid foods every day. Her doctor seems to think that the Lymphoma is in remission, but we still are waiting to see how the pemphigus responds. She is still feeling tired and drained, but has been a little more active in the last few weeks.



In this tight budget year, I am grateful to the budget committee for all the very difficult work that they have to do. It is never easy to cut funds from very worthy programs and projects. But, in these tight economic times, we all need to find ways to trim around the edges and keep our expenses down.

During this same time, it is important for us to maintain the priorities that we set out in our long range plan. (Copies are available in the office if you would like to see the plan.) We are hard at work on our expansion, and should have the interior completed by September. Our membership committee is hard at work doing out reach, welcoming visitors, and answering questions about membership. Our Sunday services are more polished and professional, and engage our members emotionally and mentally; and our presence in the larger community is growing (did you see last month's *Good Times*?).

Our involvement in Central Coast Interfaith Sponsors has been strong and we are committed to becoming founding members at the gathering on June 8 in Salinas. I am aware that our movement is a small but vocal liberal part of many communities. Our principles are based on justice, equity and compassion as well as religious freedom and tolerance.

My calling to ministry is grounded in these principles and I have always had an active interest in justice work. Working in an interfaith organization is, I believe, the only way that justice work can have real and lasting effects. Religious organizations have a unique place in our society. One of the roles of these religious institutions is to balance the way things are with the way things should be. These institutions help us form and channel our values and beliefs about what should be and envision ways to manifest the world we seek here on earth.

Interfaith work helps us break down the barriers that are created by stereotypes and our own baggage about other religious organizations. For the last few years I have been active in a new project in the Monterey Bay region. I have written about this project before and I am happy to report that it is well underway at this point. For that past six months, members of our congregation have met with people of different faith traditions to create a grassroots organization based on relationships. We

have gathered to hear each other's stories and discuss the challenges that face our communities. We have learned how to move aside the biases we hold and find common ground.

This growing project has brought together members of the Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches as well as our own. What we have found is that these people hold similar values and visions for our region as our own. More trainings are being planned. Almost 200 hundred people have been trained by the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) and a meeting for those already trained will be held in April.

The project is designed to create a civic voice in our community and to provide people with an opportunity to regain control of our lives by becoming involved in public life. This is the channel through which real and lasting change can be established and maintained. Too many of us have felt helpless and hopeless by the current political and social systems that are in place. Democracy calls us to be involved. It is our responsibility as citizens to make our voice heard and we are doing that by removing the barriers that divide us.

Divide and conquer has been an effective means for keeping us in a state of immobility. Interfaith work breaks that mold by establishing relationships, connections and common ground. There are subjects on which we may never agree- abortion, gay rights, the death penalty are but a few, but there are also issues of justice on which we can not only agree but organize to create a powerful force for change.

Our vision of the world is not that different from other religious institutions. We are not alone in our call for justice, equity, compassion and religious tolerance and freedom. Interfaith work provides a profound vehicle for change, not just in the world, but in our own lives as well.

Shanti,

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## What the Board Has Been Doing

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- Approved extending the Rose Blossom School contract for an extra two weeks through June 13. Negotiations with Sharon Rose for the next fiscal year's contract have been initiated.
- Appointed hiring of Marine Bobadilla as our Caretaker. She will be living on the premises.
- Created a committee for developing a process for recognizing gifts to the Fellowship. Ann McCrow is working with Dorothy Shaw on plans for an Abrams memorial.
- Approved Budget Committee members Bill Sampson, Jan Lester, John Thiemann, Rosalie Kraft, Iran Mohsenin, and Linda Neher.
- Approved a YRUU car wash fundraiser as well as a *Fresh Choice* coop benefit (20% rebate of the evening's receipts) dinner for V's medical expenses.
- Approved authorization of an interest-free loan of up to \$10,000 to Pam to be covered in part by investment income and to be repaid in 2 years.
- Approved Delegates to the PCD District Assembly in Sacramento, April 25-27 - Jim Weller, Patt Taylor, Kären Aaker. As our minister, Rev. Pam is also a Delegate
- Received a letter of thanks from the UUA Service Committee for raising \$1342 from our Guest at Our Table project.
- Received a letter of thanks from the UUA for receiving an Honor Society certificate as a Fair Share Congregation.

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### Agenda for the Congregational Meeting June 8th

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- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll call of members
- c. Reading minutes of the previous meeting
- d. Special orders:
  1. In June: adoption of annual budget for the following year. Acceptance of annual written Committee reports
- e. Unfinished business
  1. Report on progress by Building Committee
  2. Other
- f. New business
- g. Adjournment

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## President's Message

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It comes as not much of a surprise that our Pledge Drive came up a bit short. We need not belabor the reasons. Almost every other institution we see is trying to deal with a budget shortfall. The word we hear on the economy is "stagnant." The state may be laying off employees. Who will get the axe? Will it be prison guards or park rangers? Is it more important to maintain our massive prison complex or our natural treasures? The federal government just spent \$20 billion subduing Iraq and is looking at another \$100 to \$200 billion rebuilding the country that we just finished bombing. The government does not have that kind of money, or anything close to it, available. The Administration proposes cutting taxes on the rich as a way to increase revenue. They seem to operate on the principle that you do whatever you want to and it is OK if you give it a catchy name. The "Clean Air Act" means more pollution. "Saving the Wilderness" means drilling for oil in the Arctic Circle. The "Patriot Act" means we lose First Amendment rights; we lose protection from unreasonable search and seizure, and the government arrests and detains at will with no trial nor what we have come to expect as due process. So, the feds will scare us and borrow and pass our problems on to future generations. Meanwhile, preoccupation with military spending and a staggering debt load will mean that we won't see much attention given to or much spending on infrastructure (schools, roads, bridges, and public building) nor social services (health care, housing, and jobs).

I started in on the Pledge Drive and got sidetracked. All of the above is important. We are tempted to throw up our hands and cry, "What can we do?" What we can do is RESIST. We can speak out and agitate. We can make stronger and more relevant and more effective our own institution, the UUFSCC. Our choices now are to spend less money or raise more or a combination of the two. Think about how we might raise more money. What can we do that we haven't done? There are creative and dedicated people in this community. Let's see what we can do. Here is one idea: suppose we charge more for the sandwiches served for lunch before the Congregational Meeting. Would we lose customers if the price was \$5.00 instead of \$3.00? Is this question ridiculous when the first paragraph of this message talks about spending \$100 to \$200 billion? All ideas are welcome and none is too far out.

Keep the faith,  
Ed

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## Women & Religion - Saturday, May 3, San Jose

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Please join us on Saturday, May 3, beginning at 10:30 am in San Jose. Our guest will be Genny Guracar, also known as the cartoonist bul bul. Genny will talk to us about the creation of the wonderful Women in Struggle quilt.

We will also hear the premier reading of "Hitch your Wagon to a Star", about the amazing May Arkwright Hutton, (1860 - 1915). May was instrumental in getting the vote for women in both Idaho and the state of Washington.

We will have a pot luck lunch, the Women & Religion business meeting in the afternoon and hot tubbing or swimming for those so inclined.

The meeting will be at the Sunshadow Mobile Home Clubhouse (aka Meg Bowman's clubhouse), near Story and McLaughlin in San Jose. Contact gerilou@aol.com (Geri Kennedy 650-361-8146 for exact driving directions.)

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## Congregational Survey Statistics

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(full report at the June Congregational Meeting)

Number of surveys returned .....	71
Highest average (#10) .....	3.78
Lowest average (#24) .....	2.15
Highest number of blanks (#25) .....	26
Most popular answer .....	3 @ 841
.....	2 @ 640
.....	4 @ 569
.....	blank @ 438
.....	1 @ 159
and least popular .....	5 @ 122

And just to prove we are true UUs:

Only 2 statements received no 1's and only 4 received no 5's.

10. Our congregation values our ministry to its children and families through religious education, and other programs and activities.

24. Our congregation has grown in membership over the last five years.

25. Each year, we attract a number of newcomers equal to at least 10% of our membership.

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## Fresh Choice Fundraiser For V's Medical

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Through the generosity of the Finance Committee and the Board, there will be a fundraiser at Fresh Choice on Thursday, May 8th. All money raised will go towards V's medical expenses. From 4 – 9pm on May 8, Fresh Choice will donate 20% of the food sales of all those providing flyers to the cashier. Fundraiser flyers can be found as an insert in this newsletter and extras will be available after Sunday services. Please plan ahead to have dinner there that night. Bring along your flyer and lots of friends!

According to policy, the invitations cannot be distributed at the restaurant on the night of the event. Fresh Choice is located off of 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Capitola in the Brown Ranch Marketplace. If you either need or can offer a ride, please post a message on the Caring and Sharing Board. See or call Andy Kreyche for further details at 429-1032.

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## Budget Process

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In February the Budget Committee assembled a preliminary budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year based on input from the Treasurer, the Finance Committee, and all committees of the Fellowship. This budget, with expenses totaling \$181, 729, was summarized in a brochure distributed during the recent pledge drive. Actual pledges totaled \$31,178 less than needed to balance the proposed budget, so the Budget Committee met in April to cut budgeted expenses. The revised budget will be presented to the Board on May 15. From May 25 to June 8 the budget recommended by the Board will be available in the office for review. After the service on June 1, the Budget Committee will be available to answer questions about the development of the budget. At the congregational meeting on June 8 the congregation will approve a final budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003.

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## Very Early Reminder: Endowment Funds Available!

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Do you have a great idea for the Fellowship that takes a lotta heart and little loot? Do you see an opportunity to express our UU spirit, and you have the desire and skills but need help with the bills? Or perhaps there's a prime annoyance that a combination of tender loving care and legal tender could fix?

This is a first notice from your energetic and always-smiling Endowment Committee that this autumn committees and members will be invited to apply for grants funded by our UUFSCC endowment. We anticipate that roughly \$2000 will be available; we'll have an exact figure this summer. You may apply for any amount up to the total. Applications will be due in the fall, and decisions will be made before the end of the calendar year, so actual funds can be disbursed as early as January 2004. Details to follow...

The Endowment Committee

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## Building Committee Report

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At the congregational meeting on Sunday, April 6, Dave Boone presented computer drawings of the Phase I expansion of the Fellowship. Truss beams will be added to the construction of the hall. There will be new insulated windows, improved heating, ventilation, electrical, acoustic, lighting and sunlight control. The hall will have white walls and ceiling with wood wainscoting below and natural wood trusses and trim. There will be double doors between the hall and the new patio. An interior door will be added to the children's wing. The theme is elegance in simplicity.

On the front patio there will be a covered area for tables and a new covered entry. The children's area will be better designed with covered walkway and a small children's porch. Of necessity the Bryan Building will have a new roof and remodeled porch.

The patio between the Bryan Building and the kitchen (the dancing patio?) will be completed by the end of May!!

The building committee consists of Dave Boone, Mary Brooks, Randy James, Marylou Lamb, Joan Rost, Sara Savasky, John Thiemann and Rev. Pam.

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## Women Walkers

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In May we will be visiting the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History to view the new "Bringing the Condors Home" exhibit (rumor has it we might see a member in one of the display photos). Then we will take a walk along the Pacific Grove multi-use trail or a local beach. Don't miss this one; it should be fun. The museum is FREE!

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## Unicorn Deadline

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The deadline for June is May 18th. Please place articles in the Unicorn office folder or email them to the editor by that date. Please email computer text and photos. Thanks.

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## Committee on Ministry News

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Seventy-One Congregational Member Surveys were turned in! Thank you everyone for taking time to fill out the surveys and turn them in. The information that we gathered from the surveys will be shared at the June Congregational Meeting.

Members of the Committee on Ministry took part in a day-long conflict management training recently and have established a process for conflict management with the Fellowship. It is a team-oriented approach using the most appropriate members of the Committee on Ministry for any given conflict. We will seek professional help if necessary. Our goal is not to solve conflicts but to offer a safe space to be heard.

The conflict management process is as follows:

1. We become aware of the issue.
2. We determine the type of conflict.
3. We determine the most appropriate course of action:
  - a. Encourage the persons in conflict to meet and discuss the situation
  - b. Provide mediation
  - c. Other
4. If we determine to provide mediation then we decide who will facilitate. The criteria for selection are:
  - a. Conflict management style.
  - b. Relationship with the persons in conflict
  - c. Relationship with the particular issue.

If you find yourself in conflict with someone in the Fellowship, please come talk to one of us. Our strength as a fellowship is in our diversity and our community grows by working through our conflict. The committee members are Patt Taylor (Chair), Bruce Fihe (Vice Chair), Marley Smith-Merrill, Janus Blume, and Mark Rogers.

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## First Friday Book Group

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In May we'll be looking at another Kafka book, "The Castle." In June it's Shakespeare's "Hamlet" and, if possible, we will be renting Sir Lawrence Olivier's movie version to watch the Saturday following the discussion on Friday. Our final choice is "Stones for Ibarra" by Harriet Doerr.

That takes us through July and by that time we should be able to come up with more titles.

If you have a book you'd like the group to discuss, why don't you join us at 7:30 on the first Friday of the month at Joan Roberts' home. That would be the time to put your suggestion in the hopper. Call 688-7598 for more information.



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## May Is Last Dinner Club Until October

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The May Dinner Club will be the last until next October.

If you know you cannot attend, please call the host as soon as possible so that he/she can make other plans. The first person on the list is host, serving hors d'oeuvres and beverages, 2nd brings main dish, 3rd brings salad, 4th brings dessert, and 5th brings a vegetable.

### Group 1

- 1 Oxley/Newfarmer
- 2 Smith-Merrill
- 3 Morairty, M
- 4 Rogers
- 5 Thiemann

### Group 2

- 1 Aaker/Fihe
- 2 Forsyth
- 3 Lewis/Marvin-Travis
- 4 Wilson

### Group 3

- 1 Hudson/Shackelford
- 2 Mohsenin
- 3 Meyer
- 4 Boone

### Group 4

- 1 Lamb
- 2 Collier-Young
- 3 Lester
- 4 James/McCrow

### Group 5

- 1 Wood
- 2 Hinz/Killeen
- 3 Dupree/Makalani
- 4 Holden

### Group 6

- 1 Anton
- 2 Newman
- 3 Seamon
- 4 Bailey/Alexander

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## Fundraiser for V

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## Harold Edgerton 1904 -2003

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Harold Edgerton, a devoted member of our Fellowship, died April 6 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. He was 99 years old.

Harold and Wendy, his wife, moved here after his retirement to be near their daughter, Mary Jack. They joined the Fellowship in 1980 and immediately became involved in UUF activities. Harold was President of the Fellowship in 1982 and after that he served on Finance and Budget Committees and was Treasurer. He was a member of our first Ministerial Search Committee.

Harold was born in Kansas. He earned his MA and Ph.D. degrees at Ohio State University. He taught psychology at Ohio State for 19 years and worked for 29 years with the Westinghouse Talent Search Program. Helping students was very important to him.

Many church members benefited from Harold's skill in craftwork. He donated beautiful pieces of hand-made jewelry and woodwork to our silent auctions. He also made and gave to the Fellowship the tall wooden chalice that often is used in services.

"Harold's Birthday Club," which has supported our Building Fund for many years, was his inspiration.

In addition to his wife and daughter, Harold is survived by 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Pam presided at Harold's memorial service, which was held April 11 at Dominican Oaks, where the Edgertons moved in 1988. Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association were suggested.

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## TGIF is Back

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TGIF (Thank God/ess It's Friday) is a purely social affair held at different host homes on Fridays between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. There is no need to call ahead; just drop in and make a small donation for what you eat and drink. This is a great way to meet Fellowship members and friends.

### May 2 Thiemann

195 Raptor Road,  
Watsonville  
Please car pool if possible

### May 9 Hudson/Shackelford

114 Los Altos Ct.  
Santa Cruz

### May 16 Marley and Ted

Merrill  
322 Riverside Ave  
Ben Lomond

### May 23 Robert and Janus

Blume  
726 Seabright Ave.  
Santa Cruz

### May 30 Diana Wilson

560 Sage Lane  
Soquel  
Please car pool if possible



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## Egon Winter 1913--2003

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Egon Winter, a member of our Fellowship since 1967, died April 14. He was 90 years old.

Egon was born in Germany. His parents died in a Nazi concentration camp. He escaped to this country with several other family members.

Egon was a graduate of Ohio State College and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. He taught economics for many years at West Valley College.

Egon was a member of the Social Action Committee and was a dedicated worker for peace. During the Vietnam War, he took part in many peace marches and drove other members to San Francisco for the marches there.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, who was an active member of the Fellowship. Paul and Harriet Blue remember driving together with the Winters to Golden Gate Park for summer musicals. Egon and Dorothy were the donors of the flat wooden chalice often used in Sunday Services. They brought it from Burlington, Vermont, home parish of Rev. Robert Senghas, our Minister-on-Loan in 1983.

Egon is survived by his son, Kirk, his daughter-in-law, six grandchildren and two great grandsons.

Services were held April 19 at Santa Cruz Memorial Park.

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## Grand Garden Tour

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A group of fellowship gardeners have organized a tour of their gardens for interested fellowship members and friends on Saturday, May 31 from 10 am to 5 pm as a social event and fundraiser. The cost is \$15. The cost of a ticket will not only provide the purchaser with a tour of as many as six gardens from westside Santa Cruz to Corralitos, but will also provide the purchaser with a map and refreshments, including a tea party. Participants will meet in the morning at the Fellowship parking lot and arrange to carpool and caravan from there. For more information, please call Marsha Hudson. To purchase a ticket, please send \$15 to Jane Boone either at her home address or at the Fellowship address.

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## Member of the Month: Jan Lester

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I was born and raised in England and attended the University of London, where I studied German and French. I met my future husband, Ted, in Germany, when we both happened to spend a semester studying at the University of Freiburg. After graduating from college, I spent a year teaching English at a school in Vienna, Austria, and then came to the United States, initially to visit Ted and see the sights. This turned out to be a major turning point in my life because we ended up getting married and I stayed and made a life in this country, instead of returning to Europe .

We arrived in Santa Cruz in 1972 and decided that this was where we wanted to settle. Unfortunately, I was unable to find a position teaching languages and, in order to acquire some other marketable skills, I attended Cabrillo College, where I studied accounting, business law and real estate. This enabled me to get a job at UCSC, first as an accounting assistant and later as a business contracts analyst. I've now been at UCSC for almost 28 years and, while I've enjoyed working on campus and interacting with the faculty, staff and students, I'm ready for a change. So I'm planning a second career, teaching English as a Second Language, which represents a return to my true interest in languages.

Ted and I joined the UUFSCC in 1985. We had both been raised as Catholics but had to abandon that religion because we were intellectually unable to accept its rigid belief system. After visiting the Fellowship, we felt that this could be a new spiritual home for us, a place where we didn't need to check our reason and common sense at the door! Over the years, I've participated in many aspects of Fellowship life. I've been on the Board, the finance committee, budget committee, nominating committee, and music committee, and I've taught the K-3 class in RE. I'm also one of the few remaining original members of the UUF choir started by Carl Hunter and continued under various other leaders. Ted and I now belong to a chavura, which helps give us a greater sense of family and belonging. The Fellowship has given me food for my heart, mind, and spirit, as well as for my body (so many great potlucks!) and I'm glad to have been able to give my time and talents in return.



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## Canvass Results

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The goal for the canvass was \$139,384 but what was collected was \$107,952 or 23% less of our goal. The budget committee met in two meetings and had the painful responsibility of cutting \$31,722 from the original budget.



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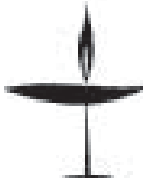
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