



of Baseball... 'there is no Theology in baseball?'"

May 22 Otho Stevens speaks on "The Oldest Fraternity"

**>> UUCO COSPONSORING COUNCIL <<**  
UUCO cosponsors 15th Annual Heartwood Forest Council!!!!

Camp Yocona Boy Scout Camp, smack dab between Tupelo and Oxford, will be the site of a gathering of the nation's most successful and hard-working activists involved in the protection of native forests. Field trips, workshops, delicious food, music and dancing, rappelling, tree-climbing, a talent show, gifted speakers, and an auction featuring very fine art from local artists and a weekend at the Riverview Inn (Mark Tew and Linda Boulton's place in Calico Rock, Arkansas) will be available. Our UUCO is one of the cosponsors!!!! Come! Bring your friends and family! There will be something for everyone to enjoy!!

If you have questions please call Sharon Martinez (662.234.8453) or Ann Phillippi (662.236.1456) or to register on-line at <http://www.heartwood.org>.

**>>>> LABYRINTH WALK <<<<<**

The Holy Walk Labyrinth of Oxford-University UMC is open every first Friday of each month from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. The labyrinth is an ancient tool to help with prayer and meditation for people of all faiths and beliefs. All are welcome to come for some quiet reflection time away from our busy world.

Also available for viewing each first Friday is a 28 minute video which explains the history and purpose of the Chartres labyrinth. For more information contact

Rev. Marjorie M. Buckley at [marjoriemb@aol.com](mailto:marjoriemb@aol.com) or 513-0667.

**>>>> UNITY MISSISSIPPI <<<<<**

Unity Mississippi is currently planning OUToberfest 2005 (<http://www.outoberfest.com>)... This festival will be a celebration of the Mississippi and regional, LGBT community and will feature many local and

national organizations, groups, businesses, artists, musicians and more.

The theme for this year's event is "Out in October" and will tie in with National Coming Out Day. Events will be held in and around Jackson, Mississippi and the festival will be stretched over several days including an outdoor event much like any other pride (entertainers, booths, vendors, etc).

Many of you will be happy to know we've already scheduled Jade Esteban Estrada to perform ICONS: The Lesbian and Gay History of the World, Vol 2!

We are informally making this information public to gain awareness and to begin spreading the word. We want this festival to be a HUGE success and it can be!

What are we currently seeking?

- Donations
- Entertainers (comedy, drag, etc)
- Artists, writers and crafts people (preferably LGBT but not required to apply)
- Musicians and DJs (preferably LGBT but not required to apply) - Speakers (political, activist, health, etc)
- Sponsors: businesses, corporations, individuals, and organizations. - Vendors: people that wish to sell goods/wares/food/drink at the events (sponsors will be allowed booths based on contributions)
- Organizations, realtors, mortgage and financial assistants, CPAs, lawyers, etc -- people that are familiar with issues that LGBT individuals and couples may have to deal with...
- Volunteers to help with planning and executing the plans for the event. - Faith/spiritual organizations for an interfaith gathering - ANYONE familiar with organizing run/walks for charities!!!

If you are an artist, organization, business, or individual that is interested in promoting yourself or your business, hosting an event, sponsoring the festival, and/or volunteering to help make this goal a ground-breaking reality, please email [info@outoberfest.com](mailto:info@outoberfest.com) and we'll provide necessary forms and/or applications as soon as they are

completed! Please, keep in mind, we really need financial sponsors to make this a reality (corporate and/or local businesses and/or individuals). Please do everything within your power to help make this event a success.

Since approval of Amendment 2 in Mississippi, the amendment that will define marriage as existing between a man and a woman in our constitution, it is important for us to rally, organize, and support our LGBT friends and community on a level that Mississippi has never seen before!

Also, stay tuned!!! In the works: A Cinco de Mayo Mob party (mob as in a rush of people not the Godfather)... An outdoor gathering/social to celebrate the end of Spring and the beginning of Summer in early June... An actual Pride event for late June that should be a very relaxed and casual gathering/social to remember those fateful days of the Stonewall Riots and our history in general (if your LGBT organization/group/church would like to participate, contact us). And QUEERY - -- sooner rather than later, hopefully!

Why are we doing all this? Eventually, we would like to see an LGBT community center established that can act as a centrally-located space for community meetings, a library, and a general "safe space" for our community.

As always, if you are not on the Unity Mississippi mailing list, please join and stay informed of news, events, and much more! Visit <http://www.unityms.org/list> to subscribe.

Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

As a side-note, we are currently in the process of completing our 501(c)(3) paperwork (non-profit status). Eventually, all donations/contributions to Unity Mississippi will be considered tax-deductible.

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\*Please forward this to anyone you think might be interested in this festival.

### >> UU WINE COUNTRY EXCURSIONS <<

The UUs of Napa, California invite you to a unique opportunity to enjoy two of America's most scenic valleys, Napa and Sonoma.

We will help you choose from over 600 wineries and hundreds of world class restaurants, COPIA (the American Center for Food, Wine and the Arts), Jack London's home, Francis Ford Coppola's winery and movie museum, art galleries, miles of trails with breathtaking views and more.

Locally savvy UU guides will drive you to selected wineries, historic sites and mountain trails with breathtaking views. You will stay in UU homes for good conversation, good breakfasts and warm hospitality.

Our offer is limited to June, July and August. Plan three nights with two days of touring. Our fees are well below market rate for similar services. All proceeds benefit our Fellowship. We have limited openings, so contact us now for details. Tom Wilson (707) 254 7443 [twilson9@sbcglobal.net](mailto:twilson9@sbcglobal.net)

### From the Editor

There will be no newsletters during the summer. We will send out e-mail announcements of events and attempt to notify, by phone, those local members and friends who are on our non-email list.

May everyone have a joyous and safe summer.

# MEMBERSHIP

Communications with current & prospective members & friends

Recruiting <sup>greeting notes to visitors</sup> ideas?

Record Keeping <sup>directory annual membership report to UVC</sup>

Compassion Service <sup>flowers food</sup>

Recognizing ongoing contributions of members & friends

Like to be a part of this work?

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Building a positive presence in the community

Social Action <sup>Classes PFLAG Pantry</sup> Other ideas?

Hosting Activities <sup>Dance Meditations Stage sets singing</sup>

Interdenominational <sup>Church Women United 1<sup>st</sup> of July service</sup>

Will you make a difference here?

# BUILDING

Developing and enjoying our home

Maintenance <sup>what are your ideas?</sup>

Further renovation

Decorating & furnishing

Landscaping

A bold step for UVCO - can you help move forward here?

# PROGRAMMING

Choosing, arranging, structuring, leading

Programs by UU ministers

Other religious traditions

Discussions

Arts

Podcasts

Other!

Are your talents needed here?

What are your ideas?

Music  
Readings  
Songs & Concerns  
Opening & Closing  
Bulletins

Home set-up  
Food & Beverage  
Crafts

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Integrating all ages into active participation:

Preschool needed!

Sunday School

Middle School

High school

Adult Study Groups?

Your ideas?

Can you contribute to our future members?

What to study?  
Social events  
Who will teach/lead?  
How to expand

# COMMUNICATIONS

Keeping members, friends, & the community informed

Newsletter

Phone Calls

Announcements

Web Page

Newspaper ads & press releases

Ideas?

Is this where your skills lie?

# FINANCES

Budgeting, procuring, managing funds

Records

Bookkeeping

Pledge Drive

Paying Bills

Fundraising

Got any ideas?

rummage sale  
auction  
football parking

Can you help make these things happen?