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AUGUST SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Reflection - 10 a.m. Social Time-10:30 a.m. Services - 11:00 a.m.

August 2 -

Commerce Without Morality

Reverend Cynthia Prescott

August 16 -

Forgive Us Our Debts

Holley Ulbrich

August 9 -

"My One Wild and Precious Life"

Multigenerational Service

Elaine Fredendall & Barbara Nicodemus,
Coordinators

August 23 -

Wealth Without Work

Reverend Cynthia Prescott

August 30 -

Politics without Principle

Reverend Cynthia Prescott

Worship Notes

August is a five Sunday month; an extra chance to attend worship with the beloved community. The water ceremony, normally an end of August service, will not take place until September 6th this year because of the late start in Pickens County Schools. So fill that water vial and set it aside until September.

Rev. Cynthia Prescott will be finishing her summer Gandhi series on August 2, 23 and 30 with (respectively), *Commerce without Morality*, *Wealth without Work*, and *Politics without Principle*. Elaine Fredendall and Barbara Nicodemus will be coordinating the service on August 9th based on the Mary Oliver poem, *My One Wild and Precious Life* with participants from each decade of life. Holley Ulbrich will lead the service on August 16th on *Forgive Us Our Debts*, including but not limited to upside down mortgages, student loans, the national debt, and the Lord's Prayer.

For our 10 a.m. Morning Reflections, Rev. Ralph Stutzman is returning to the pulpit after much too long an absence (it wasn't because we didn't keep asking!) with a two-reflection series on August 2nd and 9th. Kathryn Smith will follow that with a reflection on August 16th on Little Red Riding Hood, involving quilts. Jeanne Malmgren will do a Buddhist mediation on the 23rd and Rev. Cynthia Prescott will finish up the August Reflections on the 30th.

An important part of our Sunday services is music. The choir, under the direction of Elaine Fredendall, provides choral music and helps us figure out some of the more challenging hymns. Choir practice will begin on Thursday, August 27th at 5:30 to 6:30 in the meeting room. The choir practices from late August till mid-December, then takes about a month for Christmas break and resumes from mid-January through mid-May. Weekly practices prepare the choir to sing during the service about twice a month, with a music-based holiday service just before Christmas and special music for other services such as Easter at other times during the year. All voices and levels of ability are welcome.

- Holley Ulbrich -

FOR THINKING OUT LOUD

Reverend Cynthia Prescott

Thanks so much. To the more than forty people who signed on to “Hands of Hope.” The Minister’s Discretionary Fund now can operate at a sustainable level all year long. Requests for assistance have not abated with a slight uptick in the economy. Hopefully, when the students return to town, a couple of the folks we’ve been seeing will be able to find at least sufficient part-time work to keep food on the table. Julie and I try to help people think through available options for housing, employment and health care, but the sad truth is, most of the people we see have lived on the margins all their lives — and the margins continue to collapse even as improvement seeps in elsewhere. (If you have tips on pre-natal resources for indigent or near-as women, I would love to hear from you.)

Young adult covenant group in the fall. Since public schools don’t start until late August now, I feel as though I’ve gotten the whole month back as a “summer month,” so this message aims at September. If you are between the ages of 20 and 38 (or so) and think you might be interested in belonging to a covenant group comprised of people in your age and interest bracket, please get in touch with me at cynthia.prescott@yahoo.com or 654-8832.

This is not an attempt to segregate you. You may already belong to, or want to join, a multi-generational covenant group (see me too for the latter). That choice is entirely yours to make. I envision the young adult group as being, not only “spiritual,” in the manner of the other covenant groups, but also social, as in getting together to do stuff. Again, the choice will be entirely yours (the group’s) to make.

Think ahead to worship. Sunday is the sole day of the week when this eclectic community of spiritual seekers gets together in a single room. What we do for ourselves, and what visitors/guests experience when they meet us is of singular importance to the present and the future of this congregation, and of the Unitarian Universalist faith.

That very minister-like thing being said, I am planning a series of four sessions in October and early November, geared toward people who are interested in leading congregational worship, either alone or with others. We’ll look at worship theory in the Unitarian Universalist tradition (yes, there is such a thing), explore our personal religious/spiritual beliefs as we might present them to the congregation, and try our hand at writing calls to worship, prayers or other service elements, perhaps of your own invention.

The ultimate goal of the “course” is to reinvigorate the Worship Associates’ program of a few years ago. Those who aspire to Worship Associate-hood should expect to attend all four sessions. That’s why I’m telling you now. However if you only want to check out the territory, the first two sessions are for you. You’ll actually have a hand in designing the Worship Associates’ role, even if you’d rather not be one just yet.

Exact dates are not yet confirmed. Time flexes according to who is interested and when they are available. I realize August is early to ask, but if you think you might be interested and available get in touch with me now and updates will be yours without fail.

Blessed August. Blessed Rest of the Summer.
Cynthia

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THE VIEW FROM HERE

Martha Alexander, UUFC Board President
Fellowships Remembered

When I became UUFC president, I remarked to our minister that this was most likely the first time UUFC had had a “crazy old girl” for president. She answered that each president had had a unique personality. That got me thinking about the unique personalities of the five fellowships to which I have belonged.

In the summer of 1978, while in graduate school at Valdosta State College, my psychology professor told me of a group that met to discuss books. Although my diploma has Master of Education listed as my degree, I specialized in Reading Education and have been a dedicated reader beginning when Mama read to us and Daddy would take us to the public library in Morganton, NC, where we would fill a cardboard box with books to bring home for two weeks. At my first book discussion with the Valdosta (GA) group I discovered that these folks were Unitarian Universalists. What I thought I knew about Unitarians (I’d never heard of Universalists) was that they believed in one deity as opposed to the trinity. I must have read that as an undergrad at East Tennessee State where I took every philosophy course offered. A unique perspective of one of the Valdosta book discussion attendees was that since he never bothered to read the books, he could be more objective in the discussions.

Anyway, in the fall of ’78 I began attending services in a very old house that belonged to one of the members. I actually don’t know if there was a membership roster as I never signed a membership book, but asked if putting a check in the collection plate meant I was a member and was told, “something like that.” One unique feature of our Sunday morning services was that we would often wait to begin until a couple arrived that lived across the border in Florida. You’re not going to believe this, but sometimes out of desperation when no one else showed up, I would play the piano. Occasionally we would have guest ministers or speakers. One of those speakers in ’79 was Pam Phelps, who would become the Youth Camp Director at this new place she told us about called The Mountain. I made up my mind then and there that I would work there in summer 1980 for the first ever youth camp at The Mountain. But first I had to prepare by myself, as Alex was spending an unaccompanied year tour in Korea, to move to VA in January.

Upon arrival in Tidewater VA, my first phone call was to UUF of the Peninsula. The phone was answered by Mary, who became a dear friend. She was the wife of the president and the phone was in their home because the church building had burned down. Although they were meeting in rented space at the Jewish Community Center, the first service we attended was held in a muddy field in Newport News on a very cold windy day. This was the site of our new building. President Ed stood at a podium in a three piece suit as we all gathered around, shivering. His papers kept blowing away so he picked up a dirt clod which he used as a paper weight. (Is that being “green” or what?) Both Alex and I became members by actually signing a membership book. Alex was treasurer for two years and I did the newsletter for two years. I have told Heidi ad nauseam about my adventures with a typewriter that did not correct and the ditto machine with purple ink. We thought we’d died and gone to heaven when we got a new crank machine with black ink.

To be continued: *I must tell you about the happenings and characters at UUF of the Peninsula before it is on to Las Vegas.*

UUFC Adult Religious Education Offerings Fall 2009

1. **Book Study Group**, 9-10 Sunday mornings starting August 31st.

Books are chosen and discussions are led by members of the group. The first book for fall will be Davidson Loehr's *American Fascism and God*. August 31, September 6 and 13. Coordinator: Holley Ulbrich. The second book for fall will be *1491* by Robert Lee, coordinated by Cecil Huey, September 20 to October 25. The group will choose the next book sometime in October.

2. **UU101 History**, four sessions. Thursdays nights at 7 September 3-24. Led by Holley Ulbrich. Good for newcomers, good refresher for longer term members. There is no textbook but there is a reader that can be downloaded.

3. **Workshop on Leading Worship in the Unitarian Universalist Tradition**, four sessions between October 18 and November 8. Participants will decide on exact meeting dates/times. Topics include: Credo-building ("This I Believe"); What is Quality Worship?; and two sessions on Writing Words for Worship: Finding and Using One's Own Voice. Led by Rev. Cynthia Prescott.

Future plans:

Marguerite Kirsch hopes to offer *Group Spiritual Direction* (book by Rose Mary Dougherty). Stay tuned for details.

Courses in the works for spring include

- Adult Fairy Tales
- UU101-Principles
- Building Your Own Theology - something related to enneagram work.
- There will also be at least two sessions of study and action circles on peacemaking and ethical eating.
- The Book Study Group will also continue in the spring.

Submitted by Holley Ulbrich

And More Adult RE Offerings (Submitted by Marguerite Kirsch)

CAKES FOR THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN, PART 2 - Sept 6 - Oct 11

The new *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven* program, Part 2, is open to all adult and older teen UUFC members and friends. We will continue our journey into the past to reclaim the stories of powerful women to be found in ancient Judaism and in early Christianity. We will also look at the global silencing and brutalization of women that accompanied the rise of patriarchal religion and society. Finally we will celebrate the exciting new world-view and theology that has emerged in our time, and explore the personal and social changes that may be suggested by that new world-view and theology.

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We will continue the complex process of telling a new story. Led by Marguerite Kirsch & Meg MacArthur, Sundays, 12:30 - 2:30 PM

Session 1: The Hebrew Goddess

Session 2: Sarah the Priestess

Session 3: The Apostle Mary

Session 4: The Virgin Mary

Session 5: Witchcraft

Session 6: Future Fantasies

FIRST WEDNESDAY DREAMWORK AND ACTIVE IMAGINATION

1st Wednesdays August - December

Work with our dreams and with Active Imagination, First Wednesdays, 7 - 9 PM. We use the Haden Institute method from Jungian Robert A. Johnson's *Inner Work*.

Led by Marguerite Kirsch & Meg MacArthur.

FINDING A PATH TO WHOLENESS IN THE MODERN WORLD

5 sessions: 7 - 9 PM - Wednesdays: September 9, 23, 30; October 14, 28

"The myth of the fall expresses a pattern and a process not just of the original birth of consciousness out of the unconscious, but also of the process that one goes through in one form or another with every new increment of consciousness." Edward F. Edinger, *Ego and Archetype: Individuation and the Religious Function of the Psyche*, 1972, Reprint 1992

This book is a fascinating synthesis of C.G. Jung's fundamental psychological concepts about the individual's journey to wholeness. Edward Edinger traces the stages in this process and relates them to the search for meaning through encounters with symbolism in religion, myth, dreams, and art. For contemporary believers and non-believers, the encounter with the Self mirrors the discovery of God and is its psychological equivalent. The result of the dialogue between the ego and the archetypal image of God is an experience that dramatically changes the individual's world view and makes possible a new and more meaningful way of life.

Facilitators: Marguerite Kirsch (mkirsch@bellsouth.net, 654-3324), Meg Mac Arthur, & Rebecca Moise.

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FUNdraising for Fall

The Ways and Means Committee has several events in the works for fall to raise money, have fun and build community in the fellowship. Our semi-annual **yard sale** will be Saturday, August 29th. The theme is **fun and games**—sporting goods, tools, electronics, puzzles, board games, baby equipment, bikes—as well as the usual books, DVDs and furniture. We will have a supply of boxes available on August 2nd, each with some pricing stickers, to take home, fill, and deliver to the Founders' House garage. Please pack books separately from other items. Mark the date and plan to help as you are able before (sorting and pricing), during (set up, sell) and after (cleanup and disposal) the sale on the 29th. Good fellowship, good recycling, and a tidy contribution to the operating fund. Last spring's yard sale came in just under \$1,000.

The next day will mark the kickoff of our **fall event auction**. We already have promises of a wine tasting and bison burger cookout hosted by John Kenelly, the second annual chili cookoff, and a nature hike with Meg Williamson. We will put forms in the bulletin for other offerings for events through March 2010. Put your thinking cap on and dream up a fun event that you can host!

Finally, we are making preliminary plans for a **craft bazaar** on Sunday, November 29th and Sunday, December 6th. Participants can set their prices and the share of the sales price that goes to UUFC (anywhere from 25% to 100%). So start thinking about what you can make and offer for sale during social time and after church those two Sundays. We are hoping to invite Peace Church to join us, and also to have a time in the afternoon on one of those Sundays when the public is invited to come and shop.

And don't forget that our most painless way to raise funds is through the sale of **BiLo cards** on 2nd Sundays at trading post (we get 4%) and the additional 1% we get when you swipe your bonus card at BiLo IF you have obtained a **UPC code sheet** from Dorris Sias (they are also on the hall table) and swiped it for the new year that starts in August.

John Kenelly, Ways and Means Chair
Holley Ulbrich, Able Assistant to John



Julie Craig, our UUFC Administrator-extraordinaire at her UUFC desk in Founders House.

(Photo taken by Martha Alexander.)

The DRE's Corner:

The Summer Religious Education classes will end with a celebration on August 30. The fall classes will start on September 13 following the Intergenerational Water Ceremony on September 6. We will be studying World Religions this year. The Early Learners will use the Picture Book of World Religions curriculum. The Advanced Learners will use the World of New Friends curriculum. We're starting a new class for middle school students this year. They will be using the God Images curriculum. The Teens will use the Neighboring Faiths curriculum. This should be an exciting year and, of course, we are looking for teachers. If you could teach 3 Sundays in a row, please let me know.

Meg MacArthur, DRE

August Notes from the editor

Many of us have been away for part of this summer, with travels and vacations to beaches, mountains, lakes, forests, and rivers, in big cities, quaint villages modern or old, in foreign lands or within our own fascinating country.....including day trips to lovely places in or near upstate South Carolina.

It's always interesting to compare and share "summer notes" at the annual Welcome Back party (*this time at the Burke-Godwin house, on August 30th*) and/or at The Water Ceremony (*the first Sunday in September*).

You may notice a missing column or some updating that needs to be done with our list of monthly meetings. Please inform me if you see mistakes in date listings (page 8), or we need to add in more Groups and Meetings. There may have been changes over the summer, or maybe for several months now, your meeting has not been listed correctly! I'm sorry. Let me know and I'll fix that for next time!

This is OUR newsletter, for all of us members and friends of UUFC. I've been hoping more of us would submit either a photo of interest, (*see one this month....of our Administrator Julie Craig!*), a "letter to the Fellowship" or even some UU jokes! A few mini-book reviews, especially after a summer, might be an interesting feature. Even a cartoon of interest to UUs would be a rare, special feature.

You can help make this a more *spiffy* newsletter, along with the important, accurate and thorough listings of activities, meetings and Outreach information.

The deadline for submissions is *still* the 20th of each month, for the following month's newsletter. However, I often stretch that out quite a bit, when I know that a key monthly columnist or submitter needs an extension. I hold a place for your submission or column as long as possible. But then, of course, the Editor (*and our Webmaster Steve Bynum*) might need an extension, also! :-)

Hope you're still having a great summer! I am!

Heidi Campbell

August:.....Anticipating autumn and agog with appreciation! Aaahh ... Air, Amore, amusements....and altruistic aspirations, also!

By Heidi Campbell, of The Alliteration Association. :-)

Next Month: **September Contest:** Send soothing sentence or snazzy, splendorous song. Show sublime style or sound silly, schmaltzy. Summer slows....September song soon. (By H.C.)



Welcome Back Party!

August 30, 5:00 p.m.

At the home of Jeff Godwin and Cindy Burke (formerly at the Renzis'). Our fellowship family thins out during the summer while people vacation and travel. Here's a chance to meet and greet and find out what folks have been doing this summer. Bring a covered dish, salad, bread, appetizer or dessert to share and your beverage of choice. Coffee will be provided. Sign-up sheet will be in the lobby, but feel free to show up even if you don't sign up!

Submitted by Cindy Burke

CIRCLE DINNERS

The deadline for signing up for the 2009-2010 Circle Dinners is Sunday, August 23rd.

Circle dinners are a wonderful way to get to know members and friends of our Fellowship in a little more intimate atmosphere. We encourage your participation.

Dinners begin in SEPTEMBER and continue for a total of 5 months, skipping NOVEMBER and DECEMBER. The host contacts other participants and provides the entrée and a vegetable. Others bring the food as designated on the rotation chart: salad/bread, appetizer, or dessert.

If you are unable to participate on a regular basis for the ENTIRE 5 months, you may want to be on the substitute list.

Look for the sign-up poster in the Fellowship atrium.

Questions? Contact Jackie Renzi at 888-2276 or jcrenzi@aol.com

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 Thursday, 6:00 pm,
Library

Membership Committee, 4th Wednesday, 5:30pm

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

Board Meeting, 2nd Thursdays, June 11 & July 9
(*Usually meets second Wednesdays) , 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 Coffeeshouse

2nd Friday of each month, 6:30 pm, Social Room

Novel Circle, (*See page 9) 1st Wednesday,
7:30 pm Founders House

NEW: Literary League, For people who love words. 3rd Tuesday (call Bonnie Worthen for details. 646-3319) Bring an appetite to become real wordsmiths!) Founders House

Fourth Sunday Food for Thought: Pot luck lunch & discussion on UUA-relevant topic.

Course in Miracles - Saturday, 10 am - Library

Choir Practice, Every other Sunday, 10 am -
Front classroom in Main building

NOVEL CIRCLE meets in Founders House the first Wednesday of every month. They enjoyed a summer cook-out get-together in July, and now are back to the usual schedule, but of course with a new, varied and interesting line-up of novels.

August 5, 2009. **Dissolution** by C. J. Sansom. A compelling first novel and a riveting portrayal of Tudor England. The year is 1537, and the country is divided between those faithful to the Catholic Church and those loyal to the king and the newly established Church of England. When a royal commissioner is brutally murdered in a monastery on the south coast of England, Thomas Cromwell summons fellow reformer Matthew Shardlake to lead the inquiry. Shardlake and his young protégé uncover evidence of sexual misconduct, embezzlement, and treason, and must move quickly to prevent the killer from striking again. 400 pages, Penguin, 2004.

September 2, 2009. **Speed of Dark** by Elizabeth Moon. Corporate life in early 21st-century America is even more ruthless than it was at the turn of the millennium. Lou Arrendale, well compensated for his remarkable pattern-recognition skills, enjoys his job and expects never to lose it. But he has a new boss, a man who thinks Lou and the others in his building are a liability. Lou and his coworkers are autistic. And the new boss is going to fire Lou and all his coworkers--unless they agree to undergo an experimental new procedure to "cure" them. In *The Speed of Dark*, Elizabeth Moon has created a powerful, complex, and believable portrayal of a man who varies radically from what is defined as "normal." The author insightfully explores the nature of "normality," identity, choice, responsibility, free will, illness and health, and good and evil. *The Speed of Dark* is a powerful, moving, illuminating novel. Clemson University selected this novel as its 2009 Freshman Book. 369 pages, Del Ray Books, 2005.

October 7, 2009. **Magic Time** by Doug Marlette. Mississippi native Carter Ransom came to New York as a young man and has risen to become a columnist with a major city newspaper. But when his life in New York falls apart and he heads back home to recover, the still-live conflicts of his youth in the civil rights era rise up all around him again. A 1964 murder case has just been reopened, a church bombing that killed Carter's first love. Carter's father was the judge in the case, and now there's evidence that the trial was flawed, even fixed, and the case's reopening threatens the foundation of Carter's identity, as well as his relationship to his family. *Magic Time* is at once a powerful love story, a courtroom drama, and a complex portrait of the civil rights revolution. 592 pages, Picador, 2007. (Submitted by Gail Brownlee)

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UUFC Magick

The acronym for our Teen program stands for “modern adults growing in creativity and knowledge.” That is the goal of Teen religious education and this year the group will have a chance to broaden their horizons by visiting several other places of worship. The UUFC MAGICK will also participate in service projects throughout the year. We’ll get a jump on things by preparing and serving a church dinner for our neighbor congregation, United Church of Christ, on Sunday afternoon, August 23.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the teens were very successful at fundraising last year! The MAGICK will host several events this year to raise money for UU youth conferences, teen activities and helping others who are less fortunate. Caitlin Bellinger will take on the role of teacher for the MAGICK along with Cindy Burke, with Jeff Godwin as backup. We’re excited about the year ahead!



Submitted by Cindy Burke

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We welcome new ideas, opinion letters, poetry, verse, inspirational quotations....even UU-appropriate cartoons or jokes.

(And this month, see the "August Notes from the Editor" about your own participation in our newsletter, on Page 7.)

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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.