



Sunday Programs for May and June

Services start at 10:30am at 122 Harris Street, Guelph www.guelph-unitarians.com 519-836-3443
We have Spiritual Development programs for children 4 and older, and childcare for younger children.

May 6th (Pod 1) DANCE: A PRAYER IN PROGRESS

Music can move us, unravel, unwind, and unbind us. To discover the joy of original movement is to discover the dancer you never met or shed old patterns and see yourself and others with compassionate eyes. Goldie Sherman will lead us in an exploration of listening to our bodies as we dance the moment alive. All you need is a willing spirit.

Speaker: Goldie Sherman

Service Leader: Maria Chovaz

May 13th (Pod 2) UNITUNZ MUSICAL MORNING

Come and celebrate Mother's Day in music and song. Bring your Mom along, too! The resident UCG musical group "The Unitunz" will be raisin' the roof, solar panels and all. There will be lots of tunes for everyone to sing along, clap and stamp their feet and, if the moment moves you, dance in the aisle. They'll be old and familiar songs and a few new ones to share, all in celebration of Mothers and Motherhood."

Speaker: Unitunz

May 20th (Pod 3) HUMAN NATURE

Delving into human nature: How do we start to understand who we are, what is the meaning of our lives, the use of power, and how do we comprehend the good, the bad and the evil.

Speaker: Michael Gilbertson

Service Leader: Shawn Mathesis

May 27th (Pod 4) REACH LESOTHO

Reach Lesotho was a two year youth empowerment program, designed to activate youth in Canada and Lesotho in the fight against HIV and AIDS. 12 students from Guelph public high schools participated in an incredible journey, during which they created the documentary START WITH US and travelled to Lesotho for 3 weeks. Some of these students will be joining us to share their experiences with the Reach Lesotho Program.

Speaker: Youth Panel from Reach Lesotho

Service Leader: Ralph Martin

June 3rd (Pod 1) LIFE ON EARTH – CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

Come see "Life on Earth", a play written and performed by the children and youth of UCG based on their study of religions around the world.

June 10th (Pod 2) ARE YOU A BOY OR A GIRL? HOW TO BE A TRANS* ALLY

The paTio is a Guelph based confidential, non-judgmental group for trans, genderqueer or questioning people and SOFFAs (Significant Others, Friends, Family, and Allies) to meet and share resources, stories, experiences and support. Join some of the members of the paTio to discuss how to be an awesome ally to the trans* communities. *trans includes but is not limited to transgender, transsexual, gender non-conforming, and gender queer folks.

Speakers: Members of the paTio

Service leader: Margie Johnson

June 17th (Pod 3) GREEN BURIAL

Once a year we offer a service about something to do with Death. This year's speaker is Allan Grose from New Hamburg. He is currently the chair of the Memorial Society in KW, a retired United Church minister, a retired high school teacher, and has a life-long interest in volunteering with various organizations. His vantage point about death is uniquely integrated with his spirituality. He will talk about Green Burial and the journey he and his wife (and best friend of the last 50 years), are on....choosing a hands-on, proactive, alternative approach. After spending nearly 70 years in the United Church, Allan has found a new and satisfying spiritual home in the Unitarian congregation of Waterloo.

June 24th (Pod 4) FLOWER COMMUNION AND CHILD DEDICATION

Our year of Sunday Services is book-ended by two global Unitarian traditions - the Water Service in early September and the Flower Communion in late June. Bring a flower to share and take a different flower away with you as we celebrate the beauty and diversity within our community, and prepare for the summer break. This service we will also be celebrating with a baby-naming ceremony, led by lay chaplain Aspen Heisey.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE UNITARIAN CONGREGATION OF GUELPH

The Unitarian Congregation of Guelph is a spiritual community that is deeply rooted in Unitarian Universalist principles which provide a spiritual basis for ethical living. We celebrate diversity and affirm each individual. We support social and environmental justice through a democratic process. We welcome all seekers of truth and meaning in to our religious community.

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Typed, handwritten or phoned-in submissions are always welcome, as are contributions by e-mail to admin@guelph-unitarians.com or telephone 519-836-3443. **Items for our next newsletter are due August 15th, 2012.**

In an effort to save trees and money, we are e-mailing as many newsletters as possible.

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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 1 st	Stone Soup	12:30pm
Wednesday, May 2 nd	Chant Club	7:45pm
Thursday, May 3 rd	Emotional Spring Cleaning	7:00pm
Sunday, May 6 th	Sunday Service	10:30pm
Sunday, May 6 th	Mindfulness Community	4:00pm
Tuesday, May 8 th	CommuniTEA	12:30pm
	Planet Bean (Grange Location)	
Tuesday, May 8 th	Pride Symposium	7:00pm
Friday, May 11 th	Teen Pride Night	7:30pm
Sunday, May 13 th	Sunday Service	10:30am
Sunday, May 13 th	Youth Group	6:00pm
Tuesday, May 15 th	Stone Soup	12:30pm
Friday, May 18 th	Chalice Café	7:30pm
Sunday, May 20 th	Sunday Service	10:30pm
Sunday, May 20 th	Mindfulness Community	4:00pm
Saturday, May 26 th	Simplicity Parenting	9:30am
Sunday, May 27 th	Sunday Service	10:30am
Sunday, May 27 th	Pageant Prop Making	12:00pm
Thursday, May 31 st	Annual General Meeting	6:30pm
Friday, June 1 st - 3 rd	Youth Unicamp Weekend	
Saturday June 2 nd	Pageant Dress Rehearsal	2:00pm
Sunday June 3 rd	Sunday Service - Pageant	10:30pm
Sunday, June 3 rd	Mindfulness Community	4:00pm
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Wednesday, June 6 th	Chant Club	7:45pm
Sunday, June 10 th	Sunday Service	10:30pm
Sunday, June 10 th	Children and Junior Youth Party	10:30pm
Tuesday, June 12 th	CommuniTEA	12:30pm
	Planet Bean (Grange Location)	
Friday, June 15 th	Chalice Café	7:30pm
Sunday, June 17 th	Sunday Service	10:30pm
Tuesday, June 19 th	Stone Soup	12:30pm
Sunday, June 24 th	Sunday Service	10:30pm

All events take place at UCG unless otherwise noted

For our full calendar of events, please check out our website
www.guelph-unitarians.com

FROM THE CENTRE OF THE WEB



I want to take advantage of my last newsletter to express my very deep gratitude to all those who have made this past year rewarding and productive.

We are blessed to have such dedicated and capable staff. In her role as Spiritual Coordinator, Mel's warmth, integrity and hard work has attracted enthusiastic participation in a number of ventures and programs, including the recently delivered OWL. Jane has a calm and wise presence and she quietly and persistently takes care of the business of UCG as the Office Administrator. Together, Mel and Jane have created a vibrant children's spiritual program that has contributed significantly to the growth of UCG. It is thanks to them both that things run as smoothly at the congregation as they do.

It was the hope and dream of a previous board that our funds should be dedicated to building the children's program rather than hiring a part-time minister. That decision has resulted in an increase in young families and children that is vital to the continued growth of our spiritual community. Sometimes when things run so seamlessly we can become a bit complacent, thinking that "it is all being managed" and that "someone else will take care of it". It is important to remember that we would not exist without the contributions of time, talent and money from the members of our congregation. We are the ones who are doing the "managing" and "taking care" through our contributions of money that pay for everything from the building to the hydro to the staff, or through our contributions of time. We are a volunteer, lay led congregation and a lot of people's volunteer time goes into creating and continuing our spiritual experience. We had a dream to build a strong children's program. *What do you dream for us and with us?* And what will that mean for you? What are you willing to do to help build the dream?

With the growth and energy of our community come diverse expectations, as indicated by the comments in the Fishbowl. (see the Fishbowl questions and answers following the Upcoming Events of Interest). It is my hope that starting now we will find ways to talk together and share with each other the things that are important for us so that we can find the common ground between us and create the kind of synergy that will allow us to make positive difference in our own community and beyond. I believe that UCG has an important message to share with the larger community and we will do that by harnessing our energies toward common goals as we did with the solar panel project. Together we can accomplish incredible things.

It has also been a great privilege to work with the members of the Board whose openness, creative ideas and efforts support the work of our community and set the tone for how we will all work together.

I want to close with words from our song book "Singing the Living Tradition".

My heart is moved by all I cannot save:
So much has been destroyed
I have to cast my lot with those who, age after age,
perversely, with not extraordinary power, reconstitute the world.
Adrienne Rich

Blessings,
Lorna

FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Dear Friends,

It is wild to think that we are already into the spring of things at UCG. This May, in addition to continual offerings, we will also be having a Parenting with Simplicity workshop on Saturday May 26th in the morning, and we will be an active part of Pride Week this year with events going on from May 5th-12th.

Our OWL sexuality education program is in the process of growing with 5 new facilitators now trained. Please look forward to seeing more OWL offerings at UCG in 2012-2013.



The children's program is in full swing, with the children busy as bees working on their June 3rd play that asks the question "What advice would you offer someone just coming to earth?" The children/junior youth have played a key role in the creation of this play and are looking forward to sharing it with you!!!!

Thank you for your continued support as I walk with my mom on her journey with Ovarian Cancer. It has been a year filled with deep, sometimes painful, learning. It has been a gift that I would be studying in school subjects related to spirituality, as this has been a great coping tool. As the journey continues, there are many places that I draw inspiration and comfort from and one of them is the quote, "Life can either be accepted or changed. If it is not accepted, it must be changed. If it cannot be changed, then it must be accepted." What a deep practice to simple access whether it is a time for change or acceptance, and awakening to realize there is peace for me, in both.

Peace Mel

A NOTE FROM JANE

Greetings!

I can't believe our year is nearing its end. Spring is here and it is so lovely to see all the flowers, buds and birds returning. Energies are high in the children's program this season – a perfect time to practice our song and dance for the pageant in June and to sing, dance, create and play together! We have had a wonderful year in the Children's Program, and it has been an honour to get to know the many wonderful people who come downstairs each Sunday morning. Thanks to our youth helpers, who have added so much to our program!

Spring also means that my partner and I are getting closer to welcoming our third child into our family. Baby number three is due to make her (or his) appearance in the middle of June. We are excited to see who our newest edition will be and to see our family grow yet again.

Thank you to everyone in our UCG family for being so wonderful and supportive as I have been learning the ropes of both the administration and R.E. role this year. I truly am grateful to be a part of this inspiring community.

Jane

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Emotional Spring Cleaning

Thursday, May 3rd, 7:00pm to 9:30pm at UCG

Is overwhelm your constant companion? Is your inner critic the master of your choices? Are resentments taking up space in your emotional bandwidth? Have your goals been held hostage by procrastination and self-sabotage? What better time than this season of rebirth and rejuvenation to free yourself of clutter that doesn't serve you? NOTE: Pre-registration by May 1 is required. To save your seat, email Elaine Bradshaw at Elaine@elainebradshaw.com.

Sunday Service Committee Retreat

Saturday, May 5th, 10:00am to 3:30pm, location TBA

The Sunday Service Committee would like your input. What is working well for you, and what changes would you suggest (relating to our services - topics, speakers, structure, etc.)? During the next 2 weeks, please jot down your ideas on the chart paper posted in the Sunshine Room. As well, our group is meeting for our annual retreat on Saturday, May 5th, from 10:00 - 3:30. We'd love to have new members for this committee. If you think you might be interested, please consider joining us for the retreat. You can also speak to Linda Reith, Margie Johnson, or any committee members for more information.

Pride Symposium

Tuesday, May 8th, 7:00pm to 10:00pm at UCG

UCG is thrilled to be partnering with Guelph Pride this year for some of the amazing events going on in our city. From Guelph Prides website: "With an exciting panel of speakers, including Heather Jarvis, BJ Caldwell, and Kipling Harrop, as well as a number of exhibitors, this year's symposium is one you don't want to miss." For all of Guelph Prides Events, visit www.guelphpride.outontheshelf.ca

Youth Pride Cafe

Friday, May 11th, 7:30pm to 10:00pm at UCG

Attention all Teens! Show your Teen Pride by coming to hang out at this café style event. There will be food, beverages and activities plus a movie for those interested. For all of Guelph Prides Events, visit www.guelphpride.outontheshelf.ca

Simplicity Parenting Workshop

Saturday, May 26th, 9:30am to 11:30am at UCG

Please join us on for our first parenting book discussion. We will be discussing Simplicity Parenting by Kim John Payne. Based on the ideas presented in Payne's book, we will delve into the idea of protecting the "wonder of childhood" by slowing down, reducing stuff and establishing comforting rhythms. Parents can explore the idea of creating a sanctuary that nurtures their children and allows them to grow-slowly-into-

themselves in today's fast-paced world. The hope from this opportunity is to connect parents together, create a supportive place to share ideas, experiences and our journey as parents.

There will be **childcare provided** for this event. Donations welcomed towards maintenance of space and helping pay for the childcare workers.

Prop and Costume Making for our Pageant

Sunday, May 27th, following service at UCG

Come and help out making props and scenery for this year's pageant!

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, May 31st, 6:30pm at 8:30pm at UCG

Details to be announced

Pageant Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, June 2nd, 2:00pm at UCG

If you are in the pageant this year, we need you! Mark your calendars for our last rehearsal before the big day!

Youth Unicamp Weekend

June 1st to 3rd at Unicamp

Our UCG Youth Group hosts a youth weekend at Unicamp.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM THE FISHBOWL

Question: Could the intergenerational service be something other than Earth-based spirituality now and then?

Response: This past year the decision was made by the board to have these services as intergenerational in order to hire a youth assistant to help with the 4-8 year olds. Because we didn't have to pay Jane for those 6 services that money could be directed to funding a youth. We saw this as beneficial for two reasons. One, it would provide the youth with additional skills and experience and keep them involved in the community. Two, it would provide much needed support for our growing population of children.

The board will explore different ways to accomplish these same goals and much will be dependent on the community's ability to raise the necessary funds by an alternate route.

Question: More services about Unitarianism would be nice.

Response: This request has been passed onto the Sunday Services Committee. The committee will be holding its annual retreat soon. This is where the general planning and identification of overarching themes for the upcoming year takes place. If anyone is interested in participating in the retreat please contact Margie Johnson.

Thank you for your questions and comments.

FROM THE COMMITTEES OF THE UCG

SUNDAY SERVICES NEWS

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MEMBERSHIP

Thank you Membership Committee for all your work over the past year.

SUPPORT NETWORK (CARING COMMITTEE)

Thanks for sampling our dried soup project at the mid-winter gathering. From your responses, it's apparent we need to make changes in the recipe. You indicated you would like more flavor, larger chunks of veggies and thicker consistency. To accommodate dietary restrictions the soup will remain salt free so it may be salted to your taste. Stay tuned for further testing!

JOIN A POD!

Our Hospitality Pods put on the coffee, boil the water for some tea, and bring a snack to share with the congregation. For clean-up they make sure there is some lovely warm, soapy water in the sink for people to wash up their dishes with. They wash out the coffee pot and finish up any leftover dishes, and then give the coffee table a quick wipe! To sign up for a pod or to be put on the back-up pod please see the Fairy Pod Mothers aka Dee Yates, Katie Gad or Molly Roberts.

LGBTI SUPPORT COMMITTEE

To show our commitment to the Welcoming Congregations and our general encouragement of our Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgendered and Inter-sexed friends and family members, the LGBTI Committee hosted 3 one hour workshops to discuss how we can be a Welcoming Congregation. The goal of these workshops was to create a greater awareness of the LGBTI community and specifically how we can create the best

environment possible for all of our community. At the UCG Annual General Meeting, we will put forward a resolution to renew our commitment as a community to the Welcoming Congregations program. For more information or to join the committee, contact Matt Lucid at matthewlucid@yahoo.ca

UCG GREENING COMMITTEE

The goal of the UCG Greening Committee is to implement, promote and educate about projects that align our practices with our Seventh Principle. Many members of our congregation have been working hard on these types of projects already! Some examples: So far our **solar panels** have produced **3.41MWh** of power which is enough to power 113 houses for 1 day and offset 2.35 tons of carbon (the equivalent to planting 60 trees). In addition to their green attributes, the solar panels have contributed \$2700 to UCG's financial sustainability. Check out <https://enlighten.enphaseenergy.com/public/systems/h3Bf30871> to see our solar panels in action.

Bike racks have been purchased and will be installed this spring. **Dual flush toilets** were installed in the downstairs bathroom this fall. These water saving toilets use 70% less water than the wasteful leaky toilets they replaced. Our **pollinator garden** is looking forward to the return of the busy bees from the child and youth programs come the spring. We frequently hold **earth-based spirituality services and services that focus on our seventh principle**.

UCG has done a lot that we can celebrate already! If you would like to help dream and act on the next phase of greening for UCG, or if you have suggestions for promoting existing projects, please join us! Contact Katie Gad at katiegad@hotmail.com

Want to Get Involved?

Within UCG, there are many ways to connect with others in a meaningful and impacting way, increase community, friendships and spirituality and be a part of a focused team. Please visit our website at www.guelph-unitarians.com or email Mel at coordinator@guelph-unitarians.com to find out more about the many opportunities we have for involvement.

ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY THE UCG

COMMUNITEA AT PLANET BEAN (GRANGE LOCATION)

Tuesday, May 8th, 12:30pm at Planet Bean

Tuesday, June 12th, 12:30pm at Planet Bean

Come to learn and share with other UCG members!

This is a time for informal conversation, check-in and a great way to get to know the people of our community, build friendships and learn from one another. For more info, contact Mel coordinator@guelph-unitarians.com

STONE SOUP FOR CHRONIC PAIN

1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month

12:30 pm at UCG

Stone Soup meetings for those suffering from chronic emotional or physical pain are offered the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Come support and be supported as we create an open space to be heard and nurtured. Each gathering will allow sharing, followed by a bowl of soup and conversation. Please bring an ingredient to add to the pot of surprise soup! Bread and crackers are also welcome. No childcare provided. Join Stone Soup in February for a study and practice based on the ideas and works of Louise Hay.

CHALICE CAFÉ

Third Friday of the Month, 7:30pm at UCG

Everyone is invited! Sponsored by the UCG and hosted by members of the Guelph Unitunz musical group, join us for a song circle. Bring your voices, your instruments and your songs to join in the jam or just sit back and hum along. Everyone who wants to gets a chance to lead us in a song. Come for a bit or stay for a while. This is a welcoming event. For more information, please contact Paul Smith at 519-767-1033 or email chalicecafe@nancyandpaul.com

MINDFULNESS COMMUNITY OF GUELPH

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month – 4:00 to 6:00pm at UCG

Mindfulness is the energy of being aware and awake to the present moment. It is the continuous practice of touching life deeply in every moment of daily life. To be mindful is to be truly alive, present and at one with those around you and with what you are doing.

We begin with a guided sitting meditation, walking meditation and silent meditation. We will then share a teaching from Thich Nhat Hanh and listen deeply to one another as we share what is on our hearts. This is a community practice that strengthens not only our formal meditation practice but also our ability to live in

awareness and joy day by day. For more information, please contact Lisa Lindsay at 519-766-0910.

CHANT CLUB

First Wednesday of the Month 7:45 at UCG

The Guelph Unitarians are pleased to provide a home for the Guelph Chant Club. It meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:45pm and goes through an eclectic mix of chants from all the worlds spiritual traditions---with a "world beat" groove. For more information, contact Dennis Gaumont: dgomo@golden.net

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE CONGREGATION

Mark Your Calendars!

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on

Thursday, May 31st, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at UCG

Members and friends are welcome to attend.

Please plan on attending, as we will be voting for next year and will be following up on items from this year.

More details, including an agenda, will be available soon both online and at UCG.

Hope to see you there!

FUN'DRAISING UPDATE

If you have any questions or ideas for fundraising, please contact Steve Chovaz at 519-766-1965

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Thank you for using the collection envelopes – we send tax receipts to everyone who, over the year, makes a contribution to the UCG greater than \$10. There is no need to fill out your complete address if you are already on our list – all we need is a name on the envelope.

BRING YOUR SUNDAY DONATIONS

The Welcome-in Drop-in Centre on Gordon Street is a haven and a caring community for homeless persons, those suffering from mental illness, isolation and economic marginalization. Please help us give back to our community by bringing a contribution for the Centre. Non-perishable food is easiest and coats and blankets are also appreciated. They will also use your Zehrs tapes and cheques are always welcome. Your old glasses and cell phones also are donated to a good cause.

DONATE ONLINE...

Just a reminder that your pledged donation can be made online at www.guelph-unitarians.com by clicking on the link at the bottom of the homepage. Charitable receipts will be issued for all donations.

PARKING ON SUNDAYS

Please note that Ferra Flooring is happy to allow us to use their parking lot on Sundays. Perhaps the earlier arrivals or physically able could use the Ferra lot, leaving the church lot for those less able? Thank you!

BUILDING RENTALS

Interested in renting UCG for your event or as a meeting space? UCG is available for both short and long term rentals in the day and evening.

We currently have some openings for regular evening rentals, and openings for event rentals.

For more information, or to book a rental, please contact Jane at admin@guelph-unitarians.com

EMAIL LIST

Want to know what is going on at UCG? Want to stay in the know about all the great programming, including programming for children, youth, and adults? Want to

read about UCG's various committees, social justice projects, solar panel project and more?

Look no further than our website and weekly email!

Our website contains a calendar with all UCGs programming, as well as pages for committees, Children, Junior Youth and Youth programming and information on all our adult programming.

Go to www.guelph-unitarians.com for all the info!

We also have a weekly email to keep you up to date on what's happening each week in our community and what's up and coming! To get on our email list to receive weekly emails about what is going on in the UCG community, email a request to Jane at admin@guelph-unitarians.com or fill out an information form at the welcome table.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Have an item to add to our next newsletter or to a weekly email or order of service announcement page? Email Jane at admin@guelph-unitarians.com to submit an item or for more information

Update on the Melancthon Mega-Quarry: What's Up with the Quarry

What's Up With the Quarry?

The current site of activism is pressure on the federal government to call for a federal or joint provincial-federal environmental assessment. There are two ways to participate.

1. We have copies of a petition created by MP David Tilson asking for a federal Environmental Assessment. Sign the copy in the sunshine room and/or take extra copy from the Sunshine Room and get other signatures. Or, download your own copy from Tilson's website:

<http://www.davidtilson.ca/left-icons/default>

2. We have postcards directed to the Peter Kent, Federal Minister of the Environment, asking for a federal EA. Sign the cards, and leave them for me to mail. Or, take a pile of cards and gather more signatures.

In both cases, the mail is going to a House of Commons office, and so no postage is needed. Thanks in advance for the help.

WE ARE THE STEWARDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

WHAT DOES STEWARDSHIP MEAN?

- We inherited this community from past members.
- We support this community as our commitment to each other in the present.
 - We hold this community as a trust for the future.

WHAT ARE OUR DUTIES AS STEWARDS?

- We support the community with our time, our talents, and our financial resources as we are able
 - We draw on this community when we are in need.
- We create the vision for the future, and marshal the resources to reach to that future.

Our various contributions keep us functioning but more importantly let us imagine and plan even more for ourselves, for our city, and for the wider world we inhabit. What do you dream for us and with us?

HOW ARE WE DOING?

For the past few years we have balanced the books by drawing down a generous donation. That fund is nearly depleted. Our fundraising is impressive, and a great source of strength and creativity. Our solar panels will bring us new income, and that moves us towards financial stability. With our combined efforts, we can strengthen our financial foundation and expand our work.

What are your dreams for UCG?

HOW DO WE HELP EACH OTHER?

All of our contributions – of time, talent and money – sustain us. We celebrate our collective resources. What level of contribution – weekly, through fun’draising, through monthly pledges – fits for your family?

Over the next few months, you will hear more from the Board about our Stewardship vision and our dreams for a vibrant community. For more now, talk to any board member or go to Canada Helps (<http://www.canadahelps.org>) to sign up for a monthly pledge.