



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.

UCC GIVES \$5,000 GRANT TO MOORE PLACE

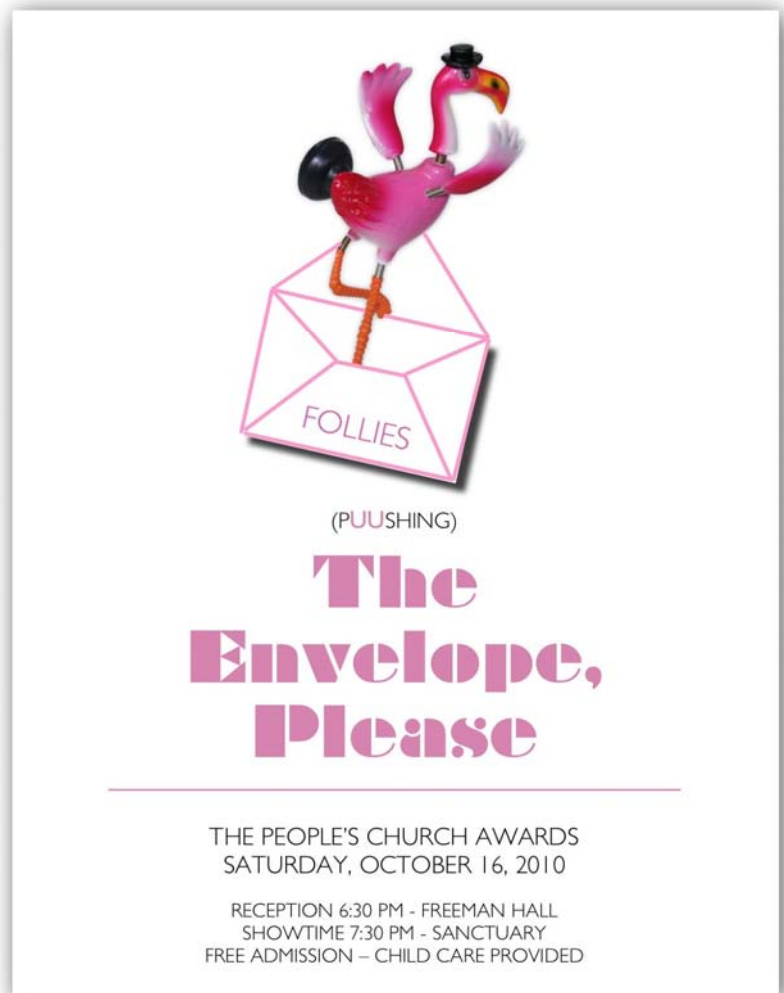
UCC's on-going Social Justice efforts have been in full swing – and those efforts shine through with a new \$5,000 grant, a groundbreaking, and gratitude.

UCC is proud to have made a second \$5,000 grant to Moore Place, bringing our congregation's total grant to \$10,000. UCC's grant was made as a part of a Challenge Grant begun by Myers Park Presbyterian Church – a \$250,000 challenge to other faith-based organizations in the Charlotte community to support Moore Place as a congregation. Moore Place will offer 85 efficiency apartments with on-site management and support services for chronically homeless men and women. A groundbreaking ceremony for Moore Place was held August 13. To learn more about Moore Place, go to www.mooreplacecharlotte.com. To learn more about Charlotte's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, go to www.awayhome.org.

The UCC team looks forward to growing with Moore Place and continuing to expand the relationship as we work together to end homelessness in the Charlotte area.

We celebrate our on-going Social Justice efforts! To get more involved now, stop by the Social Justice table in Freeman Hall on Sunday, or contact one of your Social Justice Co-Chairs, Susan Cox or Jeff Barnes.

For more Social Justice News see page 6



Coming soon to a sanctuary near you (October 16, to be exact): The People's Church Awards. You won't want to miss the excitement as the coveted "PINKO" Award is presented in several UUnique categories, not to mention the pink carpet interviews, production numbers, and special tributes.

The UCC Follies are coming out of the woodwork and off the wall once again. There will be a reception in Freeman Hall at 6:30 pm with the show to follow in the sanctuary at 7:30 pm. Admission is free and childcare will be provided.

REFLECTIONS FROM SABBATICAL . . .

On the first Sunday in September, we went with our four-year-old daughter Annie to a small, rural Baptist church in South Carolina. More than a century-and-a-half ago her great, great, great grandparents helped start that congregation in the agricultural community where they lived. The concrete block education building bears the names of her great, great grandparents who held positions of leadership for decades; one of the simple stained-glass windows was also given in their honor. Down the two-lane highway a few hundred yards is a cemetery where numerous family members were buried.

Annie approached the experience with childlike curiosity, excited to be going to a church where she would sit with us. She listened as a handful of hesitant singers called us to worship, as an earnest minister invoked the presence of God, as the few dozen worshippers rose to join their collective voices in a hymn. She went forward with other kids to hear a children's story about the cost of following Jesus. I held her in my arms as together we sang the words of a hymn long ago imprinted in my spiritual memory: *Oh, how I love Jesus, oh how I love Jesus . . . because he first loved me.*

We attended the service in tribute to my family and out of respect for relatives who had hospitably invited us to their church. We did not go expecting to find ourselves in theological harmony with the message but neither did we feel a need to challenge or correct it for Annie. We try to model respect for other religions in our conversations, to help her understand that many people believe many different things, and to empower her to know that ultimately she must determine for herself where she will find the deepest possible spiritual meaning. We're hopeful that the strong foundation she is establishing as we discuss religion openly in our home in partnership with the superb experience she is having as an active participant in our Children's Religious Education program will equip her to encounter religious differences with confidence rather than derision or animosity.

During these days when I have a very different opportunity for reflection, I've been thinking about the profound need for and import of our liberal religion's high ideals, especially amidst louder than usual rumblings of religious rancor. The astounding attention given to the proposed mosque in Manhattan offers a glimpse into the larger reality of intolerance for religious difference that persists in our nation. The laughable attempts to label our president as a

closet Muslim point up how many still try to use religion to divide us. The suggestion that effective political leadership cannot come from a Muslim, a Mormon, or an atheist would appall Thomas Jefferson who made it clear in his autobiography that religion freedom includes "within the mantle of its protection, the Jew and the Gentile, the Christian and Mohammedan, the Hindoo and Infidel of every denomination."

It is important that we not confuse respect and agreement. I

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—Rev. Jay Leach, Minister

can accord respect to the minister and members of a country Baptist church knowing that there is much about which we do not agree. Similarly, I can have strong disagreements with much of what is done in the name of Islam (and, for that matter, not a little disagreement with some of

what flies under the banner of Unitarian Universalism) without resorting to gross stereotypes or simplistic contempt. When necessary I can challenge the contentions of conservative Christians or those posing under the name of Islam but need not use sweeping prejudicial invectives to do so.

At a time when FOX and MSNBC seem equally determined to reduce public discourse to the basest level of sneering mockery, the need is great for our core values of dignity, diversity, equity and peace. I'm convinced that if we empower ourselves and our children with those values, we can live with confidence and respect even among those who may not share our views at all.

I remain profoundly grateful for this time and for so many who are helping the UUCB thrive while I am away. Join me as you have opportunities in thanking our professional staff, guest speakers, and congregational leaders.

—Peace, Jay

SUNDAY SERVICES

Service times 9:15 & 11:15

Sunday, October 3, 2010

“Being Good for Nothing”

Rev. Sarah York, Sabbatical Minister;
Martha Kniseley, Lay Service Leader
(reception between services, see “Meet and Greet”)

Sunday, October 10, 2010

“Taking Risks on the Path of Wisdom”

Judy Weingarten, Guest Speaker;
Janet Frederick, Lay Service Leader

Sunday, October 17, 2010

“Getting Body and Soul Back Together”

Rev. Sarah York, Sabbatical Minister;
Jim Lay, Lay Service Leader

October 24, 2010

Commitment: What We Have to Learn from the Fundamentalists and Evangelicals

Doug Sea, Guest Speaker;
Katy Ridnour, Lay Service Leader

October 31, 2010

Memorial Sunday

Rev. Sarah York, Sabbatical Minister;
Scott Oppenheimer, Lay Service Leader

Association Sunday Collection

Sunday, October 3rd

On October 3rd we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Unitarian Universalism by joining with congregations all over the country and the world for Association Sunday. Since the merger in 1961 that created the UUA, we have journeyed together to help strengthen Unitarian Universalism, to open the doors to newcomers, to share our values with the world, to support our congregations and to build a shared ministry.



Fifty years later, we must not only ensure that Unitarian Universalism survives to our 100th anniversary, but also that it thrives for generations to come. Ours is a message that can appeal to everyone, regardless of background. Our President Peter Morales has said, “We can be the religion of our time. We can

only do this together...as an Association.” There will be a Special Collection for the UUA during this service, proceeds from this special collection will go to ensuring that our faith thrives for generations to come.

Meet and Greet with Sarah York

Sunday, October 3, Between Services



Please join the Sabbatical Planning Team on Sunday, October 3rd in Freeman Hall to welcome Sarah York, our Sabbatical minister, to our church and to speak with her personally. Sarah has been a minister for over 25 years and has served congregations from London, England to California, New York, Florida, and four other states, including North Carolina. She has served as Vice

President of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association in the U.S. and Canada, and she was invited to conduct workshops for them on “Preaching” and “Creating Meaningful Ritual.”

Sarah enjoys writing and has several books to her credit, one of which, *Into the Wilderness* and, has three selections published in the Unitarian Universalist hymnal. In addition to being a well-respected minister and writer, Sarah and her husband Chuck Campbell are innkeepers, goat herd owners and cheesemakers! She is currently working on her next novel, tentatively titled *Romancing the Farm*, which will recount tales from her life in the mountains near Asheville. You can read more about Sarah, her books and her interests at SarahYork.com. We are pleased and honored to have her as our Sabbatical Minister. Please come out and give her a warm UUCC welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Help us have fresh flowers in the Niche

Commemorate a birthday, an anniversary or acknowledge a special person or event by donating fresh flowers for the niche. Call Alesia in the office (704) 366-8623 to reserve the Sunday you want. Then send a check for \$43 to the office, and we’ll handle the rest.

Audio Copies of Sunday Services

If you have missed a service and would like to hear it, there is a loaner copy available in the Library that can be checked out. If you would like to purchase a CD copy of any of our Sunday services you may do so for only \$5. Stop by our bookstore in Freeman Hall after Sunday services to request a copy or contact Bill Cooke at (704) 364-2107. If you currently have copies of the Sunday Services checked out, please return them as soon as possible.

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.

MUSIC NEWS

Grateful...

Last fall, I purchased a bumper sticker that reads “GRATEFUL” as a personal reminder for all that nourishes me, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Not relishing the thought of wearing my personal philosophy on my vehicular sleeve (my license plate already reads “S!NG”), I taped it to one of the file cabinets in my office. Several weeks ago, I actually *committed* to removing the backing and permanently affixing the sticker. This “permanent” act did several things: a) it looks much *nicer* without Scotch tape around the edges, b) it’s not going anywhere anytime soon, c) I realized that I’m committed to the concept, indeed the “philosophy,” of gratitude, and intend to spend more time in this sacred and hallowed space.

We have so much to be grateful for when it comes to our music program. A component of the Music Program retreat on October 1-2 will focus on just this. At the Friday night dinner, invited speakers will share their experience of music at UCC and what it means to them personally. Looking at the sheer number of volunteer hours spent by participants in the music program, it’s staggering.

Each member of the Adult Choir spends an average of 200 to 250 hours per year (that’s well over a month if this were full-time work); add a couple more (full-time) weeks if that singer also happens to sing in the Chamber Choir. Then there’s the members of the Chime Ensemble, who along with the Adult Choir rehearse year-round, the Children’s Choir (and parents – *we love you!*), musicians who provide music in Sunday services and special programs, participants in outreach events, members of the Music Team who provide guidance (and roll-up-the-sleeves labor!) for the program, and volunteers who help with the music library, rehearsal set-up and special events.

It’s humbling to consider this sizable gift of time as well as generosity of spirit. So, at your next possible opportunity, please take a moment to thank the many people who make the special music in this place possible. Their music ministry is changing lives.

In deepest gratitude, John Herrick, Director of Music

Adult Choir Open House

Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm



If you’ve been *itching* to see just what the Adult Choir does at rehearsals on Wednesday nights (tidbit: we begin ALL rehearsals with a back rub and stretch!) and think you might like to join us, you’re invited to come to a rehearsal open house on Wednesday, October 6 in the UCC Sanctuary! The rehearsal begins at 7:00 pm. with a reception following at 8:30 pm.

Bolling’s Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio, No. 2

Sunday, November 7

The next *Community Potluck / Music in the Sanctuary* event will take place on Sunday evening, November 7. Flutist Emily Higgins and pianist John Herrick will be joined by bass player Elisa Pruett and percussionist Matt Curl. The Community Building Team-sponsored potluck dinner begins at 6:00 pm., with the hour-long concert immediately following at 7:30 pm. This is a FREE and family-friendly event. Childcare will also be provided for children aged 2 and up. Please invite your friends!

DENOMINATIONAL CONNECTIONS

"Discovering Your Interconnected Web of UU Life"



Within the last few weeks, the Denominational Affairs efforts at UUCB have been re-energized. The convening group renamed itself as the **Denominational Connections Team**. This new group is all about coordination, invitation, and education. Team Co-Chairs are Cindy Fox and Phil Sterner

The goal of the Denominational Connections Team is to help UUCB members experience greater consciousness of their denominational interconnections.

What are a few of these connections? Piedmont UUC; Church of the Larger Fellowship; SUUSI; The Mountain; TJ District; CU2C2; UUA; UUSC; Chalice Lighters; Cons; Partner Church...etc., etc.

The Team challenges UUCB members to consider:

- About what are you curious? —decoding that alphabet soup!? More?
- What are your UU connections outside of UUCB? (Did you know UUCB members are current Board Members of The Mountain, The TJ District, and SUUSI – the Southeast UU Summer Institute?)
- If it is a web, how many touch points do you have? How can you benefit? How do you give back?
- Does our congregation have an obligation to be a “teaching church” to the smaller congregations in our district? How can our own leaders take advantage of growth opportunities offered by the larger denomination?
- The UUA’s annual General Assembly will be HERE, in Charlotte, in June 2011! How can you get involved?
- Want more information? Want us to introduce you to people involved in groups mentioned here—or others?

Let us help you connect to find and deliver benefits adding to your spiritual life as you expand your UU web.

For more information, Team members will be at a table in Freeman Hall after the October 3rd and 10th services. See following articles for upcoming denominational activities. . .

UUCB Partner Church - Szabed,

Romania

We Have A Partner Church? In Transylvania!? As in, Dracula??



As our partners in Szabed would say, “Stop with the vampire jokes!”

But yes, we do indeed have a partner church in Transylvania (a region in Romania), one we were matched with in 1991 by the UU Partner Church Council. The Council was founded to focus and coordinate the enormous grassroots energy of dozens of North American UU churches which had formed partnerships with Unitarian churches in Central Europe following the collapse of Communism in 1989.

For many years, UUCB’s partner church program was housed in our Religious Education Department, with the emphasis on the children of the two congregations. It became a part of the church’s Social Justice Council ten years ago and is now under Denominational Connections.

Among other things, our congregation has held 8 coffee-house fundraisers for our partners in Szabed, helping finance much needed building repairs – and helping send several youth to the nearby Unitarian high school. In recent years, three groups from UUCB have visited Szabed. It is these visits that best exemplify our goal of not only supporting our partners financially, but with our loving and supportive presence.

Partner Church Presentation

October 10, 10:30 am in the Chapel

Kathleen Carpenter, Chair of the Partner Church committee for over ten years and a visitor to Szabed five years ago, will make a presentation about the history of Unitarianism in Transylvania, the UUCB partner church program, and our partnership in Szabed. We hope you will plan to attend and learn more about this great outreach program of UUCB.

UUCB Partner Church Coffee House

November 13, 2010

This will be a lively, festive, fun evening featuring a cross section of UUCB talent and including donated baked goods and coffee drinks, all in support of the Szabed Church and its quest to be a more liberal religious presence in a part of the world with a long history of political suppression and economic hardship. **SAVE THE DATE... MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!**

Peace Teacher, Dr, Terrence Rynne, to speak at Piedmont UU Church

Wednesday, October 20, 7:00 pm

Join the Piedmont UU Church on Wednesday, October 20th at 7:00 pm to hear Dr. Terrence Rynne. Terrence Rynne is the founder of the Marquette University Center for Peacemaking and a teacher of Peace Studies at Marquette. He and his wife started the Sally and Terry Rynne Foundation dedicated to peace and to the empowerment of women. He holds a Ph.D in theology and pursues his passion for peace. In this scholarly book, *Gandhi & Jesus, the Saving Power of Nonviolence*, he compares the life and work of Jesus with the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi on nonviolence. Dr Rynne's tour is supported by *Pace e Bene* Nonviolence Service, the Baptist Peace Fellowship, and the Piedmont UU Peace Alliance.

For more information, contact Mimi Davis, (704) 499-3918 or davisxyz@hotmail.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Homeless To Homes

Social Justice Efforts in Full Swing

On August 4th, our Homeless to Homes (H2H) team joined a cookout at Independence Park hosted by H2H as a thank you and celebration of friendship. Our H2H friends put out a wonderful spread of grilled foods, salads, and an entire table of desserts. Every H2H tenant had a hand in the preparation including those who were unable to join us that evening. We were also celebrating with one of our country's newest citizens. An H2H friend recently passed his citizenship test with a special thanks to a dedicated member of our congregation who functioned as tutor & confidence builder.

Several dedicated members of our team continue to partner with our H2H friends on an ongoing basis through tutoring, personal growth opportunities, and fellowship. A variety of opportunities to participate are available to UUCC members & visitors surrounding our relationship with H2H, these include: assisting with organizing within the congregation, tutoring, fellowship, and various ad hoc opportunities that come up from time to time. If you would like to learn more please contact Glen McLaughlin.

The success of H2H, which has served as a pilot program, laid the foundation for the creation of Moore Place. Both H2H and Moore Place are affiliate programs of the Urban Ministry Center.

Class Matters

UUCC Courses Start October 23rd

Many UUCC members learned about the culture of poverty in the 2008 Class Matters course offered by the Social Justice team. Paul Hanneman and Wanda Anderson have extended their class this year with a follow-up course entitled "Building Relationships", focusing on building working relationships across the boundaries of class and financial status. Anyone volunteering in direct services with those with housing needs will benefit from learning to provide support through more effective and real relationships. The original Class Matter course was offered at Providence UMC in mid September.

The follow up course will be at the UUCC on October 23rd and 30 from 9-12 noon. The first course (whether taken now or previously) is a pre-requisite for the second course in October. Each class is 6 hours. Participants will need to purchase the course materials for \$20. For more information or to sign up, visit the Social Justice table in the fellowship hall on some Sundays or contact Roger Coates.

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.

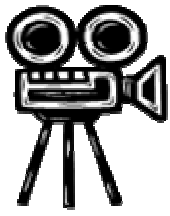
Souls Of White Folks

With Kathleen Carpenter and Amy Brooks
Wednesdays, starting October 6 at 6:30 pm.

Join us for a look into the history of race (with a strong emphasis on our Southern history) and the impact of that history on our collective "soul". "Souls of White Folks, is an interactive program designed to explore an important and often conflicted issue in a way that allows those of us who are white to be honest about our feelings, to learn about our personal and collective history of "white privilege" and think about what we might like to contribute to the dialogue in our community.

This program is space limited and runs for 7 weeks. Please commit to a minimum of 5 nights before signing up. (Oct 6-Nov 17).

Facilitators: UUCC's Affiliated Community Minister, Rev. Amy Brooks and UUCC's Director of RE for Children and Youth, Kathleen Carpenter.



Unitarian Universalist Church of Charlotte
Documentary Film Series
 Discovering Deeper Spiritual Meaning

Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai

Friday October 8, 7:30 p.m.

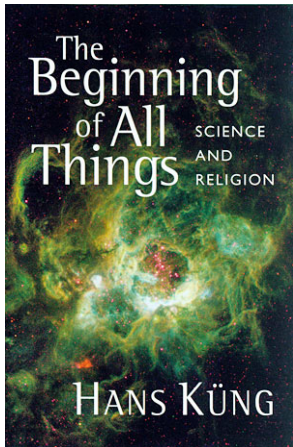
Through chilling first person accounts and TV-news footage, *Taking Root* documents the Green Belt Movement’s dramatic political confrontations of the 1980s and '90s –a time when Maathai and other Kenyan women endured violent suppression, hunger strike, and risked personal injury. *Taking Root* also chronicles the women’s successful political action in 2002 that helped to bring down Daniel Arap Moi, dictator of Kenya for 24 years. Contemporary *cinema verité* footage of the tree nurseries, and the improved lives of the women and children who tend them, is testimony to the power of Maathai’s vision and the positive change it has brought about.

Science and Religion

with Robert Vermillion & Ed Stokes

Mondays beginning Oct 18 at 7:30 pm.

The class will meet once a week for five weeks. Each evening session will consist of a discussion of one of the five sections of the book: *The Beginning of All Things*, by Hans Kung. The topics are:



1. A Unified Theory of Everything (the riddle of reality)
2. God as Beginning (why isn't there nothing?)
3. Creation of the World or Evolution (space, time, creation myths)
4. Life in the Cosmos (how did life arise? anthropic principles)
5. The Beginning of Humankind and the end of all Things (The body-soul problem, free will or not? brain research).

Participants will need to purchase the book *The Beginning of All Things*, by Hans Kung. New copies are available at Amazon.com for about \$12, and used from \$8, plus shipping. Participants should read at least portions of Section I before the first class session.

Science Fiction Sundays

Second Sunday of the month, 2:00 p.m., in the Chapel

October 10 – To Be Human

What makes us human? Is it our ability to love, our sense of compassion, our use of reason? Is there such a thing as “soul” that distinguishes us from other life forms? The “I, Robot” episode from the *Outer Limits* and “The Lonely” episode from *The Twilight Zone* help us explore these questions.

Mystics & Metaphysics Discussion Group

Sunday, October 17th at 10:30am in the Chapel

NEW! Mystics & Metaphysics Discussion Group Metaphysics, the so-called "speculative" philosophy, deals with the Nature of Being and explores topics that are beyond the physical and perhaps logical. Metaphysics has evolved since Aristotle's time into a wide field including spiritualism, parapsychology, mysticism, yoga, intuition, ESP, dreams, Jungian psychology, astrology, positive thinking, holistic healing, life after death, reincarnation, and trans-physical science.

The purpose of this new group is to come together to explore topics of a metaphysical nature. Whether you are skeptical, just curious, intrigued, or a believer, sign up to be part of a freewheeling discussion. Stop by the ARES table in Freeman Hall to sign up or come to a preliminary Q&A on Sunday, October 17th at 10:30 in the Chapel. Ongoing meetings will be monthly, 3rd Tuesdays, beginning Oct 19th in Schweitzer.

4th Friday Film Series

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

October 22 (Peace) – Paths of Glory (1957)



Set during WWI, Col. Dax refuses to continue an attack he knows will result in the slaughter of his men. French military authorities, attempting to cover up their blunder in ordering the attack, decide to make an example of him. Kubrick’s second film is a powerful indictment of the lunacy of war. Not rated.

This I Believe – This I Practice

Next Speaker: Fred Dodson
Sunday, October 24th

In these thirty minute sessions the presenter speaks about their personal religious/spiritual beliefs or/and their regular religious/spiritual practices. Do you practice what you preach? Share your insights with us some Sunday soon!" Join us Sunday, October 24th at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Spirit In Practice

With Kathleen Moloney-Tarr; November 4, 2010 – June 2, 2011

Developed in response to many Unitarian Universalist adults' desire to engage in life-giving spiritual practices, the ten monthly sessions of *Spirit in Practice* provide avenues for deepening spirituality and affirming spiritual growth. *Spirit In Practice* will meet on third Thursdays with three exceptions*. We will begin and end with 2 sessions two weeks apart, otherwise meetings are monthly.

Participants are invited to reflect, share, and grow together, exploring ways to nurture their connections with the sacred in everyday life. This UUA Curriculum series will provide the participants with an opportunity for education, deeper spiritual meaning, sharing of religious knowledge / spiritual beliefs, increased awareness of interdependent web of existence and a greater tolerance for the beliefs of others. .

As one in a series of *Tapestry of Faith* curricula for adults, *Spirit in Practice* weaves UU values, principles, and sources with four "strands:" spiritual development, ethical development, faith development and Unitarian Universalist identity development. This interactive experience includes group participation, mini-lecture, stories, singing, individual reflection and application

"At the opening of Unitarian Universalist worship services, many congregations light a flame inside a chalice. This flaming chalice has become a well-known symbol of our denomination. It unites our members in worship and symbolizes the spirit of our work."

—Dan Hotchkiss

Who's in Charge Here?

Have you noticed a repair issue while here on Sunday and don't know who to tell? Ever wonder which volunteers are scheduled to work the visitor's table? Have a question for the building closer, but don't know who that is? We have a Sunday Services Chart located on the front desk in the church office. Check it out.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (CYRE)

Last Chance to Sign Up to Sleep in a Box!

Friday, October 8th

"Kids in a Box" (KIAB) is multigenerational Social Justice project, designed teach our children about homelessness in a safe, non-threatening way. It is scheduled for Friday, October 8 on the grounds of the UUC. KIAB will offer a safe place for children to have a good time while learning firsthand about homelessness in our community and how they can help. There will be a soup kitchen type meal, a multi generational worship service, activities, and more – including, of course, sleeping in a box. Or a tent if that is preferred.

We recommend "Kids in a Box" for families with children ages K-8th grade. Many of our youth will assist in leadership roles.

The deadline to sign up is Oct. 3 but if you miss it, contact Kathleen Carpenter; it may not be too late. Kathleen@uuccharlotte.org.

We need volunteers to help with the following:

- To help with the Friday night multigenerational worship service
- To help plan the Saturday morning closing circle
- To help prepare, serve, and/or clean up after the dinner
- To help lead activities on Friday night after the worship

To volunteer, contact Event Coordinator, Rachel Fleming, at or Kathleen (see above).

Deadlines for Events:

Most forms are available on the UUC website and are also mailed to all registered families.

- **Middle School Youth Challenge Course** at Davidson College, Sunday Oct 24 Forms and money must be turned in by Sunday, October 17.
- **Elementary Mountain Con**, Friday-Sunday Nov 12-14. Forms and money must be turned in by Sunday, Oct. 24.
- **High School Youth Cardboard City Campout and Homeless Awareness Walk**, Friday-Saturday Nov 19-20. Forms and money must be turned in by Sunday, Nov 13.

Parents Corner

Occasional tips on what parents can do at home to support their children's religious education.

- Read books with / to your children that reflect our UU principles and make that connection with them. <http://www.uua.org/visitors/6798.shtml>
- Check out *UU World* magazine's "Families" section which includes a story, activities and reflections on a theme each issue.

Read the class summary sent home from RE with your child each week and use it as a starting place for a conversation about the topic covered that day. Parents of Middle & High School youth can reference the email sent to them earlier that week.
- Attend family-oriented UU events together. Coming up: Kids in a Box (Oct 8), the Follies (Oct 16), Fall Picnic & Square Dance (Oct 23), Covered Dish / Flute & Jazz Concert (Oct 24), Care Basket Crafts Party (Nov 20).
- Encourage your teen to participate in the social justice activities planned for them (Middle School) or by their peers (High School).

MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT TRUST

Strategies for Leaving a Legacy:

Retirement Plans

1. Retirement Plans

One can simply designate a charity as a beneficiary of a certain amount from or a certain percentage of a retirement plan by filling out a "Change of Beneficiary" form provided by the institution that holds the investment.

2. Life Insurance

One can simply fill out a "Change of Beneficiary Form" provided by the insurance company to designate the charity as a beneficiary.

3. Charitable Remainder Trusts (See next edition of Voices)

4. Gifts of Appreciated Property (Stay tuned)

Questions? Contact one of the Memorial Endowment Trustees: Tom Nunnenkamp, Randy Whitt, Dana Hershey, or Cathlean Utzig

MEMBERSHIP

The UCC Welcomes the Following New Members:

Anne Carpenter

Anne has been an active UU since 1972 and transferred here from the UU congregation of Mammoth County, NJ (UUCMC). She moved to Matthews in August to be near her family. Her recent roles at UUCMC included newsletter editor (for 30 years), ministerial search committee, nominating committee chair, caring committee chair and council secretary.

Kristina Horton

Eight years ago Kristina was drawn to North Carolina from Pennsylvania in order to begin a teaching career and do research on her great-grandmother. She has been living in Charlotte for five years and four years later discovered this wonderful religious community.

Laura Smail

Laura says, "I moved to Charlotte from Madison, Wisconsin to be near one of my sons. I joined the Unitarian church there in 1985, partly because of the Frank Loyd Wright building. Our big congregation was using it to death so two years ago we had to build a new building, which I never liked. This building is much nicer. At my first service here, John Herrick played Scott Joplin and the Rhapsody in Blue, it was a perfect introduction to the UCC."

"Discovering the UCC"

Saturday, November 13th

Visitors and prospective members who want to know more about Unitarian Universalism and this church are invited to this informative session on Saturday, November 13th at 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Presenters include several leaders of our congregation. Light breakfast snacks and child care will be provided. Sign up at the visitor table in Freeman Hall after service, or contact Courtney McLaughlin, Membership Coordinator.

Is E-Mail Leaving You Out?

More and more of our communications are being sent out electronically instead of in print. There's a lot of information, too, and much of it isn't repeated in Voices.

If you can't use e-mail or if computers don't seem very friendly, call the office (704) 366-8623 so that we can add your name to a list we're making of those for whom e-mail doesn't work. We'll try to get the word to you another way.

Community Building Fall Picnic & Square Dance



Saturday, October 23

Riverbend Farm, Midland, NC*

6:00—9:00 PM - The Pond Picnic Shelter

Come early at 5:00 to pick pumpkins!

RSVP to June Blotnick

seablotnick@bellsouth.net

704.375.1913

For directions, visit www.riverbendfarm.net

**Home of UUCB Member, Sarah Little*

Other Upcoming Communities:

Sunday, October 17th:

Flu Shots from Moose Pharmacy (More details to come)

Sunday, November 7th:

Community Building Potluck for Flute and Jazz Concert. The Community Building Team-sponsored potluck dinner begins at 6:00 pm., with the hour-long concert immediately following at 7:30 pm.

This is a FREE and family-friendly event. *See page 4* for full details.

Saturday, December 18th:

Community Building sponsored Potluck for Music and Poetry Winter Solstice. The potluck dinner begins at 6:00 pm., followed by Music and Poetry at 7:30 pm. More details to come.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

Open Mind Book Club

Monday, October 4th

The Open Mind Book Club will meet Monday, October 4th at 7:30 pm in the Library. We will be discussing *Italian Shoes* by Henning Mankell. Please RSVP to Gwynne Movius.

Upcoming Title: November 1 "The Unlikely Disciple: a sinner's semester at America's holiest university" by Kevin Roose.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 12th at 3:30pm

The next blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12th. 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 UUCC sponsor code and schedule your appointment or you can contact me, Brian Trainum, to make an appointment at btrainum@1asmc.com.

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."

VISITOR'S CORNER

"Getting to Know Us"

Sunday, October 3rd

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.

2010-11 CYRE Registration

CYRE Registration Underway

If you are new and would like to receive registration information, please contact Kathleen Carpenter at Forms are posted on the UUCC website (www.uuccharlotte.org), as well. Visitors are welcome to attend classes up to three times before registering. Children and youth must be registered to participate in any special programming or off-site activities. Families do not have to be UUCC members to enroll their children in the CYRE program.

Audio Copies of Sunday Services

Past Copies Available at Visitor Table

If you would like to purchase a CD copy of any of our Sunday services you may do so for only \$5. Stop by our bookstore in Freeman Hall after Sunday services to request a copy or contact Bill Cooke at (704) 364-2107. Visitors can also check out audio copies of past services at the visitors table on Sunday after services.

Meeting	Location	Time	Contact
<i>Borderlands Discussion Group</i>	<i>Off Site</i>	<i>7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 19th</i>	<i>EJ Haack (802) 578-5134</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>Economics and UU Principles</i>	<i>Schweitzer</i>	<i>7:00 pm. Wednesdays</i>	<i>Elizabeth Kerman (704) 846-7181</i>
<i>Jabberwocks</i>	<i>Library</i>	<i>10:00 am. 3rd Friday</i>	<i>Doris Thomas Browder</i>
<i>QUEST</i>	<i>Sigismund</i>	<i>7:00 pm. Tuesdays</i>	<i>Paul & Shirley Wagner (704) 364-8855</i>
<i>Parabola Series</i>	<i>Library</i>	<i>7:00 pm Tuesday, October 12th</i>	<i>Carol Smith (704) 953-4146</i>
<i>Parenting & Aspergers Support Group</i>	<i>Starbucks Cotswold</i>	<i>6:30 pm. 1st Sunday</i>	<i>Margie Storch mstorch@carolina.rr.com</i>
<i>Sunday Morning Meditation</i>	<i>Schweitzer</i>	<i>8:30 am. 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 pm. 1st Tuesday</i>	<i>Sage Brook (704) 366-7983</i>
<i>Women's Support Group</i>	<i>Library</i>	<i>7:00 pm. 3rd Tuesday</i>	<i>Karen Achor (704) 847-2081</i>
<i>Women's Moon Circle</i>	<i>Chapel</i>	<i>6:00 pm. Friday, October 22nd</i>	<i>Lisa Walls (704) 400-8628</i>
<i>UUCC Handwork Group</i>	<i>Priestley</i>	<i>7:00 pm. 2nd Tuesday</i>	<i>Kat Weisz (704) 321-9067; Vivian Brenner (704) 841-1624</i>
<i>Yoga</i>	<i>Priestley</i>	<i>7:30 pm. on Wednesdays</i>	<i>Bill Cooke (704) 364-2107</i>

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preferred submission is by email to: uucc@uuccharlotte.org