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Minister Musings – by Lee Richards

The Conflict Resolution Conference has five presenters lined up to share their knowledge toward ending conflict at numerous levels - internal, between individuals, within communities, and internationally. There is something for everybody, including a light lunch and time scheduled for networking after the last workshops. Offering this opportunity to share information is a fine example of the ministry our church can offer the wider community. Scholarships are available at pmuc.albion@gmail.com No one will be turned away.

Another ministry that I'm expecting to appeal to a large audience will be offered on Wednesday evenings, called **A Gathering of Hearts & Minds**. It's been apparent for a while now that people like to share their thoughts and ideas - it's one of the things that makes our summer salons and Chautauqua Sundays so popular. Plus, we learned in the salon about Clarence Skinner that his forums attracted lively audiences.

So, while we'll still have our Chautauqua Sundays, I'm adding in a salon-style forum during the week. It's common for many churches have bible study as a community connection point between services - we'll have discussions (Oh, doesn't that sound *so UU?!).* Each week there will be a chance to explore and talk about a topic in more depth, along with a light supper.

Sessions will vary according to the presenter of the night. There may be a discussion of an article in the UU World, or a short movie or film clip to spark conversation, or attendees might bring in short readings or poems that have proven significant in forming the way they think about life, or a probe into a current events situation to generate ideas for how to react. Presenters may be experts in their field coming to share - like George Payne from the Gandhi Institute, for example - or someone in the congregation willing to lead a session, or your pastor.

To clarify, these are not evening worship services, but opportunities to gather and delve into some interesting topics so we might learn from each other. As such, they provide a "non-threatening" entry point for outsiders to come visit, and participate in some programming at our church. Feel free to invite everyone and anyone to come to PMUC for an hour on Wednesday evenings. Consider the **Gathering** to be our *Ministry of Ideas* and a gift to the larger community, kind of like the peace conference.

Service Schedule – Sunday at 11:00AM

August 31	Lee Richards	"Sundae Sunday"
Sept. 7	Lee Richards	"Water Communion"
Sept. 14	Lee Richards	"PTG – Post Traumatic Growth"
Sept. 21	Zora Gussow	"Getting Arrested for Mother Earth: "Building Community Power in the Shalefields of Pennsylvania"
Sept. 28	Rev. Richard Hood	"We do not stand, we move!"
Oct. 5	Rev. Don Reidell	Special Congregational Meeting after Service.

~ Childcare available during service times ~

Sunday, Aug. 31 – **LAST DAY!** “Images of Jesus” exhibition open 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Victorian devotional art prints from the mid 19th century to the early 20th century, in original frames, portraying popular images of the life of Jesus. From the collection of historian C.W. “Bill” Lattin.

Sunday, Aug. 31 - “Sundae Sunday” worship service @ 11 am with Lee Richards. Our annual excuse for staying home on Labor Day weekend and enjoying our make-your-own-sundae ice cream social. A sweet treat to celebrate the end of summer, with some cool theology thrown in for good measure.

Monday, Sept. 1 – Potluck supper @ 6:30 pm. Always good food and conversation. Dish to pass. Open invite to members and non-members.

Tuesday, Sept. 2 – “Tuesday Trek” @ 12:30 pm. Meet at church and then go walkies with fellow liberals.

Wednesday, Sept. 3 – “A Gathering of Hearts & Minds” @ 7 pm. Gather for a light supper offering and discussion. This week’s current events topic will consider the militarization of U.S. police forces.

Sunday, Sept. 7 – Water Communion worship service @ 11 am with Lee Richards. Water has held spiritual significance for many cultures throughout time. Today we’ll honor our connectedness by sharing samples of water gathered over the summer.

Wednesday, Sept. 10 – “A Gathering of Hearts & Minds” @ 7 pm. Gather for a light supper offering and discussion. This week’s topic - Happiness - will be sparked by a short video.

Saturday, Sept. 13 – World Peace Day Conference: “Creating harmony in a conflicted world.” 9 am to 2 pm. Register by Sept. 5. Complete info at pullmantickets.com

Sunday, Sept. 14 - Finance committee meets @ 10 am.

Sunday, Sept. 14 – “PTG – Post Traumatic Growth” worship service @ 11 am, with Lee Richards. We’re familiar with the idea of PTSD – Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome – but do you know there can be a positive side to an experience of trauma? It doesn’t always happen, but some people find their attitudes “reset” and life much improved following a brush with tragedy.

Sunday, Sept. 14 - Membership committee meets @ 12:30 pm.

Monday, Sept. 15 – Bereavement Support Group @ 7:30 pm. Grief is experienced individually but handled better communally. Join Pastor Lee on the 3rd Monday of each month for assistance in working through feelings of loss in an atmosphere of safe sharing with others on the same journey.

Wednesday, Sept. 17 – “A Gathering of Hearts & Minds” @ 7 pm. Gather for a light supper offering and discussion. This week’s topic will consider how our choice of what we eat matters to the planet.

Sunday, Sept. 21 – Board of Trustees meets @ 9 am.

Sunday, Sept. 21 – **Jedi Academy Religious Education Program** @ 9:45 am. Learn to be a Jedi by exploring and developing your skills, spirit, courage, senses, and insight. Ages 7-16. Advance registration required – email pmuc.albion@gmail.com

Sunday, Sept. 21 – “Getting Arrested for Mother Earth: Building Community Power in the Shalefields of Pennsylvania” (Chautauqua Sunday) service @ 11 am with Zora Gussow. Zora will speak about why she committed civil disobedience until arrest. We all know the environment is in extreme jeopardy, Zora recently put her body on the line to stop natural gas extraction on public park land in Loyalsock PA. Meet this fearless young generation of environmental activists. Zora works with environmental defense groups Earth First, Food and Water Watch, and Shalefield Organizing Committee, or “SOC.”

Wednesday, Sept. 24 – “A Gathering of Hearts & Minds” @ 7 pm. Gather for a light supper offering and discussion. It’s Wild Card Wednesday - come with an idea to discuss that has meaning for you.

Thursday, Sept. 25 - deadline for submissions to the October newsletter. Send to: pmuc.albion@gmail.com

Saturday, Sept. 27 – Workbee from 10-12. General clean-up inside and out. Bagels and coffee provided.

Sunday, Sept. 28 – Jedi Academy Religious Education Program @ 9:45 am. Learn to be a Jedi by exploring and developing your skills, spirit, courage, senses, and insight. Ages 7-16. Advance registration required – email pmuc.albion@gmail.com

Sunday, Sept. 28 – “We do not stand, we move!” worship service @ 11 am with Pullman Memorial's Minister Emeritus Richard Hood. Much has changed in our UU faith, not just in the last 200 years, but even in the last 60. I will recall some of my personal experiences in church (including Pullman) to reflect on what changes have happened and, perhaps, what changes we can expect in the future.

Wednesday, Oct. 1 – “A Gathering of Hearts & Minds” @ 7 pm. Gather for a light supper offering and discussion.

Sunday, Oct. 5 - worship service @ 11 am with Rev. Don Reidell.

Sunday, Oct. 5 - Special Congregational Meeting @ noon. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws and small sale of invested assets.

Sunday, Oct. 12 - Humanitarian Award special worship service @ 11 am w/ reception after. Honoring Kim Remley's service to the community with environmental defense organization SPOC (Stop Polluting Orleans County).

2014 NYSCU Convention on Oct. 3,4

With a theme of "Growing through Love," the 188th annual meeting will host the Rev. Christana Wille McKnight as keynote speaker relating the story of how one small congregation has grown from a membership of under twenty people to over ninety in just two years, with the Universalist message of love at its center. Saturday afternoon workshops include topics on music, happiness, and "keeping our kids." Held at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, Watertown, NY. **Discounts for preregistration by Sept. 29.** More info at <http://nyscu.org>

JOYS & SORROWS

-Betty Knight, Sara Phillips, and Doris Brown (her 95th!) all celebrated birthdays recently! Happy belated birthday ladies!!

-Pastor Lee - explained that Tyler Orr had a life threatening event recently tied to his diagnosis of diabetes. Tyler is ok, but the family would like to purchase a dog trained to detect episodes of low blood sugar. This dog will cost a lot of money and the family is attempting to raise funds. There has been a great deal of interest in helping the family out; see information on fund-raising efforts on page 6 of this newsletter.

-Pastor Lee Richards - was sad to hear that the oldest eel (150 years old) has died in Sweden. 'nuff said.

-Craig Smith - there was a bit of poetic justice involving a ticket Tyler received the day after his graduation party. The ticket was thrown out because it was issued for a trailer and was obviously a mistake. At least Tyler had the opportunity to see what traffic court was like!

-Monica Beck - her dental implant process was finally completed!! And she planted some Fruition seeds - purple beans and had the opportunity to pick and eat them and they were delicious!

-Debby Rodriguez - things are out of control in Gaza, and what has been going on is amoral and inhumane. Debby also expressed alarm that most High School graduates don't seem to know what Ebola is, even though it has been around since the 1970's... it is a hot virus.

-Tobin Carson - has been crying all week over the situation in Gaza, the children who were killed. We all need to speak out about the inhumanity of this situation!

-Diana Dudley - wanted to wish President Obama a happy 53rd birthday, but also tell him how disappointed she is with his comments about the Palestinians who have been killed. She believes it is time to have the Occupy Albion group resume protesting again!

-Chris Loss - is proud of her grandson Caden Uderitz, who achieved his green stripe belt at Tae Kwon Do recently. She also is very sad about the Ebola epidemic in Africa. This is a nasty, horrible disease that is currently out of control in that region.

-Darrell Dyke - is upset about the lopsided situation in Gaza, as well. He also wanted to add a comment about the Ebola epidemic. The courage of the American doctor infected with Ebola is unbelievable! He put himself in harm's way and injected himself with the blood of a former ebola patient so his body would make antibodies.

-Louise Richards - said that while the standard media has not expressed outrage about Gaza, the non-captured media has been very vocal.

-Chris Loss - thanked Pastor Lee and Louise for the incredible spread they put on for our members during the Sip and Stroll! It was absolutely first class!

-Louise Richards - responded to the thank-you by saying that it was all for our incredible volunteers!! She and Lee were very pleased to do this! And many thanks to the volunteers who helped out with the Sip and Stroll.

-C.W. Lattin - said that accolades certainly go to our own pagan Bacchus (Jim Knight in costume), who was the hit of the Sip and Stroll. C.W. overheard some ladies saying that our church was the place to be!! It is also worth noting that Jim's picture appeared in the Orleans Hub!!!

-Jim Knight - said he had a blast at the Sip and Stroll... it's the best 'gig' he's ever had! And we certainly looked like a group of hedonists!

-Darrell Dyke - said that Debby Rodrigues sent him a text of Jim as Bacchus, and it made him feel proud to be hanging around with us!

-Gay Smith - reported that Tyler left for the University of Buffalo yesterday...and she is excited, but Craig is grieving losing his buddy.

-Tobin Carson - is sad about the passing of Robin Williams, and especially remembers his sensitive portrayal in Patch Adams, and one of the lines from the movie, "when you treat the disease, you lose, but when you treat a person, you win." She is grateful for the great spirit he shared with us.

-David Damico (guest speaker and editor of 'The Universalist Herald') - has been accepted as a faculty member at the SUNY Brockport college. He will be teaching graphic design.

-Chris Loss - her grandson, Caden Udertiz, has gone on a trip with family friends to Lake Champlain near Vermont for a week. Everyone is missing him but he will have a great time!

-Louise Richards – Louise, Debby Rodrigues, Jim & Betty Knight, and other fellow anti-fracking protestors went out to Watkins Glen for an emergency rally recently and it was very exciting...pictures are on the website. Three hundred people showed up at the lake with only three days notice! After church, they will be heading to Hemlock Lake for another rally.

-Chris Loss - was just awestruck and delighted about guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Richard Gilbert, in our pulpit on 8/24/14!! He is a 'legend' in the UU World who is often quoted! Chris recalls attending two programs here at this church years ago called 'Building Your Own Theology' that were written by this man. What a treat to have him here!! And it was also wonderful to see his wife, Joyce, who has been very helpful to this church.

-Pat Cammarata - also was excited about seeing Rev. Dr. Gilbert in our pulpit. She attended at First Unitarian church in Rochester years ago when she was looking for a church home, and noted that this man is responsible for her deciding to become a UU.

-Andrea Rebeck - was excited to see the entire Carson-Dyke family here, and to see that Aiden is healed from his fall from the bike! Ah youth...they heal so fast!

-Richard DellaCosta - said he and Eileen spent some time recently with their daughter Hannah's in-laws, who are from Argentina. The father-in-law is a guitar player and singer and it was a quite a party! Rich noted that it couldn't be a more separate cultural divide from their son, David's, culture in Japan! Hopefully, they will have both children home at the same time in the future!

-Darrell Dyke - credited his boys with helping him heal and feels so lucky to have them around!!

-Diana Dudley - Monday would have been her daughter Holly's 57 birthday, so to mark the event, some family members went to the Village Inn for dinner (recall that this is where her Memorial Service was held) and then proceeded to Pt. Breeze to take some pictures of nature...something Holly enjoyed doing. Holly died on March 30, 2014. It is obvious since her passing that she was very loved and touched many lives. In one of the obituary notices, the following quote was written, "She stood in the storm and when the wind did not blow her way, she adjusted her sails," by Elizabeth Edwards.

PULLMAN PLAUDITS

Tyler Smith - who has gone off to college to start a new adventure in his life. Everyone here is very proud of him, and it was fun watching all of the many accomplishments he had during his High School years! But we will miss him, as will his parents!! Thanks Tyler for lending your talents and playing the piano for us! Enjoy your college experience!

C.W.Lattin - offered free cemetery tours every Sunday at 6 PM through August! He is wrapping up his religious print exhibition, and has been working on a wonderful fund-raising idea for the fall.

Pastor Lee and Louise, Betty and Jim Knight, Julie and John Andrews, Debby Rodrigues, Monica Beck, Gay and Craig Smith and all who helped out with the Sip and Stroll event! It was a great time! And special recognition goes to Jim Knight for his portrayal of Bacchus! Nice touch!

Pastor Lee and Louise, Julie Andrews, Betty Knight - for the incredible spread they put together as a thank-you for the wonderful volunteers we have at this church! There were cheeses and olives, salsa, dips, meatballs, punch, and much more! Louise even offered a beverage that, combined with a sweet syrup, was much like what the earliest form of 'pop' tasted like. It was first rate!!

Diana Dudley - announced in church that she would like to restart the Occupy Albion group in light of the recent events in Gaza!!

Craig Smith - for scoring a nearly new printer for the minister's office.

John Andrews - has regenerated the once dormant Membership Committee and has tons of ideas! The committee has been meeting and has a lot of energy and plans! Great work. Julie Andrews, Patricia Adema, and Matt Adema are also on this vital committee and are working hard. You will see the results of their ideas this coming year in the Wednesday night events and it promises to be an exciting year!!

Pastor Lee, Louise, and C.W. Lattin - for the professional and interesting Architectural Newsletter that went out this summer...great job!

Darrel Dyke & Gay Smith - The Jedi Knight curriculum, to be taught by Darrel & Gay, promises to be an exciting adventure!! This will all begin in September. May the UU Force be with you!!

Debby Rodrigues - organized the field trip to Fruition Seeds in Naples, set for August 28th! Several in the congregation plan to go and spend the night, harvest some seeds, and have a great time!!

-Gay Smith, Louise Richards, and Pastor Lee - have been working on tedious policy manuals as a requirement for our 501(c)3! The Board will be reviewing these items and some will be voted on at the Special Congregational meeting on October 5th.

Pastor Lee and Louise - for a wonderful Summer Salon season, where we went all the way back to our farthest origins and culminated with current day thinking. Rev. Dr. Richard Gilbert reminded us that UUism is a faith that "won't let you go, and won't let you off" (the hook to be an advocate for social justice and to do the difficult work needed to make this world a better place for all!). Amen!!

Betty Knight - from Pullman's ecological social witness contingent hanging with the famous and fearless Bob, defender of Rochester's watershed, Hemlock Lake, the "Save Seneca Lake!" letter writing party at Eagle Crest Winery. Guests wrote over 300 letters to stop LPG (liquid propane gas) storage next to The Seneca Finger Lake, and winery owner William provided great Central NY hospitality with wood fired pizza, tastings of Eagle Crest, and live music. Thank you, William, for a great time!

Free coffee & bagels on Sunday mornings – Membership in a UU congregation has its privileges.

Help Needed for Service Dog

Tyler Orr was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes on October 22, 2012. Tyler wears both an insulin pump and a continuous glucose monitor 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, that are inserted under his skin to help control his blood sugar. He, like all Type 1 Diabetics, still has high and low blood sugars that are dangerous to his health. Recently he has been having very severe low blood sugars which have resulted in grand mal seizures. For a diabetic, a seizure is your body's last way of communicating that there is a problem before death.

His family has decided to acquire an alert dog and is in the process of raising the necessary funds. Needed in very short order is the down payment of \$5000, with the rest to be raised over the course of about a year (while the dog is being trained). Donations can be made online at <https://www.youcaring.com/bringkenaihome> or if you have access to a First Niagara Bank branch you can make a donation with any teller - just tell them you want to donate to the "Bring Kenai Home" account. Keep up to date on what's happening at this Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/bringkenaihome

Water Communion is Sept. 7

Please remember to gather a small bit of water from a summer locale to bring and share in our annual water communion ceremony. This time of sharing brief stories of the season helps us to deepen our connections to each and other, and to the planet.

Come Early, Stay Late

Having a quick bagel and coffee ready to grab on a Sunday morning can sometimes make the difference in deciding to roll out of bed and show up at church. So come a few minutes early, get a bite, and then stay after the service for our usual social hour. We'd love to see you at church!

Bereavement Support Group

Grief is experienced individually but handled better communally. Pastor Lee offers an opportunity for people who have experienced a loss to come together in a safe environment on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. Stories encouraged, and feelings lovingly accepted. Tears okay, and tissues provided. Loving support offered for, and by, others on the same journey to wholeness.

College Care Packages

Again this semester we plan to send "care packages" to our UUs attending college. This program shows they are in our thoughts, that we miss them, and we hope they do well. Please send names and addresses of those who should be recipients to pmuc.albion@gmail.com

2014 Pullman Humanitarian Award

Each year we select an organization or individual in the larger community to receive recognition for the work they do to make the world a better place. This year's recipient is Kim Remley. If you've encountered Kim then you know she is a force to be reckoned with. Kim has been working with SPOC (Stop Polluting Orleans County) for almost 20 years to protect the environment, and since its inception 10-15 years ago she has worked with teens through a program called TGIF (Thank God It's Friday). Kim is also a peace activist, and wears many other volunteer hats, too. Plan to join us on October 12th when we'll honor this amazing woman in the brightly colored eyeglasses.

Wednesday Evening GATHERING of Hearts & Minds

Our new "Ministry of Ideas" program will present a topic for discussion each Wednesday at 7 pm. In general, first Wednesdays will focus on a current events issue, the second on some aspect of theology or philosophy, the third on pop culture, and the fourth is a "wild card" where the evening's topic is up to the audience. The success of *Wild Card Wednesdays* will depend on attendees bringing something they'd like to share with others for a more in-depth discussion. A light supper is also offered. Read more about the whole concept in the Minister's Musings on page one of this newsletter, and check the detailed listings on pages 2 and 3 for September's topics.

Pullman Gift Shop

Bumper stickers are here! Looking for a special gift? Notecards and posters, t-shirts and sweatshirts, antique and vintage glassware, Pullman porter uniform buttons, totebags, and hand-crafted jewelry are available now. Check out the old library off of the social hall for this “wee shoppe.”

World Peace Day Conference

"Creating harmony in a conflicted world." From political grassroots nonviolent strategizing to person-to-person conflict resolution.... how people on the ground, at the grassroots level, build power nonviolently, how they increase their leverage, and what sorts of pitfalls they face.

"Addressing Inner Conflict" (A Jungian Approach)

“Gandian Interpersonal Non-violence and Conflict Resolution”

“Creating Caring Communities” (Conflict toolkit for youth)

"Nonviolence.com” (Web and Social Media Global Campaign")

"Nonviolence as a Means to Effecting National and International Change" (St. Bonaventure Peace Center)

September 13th. Registration/check in starts at 9 am. Panel discussion at 10. Morning and afternoon workshops. Lunch provided. Preregister by Sept. 5. Complete info at pullmantickets.com Volunteers needed to help - contact pmuc.albion@gmail.com

Jedi Academy

On Sunday, September 21st, at 9:45 am, this unique religious education curriculum comes to Pullman Memorial. Welcome all Padawans (students)! Learn how to be a force for good in the universe. Look for Pullman's JEDI ACADEMY on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/jedipullman>, or call or text Jedi Master D'ar Ell at (585) 993-0666 for more information.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

October 5th, 2014 at noon - In order to bring our Bylaws into compliance for obtaining 501(c)3 status, it is necessary to amend them by adding two items. One is a stipulation that all board trustees will sign a yearly ‘Conflict of Interest’ notice, and the second is to define how the congregation would be dissolved, and what would happen to the building and property if such were to happen. Additionally, a proposal to sell our Comcast stock will be up for vote. If you are a member of the congregation then please make the effort to attend and vote.

Hospice of Orleans County

Are you looking for a way to serve our community? Hospice of Orleans is welcoming volunteers in all areas of service. Meal servers and greeters are especially needed in the Martin-Linsin Residence. Opportunities in gardening, special events and office work are also available. Whatever your time or talent, Hospice has a place for you. For more information, call 585-589-0809.

Pullman Pastor’s Blog by Lee Richards

In August I wrote about helping a young church member raise funds to get a service dog, the upcoming Conflict Resolution Conference, and the “Pullman Praise-togethers” praise band. I invite you to check out my explorations and ramblings on the weblog at pullmanpastor.blogspot.com, or you can get there by a link on our main church website at pullmanmemorial.org

If you do not have access to the internet but want to read these meanderings then subscribe to receive a paper copy by postal mail once a month. Send your name and address to: Lee Richards, 31 Ravenwood Ave, Rochester, NY 14619. This service is offered free of charge as a means for staying connected and promoting Unitarian Universalist thought.

Pastoral Care

You are encouraged to contact Pastor Lee when experiencing difficulties. Lee can be reached at 585-454-9450, or on his cell at 585-729-8167, or at his a toll-free number: 877-265-1709. Lee is also available for home and hospital visits.

DOWN THE STAIRS RECYCLING!

Return-for-deposit bottles and cans, plus assorted metals, help generate additional funds for the church. Bins for these items are at the foot of the stairs between the kitchen and dining hall doors. Clean, washed metal objects may be mixed, but please separate aluminum from the rest. **SPECIAL INCENTIVE!** Debby Rodriguez has offered to match the amount received from the scrap metal recycling center every month that the total is \$10 or higher.

Electronic Donations & Automatic Pledges

Our website pullmanmemorialdonations.com offers several choices for making financial contributions to our mission. Drop-down menus provide a variety of monthly and weekly automatic options. Alternatively, you can make one-time donations in any amount, learn where to send a check, or inquire about planned giving. All major credit cards are accepted, or you can fund your contribution with a bank transfer or a PayPal account.

Of course, cash and checks still work OK, too. The offering plate will continue to circulate during a Sunday service to provide an opportunity for "instant wallet withdrawals." But if you prefer to plan ahead and pay online then please check out our donations webpage.

NEW! If you have a smartphone then check out our electronic "virtual offering plate." Look for the QR code on the back of Sunday programs and do a quick scan. You'll be whisked to a special donation page where you can easily make a donation online.

Eye on the Board

Your board is working diligently toward achieving 501(c)3 non-profit status independent from the UUA. The language for amendments (additions) to the existing Bylaws were approved to be presented to the congregation for acceptance at a special congregational meeting on Oct. 5. A number of policies are also under review, including use of the building.

The treasurer reported income for the fiscal year to date is slightly higher than expected, while expenses are close to anticipated. The finance committee recommended selling our shares of Comcast which generate very little annual income, and the board approved. Julie Andrews has agreed to train for the position of treasurer starting in late fall as Andrea does not plan to continue past this term.

Fundraising efforts were discussed, including a new proposal by C.W. Lattin who is planning another book for release next fall. The church will apply for a grant from GoArt to help offset the publishing costs. Preparation for the book actually begins with an event to be held this November 1st - an art opening featuring Victorian prints of saints.

Building & Grounds - Andrea has completed her report for the Crawford & Sterns architectural firm and is planning another walk-through soon with an experienced roofer. Weeding around the foundation and between the stone sidewalk slabs is being done. Bill plans to reset one stone near the front steps to improve drainage.

Pastor Lee announced a new ministry program for Wednesday evenings. It will be an opportunity for people to get together to discuss interesting subjects in depth over a light supper.

Jedi Academy, our new Children's Church program, starts on Sept. 21. Darrell Dyke and Gay Smith have adapted this curricula for PMUC. Advertising has begun to attract children from the larger community.

The membership committee has created a long list of ideas and several are already in the works to both serve current members and attract new ones. Sadly, Sherry and David Hagmier have withdrawn their membership; they will be greatly missed.

Complete minutes are available upon request.

How do UUs excommunicate naughty members? Take away their coffee.