



The Mission of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Charlotte is to inspire children, youth and adults to discover and articulate deeper spiritual meaning evidenced in lives of integrity, compassion and stewardship of the earth.

La misión de la iglesia Unitaria Universalista de Charlotte es: inspirar a los niños, jóvenes y adultos para que descubran y articulen un significado espiritual profundo, evidente en una vida de integridad, compasión y en el manejo de los recursos de la tierra.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AUCTION

Saturday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m.

SOLD! Please come to the Social Justice Auction, happening Saturday May 1 at 7:00 p.m. This is the ONE fundraiser we have each year to fund all our work to end homelessness and establish affordable housing. In order for it to be a success, we need you to come! Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. Childcare will be provided.

MEET OUR SABBATICAL MINISTER

Rev. Sarah York, Our Sabbatical Minister

The Sabbatical Planning Team is pleased to announce that Sarah York will be our Sabbatical Minister this fall. She is a UU minister with over 25 years experience serving congregations from California to London, England and the author of several books including *Remembering Well: Rituals for Celebrating Life and Mourning Death*. Sarah now lives in the NC mountains near Asheville.

The details are still being finalized, but we expect Sarah will lead both church services approximately 8 times next fall as well as be available after the services to meet with our Congregation Care Team, Worship Team and others.

Sarah is a busy speaker and leader of workshops; we feel fortunate to have her as our Sabbatical Minister. The Sabbatical Planning Team will continue to provide more information about our plans as they are finalized. If you have any questions in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the team.

The Sabbatical Planning Team: Dave Bertke, Carol Gay, David Mohler, Scott Oppenheimer-Chair, Richard Pratt, Debbie Swindlehurst, Shirley Wagner

A SEA OF SOUND, AN OCEAN OF EMOTION

A Personal Reflection from Choir Member, Laura Hamilton

For me, music, and singing in particular, is a transcendent experience. Taking an active part in music all but demands full attention to the task; in this sense, it has both a spiritual nature and a recreational quality--I cannot think or worry about anything else while so involved. It is a grand way to lose oneself. And I lost myself in the singing one weekend.

On that weekend of April 10 - 11, nearly 150 UU singers from across the TJ District gathered at the UU Fellowship of Winston Salem. It was time for the annual Choral Festival--a time of sharing songs and good old-fashioned fellowship. I was among the 15 lucky souls who attended from our UUC and the PUUC.

During our hours together, we were immersed in water music: We "heard the murmuring waters," we "danced in a rainfall of blessings," we "let the song of the river take us away," and we "waded in the water." Arrayed in pastel hues of blue, green, and violet, we *became* the water. The water theme was a delightfully effective way of inviting individuals to join together into one great harmonious body.

Rehearsing the water music under the leadership of Mignon Dobbins was both fun and challenging. She is music director at the UUFWS and is a dynamo of energy and good cheer. We couldn't help but catch her enthusiasm--it raced through the chorus. How else could such a large chorus handle a Monteverdi madrigal?

Each of the many choirs represented had their own time in the spotlight during the show that Saturday night. Every group in turn performed 2 or 3 favorites, to the enjoyment and appreciation of the rest of us. Our Charlotte singers

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FROM THE MINISTER

What are you doing on Thursday, June 17? How about joining me for a quick, easy and relatively painless way to make a difference?

For the past 3 summers, youth from our congregation, accompanied by a stalwart group of adult advisors, have embarked on a Mission Trip to Hartsville, South Carolina. For a week, they've worked hard--participating in a Habitat for Humanity build and undertaking other projects around this small town with great needs. They've engendered tremendous goodwill for Unitarian Universalism, received effusive thanks from those touched by their work, and have received amazingly affirmative publicity from the local press.

In reflecting on this year's upcoming Youth Mission Trip to Hartsville with Kathleen Carpenter, our Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth, it occurred to me that adults in our congregation should get to enjoy this experience as well. So, this year I'm inviting you to join me in a quick, one-day work trip to Hartsville.

I look forward to joining our kids in making a difference in a place that needs our assistance. I'm equally excited about an opportunity for the minister and a group of adults from the congregation to express our appreciation of and support for our own youth and their advisors.

So, here are the particulars. We'll meet in the pre-dawn darkness in the parking lot at the UUC at 6:00 am. We'll board a 15-passenger van (I want us to enjoy the full day together) and travel a couple of hours southeast of here to the town of Hartsville where we'll meet our youth as they begin their workday. We'll work alongside them for the day, share in an evening meal together with them, and then make our way back to Charlotte that evening, wearied and bolstered from the day.

Due to the amazing economics of communal effort, you can enjoy what may be the best day of your whole summer for the low, low price of sharing the cost of a day's van rental and gas. (If that challenges you in these tough times, talk with me and we'll get you onboard for free.)

This great offer is open to the first fourteen adult members of the UUC who get in touch with me (704.366.8623 or jay@uuccharlotte.org). Because, in part, I want this to be appreciated as a show of support from adults in their congregation, I will ask that this opportunity be reserved for actual members of the congregation. Lest there be any doubt, of course this great offer is open to both women and men of all ages. You only need to be willing and able to do a day's worth of physical labor in what will almost certainly be rather warm conditions.

So, block your calendar, ask off from work, take a personal day, or otherwise clear your deck and join me on what promises to be a fun day together.

—Peace, Jay

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Ralph Waldo Emerson in "Circles" from Essays: First Series (1841)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE ITEMS

Issues of Joy or Concern may be expressed by filling out a yellow card or by contacting Becky Whittington, Congregational Care Coordinator, at becky@uuccharlotte.org or at (704) 996-9228, our Congregational Care Line.

One person with passion is better than forty people merely interested.

E. M. Forster

MUSIC NEWS

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were led by the rousing and intrepid John Herrick. Sunday morning, the combined large chorus, with the accompaniment of several instrumentalists, provided the water music selections for the worship service. I'm sure everyone present felt the warmth and simple happiness that I experienced throughout that hour.

—Laura Hamilton, Second Alto

Music Sunday

*To What End?
A Musical Journey*



On Sunday, May 2, the Adult Choir, under the direction of John Herrick and accompanied by Scott Whitesell, will lead Sunday services in a special celebration of our ends statement: *We are a joyful, dynamic community of people who care about and are connected to each other. Here people are welcomed, heard, included and respected.* The music presented will provide an opportunity to more deeply reflect upon this statement and what it means for our congregation. In addition to soloists from the Adult Choir, musicians include oboist Rita Krebs, trumpeter Mark Taylor, trombone player Don Niehus, and singers Tim Lemmond and Pete Moore. Please plan to join us for this special Music Sunday service!

Fires can't be made with dead embers, nor can enthusiasm be stirred by spiritless men. Enthusiasm in our daily work lightens effort and turns even labor into pleasant tasks.

James Baldwin

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS CONT'

Habitat for Humanity Workday

Saturday, May 1st

Our next Habitat date is Saturday, May 1st at 227 Jones St. We will meet at the work site at 8 a.m. and work until 4 p.m. Our task will be framing and sheathing. No experience is necessary and all skill levels are welcome. Volunteers that are 16-17 years old need to fill out a minor's release form http://www.habitatcharlotte.org/images/stories/pdf/Vol_Minors_Release.pdf.

Your Hunger Banquet Donations

Thanks to all who donated food and money at the Hunger Banquet to help our local Food Bank. With these tough economic times the need is great. Your donations will help us to do something a little special for our families. In March we distributed over a ton of food to 25 families (75 individuals).

—Eileen Hanson-Kelly, Food Bank Coordinator

ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MAY 23

The annual meeting for the UCC will be convened at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, 2010 in the Sanctuary of the church. Our bylaws require that we notify all members of the time and the place of the meeting as well as to remind everyone that only items on the agenda will be considered during the meeting itself. This agenda will be mailed in advance of the meeting. If there are items that you feel should be included on this agenda, please contact Board Secretary Nancy Greene nangree@gmail.com at no later than May 5. We'll print and distribute the agenda and other documents by May 17.

REFINANCING CURRENT LOANS SUGGESTED IN NEW BUDGET

When our Annual Meeting comes around on May 23, there will be some big items to discuss. The board, the Finance Team and the Coordinating Team have now taken a look at the draft budget which is in process. The budget is still a work in progress and will be put together using only resources we can reliably expect to receive. It will be a balanced budget supported mainly by pledges already made.

While other churches and denominations have reported declines in contributions, our Stewardship campaign has held its own. Our collected pledges are so far almost exactly what we received at this point last year. That's seemingly good news until you realize that we will be faced with greater financial demands this year.

Over the last five years we have repaved the parking lot and replaced the roof over Freeman Hall. Much of that work was done out of cash reserves but a loan was required to complete the roofing project. When Freeman Hall was re-roofed we also completed temporary repairs on the roofs of both the Sanctuary and the CYRE/ODS wing. These temporary repairs have not worked and we are now faced with having to replace both of those roofs as well.

The Finance Team and the Coordinating Team believe that the best approach to funding this work is to combine existing debt with additional loans and to refinance the entire package. To do this, Congregational approval of a combined loan package of up to \$500,000 will be required. Right now, this package is being estimated as a 15 year commitment at a rate of 7.25%. This will increase our debt service payments from \$45,000 to approximately \$54,000 annually.

Both a Facilities Envisioning Team and a Capital Campaign Team have done extensive work trying to determine the viability of our present site. We know that our present fa-

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ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For more information or to register for any of these courses email aresd@uuccharlotte.org or visit the ARES table in Freeman Hall after services on Sundays

2nd Sunday Topic Discussion

Sunday, May 9th at 10:30am

This will be an opportunity to meet with the Minister to share your thoughts, ask questions, and hear others views relative to the sermon topic for that day. Begins promptly at 10:30 in the Bernstein Chapel. May Topic: **Beacon/Witness**

Documentary Film Series: "Life Without"

Friday, May 14th

Last summer UUC Community Minister Melissa Mummert spent a week teaching documentary film making to eight youth in Charlotte who have incarcerated parents. The result is a series of powerful short films about living with a parent in jail or prison called "Life Without". Mummert will be present at the screening to talk about the process of making the film and about the issues facing youth with incarcerated parents both nationally and in our own community.

This I Believe – This I Practice

4th Sunday of each month

You've heard the question... Or asked it. "What do Unitarian Universalists believe?" There is, of course, no single answer. Can't be! But there is away you can see (and participate in) the living mosaic of beliefs that shape the lives of your fellow congregants. "This I Believe, This I Practice" (TIB-TIP) consists of a brief presentation by one of our members, followed by a Q & A period.

I find that "TIB-TIP" can be moving, funny, revealing, challenging or all of the above. I try never to miss it. Every time, I learn more about that person who earlier might have been sitting on the pew near me. Every time I am impressed with the inclusiveness, insight and intelligence of the presenter. Every time, I hear something with which I can identify ("Hey, I believe that too!") or that I can begin to incorporate into my own spiritual development ("Oh, I hadn't thought of that!"). In other words, THIS is a program I BELIEVE in and THIS is a ritual I PRACTICE. Religiously. See you there next time?" —Lloyd Dillon

Next Speaker: **Chris Brawley**

Science Fiction and Religion Film Series

Thursdays starting June 3 at 7:30 p.m.
with Bob Gorman & Dick Kistler

This six-week course will explore the various ways that science fiction speaks to the issues of religion and faith. A variety of science fiction movies, television shows, and literature will be examined, all designed to present differing viewpoints and perspectives. Each session will include ample time for discussion.

The most powerful weapon on earth is the human soul on fire.

Ferdinand Foch

Celestial Music, Heavenly Poetry, Communing with the Shooting Stars:

A joint project of the ARESD & Music Teams August 13-15



This event is a gathering and retreat at the popular Mountain Retreat and Learning Center in Highlands, N.C. during the optimum viewing week end of the Perseid Meteor shower. The purpose is to provide an occasion for UUC members and guests to view, celebrate and ponder the majesty of the mountains and the universe with music, poetry, and the possibility of viewing the annual Perseid Meteor shower at its very peak.

The program will include an in-gathering ceremony, music and poetry contributed by the attendees, and a Sunday Service. There will be ample opportunity to explore and take in the majesty of this popular mountain top retreat, relax, read, and share with fellow Unitarians. Total cost is \$160 per person (including lodging, food, and programming) A \$60 deposit per person and completed registration form are required by June 7 to ensure a spot (forms available at ARESD Table in Freeman Hall after services, UUC office). Space is limited to 40 persons..... so get your registration in early.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (CYRE)

UU-UNO 2010 Intergenerational Spring Seminar

Climate of Change: Heads, Hearts and Hands Around the Planet.

Were you aware that the Unitarian Universalist Association has offices in the United Nations and, for that matter, conducts a spring seminar each year in New York City? I along with five youth, Connie Arend, April Hausle, Madeline Long, Casey Wallace Melton, and Jonah Luc Simmons were given the unique opportunity to attend the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) conference over spring break. To sum it up it was a whirlwind trip that combined climate change and a pollution-filled city, two things that shouldn't go together, but actually worked quite well.

Each day had a rather extensive agenda and we were kept busy! One of the first highlights was a tour of the actual UN itself. Here we learned that the UU-UNO promotes the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all, as reflected in the United Nations Charter. Through targeted education, advocacy and outreach, they engage UUs in support of international cooperation and the work of the United Nations. The conference itself overwhelmingly showed us that climate change will continue at a rapid pace unless we take responsibility for our actions as the human race. It was incredibly informative on a scientific level as well as a visual level. It left us feeling that we have much more work than we realized to repair our world. Here are some comments from the others that attended:

"I felt the UU-UNO Climate Change Conference has led me to be conscious of the big picture of the climate change and take action in my daily life as well as giving me a good experience filled with learning opportunities and fun!"

-April Hausle

"I really felt involved in something important for our future. It inspired me to change things around me that I never even thought of, for instance my culinary arts kitchen at school. I am developing a recycling and compost system. And that's just the beginning."

-Madeline Long

"I definitely got a reality check on how much our world is being affected by global warming." -Casey Wallace-Melton

It is so great to be a part of a denomination that offers opportunities like this conference to its youth! Can't wait for next year! Thank you all for making this possible.

-Samantha Singer

You are invited ...

Two very special events involving our youth:

Coming of Age End-of-Program Presentation

On Sunday, May 2, our seventeen Coming of Age youth will present their credos in a very special presentation. The evening will begin with a banquet honoring the youth and their mentors at 5pm. At 6:15, they will cross to the Sanctuary for the public program which will include music, wisdom from their elders, and the presentations by the youth of their credos. These credos are the culmination of the year-long program. Please come join us in honoring the accomplishments of these youth and enjoy hearing what some of today's young UU's believe or, as Jay defined credo to them, what it is they "give their heart to."

The Dedication of the Mural at Plaza Place Shelter

On Saturday, May 22, at 11am, our middle school youth group invite you to join them at the official dedication of the mural they spent the year creating at Charlotte Emergency Housing's Plaza Place Shelter. If you attended the middle school worship service on April 25, you heard about this mural. We are very proud of our youth and their efforts to make this shelter for some of our homeless neighbors a warmer place to live.

Sex Ed for Kindergartners?

The CYRE Team has created a short-term task force to examine our current O.W.L. program. This will include reviewing how our current classes are run and whether or not to offer other age levels, the K-1st and Young Adult classes in particular. If you are a parent or a young adult and would like to hear more about these programs or O.W.L. in general, we welcome your presence on this task force. We will also discuss how to keep these curricula updated as information around technology and the media and around health issues continues to change. The first meeting will be Tuesday, May 4 at 7pm. Contact Kathleen if interested.

Luna "Rose" in Splendid Style!

Thanks to everyone who made our first annual *Luna Rising* event a huge success. This well organized day of spiritual energy and personal connections was attended by over 50 people and could not have happened without the great planning team of Kimberly Melton, Marsha Pepper, and Emily McCormick. Big thanks also to Julie Brown-Resech, Carol Smith, Cindy Thomson, and Lisa Walls who lovingly crafted the opening and closing ceremonies. This was a wonderful example of multigenerational programming. It was wonderful to see so many women and girls of all ages enjoying each other's company.

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ilities are inadequate for our projected growth and that significant expansion of our sanctuary to meet these needs cannot be done within the confines of current municipal code. Regardless of what we decide to do in the future, it is reasonable to expect that we will be here in our current configuration for the next several years.

One of the great challenges that we face is that our pledge base simply needs to grow. Pledges and other resources need to be predictably available so that long-term plans regarding maintenance and upkeep can be realized. The budget that you will consider this year will be based on the pledges that we have. Join us as we all commit not only to maintaining what we have but also to fulfilling our mission of helping everyone grow spiritually.

None are so old as those who have outlived their enthusiasm.

Henry David Thoreau

MET ASKS, WHAT IS YOUR ESTATE IQ?

Frequently Asked Questions; Memorial Endowment Trust (MET)

Q. True or False: *A will determines how all your assets will be distributed after death.*

A. False. Only the assets in your probate estate will be controlled by your will. Some assets typically pass to heirs outside a will. Some of these assets are those in a retirement account, life insurance proceeds, and assets held in trust or in joint tenancy with the right of survivorship. A good estate plan will coordinate all of the various legal documents that delineate how you want your estate divided between your family, friends and non-profit organizations such as church endowment trusts.

Q. True or False: *I can leave funds to the UUCC Memorial Endowment Trust through my will, my retirement account or an insurance policy.*

A. TRUE. These are the most common ways to make a meaningful contribution to our church. Consider including a percentage of your estate to the UUCC Memorial Endowment Trust.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact MET Trustees: Tom Nunnenkamp, Dana Hershey, Kathleen Moloney-Tarr, or Randy Whitt.

The Memorial Endowment Trust provides a perpetual, prudently managed fund for generous legacy giving to support the UUCC, its present and future members, and its liberal religious mission.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the Following New Members:

Jennifer Embs

Jennifer moved to Charlotte from San Antonio in 1984. She was actively involved in the Unity Church and Religion Science before coming to UUCC on Carnival Sunday last year. Jennifer is a full time nanny to 3 beautiful girls and personal assistant/house manager for their parents. Jennifer has been involved with Room in the Inn and the Habitat Weatherization Team since coming to the UUCC.

Reita and Todd Fisher

Reita was born and raised Roman Catholic. Reita says, “we never really ‘got it’; rarely went to church, attending major services only. We have been visiting the UUCC since October of 2008 and ‘get it’ now. We want to continue to be very active here at the UUCC. We have two girls 7 and 4, and they enjoy volunteering us for related activities.” Reita enjoys crafts of all kinds, cooking and baking. Todd enjoys woodcrafts and renovating.

Craig Pohlman and Jennifer “Jen” Neitzel

Craig and Jen moved to Charlotte last August with their two sons, Josh, 6, and Gabe, 3. They lived in the Chapel Hill area for many years. They are expecting their third son, Luke, in June.

VISITOR’S CORNER

“Getting to Know Us”

Sunday, May 2nd

Every 1st Sunday after each service, visitors are invited to an informal Q&A with a long-standing UU Church of Charlotte member. Grab a cup of coffee from Freeman Hall and meet downstairs in the Chapel immediately following either 1st or 2nd service. Hear about another person’s journey to finding her/his spiritual home here at the UUCC.

“Meet the Minister”

Sunday, May 16th

You’ve seen him behind the pulpit...now here’s an opportunity for visitors to get to know Jay Leach on a more personal level. Stop by the minister’s study for an informal chat on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:30 AM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

Outdoor Adventure Group's May Hike

Saturday, May 1st

Our next hike will be Saturday, May 1st when we will meet at 8am in the UUCS Parking Lot and travel to Forty Acre Rock in Lancaster, SC. This will be a 5 mile hike rated as moderate. We plan on arriving back to Charlotte around 3pm, plenty time for everyone to go home and get ready to come back for the Goods and Services Auction that starts at 7pm that night! Please dress appropriately, bring water, lunch and snacks. This is a great hike for beginners and those that have young children. Questions, contact the office at (704) 366-8623.

Upcoming Hikes:

- ★ Saturday, May 8th: 10th Annual Mother's Day Canoe Trip
- ★ Saturday, June 5th: Lansford Canal-always a favorite.

Open Mind Book Club

Monday, May 17th

We will be meeting on Monday, May 17th at the home of Shirley Wagner to discuss *The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher: a shocking murder and the undoing of a great Victorian detective* by Kate Summerscale. The upcoming books are: June 21: *The Man Who Listens to Horses* by Monty Roberts. July 19: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett (Please note that there are MANY holds on this book, so request it NOW.)

Search for New Director of ODS in Progress

The Open Door School Director Search Committee will be reviewing applications the month of April. Skilled professionals who share our value of progressive education are encouraged to apply. Prospective candidates may email odsdirectorsearch@gmail.com for more information.

Podcasts of Jay's Sunday Sermons Available on UUCS Website

If you have missed a recent Sunday service or you would like to hear a podcast of just Jay's Sunday sermons, please visit our website at http://www.uuccharlotte.org/all_podcasts.asp. Sermons are also available on iTunes and our RSS feed.

**The mountains, I become part of it.
The herbs, the fir tree, I become part of it.
The morning mists, the clouds, the gathering waters,
I become part of it.
The wilderness, the dew drops, the pollen . . .
I become part of it.**

based on a Navaho chant

ONGOING GROUP MEETINGS

Newcomers and drop-ins are welcome! For more information about these groups please visit www.uuccharlotte.org and select "Programs/Get Involved."

Meeting	Location	Time	Contact
<i>Beginning Spanish</i>	<i>Schweitzer</i>	<i>Sundays at 12:45pm</i>	<i>Michael Lovett (803) 628-8487</i>
<i>Bible Workbench</i>	<i>Library</i>	<i>Sundays 5 mins. after first service ends</i>	<i>George Weir (704) 708-4211</i>
<i>Jabberwocks</i>	<i>Library</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. 3rd Friday</i>	<i>Doris Thomas Browder</i>
<i>QUEST</i>	<i>Sigismund</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. Tuesdays</i>	<i>Paul & Shirley Wagner (704) 364-8855</i>
<i>Parenting & Aspergers Support Group</i>	<i>Starbucks Cotswold</i>	<i>6:30 p.m. 1st Sunday</i>	<i>Margie Storch mstorch@carolina.rr.com</i>
<i>Song Circle</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. 3rd Thursdays</i>	<i>Rich Greene (704) 367-1895 Dale Brook (704) 366-7983</i>
<i>Sunday Morning Meditation</i>	<i>Chapel</i>	<i>8:30 a.m. Sundays</i>	<i>Rich Vreeland (704) 290-8620; Debbie George (704) 525-3252</i>
<i>Straight Spouse Support Group</i>	<i>Chapel</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. 1st Tuesday</i>	<i>Sage Brook (704) 366-7983</i>
<i>Women's Moon Circle</i>	<i>Library</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. April 28th</i>	<i>Lisa Walls (704) 400-8628</i>
<i>UUCS Handwork Group</i>	<i>Library</i>	<i>5:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday</i>	<i>Kat Weisz (704) 321-9067; Vivian Brenner (704) 841-1624.</i>
<i>Women's Support Group</i>	<i>Library</i>	<i>7:00 pm 3rd Tuesday</i>	<i>Sandy Vermillion (704) 921-0824</i>
<i>Yoga</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays</i>	<i>Bill Cooke (704) 364-2107</i>

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I do not have to go
To Sacred Places
In far-off lands.
The ground I stand on
Is holy. . . .

Each seed that grows
Each spade of soil
Is full of miracles.

Mary de La Valette reprinted in *Life Prayers from Around the World*, edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon.

The deadline for the next **VOICES** is **Sunday, May 2, 2010** for the next issue which will be published on **Wednesday, May 5, 2010**. Please include your name and phone number on your submissions in case there are questions. The *Voices* editor reserves the right to edit all submissions to the newsletter for brevity, grammar, clarity and consistency as space will allow. The preferred submission is by email to: uucc@uuccharlotte.org