



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 UPDATE

Well, folks, the Social Justice Auction has come and gone, leaving in its wake a bunch of tired volunteers, a few scattered raffle tickets, a mysteriously missing tablecloth and **over \$19,000.00** in the bank to work towards eradicating homelessness!

Thanks to everyone who participated –To the more than 100 people who donated goods and services. To the dozens of tireless volunteers who called up donors, set up tables, cleaned up messes and rang up payments. To Nivan Khosravi, Dave Whittington and Tim Lemmond, who donated their time and musical abilities to make the evening a swingin’ affair. Auction attendee, Betsy Decker said, “The auction on Saturday night was awesome. The organization and professional feel to it was such a pleasure. Kudos to all of the team. I can’t wait till the next one and I hope to help.”

Most of all, thanks to everyone who came and bid - without you it may have been possible, but it would not have been worthwhile.

Sincerely,
Your tired but happy Social
Justice Auction Crew.

THE SABBATICAL CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM FORMS

The Sabbatical Planning Team has been working to form a Crisis Response Team to respond to church members’ crises during Jay’s sabbatical. Crises are typically memorial services, personal crises or hospital visitations for members hospitalized with serious illnesses. We are pleased to announce that both Rev. Amy Brooks and Rev. Elizabeth Kerman have happily agreed to be our crisis response ministers in Jay’s absence. It is very fortunate that we have these two ministers as church members, since they will be readily available to plan and perform memorial services and make hospital visits, as well as being familiar to the congregation. We welcome their contribution. Teaming with these caring ministers is a group of church members who are professionals in the field of mental health to assist and refer church members experiencing a crisis. There will be more about their role in the Sabbatical information pamphlet, which will be published and distributed prior to Jay’s departure on July 1.

The Sabbatical Planning Team will continue to keep the congregation updated via articles in *Voices*. 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*

AHHA UPDATE: HOMELESS TO HOMES

On April 14th members of UUCC enjoyed a potluck dinner with our friends from Urban Ministry Center’s *Homeless to Homes* program. The meal included copious amounts of fried chicken from the world-famous *Price’s Chicken Coop*, and fancy cupcakes complete with candles as we celebrated some important birthdays.

One observation was how much the comfort level has grown, and how the relationship has truly developed. We are talking about hopes, dreams, and aspirations, getting beyond the tired, but courteous small talk that had been more common. “Unitarian Universalist” doesn’t exactly roll off the tongue for anyone, but it caught our attention that over the last couple of years they have made the effort to learn a bit about us, and to hear them say it comfortably warms a UU’s heart.

We are also happy to report that our tutoring efforts are still going strong, and we are seeing excellent results.. We recently added a UU tutor who is helping a tenant who has effectively lived in the U.S. his entire life prepare for the US citizenship test.

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FROM THE MINISTER

What will you be doing during your sabbatical? I'm frequently being asked that question these days both within and beyond the congregation.

By now you are likely aware that the Board of Trustees has granted me a sabbatical from July 1 - January 3. This is in keeping with the terms of my "Letter of Agreement," the contract the UUCC originally presented to me when I was called to be the minister here in 2003. In it, the Ministerial Search Committee and Board opted to adopt the practice in Unitarian congregations of granting called ministers a periodic time of rest and renewal. As such, we have been planning for (including budgeting for) my sabbatical since I accepted your call to be the minister here.

You've noted frequent articles in *Voices* outlining the careful planning our Sabbatical Planning Team is doing. In these, you've learned about what will happen here in my absence. But, you've rightly wondered, what will I be doing in my time away from you?

I have five areas of focus for this time. The first is intellectual. I'll be spending time with many of the unread books that have continued to pile up around me. I'll take advantage of the opportunity to read and reflect without needing to translate that immediately into a service and sermon. This will help replenish my intellectual reservoir.

You may not be surprised to learn that my primary area of focus will be on American Transcendentalism. Yes, more Emerson, more Thoreau, and more attention to others of their ilk. I'll be spending an extended time in Concord, Massachusetts, attending two academic conferences, accessing the very fine Concord Public Library, and soaking up the atmosphere in that remarkable town in which many of the Transcendentalists once lived or visited.

My second area of focus will be on professional development. As I look to the next stage of my ministry, I'll use this opportunity to step back and assess my role here. In particular, I'll be talking to other ministers of larger Unitarian congregations, discussing how they define their roles and responsibilities and how they manage their time. I want to find more effective ways of leading the UUCC while more realistically balancing my own life and energy. A part of these collegial conversations will be about relationships with assistant ministers, aware that, for the good of the UUCC and for my own good, it is essential that we address this need immediately upon my return.

Thirdly, I'll be engaging in an intentional time of renewal

and restoration. I see this as a spiritual focus, creating the space and engaging the discipline of attending to my own need for spiritual health and vitality. Consistent with my longstanding practice, this will include a focus on poetry and will permeate the entire time I am away, offering me the opportunity to replenish the spiritual reservoir from which I draw both personally and professionally.

All quotes in this issue of *Voices* are from *Been in the Storm So Long: A Meditation Manual* edited by Jacqui James and Mark Morrison-Reed "We affirm that we are co-creators of the future, not passive pawns."

Loretta F. Williams (founding chair of the National Interreligious Commission on Civil Rights and Unitarian Universalist Association Director of Social Responsibility 1980 - 1989)

Then, I want to allow for the opportunity for these first three areas--intellectual, professional, and spiritual--to find expression in writing. I write on demand most weeks. While I love that responsibility and challenge, I want time to write in a different way. I've

been working to create a physical space in which that writing can take place away from here. I'm very excited and, admittedly, not a little daunted, by my intention to try writing in ways other than for sermons.

Finally, a major emphasis of this time away will be on family. As I write this column during a week in which five out of six nights are committed to UUCC responsibilities, I am keenly aware of how much I am looking forward to being able to prepare and share evening meals at night on a consistent basis with Melissa and Annie. They've been exceedingly patient with my frequent absence; it is time to be present and attentive to them.

Central to our family time, we are excitedly planning for a family vacation in Italy. We've not taken much vacation time together so I'm intentionally incorporating my allocated vacation for this year into my sabbatical so that we can enjoy traveling as a family. We'll be based outside of Florence where will spend most of our time and will enjoy day trips to other areas in the region.

So, for most of my sabbatical I'll actually remain here in Charlotte or at least in the Carolinas. My two extended times away will take me first to Concord and then to Italy. Throughout this time, I'll be reading, reflecting, preparing, writing, resting and anticipating the next major phase of our time together as minister and congregation.

While my last Sunday before my sabbatical will be June 27, on Sunday, June 20 I will be offering a service on the notion of sabbatical, exploring its roots in the concept of "Sabbath." I invite you to join me for a special dialogue that day at 10:30 in the Chapel, a time during which I can share my plans in more detail and respond to any questions.

—Peace, Jay

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.

"I have a favorite line . . . I read years ago . . . The line goes: "In dreams begins responsibility." And indeed it's true. When you dream of something, you can begin to take it upon yourself, make it yours, change it. . . . Sometimes I think Unitarian Universalists wish more than they dream. "

Henry Hampton (executive producer of the PBS series *Eyes on the Prize*, Director of Information and Publicity for the Unitarian Universalist Association 1963 - 1968.)

MUSIC NEWS

An Evening of Cello Music in Tribute to Bernard Greenhouse

Sunday, May 16th

On Sunday evening, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary, Alex Kramer and Kate Dillingham will play a special duo cello program in tribute to their beloved cello teacher, Bernard Greenhouse, who recently celebrated his 94th birthday. The program was performed on Cape Cod, MA in February of this year and features Benjamin Britten's *First Suite* and J.S. Bach's *Fourth Suite*. The duo will also perform favorites from the repertoire of works for two cellos. The concert is free and a reception follows the performance.



Save the Date

These concerts are free and childcare will be provided. Please look for additional information in subsequent editions of Voices.

Flute and Harp Recital with Emily Higgins and Kirsten Carrell Osborne

On Sunday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary, flutist Emily Higgins and harpist Kirsten Carrell Osborne will perform works by Saint-Saens, Ibert and Hovhaness. Emily last performed at UUC with the Piedmont Piano Trio in July '09 and in a recital with John Herrick featuring Claude Bolling's *Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio* in August '08.

Singer Songwriter Tim Lemmond in Concert!

On Saturday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m., singer songwriter and UUC member Tim Lemmond will present a special concert in our sanctuary celebrating his 30+ years of songwriting. Musicians joining Tim include Kevin Edwards, Donnie Fletcher, Jeanette Leardi, Melissa Mummert, Michael Styers, Michelle Styers and Mike Wellner. Tim has long performed in the region and for UUC audiences, including coffeehouses and Sunday services. You won't want to miss this one!

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS CONT'

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Becoming a citizen will go a long way towards gaining him access to key benefits, which will help ensure he is able to remain in stable, permanent housing.

Engaging in meaningful work and developing relationships with organizations such as Homeless to Homes is at the core of UUC's social justice work. If you are interested in making a "soft" commitment to help with the work we are doing with *Homeless to Homes*, or just want to learn more please visit the social justice table in Freeman Hall on any given Sunday.

RAIN Memorial Day Meal

Monday, May 31st

Our next meal is the Memorial Day Meal. We will be serving pulled BBQ sandwiches, potato salad, corn-on-the-cob, corn bread and brownies. The food items may be brought to the church by Sunday, May 30th. We will: Assemble the sandwiches and do meal prep on Sunday, May 30th at 1pm at the church; Pack and deliver the meals on Monday May 31st starting at 8:30am. For more information contact the office at (704) 366-8623.

A Bus Tour Of Mixed-Income Housing

Thursday, June 3rd

Most of us understand the importance to the city's economic health of having more housing affordable to those earning below the area's median income. But are the recent initiatives to introduce subsidized apartment developments into Ballantyne and Ayrnsley the only way to accomplish this goal?

Several organizations, including AHHA partner Mixed-Income Housing Coalition, think there may be another way. They and the League of Women's Voters and Greater Charlotte Apartment Association are hosting a tour of scattered site housing units and families in places you might not expect, seeking to "Put a Face on Mixed-Income Housing". Tour guests will be treated to morning coffee, a bus tour, lunch, and a discussion of the mixed-income concept and possibilities. Tom Bowers and his MIHC colleagues think that a fresh look at the concept---widely adopted in other progressive urban areas---may help influence housing location policy in Charlotte.

Please join UCC affordable housing advocates and other city notables for the tour: 9 AM to 1:30 PM on Thursday June 3. The tour begins with coffee and ends with lunch at the Carol Hoefner Center at 610 E. 7th St. Come see examples of affordable housing for most Charlotte neighborhoods! Please sign up at the AHHA table on Sunday in Freeman hall.

Blood Drive Update

Next Blood Drive, June 15th



I would like to thank everyone who came out to donate for our last blood drive. We had around 22 appointments on the schedule, lost a few donors, and still hit 29 units! Thank you to our two first time donors, our 4 doubles donors, and the 19 of us veterans that chipped in with our pints. Pulling this number out was unexpected and wonderful.

The next drive is June 15th. To alleviate that last minute rush, please go to <http://www.membersforlife.org/cbsr/schedule/> then click the "search by sponsor code" link right above those colorful golfers. Enter your info and 2636 for the UCC sponsor code then pick the June drive and schedule your appointment or you can contact me, Brian Trainum, blood drive coordinator to make an appointment btrainum@lasmc.com.

Adult Mission Day -Trip To Hartsville, SC

Thursday, June 17th

Openings remain for the adult mission day trip to Hartsville, SC. On that day, our minister, Jay Leach, will take a group of adults to meet the youth and other adults from our congregation who, again this summer, will be spending the week working in Hartsville. We'll depart the UCC parking lot at 6:00 am and return that evening, sharing the cost of a van rental.

This offers adult members of the UCC the opportunity to work alongside our youth for the day, expressing our support of and appreciation for the work they do each summer in Hartsville. Please contact Jay Leach immediately (jay@uuccharlotte.org or 704.366.8623) if you are interested in participating.

Sometimes, when I am at my best, I remember that the "other" I distinguish myself from could be me in another time, another place, another circumstance. Then, I remember the words of a colleague who observed that it is "my racism, my sexism, my homophobia" that I am called upon to address.

Yvonne Seon (first African American woman to be ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister)

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

Documentary Film Series: *Life Without*

Friday, May 14th

There are about 2.4 million kids with parents in jail or prison in the United States, several thousand of whom live right here in Charlotte. This past summer, during a camp that I coordinated in cooperation with Wonderworld Film and Video and ImaginOn public library, we charged these 10-17 year old youth with creating short films depicting their experiences of life without their incarcerated parents. The product is *Life Without*.

Please join me, Melissa Mummert for a screening of *Life Without* on Friday, May 14th at 7:30 pm. The film is appropriate for children 10 and up. High school youth are especially encouraged to attend. I hope that several of the youth

who created *Life Without* will be in attendance at the screening as well. Childcare will be provided for this screening.

This screening is part of a new Documentary Series here at UUCC. We show films here every second Friday of the month at 7:30. No registration is necessary (though it is helpful), all the films are free and visitors are encouraged. We have some great films coming up, so mark your calendars now! To register, contact Richard Kushmaul at richard@uuccharlotte.org.

This I Believe – This I Practice

Sunday, May 23rd

This I Believe, This I Practice, takes place on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Chapel from 10:30-11am. The presenter will speak about their religious/spiritual beliefs or/and their regular religious/spiritual practices. Next Speaker: Dale Brook

4th Friday Film Series

Showings are at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary and are free-of-charge.

May 28 (Beacon/Witness) – Rosenstrasse (Rosen Street)

Starring Katja Riemann. Directed by Margarethe von Trotta. During the winter of 1943, hundreds of Jewish husbands of Aryan wives were rounded up and imprisoned in a factory on Rosenstrasse. In a courageous act of defiance, the wives stood waiting outside the building, eventually forcing Nazi authorities to reunite them with their husbands. Rated PG-13 for some violence & drug content.



“Why are we still talking about inclusivity and diversity when we have done so little to make them real? Why are we still pained about the lack of diversity in the denomination? Because diversity, inclusivity, is terribly hard, terribly uncomfortable, definitely unsettling, and often quite frustrating.”

Rosemary Bray McNatt (Unitarian Universalist minister, former editor for *The New York Times Book Review*)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (CYRE)

Storytellers, Travelers, and “Simpsons” Lovers Needed

When my oldest child was seven, I decided it was time to find a church home, one that offered a theology I could accept and a religious education program that would celebrate each of my children as unique and capable. With three young children, the school year was just too hectic to go church shopping, so I decided to wait until summer. I went to three churches, each several times, taking my two oldest children each time. I wanted to make sure I liked the atmosphere for the children as much as that for the adults.

The children’s summer program at UUCC that year was led by a young woman, hired to lead the one class offered during the one service. She was bright and personable and seemed to really enjoy the children. My boys liked coming and I liked the services, so I inquired into the programming for the children’s school-year program and discovered it was exactly what I was looking for. I signed up my kids—and they continued coming through high school.

My story is not uncommon. Many of you first visited our church in the summer, and brought your children with you. While your decision on whether or not to continue to attend the church may not have depended on the children’s programming, I assume you did expect the experience to be positive and safe. I like to think our summer programming these days is these things and more. We no longer hire one person to run the summer program. With over 600 members, it’s a safe bet we can find enough people to volunteer a few times in one or two of our classes over the course of the summer.

However, we have discovered that it is difficult for volunteers (especially ones new to our program) to “get” our SpiritPlay program. It has its own unique philosophy and rituals, which even when simplified for summer use, can confuse untrained volunteers. As such, we are pleased that longtime SpiritPlay teacher, Melissa Schropp, has agreed to serve as lead teacher (“Storyteller”) each week in our two SpiritPlay classes. She is but one of the many people we need to run our program – please sign up to help! Below are brief descriptions of the five classes offered:

9:15am and 11:15am: 3 year olds - Kindergartners

Story based SpiritPlay classes. As discussed above, these two classes will be led by a paid lead teacher. However, we will need 1-2 adult or teen assistants each Sunday.

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9:15am and 11:15am: 1st-5th graders

After a two year break, our elementary class will again use the popular summer program, “World Travelers.” A few issues ago, I wrote a column in Voices about how I consider travel a spiritual discipline. If you do too, join us a volunteer in this class. We will need one adult each week to talk about a country or special place in the US s/he has visited. This is a great way for non-parents

to spend a morning with our great kids. We will also need an assistant each week.

11:15am only: 6th-9th graders

We are bringing back the very popular curriculum based on the “Simpsons” TV show. If you like the “Simpsons”, this is a win-win for you! You watch an episode and then lead the discussion with the questions provided. We need a leader and an assistant each week.

More details on each class are provided on the bulletin board outside the CYRE office. Come read it and give us few hours of your summer to help our families and those families visiting our church home. The summer program runs from June 6 – August 22.

—Kathleen Carpenter,

Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth

Service Kudos and an Invitation

Kudos to our middle school CYRE youth who, on April 25, led a provocative and creative service on the topic of homelessness. They shared the story of their partnership with Charlotte Emergency Housing’s Plaza Place Shelter and challenged the congregation to move beyond prejudices about the homeless and into helpful action. I was personally blown away by the quality of the service, including the two videos they created and the powerful songs they led us in singing. Special thanks to Sharon Walker who coordinated the service and the five advisors who helped her – Janet Marx, Donna Shore, Greg Schropp, Jenna Stewart, and Jerry Tylman.

This year of partnership will end with the dedication of the mural they painted on the dining room wall at Plaza Place. Please join them to celebrate this accomplishment on Saturday, May 22nd at 11:00am. 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. A cookout will follow which we will prepare for everyone on site. Contact Kathleen Carpenter if you are able to help.

“I cannot accept the proposition that some people are better or worse than other people because of their race- whatever it may be. I accept my race and the race of everyone simply as a condition of existence, like height, weight, age, sex, or shoe size.”

Wade H. McCree, Jr (1920 - 1987, first African American to serve as U.S. Assistant Solicitor General and vice moderator of the Unitarian Universalist Association in 1965 - 1966.)

WHY I CONTRIBUTE TO THE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT TRUST. . . .

Here are comments by those who include the Endowment in their giving plans:

- ⇒ I believe in and love UUCC It is an important part of my life and provides a community that fosters my spiritual growth.
- ⇒ I want the voice of liberal religion—the call for reason, compassion, tolerance, and justice—to be heard louder and clearer than ever before in Charlotte.
- ⇒ We want to give our church a substantial financial gift without compromising our income stream during our lifetime.
- ⇒ We want the satisfaction of being connected to something greater than ourselves, something that will make the world a better place.

Please consider a legacy or memorial as a part of your contribution to UUCC. Questions? Contact one of the Memorial Endowment Trustees: Dana Hershey, Tom Nunnenkamp, Cathlean Utzig 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

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.

U.U. Discussion Group

Tuesday, May 18th at 7pm

Open to all church members and friends this group meets monthly at locations south of US 51 on either side of the NC/SC border. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 18th, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the home of E.J. Haack in Fort Mill, South Carolina. Next discussion topic: Patriotism. If you are interested, have questions, or need directions, please email EJ at ejhaack@hotmail.com.

Good-Bye "Drop-In" for Irina Ly

Tuesday, May 18th

It's hard to believe that the school year is quickly coming to an end, as is Irina's wonderfully long career with ODS. Please "save the date" and join us for a "drop-in" in wishing Irina all the best in her new life adventure. The drop-in will take place Tuesday, May 18th from 5:00pm-7:00pm on the Open Door School far playground.

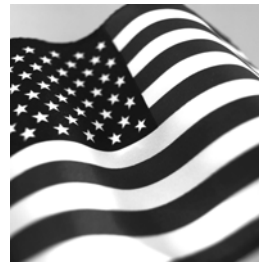
ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MAY 23

The annual meeting for the UUCC will be convened at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, 2010 in the Sanctuary of the church. The agenda will be mailed in advance of the meeting. We'll print and distribute the agenda and other documents by May 14.

New Member Potluck

Sunday, May 23rd

There will be a New Member Potluck for all of our newest (or not so new) members on the evening of Sunday, May 23rd at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Anyone who considers themselves a new member is welcome to come and get better acquainted. New members who plan to attend, please RSVP to Courtney McLaughlin, Membership Coordinator.



Office Closing

Monday, May 31st

UUCC offices will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.

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>Chapel</i>	<i>7:00 p.m. May 27th</i>	<i>Lisa Walls (704) 400-8628</i>
<i>UUCC 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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"Religion is ethics touched by emotion. If the intellect dominates and there is no hint of emotion, a cold and barren matter-of-factness results. Conversely, if emotion leads, unguided by intellect, we are doomed to a wild sea of fanaticism. Yet mind and soul united create one music, grander than before. "

Egbert Ethelred Brown (1875 - 1956, first African American to be ordained as a Unitarian minister)

The deadline for the next **VOICES** is **Sunday, May 16, 2010** for the next issue which will be published on **Wednesday, May 19, 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