

Critical Mass Newsletter - Spring 2000 Rev. C

For DC metro area Unitarian Universalist Young Adults & Friends 18-35+

Event Reviews

Here are event reviews submitted by Young Adults. This is just a small sampling of the many events taking place in the DC area. Please contact the groups or join the e-mail lists for upcoming event information.

The Area-Wide Spaghetti Dinner

at the Mount Vernon church was a big success this year. There about 3 dozen young adults from all over the area from as far away as Baltimore. There was plenty of great food and great conversation. There was even an interesting mini-workshop led by one of the young adults.

Look for the Area-Wide picnic at the Mount Vernon church this summer.

- Eric Carlson

The Critical Mass Book Discussions

have been going strong for over five years now. Isn't it about time you find out why it's so successful? Want a hint? One Sunday a month, a small group of us get together to discuss a book we have read. While we do discuss the book, a lot of times our discussions end up being about how we relate to the book or characters and how we relate to life.

We take turns selecting the books, so we end up reading a wide variety of books, such as "A Brief History of Time" to "To Kill A Mockingbird". Sometimes the books we choose seem silly, like "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" or "Dangerous" (a bodice ripping romance). Other books more serious, such as "Fit For Life" and "The Mismeasure of Man". All of the books we choose are important, because they are chosen by someone who found them meaningful enough to read.

Come join our next discussion.

- Heidi Foster

CampUUs and UU Young Adults

On Monday, January 17th college students and young adults from the DC metro area came together to explore future collaborations.

We had a wonderful potluck meal then introduced ourselves and the groups we represent. At the local and area levels we have lots of meaningful activities in the DC area.

We buzzed with excitement as we explored future collaboration in social justice work, worship, retreats, and leadership training.

We ended with a decision to come together again on February 13th at American University to see how many dreams may become reality.

In Faith,

Rev. Kent Matthies

Director, JPD CampUUs

Roots and Wings retreat, March 24-26

Main Line Unitarian Church, Devon, PA. Sponsored by Joseph Priestly District Campus Ministries (CampUUs), it will feature: Worship, Community Building with other College Students, a Coffeehouse, Masquerade Dance Party and other programs that celebrate our rich UU traditions. See CampUUs web page for details.

CampUUs Web Page: www.campus.org

SpectrUUm Conference, April 21-23

(Friday evening to Sunday afternoon)

The 9th Annual Easter UU Young Adult conference in Wake, Virginia (near Richmond). Cost \$50. Contact Frank Filz, ffilz@mindspring.com, (919) 460-6579, or Thom Longino, quakerbear@mail.com, (864) 476-2824.

[Editor's note: This is a great conference. I have been to every one for the past 8 years.]

SpectrUUm Web Page: www.spectrum.org

OPUS 2000 in the DC area!!

We are hosting Concentric/OPUS 2000 in the DC area, at Camp Mardela in Denton, MD. The dates are:

Concentric: Sat, Aug 5 - Tue, Aug 8

OPUS: Tue, Aug 8 - Sun, Aug 13

Concentric is the annual Business Meeting and Leadership Training of C*UUYAN

OPUS is the annual Conference of C*UUYAN

C*UUYAN is the Continental Unitarian Universalist Young Adult Network, consisting of and representing UU Young Adults from the U.S. and Canada.

© We need your help (even if you don't plan to attend), especially for Airport pickups and for spreading the word.

To volunteer, or for information, contact the DC area OPUS co-dean and site planner, Jeanne Swan, swanjeanne@aol.com, (703) 938-4954.

OPUS Web Page: www.uuyan.org/opus.htm