



# FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

First Church News

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## LETTING GO

From the Rev. Dr. Daniel O'Connell

Over the years I have had to loosen up my perfectionist grip. I have learned Voltaire's maxim: "the perfect is the enemy of the good." To move away from perfectionism, letting go is necessary.

Life is all about picking up and letting go. Eventually, I will let go of my well worn jeans, a few well worn prejudices, a few bad habits. New jeans, prejudices and habits will be acquired, too.

Being a parent is an exercise in letting go. Over the years I feel the bittersweet truth of Kahlil Gibran's words in our hymnal:

"Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of life's longing for itself. They come through you but not from you, and though they are with you, yet they belong not to you."

Try as we might, we can't tell our children what they "need" because they have their own opinion in the matter. We can't protect them from life's ordinary hurts nor give them a confidence they do not feel. At each new stage of our children's lives, we will find something else about our attachment to them we may need to let go.

Our children will learn to let go of the fear of change – of that first day at a new school; at having to move because of daddy's new job; of new friends and old friends lost. They will learn to let go, and we will urge them on, reminding them we too have gone through the same experience.

Eventually, we have to let everything go: our youth, our health, and in the end – even our life. If we can practice well the art of letting go *now* – while still in control of our faculties– perhaps it will be easier to let bigger things go– our children to college, our dreams of a different life than the one we've lived.

What in your life would be good for you to let go?

Daniel

## Worship Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

**March 6** — “A UU View of Buddhism” Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Daniel O’Connell

**March 13** — “An Instrument of Peace” is the theme of our First Church spring music service. The program will consist of songs, anthems, spiritual readings and poetry. Our Sanctuary choir, Diversity, Koloshvar, the youth choir and the First Church Chamber Consortium will participate in the service. Officiated by Gretchen Weiss.

**March 20** — “Ostara’s Eggs” Welcome spring. What’s that you say? Spring cleaning as a spiritual practice? Chicks, bunnies, buds, flowers, eggs, life is coming. The equinox is today. In that seasonal spirit many earth centered traditions have some things to teach us about readiness for new growth. What needs to be let go of to prepare our nest for Ostara’s eggs?  
Sermon by Rev. Adam Robinson

**March 27** — “You without Your Story” Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Daniel O’Connell

The **Leadership Development Team** is responsible for ensuring successful ongoing leadership in our congregation and will be interviewing candidates for six positions in March for the following: one member of the Board of Trustees, two members of the Stewardship Team and three members of the Leadership Development Team. Descriptions and nomination forms are available on Sundays in Channing Hall and on the church’s web site: type in [FirstUU.org/LDT.php](http://FirstUU.org/LDT.php) for more info. We’ll be interviewing candidates in March, selecting a slate of candidates in April and announcing the slate no later than early May in advance of the annual church election scheduled for Sunday, June 5th. Contact any member of the LDT for conversation or information at: [LDT@firstuu.org](mailto:LDT@firstuu.org)



Looking forward to talking to you!

Carol Burrus, Karen Carlson, Earl Dredge, Carolyn Leap and Jon Naylor



### Thinking about Joining?

#### Membership Enrollment Day Is the First Sunday of Each Month

If you would like to join First Church, we ask that you complete the Enrollment Forms: New Member Information, Talents & Interests, Pledge Card and Skills Inventory.

These forms are available in the office or from a Sunday Morning Hospitality Team member. Membership Enrollment is held the first Sunday of each month at the Welcome Table in Channing Hall (ground floor between the office and the sanctuary) after the worship service. **The next opportunity is Sunday, March 6.** You can turn in your enrollment forms at the Welcome Table in Channing Hall. We welcome the possibility of your joining us soon and hope that your relationship with First UU Church of Houston will be spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally rewarding.

NEWS FROM OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Your Board of Trustees met on February 16<sup>th</sup> and as is our responsibility, we focused on our financial condition and how we can best get our house in order. You will be hearing a lot more during the months of April and May – I really need to ask all of our members to attend the information meetings that will be scheduled and also take advantage of the Board listening table every Sunday. We want to hear from you – no detail too small!

Simply stated: we want to clean up our books and give our new Senior Minister a fresh start so that we can grow and reach more people through First Church. Trust me - more to follow, stay tuned and stay involved.

More important, our Stewardship Committee, composed of Joe Lach, Thorpe Butler, Evelyn Carlson, Sue Prochazca, Liz Gilbert, Emily Todd, Joyce Ambler and Mary Koch, will be launching our annual pledge drive. Again, there will be lots of opportunity to get involved and learn how vital your pledge is to our annual budget which allows us to advance our mission. This years' budget is nearly \$664,804, and our pledges (\$560,754) constitute 84% of that revenue – so each one of us is critical to this effort. Like any important endeavor – if we all pitch in and contribute our fair share (ideally 5% of income) we can easily meet our goal. Guilt is a lousy, short-term motivator – so give till it feels good. I consider it an investment in my spiritual growth and I get a great return on my dollar.

At our meeting, the Board also approved (with special commendation to staff) End Statement Three: “Our lifespan education programs provide tools to help us grow spiritually, build stronger families, improve relationships, and make the world a better place.” This statement certainly sounds lofty and it should – but how do we define and measure our lifespan education from nursery school to adult education?

Go to our First Church website and check out this important Board policy – this is really good stuff! As members, through your Board of Directors, you will be able to measure the quality of our programs, and it will also require you (as consumers) to provide candid feedback.

Last – I would like to personally thank the members of First Church for including Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast in the shared offering for February 2011. This church has contributed over \$90,000 to nonprofit organizations since January 2006. Our members truly put their money where their values are. I only wish more denominations would support the nonprofit community the way First Church does. And you also support the organizations that often have to swim upstream on challenging social issues like HIV, choice, domestic abuse, sexual orientation etc. Like one of our un-churched staff members told me: “I love the Unitarians!” Me too.

Peter

P.S. Pick up a January-June 2011 First Church Information Guide – it has everything you would ever want to know about our church and how it all works – kudos to staff for putting this together!



From the left, top row: Peter Durkin, President; Earl Dredge; Lydia Luz, Vice-President; Sheila Whitford; Wendy Van Syckle; Mike Hart; Carolyn Leap. From the left, bottom row: Hazel Heddings; Evan Michaelides, Treasurer; Rita Saylor; Rev. Daniel O’Connell, Senior Minister; Ron Cookston; Lucy Anderson. Not pictured: Steve Braun; Rosita Kirkman, Parish Clerk.



**Everyone in their 20s and 30s is invited to join other young adults after the worship service on the first Sunday of every month. Join us in the courtyard as soon as possible after worship, and then head over to a local restaurant for a good meal, great conversation, fun and fellowship. Join us on Sunday, March 6, after church.**

**NOTES FROM THE JOURNEY**

By Adam Robinson, Assistant Minister

My grandmother used to use the phrase “Don’t go borrowing trouble from tomorrow.” I never really understood what that meant until I got older. When I was young I used to just write it off to her admonishing me not to worry about things. That’s a really tall order for anyone, and it always seemed that she was being a little unrealistic. Now I realize that there was a certain Zen like peace that my grandmother was trying to impart.

It wasn’t that she wanted me to abdicate all responsibility and live life as if there were no consequences. Rather it was an admonition to deal with and take care of the things that I could, but those things that were outside of my control should be let go.

One of the things that I have also come to realize is that living in such a way as not to “borrow trouble from tomorrow” has a very grounding effect. It actually helps me to make decisions and prioritize choices I make in my life.

Should I buy that new car? Will it make me worry every month about paying my bills? Am I going to have to be concerned about parking lot dents and scratches? Will I be able to deal with the dog’s hair

and dirty paws in the back seat? If these questions about borrowing trouble can be let go of, then maybe I can indeed get the new car. If they are going to be a source of tension and anxiety then buying the car is borrowing trouble and I should probably let go of the new car desire. Then again if I let go of my expectations surrounding money, a perfect paint job, and clean seats; if that paradigm can shift then maybe I can have the new car.

Life is dynamic; death is static. Our lives change, jobs are modified, technology evolves, age takes its toll, health takes a turn, the church community shifts; children grow up, neighborhoods transition. As much as we would like everything to stay the same, nothing stays the same forever. Dealing with the ebb and flow of living is stressful enough without “borrowing trouble from tomorrow.” No matter if the need is to let go of expectations, or let go of desires, keeping this practical helpful wisdom from my bodhisattva of a grandmother in mind might just help.

Peace and Light

Rev. Adam

**REV. ADAM IN THE NEWS!**

Whether in front of a camera or behind a microphone, our Assistant Minister Rev. Adam Robinson recently had several opportunities to speak in public, and he represented First Church very well.

Go to <http://www.click2houston.com/video/26852802/index.html> and see him co-officiating at **The Big Gay Wedding** where 19 couples were united at the Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church on Sunday, February 13. He also participated at a press conference in support of the **GLBT community in Uganda** calling for our elected officials to use their influence to help. Rev. Adam was also quoted at length in a Houston Chronicle article urging parents to **bring their gay teens to church**. His comments can be read at <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/7435364.html>



## Spanning the Ages

By Natalie Browne, Director of Lifespan Faith Development

Letting go, the theme for this month: it's hard isn't it? For me, it has been one of the biggest challenges of my life, especially about "being right." Here's the mantra: "If I'm right (and more often than not I am convinced that I am), then you should apologize, change your mind, do it my way, be embarrassed, explain yourself, or admit you're wrong."

The first time I recall consciously confronting the need to let go of my rightness was at a conference where the speaker asked us "Do you want to be right or do you want to be happy?" Wow, the scales fell off my eyes, and I began to look at all kinds of situations in which I was so determined to hold on to my "rightness" that I was creating sorrow not only for myself but for my children and husband as well. It was around during that period that I gently (I thought) confronted Al with his fathering and pointed out how my way was right—after all I was the one with the graduate degree in child development and experience facilitating parenting classes. Al heard me out and then replied, "You may be right, Natalie, but I am not you and unless I make my own mistakes and learn from them, I'm never going to understand why you're so right." I let go. And—surprise!--he often had approaches that were quite different

from mine yet served him and the children well. Letting go of the responsibility for his actions was an enormous relief.

I have been told that the focus on "rightness" is one of the characteristics of the Boomer generation. Yet the longer I live, the more I see Generation Xers and Millennials confronting it as well. It is a human challenge. It is hard to move beyond early childhood--where we truly cannot see the point of view of the other--into maturity--when we continue to have our own point of view but realize that there are many others and that, with a few exceptions, the other points of view are defensible and (heaven forbid!) just as valid.

The fourth and fifth grade Religious Education class recently made "Point of View Glasses." After cutting the glasses out and decorating them, they put them on to take the point of view of a particular character in the story that had been read. I hope the activity helped them. My own ability to put on those "point of view glasses" comes primarily with two different forms of prayer: giving myself time (usually overnight, but sometimes longer) and physical exercise. They are my major tools for letting go and gaining perspective. What are yours?

Wheel  
of Life



A memorial service for former First Church member **Pat Walsh** will be held in the First Church sanctuary on Saturday, March 19, at 2:00 p.m.

## LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH

Welcome to Lifespan Faith Development at First Church where we provide tools to help us grow spiritually, build stronger families, improve relationships and make the world a better place.

A complete and detailed list of the January programs can be found at [www.firstuu.org/pdfs/LFD\\_Current\\_Offerings.pdf](http://www.firstuu.org/pdfs/LFD_Current_Offerings.pdf).

### **FINDING YOUR WAY AT FIRST CHURCH** (for our guests)

**Sundays, 11:40 a.m. or immediately after the service, lasting about 20 minutes.**

Come for an informal conversation after the service. The Meditation Room is between the Sanctuary and Channing Hall. It is a pleasant place where you can meet members who will answer your questions while you enjoy a cup of coffee. You'll still have time for lunch in Channing Hall if you wish.



### **PAGANISM** (Session 3), Sunday, March 6, Facilitator: Mike Hart

Join us for a brief lecture/discussion followed by a hands-on group experience. You will get a taste of UU Paganism and leave with a better understanding of how it fits into UUism. The session will be on *Works of Magick*. What do Pagans mean by "magick," and how do they use it in their lives? You will learn how to make a Witch's Ladder.

### **HARVEST THE POWER: DEVELOPING LAY LEADERSHIP**

**Mondays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 — 7:00—9:00 p.m.**

**Facilitators: Steve Braun, Liz Gilbert, Sheila Whitford**

This is the third and last module of this powerful lay leadership course. You are welcome to join the group for this portion entitled *Path*. You will gain skills and confidence for different kinds of leadership here, as well as focus on your own faith development. Sign up at the table in Channing Hall or call the office.



### **GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP**

**2nd Sunday of each month at 12:15**

The **March 13th** selection from the Great Books Foundation anthology *Identity and Self Respect* is "A Real Life" by author Alice Munro.



**THE GREAT IDEAS GROUP** studies the great thinkers, great writers, great religions, and great ideas of the past and present. We will begin our 5th year with a series of discussions on science and religion with lectures and materials drawn from a variety of sources. We meet on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of the month at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Eric Botts or Wendy Rodewald.

**UU BIBLE STUDY** Sundays, 12:15P.M., March 27, April 10, May 8, 22, 29, and June 12

**Facilitator: Rev. Bonnie Vegiard**

Join Rev. Bonnie for an open and wide-ranging exploration of the Biblical texts. Rev. Bonnie seeks to help liberal religious people feel confident about their knowledge of where the Biblical texts came from. It's lots of fun to know what scholars say about why they say what they say. This course will take an historical-critical approach to the Bible, putting the texts in their context, which helps us know what we can and what we cannot take from them to apply to our lives today.



## LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS CONTINUED



### SECOND FRIDAY MOVIE AND POTLUCK

Friday, March 11, 6:30 p.m. Potluck at 6:30 p.m.; movie starts at 7:00 p.m.

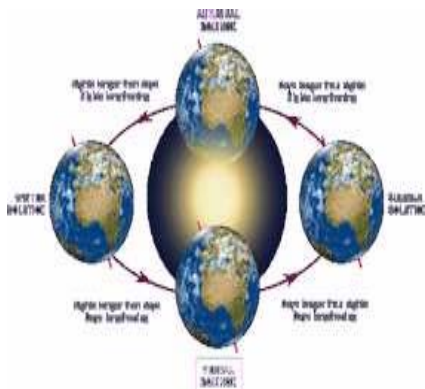
***Billy Elliot*** — When 11 year old Billy Elliot (Jamie Bell) trades boxing school for ballet lessons, his father (Gary Lewis), a hard working miner from Northern England who despises the idea of his son running around in toe shoes, is less than pleased. But when the boy wins an audition for the Royal Ballet School he experiences a change of heart. Stephen Daldry directs this Oscar nominated drama that spawned a Tony winning Broadway musical of the same name.

### All About . . . First UU Adult Programs Team

Join us for spiritual, educational, and intellectual growth by attending one of our many programs and offerings. The Adult Programs Team meets monthly to plan and schedule workshops, discussion groups, and lectures. Our curriculum supports body, mind, and spirit by building community, broadening perspectives, feeding curiosity, and teaching skills for living UU principles. Our Team promotes, encourages, and affirms our congregation's spiritual growth and a "free and responsible search for truth and meaning" as expressed by the Unitarian Universalist Principles.

We invite you to share your ideas and longings for growth and stimulation with our Adult Programs Team for future planning. Let us know how we may meet your needs. You may contact us at [AdultProgramsTeam@firstuu.org](mailto:AdultProgramsTeam@firstuu.org). Look for us in Channing Hall on Sundays for face-to-face time, as well.

**Who are we?** Woodie Lane (Chair), Robert Barnett, Steve Braun, Liz Gilbert, Kamal Maheshwari, Jon Naylor, Pam Perry and Natalie Browne, Staff Representative



**Celebrate Spring Equinox at First Church with friends,  
food and song.**

**On March 22, come celebrate the changing season marked by the  
day and night being the same length.**

**Join us as we reflect on the turning of the year and our connection to  
the earth.**

**Tuesday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Bring a potluck dish to share....we encourage local and seasonal  
foods.**

- Enjoy round singing and words of reflection.
- Explore the meaning of the Equinox.
- End the evening with conversation and Equinox cake (you'll have to come to see what it is).

For more information contact Carol at [carol.burrus@gmail.com](mailto:carol.burrus@gmail.com) or Paul at [havlak@gmail.com](mailto:havlak@gmail.com). If you know you're coming send us an e-mail so we'll have some idea of how many to expect. And if you'd be willing to help with the potluck, let us know. Thanks!

### FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

On February 19th, we sponsored a project at McGregor elementary school tutoring, working in the library, preparing gardens and cleaning the playground along with other outdoor activities. Led by Laura Nagel, the First Church team consisted of approximately 30 First Church volunteers.

On March 24, we will docent at the Ryan Middle School (RMS) Historic Exhibit. The exhibit traces the history of the Third Ward, the building that now houses RMS and the strong leaders who guided generations of youth to successful lives. Carroll Blue is organizing the church effort.

### FROM THE SECOND SERVICE TASK FORCE

Almost 100 invitations were issued for the first set of focus group meetings. Because of the lower than anticipated response to the previous meetings we will need a second round of focus groups that are scheduled for **March 13 and 20**. In order to get a broad enough sampling of the congregation to satisfy both our data gathering and the parishioners desires to communicate their hopes and dreams surrounding worship, all are encouraged to sign up at the Information Table in Channing Hall for one of the next two meetings. **See page 11 of this newsletter for more information on future focus group meetings.**

### FROM YOUR TREASURER, EVAN MICHAELIDES

This is an excerpt from the report presented at the February board meeting. This report is available in full on the church website at [http://www.firstuu.org/treasurer\\_reports.php](http://www.firstuu.org/treasurer_reports.php).

**January 2011 results** — This month's report will be a brief one, as January was another uneventful month from the fiscal point of view. (By now, you will have figured out that I consider "uneventful" to be a positive attribute.) Both income and expenses came in a bit less than budgeted. Current pledges came in below budget, as has been the trend recently, which is to be expected in view of the large positive variances we saw in the first half of the year (reflecting people paying their pledges early). New-member pledges continue to be received at a rate well below what was budgeted, but Peggy advises that newcomers have pledged a total of \$22K to date, not far off our budgeted amount of \$25K for the full year. So if those pledges are honored, we won't miss our target by much.

Rental income, though a small part of our revenue, continues to be a bright spot, as the \$7K we've realized so far this year is double what was budgeted through January and even exceeds the full-year budget amount of \$6K. We also didn't spend much on maintenance and repairs this month, helping to narrow the gap between what was budgeted and spent in this area so far this year.

Key balance sheet items:

General Fund: \$6,861 (was \$7,169 last month)

Reserve Fund: \$399 (was \$464)

Library Fund: \$30,893 (was \$30,175)

Endowment Fund: \$360,449 (was \$354,035)

Long-Term Liabilities:

UUA Building Loan: \$27,078 (was \$28,761)

Endowment Loan: \$67,818 (unchanged)

Total: \$94,896 (was \$96,578)

### Practical Matters

#### *Notes from the Stewardship Team*

*We look forward to your insights and comments.*

*Please e-mail us at [stewardship@firstuu.org](mailto:stewardship@firstuu.org).*

#### **You make a difference here at First UU.**

Our interests, concerns and passions are as unique as they are varied. We participate in what we care about and know in our hearts what is important. What do you value here at First UU?

A quick glance at the newsletter shows what is available to our members, friends and guests on Sundays and during the rest of the week. Which activities draw you here?

Do you bring your children here for spiritual development? Is the Sunday service with its challenging sermons and inspiring music where you spend your time? Do you linger outside near the fountain for quiet contemplation?

Perhaps you attend the adult discussion circles, or drop in on the book club. Mingling in Channing Hall for lunch, conversation and laughter might be your preferred activity. Maybe the social action projects at First UU offer you an opportunity to work in the community. Do you drop in on the numerous workshops, presentations and concerts offered throughout the year?

Whatever you do here, you are part of the larger community at First UU.

Peter Block in his book, *Community: The Structure of Belonging*, encourages individuals to find a greater sense of emotional “ownership” when participating in a community. This means cultivating a feeling of propriety. Humans nurture and build what they consider their own.

Take time to reflect on all you value here. Let go of the idea that you are just an individual but are instead, co-creator here. Foster a sense of ownership and accountability at First UU as Mr. Block suggests. This will ensure our growth and success, as well as nurture the others around you. You are not here alone. You, and your presence, make a difference within the community of First UU.

Joyce Ambler	Thorpe Butler	Evelyn Carlson	Elizabeth Gilbert
Mary Koch	Joe Lach	Sue Prochazca	Emily Todd

Our shared offering partner for the month of March is **Lambda Center Houston**. The **Center** serves to provide meeting places for Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Crystal Meth Anonymous and Gamblers Anonymous twelve step groups identifying themselves primarily as gay, lesbian, bisexual and/or trans-gendered. **First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston** has a long history of supporting the Center having hosted Lambda groups off and on since 1976.

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*·Keynote Speaker*

**Rev. Tamara Leaks**

For more information please contact  
co-conveners

Carol Currie & Joy Hayes

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### The Task Force for Two Services wants to hear from you.

All are invited to participate in focus groups about what First Church needs in worship services and how additional services might better enhance the ministry of the church. Your input is important. Think about the following then come and let us hear from you:

- How can we better meet your needs in worship?
- What are your concerns about an additional service?
- What possibilities around a second service excite you?

We currently have two sets of meetings scheduled. More groups will be scheduled to meet additional need.

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm (3 focus groups)

Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm (2 focus groups)

The sessions will last 90 minutes. Please sign up at the Information table in Channing Hall.

In order to make sure all those present are given a chance to hear and be heard, size is limited in these groups. **HURRY AND SIGN UP ON SUNDAY.** Child care will be provided.

### HOW IS YOUR SOUL, MY FRIEND?

If you have any pastoral needs, we are here to help. Our Care Team, Befrienders and clergy are available for you. No matter how large or small you may think your need is, don't hesitate to contact us. Rev. Adam Robinson, 713-526-5200 or [adam@firstuu.org](mailto:adam@firstuu.org)



### CARE TEAM

The Care Team meeting will be held on Sunday, February 27, with snacks at 12:15 and the meeting at 12:30. Our meetings are open to anyone who is interested in the topic of discussion or who would like to find out more about what the Care

Team does. Contact [CareTeam@firstuu.org](mailto:CareTeam@firstuu.org).

The deadline for *First Church News* is the 15th of the month; for the weekly *Blast*, noon on Wednesday of each week. Email your news for consideration to [news@firstuu.org](mailto:news@firstuu.org).

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## Every Sunday Morning

8:30 Early Morning Book Group  
 9:00 Changing Women  
 10:30 Worship Service  
 10:30 RE for Children and Youth  
 11:30 Lunch  
 11:40 Finding Your Way at First Church  
 11:45 Men's Group  
 12:00 Sunday Discussion Circle

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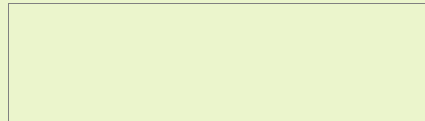
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Transforming Ourselves, Houston and the World

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Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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Rev. Adam Robinson, Assistant Minister  
Natalie Browne, Director of Lifespan Faith Development  
Peggy Harvey, Director of Administration  
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