

for the future. Then you will have an opportunity to ask questions and begin a conversation about some of your hopes for the future.

"I not only use all the brains I have, but all I can borrow." (Woodrow Wilson)
IN UUCO, EVERY PERSON COUNTS. BE THERE AND BE COUNTED!

>>>>>> FROM THE BOARD <<<<<<<

The UUCO board met on August 16, 2006. The main topics of discussion were ideas brought back by vice-president Adrian Aumen from the congregational presidents' retreat earlier in the summer, approval of the 2006-2007 budget, fund-raising events such as the September 8 yard sale, and discussion of proposed guidelines for building use. In issues requiring action, the new budget was approved and the building use guidelines will be fine-tuned by the next board meeting with the hope that they can be voted on at that time. The board was grateful to note the appointment of Larry Shaffer as our new building supervisor. The next board meeting will be September 20 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to see meeting minutes should feel free to contact Luanne Buchanan, who will be glad to provide them. Board meetings are open, but please contact Gail Stratton a week before the meeting if you want something on the agenda.

>>> RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS <<<

An intrepid group of archeologists were lead by Ken to the fossil beds near Booneville on Saturday, September 9. There, they cimbbed and excavated and picnicked, bringing home a few shark and clam fossils, and a lot of sore muscles. Thank you, Ken, and all participants!

**>>>>> MIDSOUTH DISTRICT <<<<<<<
2006 MID-SOUTH HEALTHY
CONGREGATION CONFERENCE**

"Gratitude and Generosity", Mid-South's theme for the year, will inspire the 2006 Mid-South Healthy Congregation Conference, Saturday, October 14, 2006, in Macon, Georgia. This is THE place for training and networking for our congregation's current and emerging leaders!

Rev. Dan King from the UUA's Stewardship and

Development Department will headline the conference and will speak during the Ingathering and participate in stewardship workshop. The conference is designed to be an accessible one-day event, beginning at 9am and finishing by 4:30 pm (Eastern Time). Get more details and register on the Mid-South District Web site at <http://uua.org/msd>. Registration is \$25 if you register online and \$30 at the door.

>>>>>> OUR COMMUNITY <<<<<<<

Amos Network passes provisional constitution at September General Assembly In a General Assembly held September 12 at Oxford Middle School, the Amos Network passed the proposed constitution on a provisional basis, with ratification planned for the next meeting. Some people had not received the proposed constitution via e-mail, printed it, and brought it to their congregations, so rather than delay voting on the constitution it was adopted contingent upon being ratified at a later date. A slate of leaders was also elected. Reports on the public schools audits were delivered to both Oxford and Lafayette County school officials. A copy was sent to them earlier to give them the chance to review the reports and respond. Both school superintendents spoke, thanking Amos for their observations and explaining that many of the comments in the school audits which had taken place last spring had been addressed over the summer and many more were being addressed as the school year got underway.

Tai Chi Classes at UU Hall

Chris Aloia is offering T'ai Chi classes at UU Hall on Monday and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 6:00. Classes are \$6/class and are open to anyone interested. Please email Chris if you want more information (email: 9pearls@watervalley.net) and visit his web page:

<http://taichiamerica.blogspot.com/>

Chris also teaches a Qi Gong class on Saturdays at 10:00 at Hermitage Gardens. There is no charge for that class.