

**Sunday Program and Service Leader Schedule**

4 July

9:15—Adult Religious Education

10:40—Rev. Ed Wilson will present a sermon entitled, “Church -State Separation in Christian Theology, Understanding an Essential Christian Doctrine”.

Service Leader: Paul Lee Opener: Janet & Norm Horofker Closer: Nikki & Chris Rohrs  
Greeters: Bill Edwards & Don Nahley

11 July

9:15—Adult Religious Education

10:40—Guitarist and folk singer Ken Sizemore will present a musical program, “Songs of Justice, Equity, and Compassion —the Second Principle”.

Service Leader: Bill Edwards Opener: Nikki & Chris Rohrs Closer: Katy Clyde  
Greeters: Mona Crawford & Tanya Davis

18 July

9:15—Adult Religious Education

10:40—Cheryl Wilson will make a presentation entitled, “Bread: A Recipe for the Spirit”. She will explore rituals, memories and metaphors associated with one of civilizations first prepared foods.

Service Leader: Barry White Opener: Katy Clyde Closer: Van Ely  
Greeters: Mark Berger & Mary Lynn Lobello -Hall

25 July

9:15—Adult Religious Education

10:40—Dr. Bill Frazier, head of CSU’s Department of Environmental Science, will give a talk entitled, “Ocean of Problems”. He will include comments on the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Service Leader: Ron Ussery Opener: Van Ely Closer: Michelle Midgette  
Greeters: Marge Hall & Barry White

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**July Birthday Celebrations**

The Fellowship extends Happy Birthday Wishes to the following:

- 8 July Kayla Horofker
- 10 July Will Ely
- 15 July Austin Gregory
- 24 July Marta Horofker
- 25 July Ernestine Mathis



**Movie Night**

Tanya Davis is retiring as the coordinator of the Movie Night activity. If you are willing to coordinate this event, notify one of the Board members. Movie Night is usually well attended and it would be a shame if this activity was no longer happening. Perhaps a couple of members could take on this responsibility.

**Watercolor Workshop**

Brenda Stevens is planning a beginner’s watercolor workshop this fall. It will be held in the Fellowship House. The date and more details will be in next month’s newsletter. Everyone will want to participate in this exciting event.

**Social Action**

Our new tradition of giving away the plate on the third Sunday of each month has been very successful. We have given money to the Central Asia Institute, the UUSC, Open Door Community House, Haitian Relief, Feeding the Valley Food Bank, and the Russell County Child Advocacy Center, Inc. to name a few. The Social Action Committee would like to say Thank You for your generosity. Seeing as how the UU Fellowship of Columbus doesn’t proselytize in the traditional sense this is a great way of letting the community at large see our faith in action. The Social Action Committee headed by Carolyn Searcy generally selects local charities to receive our donations. Thanks again for the generosity of the Fellowship.

## President's Notes from Board Meeting on June 21, 2010

### 1. Treasurer's Report

(a) At the end of May 2010, our current assets included: (1) Generous Fellowship Fund: \$1,598.64; (2) Operating Account: \$5,270.50; (3) Reserve Account: \$16,836.25; (4) Building Fund: \$19,903.58.

(b) We had regular income in May in the amount of \$3,339.00, and our expenses were \$2,990.60; thus, we had a positive inflow for the month of \$348.40. For the year to date we have a positive cash flow in the amount of \$2,162.19. (c) Our Third Sunday collection for "Feed the Valley" on June 20 was \$259.00.

2. Program Committee Report - Bill Edwards has volunteered to lead a "Water Service" in September 2010. Members are reminded to save samples of water from places they visit between now and the time of the service.

3. Pastoral Care - Shirley Gray has moved from the hospital to Room 107, Magnolia Manor, 2110 Warm Springs Road, Columbus, GA 31908. If you want to mail a card, please send it to P. O. Box 9696, Columbus, GA 31908.

4. Southern UU Leadership Experience - I am scheduled to attend this training conference at The Mountain, Highlands, NC, during the period August 8-13. The Board authorized reimbursement to me in the amount of \$350.00, which is about one-half the cost of the registration fee.

5. Chair project - Sixteen new chairs were delivered on June 19, 2010. Ten of the chairs have arms. We will likely need to rearrange some of our furniture in our meeting room to accommodate the new chairs.

6. UU General Assembly - The Board named Norm Horofker as a delegate for our congregation. Norm is planning to attend the General Assembly which will meet June 23-27 in Minneapolis, MN. As our official delegate, he may vote on any issues which come before the General Assembly.

7. Roofing Project - The Board determined to contract with Howell Construction & Remodeling, L.L.C., to replace shingles on the roof of our main building and the roof of the children's RE Building. Estimates included \$5,480 to \$6,220 for the main building and \$600 for the RE Building. The exact cost will depend on whether any wood must be replaced, and this can be determined only when the old shingles are removed. The money for these repairs will be taken from our Reserve Account.

8. Replacement/repair of driveway: - The Board requested that our administrator obtain additional estimates. If we make repairs of the driveway, there is a substantial difference in cost between replacement of the entire driveway versus repair of sections of the driveway, but, of course, we are also concerned about the general appearance.

8. Yard maintenance - The Board authorized our administrator to hire Stay-Green Lawn Maintenance to provide yard maintenance June through September 2010 at the rate of \$80.00 per month. Services will include cutting and bagging of all grass areas; pruning all shrubs; blowing off all driveways, parking lots and walkways; trash and debris removal; spraying weed killer in all beds; edging; and weed eating. Stay-Green will make two visits per month with the first visit during the period Thursday through Saturday before the first Sunday of each month.

9. Backup Drive for Computer - The Board authorized our administrator to purchase a separate drive so we can regularly back up all data on our office computer. A drive which can hold one terabyte of information should be sufficient. The Board authorized expenditure of up to \$100.00 for this backup drive.

Members may contact our administrator, Brenda Stevens, to obtain a copy of the official minutes for this meeting.

## Mid South District News

RE Week at the Mountain, July 4—9, 2010

Southeast UU Summer Institute, July 18—24, 2010

Our Whole Lives Training, August 20—22, 2010

Southland UU Leadership Experience, August 8—13, 2010

MSD Healthy Congregation Conference, October 9, 2010 at the Auburn UU Church

Information about any of the above activities can be found at the Mid-South District website: [www.msduua.org](http://www.msduua.org)

## BUILDING COMMITTEE “SEED-MONEY” CHALLENGE UPDATE

On Sunday June 6, your Building Committee announced a challenge to raise \$20,000.00 in seed money for our Building Fund. At the time of the announcement we had an initial pledge of \$10,000 from an anonymous donor and additional pledge of \$1,000 each from five contributors on a matching challenge basis. If we could raise \$5,000 from the remaining members, we would secure the \$5,000 in matching money and achieve our goal of \$20,000.00. Pledges are to be in hand for this challenge by July 1, with payment due by October 1.

We are pleased to say that as of Sunday June 20 we have received \$3,650 from members that will trigger \$3,650 in matching grants to give us a total of **\$17,300.00** toward our goal of \$20,000.00. We want to thank all of those members and friends who have already responded so generously to our challenge.

*If you have not yet made a pledge in this campaign, we ask that you consider doing so now. We need an additional \$1,350.00 in pledges in order to reach our goal of \$20,000.00. Now is the time to step forward. This Sunday will be the last Sunday service before our deadline of July 1 for this campaign.*

Remember, you only need to complete a pledge form by July 1. The money is not due until October 1. Pledge forms are available at the Fellowship. If you are unable to attend the service this Sunday and want to be included in this important fund raising initiative, just contact Nikki Rohrs at [Feubrie@aol.com](mailto:Feubrie@aol.com) or Pat Hart at [John\\_184@msn.com](mailto:John_184@msn.com). Or give our Committee Chair, Norman Horofker a phone call at 706 -577-3130. It would indeed be a shame if we were to fail to get the full amount of the matching challenge grant of \$5,000.00.

***Here is your chance to show your support for our long term growth!***

**Your Building Committee:**

**Norm Horofker, Tanya Davis, Pat Hart, Rick Spradlin, Ed Wilson**

### Pledge Form

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I will donate \_\_\_\_\_ Sign ed \_\_\_\_\_

Pledges must be paid before October 1, 2010 to qualify for the match.  
Return to the UU office or mail to: UUFC, P.O. Box 698, Fortson, GA 31808.

### Joys and Concerns

Several of our members and friends have experienced loved ones passing away. The Fellowship is asked to remember these families in your thoughts and prayers. Three of Ernestine Mathis’ friends died in June, and Kristin Hurst’s son, Eric, lost his father to a massive heart attack in June.

Shirley Gray is in room 107 at Magnolia Manor, 2010 Warm Springs Rd, 31904. Mona and Claire Crawford’s father is on the same floor at Magnolia Manor. They would appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

As you have probably noticed, our driveway is in need of repair. Brenda Stevens has gotten several estimates. The Board is seeking estimates from other companies. If you have had driveway repairs done and can make a referral, let Brenda know about this company. If you have had experience with companies that we should not do business with, this information would be greatly appreciated also.

**Photos From the Picnic at Grace Jordan's Lake and Cabin** photos by John Nix



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4 Rev. Ed Wilson Service Leader: Paul Lee Opener: Janet & Norm Horofker Closer: Nikki & Chris Rohrs	5	6	7 Discussion Group  7 PM	8	9	10
11 Ken Sizemore Service Leader: Bill Edwards Opener: Nikki & Chris Rohrs Closer: Katy Clyde	12	13	14 Discussion Group  7 PM	15	16	17
18 Cheryl Wilson Service Leader: Barry White Opener: Katy Clyde Closer: Van Ely	19 Board Meet- ing  7 PM	20	21 Discussion Group  7 PM	22	23	24
25 Dr. Bill Frazier Service Leader: Ron Ussery Opener: Van Ely Closer: Mi- chelle Midgett	26	27	28 Discussion Group  7 PM	29	30	31