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Reverend Cynthia Prescott

(Morning Reflection - 10:00 a.m. Social Time - 10:30

Services - 11:00 a.m.)

PROGRAM NOTES: January starts off with an early Martin Luther King service on the 4th, led by Reverend Cynthia Prescott, *If Martin Luther King Were Here Today*. Emily Burchfield will offer the sermon on January 11th with the title *The India Housing Project - Clemson Students in India*. The January 18th service, *Volunteer Sunday: Caught By a Good Vision* will honor volunteers and retiring board members and install the new board and council of committees. January 25th's sermon by Cynthia has the intriguing title of *A Moral Tale*.

Our resident Buddhist meditation teacher is taking a short break, so there will be no Buddhist meditation at morning reflection in January. Rev. Cynthia Prescott and Ginny Parrish-Loy will lead the morning reflections on January 4 and 11, respectively. There are opportunities for others to lead morning reflection, so if a reflection is bubbling up inside you, sign up on the sheet in the atrium! Submitted by *Holley Ulbrich*

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?*

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days o' auld lang syne?*

For auld lang syne, My jo

For auld lang syne

We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet

For auld lang syne.

"Auld Lang Syne" is a Scottish poem written by Robert Burns in 1788 and set to the tune of a traditional folk song (Roud Folk Song Index # 6294). It is

well-known in many English-speaking countries, and it is often sung to celebrate the start of the new year at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Day.

The song's (Scots) title may be translated into English literally as "old long since", or more idiomatically, "long long ago" or "days gone by". The phrase "Auld Lang Syne" is also used in similar poems by Robert Ayton (1570-1638), Allan Ramsay (1686-1757), and James Watson (1711) as well as older folk songs predating Burns."

(The lyrics of the first verse and the chorus (to the left) are from the original Burns' Scots. "My jo" means "My dear.")

Sample Lyrics & accompanying text taken from Wikipedia.

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE: Reverend Prescott's first *For Thinking Out Loud* column for 2009, page 2; *The View from Here*, first column by President Martha Alexander, page 3; DRE's Corner - OWL, pages 4 & 5; Our Peacemaking & Nonviolence Covenant, pages 5 & 6; More Adult RE, page 6; Outreach News, page 7; 2009 Board Members & Council of Committee Chairs - new structure, page 8; and more!

FOR THINKING OUT LOUD – Reverend Cynthia Prescott

Church leaders...saw to the care of the sick, ministered to those in prison, offered hospitality to strangers, managed commonly held resources and distributed them to the poor and elderly, and settled disputes and conflicts. In addition, they taught the basic ideas of the faith, explained the stories of the scriptures, prophesied, initiated converts, and organized community participation in the rituals.

That's the job description for ministry in the early Christian church (Brock & Parker, Saving Paradise, Beacon Press 2008). There was no *professional* ministry then. Duties would have been shared by the congregation as a whole, but in general outline the job hasn't changed much since circa 400 CE (Common Era, formerly known as AD).

Professional religious leadership is a calling. I serve you, the congregation, and report to the governing board. I have a contract. However, my leadership is grounded in a covenant of trust. I have the freedom to organize my days according, not only to the terms of my contract, but also to the spirit of my calling. With that freedom comes responsibility to make wise use of the trust you have placed in me.

Every week is different. Every day in that week is different too. A light work week might be followed by several consecutive weeks of no-end-in-sight, punctuated by emergencies of one sort or another. So much of my work happens out of the congregational eye. I read and write at home. I meet with people in small groups or individually. I respect privacy. I protect confidentiality. You should expect nothing less of me.

I'm an introvert. An introvert is someone who for the most part "processes" his or her world internally. (It does not mean simply that I'm no fun at parties.) Despite the title of this column, I really don't do much thinking out loud. Before applying to divinity school, I was required to interview with my district's chief executive, the Rev. Glenn Turner. Glenn, himself a declared introvert, said to me knowingly, "As a minister you'll need to watch out not to appear pre-occupied." He was right. I do. Generally I succeed. Occasionally I don't. *NOTE: Now retired, Rev. Turner went on to be a founder of the UU covenant group movement.*

Of course a primary job of early Christian church leaders was to make more early Christians. Things haven't changed so much in that regard either. Professional and lay leader alike, we still teach *the basic ideas of the faith* and *initiate[d] converts*, only now Unitarian Universalists call that "lifespan religious education".

Here is what I'm planning for Winter-Spring 2009. Times below are tentative. Look to all forms of UUFC communication for details: newsletter, Weekly News, bulletin, website:

BROWN BAG LUNCH AT FOUNDERS' HOUSE. First and third Wednesdays at noon, starting January 21, 2009. Beverage provided. No need to RSVP. Think of this as a drop-in covenant group. Come ready to talk about anything but "fellowship business".

THIS I BELIEVE: Patterned on the National Public Radio series of the same name. This is a writing group as well as a discussion group, so be prepared to do both. Starting in February: Four to six sessions. Time not settled on, but it will be during daylight hours.

PICTURES OF JESUS: Join Marty Bynum, Rev. Susie Smith and me in exploring images of Jesus through art and history. We'll make use of themes from Rebecca Ann Parker and Rita Nakashima Brock's book *Saving Paradise*, intriguingly subtitled "*How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire*". Anticipate 1-2 sessions in February. Repeat in March if there's interest. This will be an evening group.

WORSHIP WORKSHOP: with the Worship Committee & DRE Meg MacArthur. Learn about, discuss and practice the art of Sunday celebration within a beloved multi-generational community of people with immensely diverse beliefs and spiritual convictions. Mid-to-late March: Friday evening and Saturday, or Saturday plus Sunday afternoon.

Finally, deepest thanks to all who helped with holiday celebrations at UUFC, such as: decking the halls (and undocking them after Christmas); leading worship in word or song; hosting the Christmas Eve reception; donating BiLo cards, and/or participating in the Outreach Committee's project to bring a Merry Christmas to a family with a parent in prison.

TO EVERYONE: May your new year be blessed in every way you hope, and a few ways you've yet to glimpse.

THE VIEW FROM HERE

Martha Alexander, UUFC Board President

What were they thinking? What was I thinking?

It seemed out of the blue, so unsuspected. Karel Keel called and left a message for me to call her. When I returned her call I got the surprise of my life. She wanted me to run for UUFC President-Elect for 2008. My first thoughts were, "Why me, and I wonder how many people turned her down?" but I told her to give me three days to think. After three days I called her back and also left an e-mail message that went something like this. "I have never aspired to be President of UUFC. However if you really, really want me and you can find no one else with a crying need to serve, I will say yes."

Then I got to thinking, "What were they thinking?" Or "What was I thinking?"

In 1984, when I was 45 years old I had the honor of being congregational President of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Las Vegas. So I thought, "been there, done that." Then I got to thinking about age. As your president I will turn 70. Do you really want an "old girl" as your president? (Looks like you got one!)

So why did I say yes? First, I am so grateful to have a UU congregation just 13 miles from our home. Our last congregation was 50 miles away. This is my fifth congregation beginning with UUF of Valdosta (GA) in 1978. Second, many times since I arrived here in 1999, I have been asked to serve in different capacities and trying to keep a low profile, always said no except for some behind the scenes activities. Honestly, I just thought it's time I contribute more to this place I hold dear.

There are two things you need to know about me. I can find humor in just about everything from getting old (Just call me an aging sex goddess), multiple surgeries (I'm going in to have another part lopped off), to where we sit in services. Joni Grady remarked that we moved to the "casual section" so I've gotten a lot of mileage out of that little joke. Actually, we moved so we could see the pictures in the children's books. Without a sense of humor how could I ever have made a home for our family in eight states and two foreign countries? The second thing is, I'm not a very good UU. "Service is our prayer" we say. That said, I have always felt that I did not measure up. I see so many of you doing good works, working for welcoming congregation status, keeping our world green, spreading mulch, singing in the choir, holding office, chairing committees, speaking out on social justice issues, etc. and I am usually absent from those events although I consider them worthwhile. Is there such a thing as a backsliding UU?

As president-elect, it has been interesting, outrageous, challenging, ridiculous, funny, etc. There have been several times in the past year that I've felt like throwing in the towel. Karel says I'm an optimist and on Sunday, December 14th after our congregational meeting, a feeling of optimism just came over me when you approved the slate of officers and the budget. It made me feel that you appreciated all the hard work and effort your board had put forth. There will be challenges this year that I will try to meet and do the very best I can for you.

What are we thinking?

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We welcome new ideas, opinion letters, poetry, verse, inspirational quotations....even UU-appropriate cartoons or jokes! (*Haven't had one of those in a while!*)

The DRE's Corner: Meg MacArthur

Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for grades 7-9.

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson is offering Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for grades 7-9 on eight (8) Friday evenings in March, April and May. Two of the sessions will be overnight sessions that conclude at noon on Saturday. Parents (or other volunteers) will provide meals for the sessions.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) addresses sensitive topics that other sexuality curricula exclude. Although the curriculum was developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ, the text is completely secular and free of specific religious doctrine. The underlying values of the program reflect the justice-oriented traditions of both denominations. The program gives clear messages about key sexuality issues. These issues fall into one or more of four broad areas – self worth; sexual health; responsibility; and justice and inclusivity.

OWL helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, society and culture.

Classes will be conducted by two fully trained instructors, Kathy and Gordon Crain. Young people outside of the UUFC community whose parents are interested in a liberal, comprehensive approach to sexuality education are welcome to join in these classes. **All parents are required to attend an orientation session on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, from 7 to 9 pm at UUFC.** We understand that lives are very busy, but students who sign up are expected to make a commitment for the entire course.

The deadline for registration is March 18, 2009. The mandatory parent orientation is Wednesday, March 18, in the Fellowship's main meeting room. The Friday night sessions will be held at Founders House. The over night sessions will be held in the Fellowship's main building. The opening session is Friday, March 20. The final session is Friday, May 29, with a closing ceremony TBA.

For more information, contact Meg MacArthur, 639-2847. To register, call UUFC at 654-5959.

2009 Schedule for UUFC's *Our Whole Lives for grades 7-9*

(Some dates may change)

Wed., March 18	7-9pm	Parents' Orientation, main meeting room
Friday, March 20	5-11pm	1: Introduction 2: Examining values
Friday, April 3	5-11pm	3: Sexual language 4: Anatomy and Physiology 5: Personal Concerns About Puberty
Friday, April 17 Saturday, April 18, 12pm noon	5pm -	6: Understanding Gender Roles 7: Disability and Other Diversity Issues 8: Sexual Orientation 9: Guest Panel 10: Gender Identity
Friday, April 24	5-11pm	11: Introduction to Relationships 12: Relationship Skills 13: Thorny Issues in Friendship

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Friday, May 1	5-11pm	14: Dating and Lifetime Commitments 15: Lovemaking is More Than Sex 16: Masturbation and Other Sexual Behaviors
Friday, May 15	5-11pm	17: Conception, Pregnancy, and Birth 18: Teenage Pregnancy 19: Defining/Redefining Abstinence
Friday, May 22 Saturday, May 23,	5pm - 12:00 noon	20: Contraception 21: Unintended Pregnancy Options 22: Sexual Decisions 23: STD Facts
Friday, May 29	5-11pm	24: STD Prevention 25: Recovering From Sexual Abuse 26: Sexual Harassment and Acquaintance Rape
To be determined		27: Celebration and Closure

The following is our congregation's peacemaking covenant drafted at the November 30th Fifth Sunday forum. A copy will be in the atrium with a signing sheet for those who wish to subscribe to the covenant.

Peacemaking and Nonviolence

We as a Unitarian Universalist congregation covenant to work together for peacemaking and nonviolence at all levels from the personal and interpersonal to the congregational, societal, and international. We believe that such a commitment to nonviolence and peacemaking is implicit in all seven principles. We do not reject war entirely, but believe that it should only be undertaken in extreme circumstances of self-defense or grave humanitarian concerns, never simply to pursue a national self-interest. While the tenets of just war theory (just cause, legitimate authority, right intention, last resort, proportionality, and probability of success) are a valid starting point, they are easily abused. Any rationale for war should be carefully scrutinized by leaders, citizens, and representatives of other nations to ensure that such an exception to the commitment of peaceful resolution of conflicts is fully justified.

We believe that more effort should be devoted to the prevention of war by the following means:

- An individual, congregational, denominational and national commitment to work to reduce or eliminate the root causes of war in injustice of all kinds, including hunger and poverty; overpopulation, excessive nationalism and prejudice.
- A commitment to practice nonviolence in our daily individual and collective lives, in recognition of the fact that individual and societal violence of all kinds begets and sanctions further violence.
- Education in nonviolence and peacemaking in our religious education programs, our schools, and in other social institutions for all ages.
- Recognizing and honoring the heroic men and women in our own faith tradition and in other faith traditions that have been a prophetic voice for peace and nonviolence, including Adin Ballou, John Haynes Holmes, Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

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We recognize the tension between the aggressive and the affiliative needs that are basic to human biology and psychology, the one encouraging violence and the other encouraging respectful collaboration. We need to seek ways to channel the aggressive impulses into more positive pursuits and to strengthen our ability to work together in collaboration with other people, other faith communities, other nations.

· In reverence for all life, we covenant to practice peace and nonviolence. To the end that peace might prevail and nonviolence be the norm in all human relations, we subscribe to the following calls to action:

Inner peacemaking: to develop spiritual practices that promote inner peace.

· Interpersonal peacemaking: to learn and practice the skills of compassionate communication and active listening, honor our congregation's behavioral covenant, and abjure violence in our interactions with one another.

· Congregational peacemaking: to make our congregation a place where we learn and practice nonviolence in all forms for all ages in our worship, education, and outreach.

· Societal and transnational peacemaking: work with other congregations in our faith tradition and other faith traditions, our UUA agencies such as the UU Service Committee and the UUA Washington Office and UN office, and other organizations that promote peace and nonviolence while also working to reduce the underlying causes of conflict at both national and international levels.

Submitted by Holley Ulbrich

ADULT RE NEWS

UU 101 (Principles and Sources) to be offered during February and March 2009

The 2009 offering of UU 101P, *The Seven Principles*, will occur on February 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 7:00 PM at the Fellowship. Each class will last approximately 1.5 hrs. As the name implies, we will be discussing the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism. Our text will be *With Purpose and Principle; Essays about the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism*, edited by Edward A. Frost. Copies will be on sale in the UUFC bookstore. The discussion will be led by Les Grady, who has been involved with Unitarian Universalism for over 35 years. New members and friends of UUFC are especially encouraged to attend to learn more about our background, but anyone interested is welcome. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer of the Fellowship. While signing up in advance is not mandatory, doing so will help with planning for such things as child care.

After a week break, UU 101S, *The Six Sources of Our Faith*, will follow on March 10, 17, 24, and 31, also at 7:00 PM at the Fellowship. The topic will be the six sources of Unitarian Universalism: Direct experience; Words and deeds of prophetic people; Wisdom of the world's religions; Jewish and Christian teachings; Humanist teachings; and Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions. Our text will be *A Chosen Faith* by John A. Buehrens and Forrest Church, Revised Edition, 1998. Copies will be on sale in the UUFC bookstore. The discussion will also be led by Les Grady. It is not necessary to have attended UU 101P to attend UU 101S. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the foyer of the Fellowship in late January. Questions should be directed to Les at 868-9104 or lesgrady@bellsouth.net.

Submitted by Les Grady

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Submitted by Robin Kimbrough-Melton

January 2009

Welcome Kathryn Smith

As I become president-elect, I want to thank everyone who has participated in Outreach activities in the last couple of years and welcome Kathryn Smith as the new chair of Outreach. I hope you will contact Kathryn to let her know of your social justice interests and to become involved in Outreach. Kathryn's email address is canceraa@earthlink.net.

"I am ready to do back flips!"

This was the comment of Keke, Shawn and Shak's mom when we delivered the washer and dryer and the many Christmas gifts donated by members of the Fellowship and organized by our RE classes. Many thanks to the Fellowship for reaching out to this Building Dreams family - because of you, their Christmas was a little brighter!

4th Sunday Collections

The special offering on January 25 will support Habitat. Work is underway on the Homecoming House and the Fellowship's assigned work days are: January 17 and 31st, February 21st, and April 18th. If you have not already signed up to work, you can contact Gordon Crain.

Watch for Our New 4th Sunday Discussions

This month our new format for periodic discussions will be launched. In lieu of the 5th Sunday Forums, the Outreach and Worship Committees are teaming up to organize more frequent after-service lunch speakers, videos, or other media on various social justice topics. The first of these discussions will be held January 25 on the topic of living wage. A pot-luck lunch will be available. Please plan on staying after the service.

The final 5th Sunday Forum on November 30 focused on Peacemaking. Participants drafted changes to the Peacemaking covenant, which is available for signatures in the Atrium.

Support for Children and Families in Need

Rev. Susie Smith and Cynthia are developing an idea to formalize support for families challenged by the economic crisis. Discussions about what this initiative will look like are in the early stages. Please join us on Sunday, January 18 for a dinner meeting to help us further define this project. For more information, see Cynthia or contact Susie.



Helping Hands of Clemson is a home for abused and neglected children from all over the upstate. It has been in existence for 24 years. The thrift store at 105 Main Street Central helps to fund the home. The store has extended it's hours and is now open Monday thru Friday 9am to 8pm and Sat. 9am to 5pm. The store needs volunteers during the new evening hours between 6pm to 8pm. The home is always in need of financial support to house up to 55 children. If you are interested in helping in any way contact **Debbie Manlove** at bdmanlove@bellsouth.net or 508 0851 Thanks.

- Debbie Manlove -

At the December 14th Congregational Meeting, the new structure of the Board was presented. As of now, January 2009, we have two governing bodies: a Policy Board to address vision and policy matters and a Council of Committees to deal with committee reports, calendaring, and collaboration among the various committees. Here are the slate of Board Members and Council Committee Chairs for 2009.

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COUNCIL

Cindy Lee, noted above as a Board Member, is the Representative (for the Board) and Chair of the entire Council of Committees.

Building/Grounds	Allen Guest** & Meg Williamson
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Membership	Karen Hiebel
Outreach**	Kathryn Smith
Religious Education**	Mark Mellott
Stewardship	Bob Snelsire
Ways and Means**	John Kenelly
Worship	Holley Ulbrich
Endowment (Elected by the Endowment Committee)	
Receiving Treasurer	Jeannine Varenhorst

Nominating Committee was:

- Martha Alexander, Chair
- Jackie Renzi
- Karen Hiebel
- Carol Ward*

(* = nominated & ** = appointed)

MONTHLY EVENTS & GROUPS

Covenant Groups: We have 6 on-going Covenant Groups. Please inquire at the office if you are interested.

UUFC Board, Committee, and other Business Meetings

Outreach Committee, 1st Tuesday
Hendrix Student Center, Clemson Campus

Membership Committee, 4th Wednesday, 5:30pm

RE Committee Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, Noon,
Founders House

Board Meeting, 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm,
Social Room

Finance Committee, 1st Wednesday 6:30 pm,
Library

Green Sanctuary, 1st Tuesday, 5:00 pm,
Founders House

COSMOS, 3rd Thursday, 4:45 pm,
Founders House

Staff Meeting, 3rd Wednesday,
Founders House

Miscellaneous Monthly Events:

- Clemson Community Care Food Collection,** 1st Sunday, Main Building
- Trading Post,** 2nd Sunday, Main Building
- Benevolence Offertory,** 4th Sunday, Sanctuary
- UUFC Women's Salad Supper Group,** 4th Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Founders House
- The Nekkid Muse: A UUFC Coffeehouse** 2nd Friday of each month, 6:30 pm, Pot Luck dinner, then Nekkid Muse Coffeehouse, 7:30pm.
- Novel Circle,** 1st Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Founders House *January 7, 2009. The Careful Use of Compliments by Alexander McCall Smith.*)
- Choir Practice,** Thursdays 6:30 pm, Sanctuary
- NEW: Literary League,** For people who love words. 3rd Tuesday (call Bonnie Worthen for details. 646-3319) Bring wine and hors d'ouvres and an appetite to become real wordsmiths!)

NOVEL CIRCLE meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm at Founders House. Please join us on Wednesday, January 7, at 7:30 pm at Founders House to discuss *The Careful Use of Compliments* by Alexander McCall Smith. See summaries below for that book and books to be read and discussed for the upcoming months.

January 7, 2009. *The Careful Use of Compliments* by Alexander McCall Smith. Isabel Dalhousie is the nosiest and most sympathetic philosopher you are likely to meet. She finds an irresistible puzzle: two paintings attributed to a now-deceased artist appear on the market at the same time, and both exhibit unusual characteristics. Are they forgeries? Isabel's inquisitiveness leads her away from her philosophical musings and into the mysteries of the art world and the soul of an artist. 247 pages, Parthanon Books, 2007.

February 4, 2009. *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides. The author weaves together a kaleidoscopic narrative spanning 80 years of a near-mythic Greek American family history. Eugenides's command of the narrative is astonishing. He balances shifting voices convincingly, spinning this strange and often unsettling story with intelligence, insight, and generous amounts of humor. When you get to the end of this splendorous book, when you suddenly realize that after hundreds of pages you have only a few more left to turn over, you'll experience a quick pang of regret, and you may even resist finishing it--putting it aside for an hour or two, or maybe overnight--just so that this wondrous, magical novel might never end. 544 pages; Farrar, Straus, and Giroux; 2002.

March 4, 2009. *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. Jacob Jankowski is living out his days in a nursing home, hating every second of it. His life wasn't always like this, however, because Jacob ran away and joined the circus when he was twenty-one. The circus he joins, in Depression-era America, is second-rate at best. Once it becomes known that he has veterinary skills, he is put in charge of the "menagerie" and all its ills. With its spotlight on elephants, this romantic page-turner hinges on the human-animal bonds. The most interesting aspect of the book is all the circus lore that Gruen has so carefully researched. 350 pages, Algonquin Books, 2007.

April 1, 2009. *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. Raised in a strict Muslim family, Hirsi Ali survived civil war, female mutilation, brutal beatings, adolescence as a devout believer during the rise of the Muslim Brotherhood, and life in four troubled, unstable countries largely ruled by despots. In her early twenties, she escaped from a forced marriage and sought asylum in the Netherlands, where she earned a college degree in political science and fought for the rights of Muslim immigrant women and the reform of Islam as a member of Parliament. Ultimately a celebration of triumph over adversity, Hirsi Ali's true story tells how a bright little girl evolved out of dutiful obedience to become an outspoken, pioneering freedom fighter. As Western governments struggle to balance democratic ideals with religious pressures, no story could be timelier or more significant. 384 pages, Free Press, 2008.

Submitted by Gail Brownlee

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- the inherent dignity and worth of all people
- justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- a free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- the right of conscience and use of the democratic process
- a goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all
- acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth
- respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part.