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End of Year Picnic

A HUGE Thank you goes out Joe Herring, Kacie and Simon Fuller, Jim French and the Gregory family for their wonderful job of planning and carrying out the annual picnic this year! It was great fun, beautiful weather and delightful people to be around. Thanks also to Jenni Killpack-Knutsen for organizing and taking money, Jim Turner and all those who flipped burgers; Matt Wilson, Philip Moos and all the others that helped with clean up. Such a big job, but so many dedicated people volunteering their time. Thank you for making this such a community-building event for First Church!

-Nancy Moos



Thank you to Joan Gregory for her help with getting photos from this year's event



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July 20, 2015

Submission Deadline

July 15, 2015 (Wednesday)
 by 9:00 a.m.

Events to be listed should occur after July 21st to ensure timeliness.

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Congregational Briefs

The Open Minds Book Group will not meet during the summer

The next meeting will be September 22, and the book is "We Are Called To Rise," by Laura McBride. The book for October is "The Emerald Mile," by Kevin Fedarko. All are welcome.

Mindfulness Meditation

Mindfulness Meditation in the Haven 2:00 pm July 8 and 23. Guided Meditation: Intention and Attention, followed by walking meditation.

What does First Church have in common with the Marine Corps?

Both are seeking a few good men and women to serve. Facilitating a monthly discussion group is an opportunity to serve our congregation. So far, 12 have answered the call to be a facilitator in Small Group Ministry from October to May. Two more are needed. The job is rewarding and it requires only four hours a month. Please step up! An e-mail to John Rasmuson, njras@hotmail.com, is all it takes.

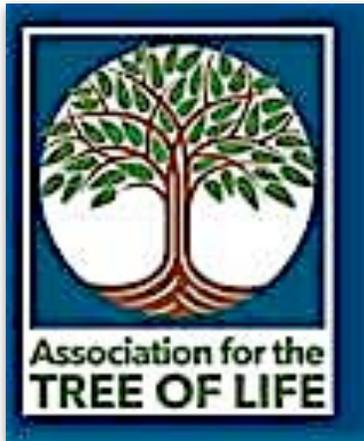
Summer Torch Dates

Issue	Submissions Due	Publication Date
Volume 58, Issue 1	July 15th (Wednesday) at 10 a.m.	July 20, 2015
Volume 58, Issue 2	August 10th (Monday) at 10 a.m.	August 17, 2015
Volume 58, Issue 3	August 24th (Monday) at 10 a.m.	August 31, 2015

Environmental Ministry News

Association for the Tree of Life Launches:
ASK PHILANTHROPISTS: Climate
Breakthrough Now!

-submitted by Joan M. Gregory, Co-
Coordinator, Environmental Ministry



Philanthropy is "nickeling and diming" the climate. To protect our climate, philanthropy must "go big" now. You can push the climate movement in a few seconds by signing this letter: <http://tinyurl.com/ATLletter>. Hundreds of letters have been sent, and we need many more to capture the attention of philanthropists. Sign on and share with a friend! Ask Philanthropists to STEP UP and FUND the Movement we Need to Dump Fossil Fuels! Watch video, send letter, and share now: <http://tinyurl.com/ATLWatchSendShare>.

Tar Sands Mine Vigil Camping in PR Springs on the Tavaputs Plateau

-submitted by Kathy Albury and Joan M. Gregory, Co-Coordination, Environmental Ministry

Peaceful Uprising and Utah Tar Sands Resistance are inviting us to the PR Spring Tar Sands Mine Vigil Family Camp Out, June 19-21. Bring the kids and grandparents. Tour the Mine. Tar Sands art.

Primitive camping in beautiful PR Springs. On the Tavaputs Plateau in eastern Utah. You need to see it before it is mined! For more information follow: <http://www.tarsandsresist.org> or <http://www.peacefuluprising.org> or call Kathy Albury 801-803-2384.

And, another camping opportunity: Art for Action: A Skills-Share Camp, July 3-5. Join Peaceful Uprising and UTSR for 3 days of art creation on the East Tavaputs Plateau, where we're working hard to stop tar sands mining from going forward. Workshops on photography, guerrilla theater, banner making, and costume making. Build your skills while creating amazing artwork the campaign can use all season! Discussion circles, art in action, role of art in social movements, climate justice, countering oppression, hiking and more. To attend Art Camp, please email Volunteers@PeacefulUprising.org to get directions, info about camp norms, and get your questions answered.



2015 UU Inter-Congregational Camping Trip

-submitted by Bill Reed

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE so register, pay, and mark your calendars now. Church Summer Campout Online registration and payment is available now at <http://www.slccu.org/component/rsform/form/6-intermountain-unitarian-universalist-camping-trip>.

- Where: Wolf Creek Campground group site #1.
- When: Thursday, July 23, 2015 – Sunday, July 26, 2015 (3 nights).
- Check-In Time: 2:00 PM
- Check-Out Time: 1:00 PM
- How Much: \$30 per car for the 3-day weekend. Price is \$30 regardless of number of days you plan on staying.

Please Carpool if possible (up to 6 people per car). Cost is per car because of limited parking.

- INFO: Wolf Creek Campground is in the Unita & Wasatch-Cache National Forest at an elevation of 9,400 feet in stands of aspen and fir trees. It is a Nonelectric campground. An amphitheater sits above Site 1 and has a cement stage, wood benches and a campfire circle. The 3.5-mile Trail Hollow Trail begins in the campground and offers great hiking and mountain biking into the West Fork of the Duchesne, offering unparalleled views of the surrounding Wasatch Range. Colorful summer wildflowers fill the mountain

UU Lunch Bunch Summer Schedule

-submitted by Sonia Carnell

The UU Lunch Bunch family-friendly group for anyone and everyone who would like to get together for lunch and chat with like-minded people. Meet at the Restaurant on Sundays approx. 1 hour after the end of Summer Forum. For more information contact Sonia Carnell at lunchbunch@slccu.org.

- June 21: MaCool's Public House (1400 Foothill Drive)
- June 28: Corner Bakery (610 Foothill Blvd.)
- July 5: Em's (270 Center St.)
- July 12: Even Stevens - East Central (414 East 200 South)

- July 19: The Annex by Epic Brewing (1048 East 2100 South)
- July 26: Faustina (454 East 300 South)
- August 2: Katmandu II (212 South 700 East)
- August 9: Indochine Vietnamese Bistro (230 South 1300 East)
- August 16: Hog Wallow Pub (3200 East Big Cottonwood Canyon Rd)
- August 23: Ruth's Diner (2100 Emigration Canyon)
- August 30: Shanghai Cafe (145 East 1300 South)



Barbara and Justin Kreek celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary with their Small Group Ministry at their small group BBQ this week.

-submitted by Colleen Bliss

Summer Forum 2015

A diverse and exciting new lineup of speakers awaits you for ten Sundays from June 21 through August 23. Programs begin at 10 a.m., and feature music and Q&A sessions. Conversations and refreshments continue in Eliot Hall. Child care is provided.

June 21

"How Progressive Institutions Can Grow"

-Jack Newell, Ph.D., president emeritus of Deep Springs College and professor emeritus of educational leadership and policy, University of Utah

June 28

"A Path with Heart: Mindfulness in Buddhism and Unitarianism"

-Shirley Ray, meditation director and leader of the new UU Buddhist Fellowship Sangha at First Church

July 5

"Was the Bard a Feminist? The Women in Shakespeare's Plays"

-Mark Matheson, Ph.D., professor of English and director of the MUSE (My U Signature Experience) Program at the U of U

July 12

"Obamacare in Utah: How Much Will We Get That We are Already Paying For?"

-Jason Stevenson, Education and Communications Director

RyLee Curtis, Medicaid Policy Analyst for the Utah Health Policy Project

July 19

"Lessons in Sustainable Living from Uganda"

-Kim Koeven, recently returned Peace Corps Volunteer

July 26

"My Life with James Dudley Barker - Before and After He Was Killed By Police"

-Heidi Keilbaugh

August 2

"Experiencing Excommunication, LDS Style"

-John Dehlin, founder of the Mormon Stories podcast and creator of several Mormon-themed blogs and websites

August 9

"Gender Roles in Cuba: Two Participants Report on the International Women's Conference in Havana"

-Summer Smith and Joanna Straughn

August 16

"Emotional Intelligence and Transformational Leadership"

-Rev. Harold Straughn

August 23

"The Fight for Our Children's Right to Breathe"

-Ingrid Griffee, executive director, Utah Moms for Clean Air



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