



# UUFC WORLD

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Morning Reflection - 10 am - Social Time - 10:30 am - Service - 11:00 am

## **NOVEMBER SERVICES**

[ November 7 ]

**Reflection:** Buddhist Meditation – Jeanne Malmgren

**Service:** “Reverence for Mind”

How much do Unitarian Universalists love our minds? Are we in some awe of our minds or do we sometimes worship the mind? Let us explore together these questions of reverence for mind this morning.

[ November 14 ]

**Reflection:** Saints Above – Kathryn Smith

**Service:** “Joining in the Fun: New Members Sunday”

This morning we are scheduled to have our first official welcome of new members this year. Please join us as we consider the benefits and joy of membership at a liberal religious community.

[ November 21 ]

**Reflection:** Human Vision – Jay Jacobs

**Service:** “Liberal Religion & Being Seated at the Welcome Table”

This is the time of Thanksgiving when we welcome family far and near to our welcome table. What other lessons might “The Welcome Table” have for us as a Welcoming Congregation of 2010 at Thanksgiving?

[ November 28 ]

**Reflection:** Thanksgiving – TBA

**Service:** “Thanksgiving Traditions”

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“Fallen leaves lying on the grass in the November sun bring more happiness than the daffodils” ~Cyril Connolly

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We welcome new ideas, opinions, poems, inspiring quotations, photos, artwork, and of course UU-related news!

Big changes coming in 2011: New Co-Editors: Mary Orem & Andi Nelson. Details will follow in the December 2010 newsletter!

# Minister's Musings Among the Mountains

by Reverend Alex Holt

There's been a lot of conversation lately about (of all things) communication here at the Fellowship and really around the world. The internet has given us unparalleled ways to communicate with strangers on Facebook or other social networking sites. We have access to information and dialogue on almost any possible topic. That's the upside.

There are many downsides, too. One is that there's so much information 'out there' on the Web that no one can keep track of even a small amount of it (though no doubt many countries would love to do so on behalf of their citizens). Another is the anonymity of anyone who wants to engage in spirited monologue, impassioned dialogue with any and all comers, or who has a particular theory to share. You can literally create any identity you like and then become an expert overnight and have followers who agree with you. Then countless small factions arise believing in their versions of reality and no others.

Such information and communication can be destructive to any community and to democracy. Communicating from an invisible web presence or through gossip or rumors is nearly as destructive.

Why do I mention this in my column?

I believe that one essential gift of a living, breathing, person-to-person community is that we face each other without anonymity being in the way. We can have good conversations of differing opinions and remain civil because we will see each other again on another Sunday or we'll need each other's support on other tasks.

Here's an example. We will soon make a decision at the Board level whether to move both the Morning Reflection and the regular service back a half hour while keeping a light social hour in between the services. The main social hour will occur after the main service so that people can greet veterans and newcomers alike, enjoy some refreshment and snacks, and catch up on all the news. This proposal has gone through the Sunday Services Committee with input from hospitality and RE and Membership Committees. The Council on Committees has discussed it and soon the Board will decide whether to bring it to you, the congregation, for a vote at the congregational meeting in December.

At all levels, these discussions will be transparent and open to dialogue. Some may feel they won't get their way in the end, but they will be heard; and it is likely that any change in timing would be for a specific amount of time, like a year. If it doesn't work then we'll try something else.

The most important thing is that communication will be right out in front for everyone to share equally. That's a gift of our ways of getting things done at UUFC.

Speak out, join up, and share your passion with all of us.

*Alex*

## Editor's Notes:

1. Heidi Campbell is taking this month off as editor of *UUFC World* to visit out of state colleges with her daughter but will return next month to publish the December issue. Therefore, if there are errors or omissions in this issue it's not Heidi's fault; but please feel free to let her know ([heidisong@nctv.com](mailto:heidisong@nctv.com)) so corrections can be made where possible. Deadline to submit items for December's issue is November 20th.
2. The President's column, usually a monthly feature, will also be back next month.

## Unitarian Universalists on Facebook

Facebook is a social networking website that connects people with friends and others who work, study and live around them. The Unitarian Universalist Association Facebook page has over 20,000 fans. A growing number of Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) staff groups also have Facebook pages. Follow your favorites and stay up-to-date with advocacy work at the national level.

### **Staff Groups:**

Advocacy & Witness  
International Resources Office  
Large Congregations  
Youth Ministry

### **Programs & Initiatives:**

Standing on the Side of Love  
Mosaic Project

### **Committees:**

Commission on Social  
Witness

Several district offices also maintain Facebook pages, including the Thomas Jefferson District.

The **U**nitarian **U**niversalist **F**ellowship of **C**lemson has 80 fans. Follow the latest news, share photos from UUFC life, and connect to other UUFC members. Participate by writing on the wall, uploading photos, and answering questions on the discussion board. One item currently on the discussion board is what to possibly paint on the wall directly outside of the front door to the fellowship. What might go on it that says welcome and more?

Imagine walking toward the front door of the fellowship the first time. Instead of a blank wall in front of a visitor, what do you think would be nice to say on it that says 'welcome' and maybe something that visually 'speaks' to the values of UUFC?

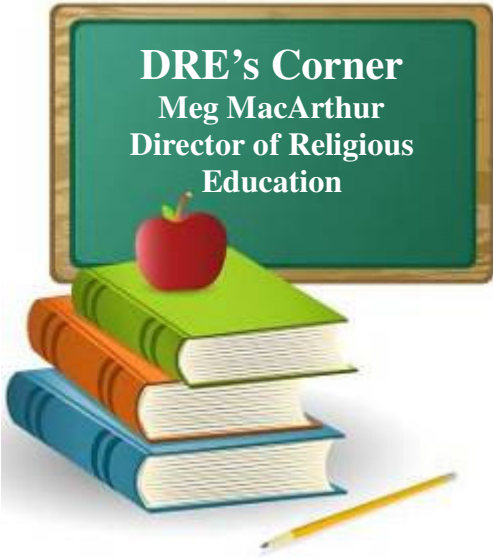


Reverend Alex will provide more details later but he has put forth this question as a contest open to groups and individuals. He won't be a judge but he'll find people who are totally fair. What's the prize, you may ask? He will cook an Asian meal for any individual or group that wins. So, get your creativity on and post some suggestions. Some have already been posted but there is room for plenty more of you to make comments and suggestions.

Even though we already have a website, Facebook has been successfully promoting the widespread sharing of content. You can significantly benefit from becoming a fan of the UUFC page on Facebook.

Become a fan today!

A decorative box with a Celtic knot border. Inside the box, there is text and an icon of a laptop and a pen. The text reads: "UUFC membership allows you to enjoy the camaraderie of liberal religious thinkers and friends. There are many other benefits as well and we are counting on your participation in educational, civic, and social activities this year." Below this, it says: "To pledge your financial support for the programs and services this fellowship offers, please respond to the pledge letter that was distributed in October." The icon shows a blue laptop and a blue pen on a green circular background.



## Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for Teens

In early 2011 the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson will offer a cycle of Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education for teens in grades 10 through 12. Even those who participated in OWL for seventh to ninth graders would find new benefits in this more advanced cycle.

Middle to late teens are typically much further along in physical development compared to early teens and are anticipating moving out on their own, increasing the urgency of their forming personal codes of sexual conduct and learning to set boundaries. They're likely to be more intensely involved in forming romantic and sexual relationships and more capable of initiating pregnancy. Older teens are also able to intellectually process more abstract and complex issues. The experts who developed the OWL curricula recognized these differences and have produced materials

accordingly, including covering new topic areas not appropriate for younger children.

Carl and Martha Thompson, who recently completed the training and are certified to teach middle and high school level OWL classes, will facilitate this cycle. We anticipate holding one or two parent orientation sessions in November, followed by fourteen once-a-week student OWL sessions beginning in early January.

If you are a teen in grades 10-12, or if you know a UUFC teen in these grades, please get in touch with Meg MacArthur, DRE, to learn more or to sign up.



### Holiday Schedule for Religious Education

The holiday season is fast approaching. The Religious Education schedule will be a little different on some Sundays because families travel over the holidays. On November 28, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, there will be no Together Time in the service. All children who are here will meet for a One-Room-School-House class to talk about Thanksgiving. There will be no Religious Education classes on December 26<sup>th</sup> or January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Children are welcome to attend the regular service on those dates. The regular schedule will recommence on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

We will hold a Tree-Trimming Party in early December to decorate the Fellowship's Christmas tree. All are welcome to participate. More details will be available later.



### Summary of October 13 Board Minutes

*Submitted by: Carolyn Turner, Secretary*

The proposed change of service times was presented. The Board will vote in November. The congregation will have input. Any change would not take effect until January 2011.

The budget was presented and will be sent out to members. Several policies are needed to be located and/or written.

Next Congregational meeting: Sunday, December 5.

Next Board meeting: Wednesday, December 8.

# Spotlight on Membership

## Meet Sherri Murphy-Jacobs and Jay Jacobs

*Submitted by: Linda Law, Membership Chair*

You've seen them, and you may have heard them. Even as very new members of the fellowship they've shared their energy and their ideas. Both have done Morning Reflections. Sherri has performed a vocal solo. Jay has shared some computer expertise. They participated in the UU and You event on October 17, and that's just since they joined UUFC a couple of months ago. What's the back story of this dynamic couple?

Sherri grew up in the Orlando, FL area. Jay lived in northern VA and for a while in Germany. They met online in 1992, but not through a dating service. Intrigued?

Here's how the synergy began: Jay had graduated from Clemson in 1991 with a B.S. in Graphic Communications, and was working for a company in Florida called Hallmark Nameplate, Inc. (no relation to Hallmark Cards). Sherry was working at the University of Central Florida. They both were also working as "remote hosts" for AOL. (Ask them what that means.)

By 1993, their online communication had grown to the point that they decided to meet in person. But here's the amazing part: neither one knew the other one's real name or even their respective sexes! They met in May of 1993 and married at the end of that year. First they held a simple courthouse ceremony. Afterwards, they held a Wiccan wedding ceremony. They still have an active interest in Paganism.

Both Sherri and Jay have very practical academic backgrounds. Sherri earned a B.A. from Rollins College in organizational behavior and used her knowledge and skills in several management positions. Jay was a process manager, among other duties at Hallmark Nameplate. This couple knows how to do a lot of things!



When the time seemed right to make a professional move, Jay decided to return to Clemson to earn his M.S. in Graphic Communications, which he got last May. Now he's an adjunct lecturer teaching three courses, advising lots of students, and conducting research projects. Next he'll begin a Ph.D. program in human factors psychology.

For now, Sherri is contemplating what type of work to pursue. They're exploring options for meeting people with common interests: writing (fantasy and science fiction), Paganism, music, LGBT causes, classic movies, role playing games, cooking, and more.

Who else is part of the Jacobs family? Ask them about Ophelia, Petruchio, Benedick, Beatrice, and Calaban.

Sherri and Jay say they really enjoy the UUFC Sunday services and our community. Bringing fresh eyes, their arrival is perfectly timed for our stage of transition. They have ideas we need to hear, energy we need to use, and talents we will discover.

**Welcome, Sherri and Jay!**

## News of Eve Stevens - Studying the Ministry at Union Theological Seminary!

*Submitted by Ralph Stutzman*

It is no small thing to have one of our own young persons grow through our religious education program at the Fellowship and decide to study for the U.U. ministry. Eve Stevens is a special person studying at a very special school, Union Theological Seminary in Manhattan. She has all the skills that make for an outstanding minister.

During World War II, those of us on the home front mailed care packages to our soldiers on the war front. The thought occurred to me that in order to let Eve know that we continue to care for her in whatever she is going through at this very demanding school, a school known as one of the best in the world, we might send her a care package from time to time.

The Fellowship Board sent her our first care package this week. So, from time to time I will request various groups in the Fellowship to gather stuff for a care package for Eve. You gather it and I will mail it. What kind of stuff? Anything you can think of that might be appropriate for a young woman burning the midnight oil. Some of the "stuff" in the Board's care package was: home made cookies, some pens with four different colors of ink, a box of instant Mocha coffee, a box of trail like crackers, several yellow book markers (for underlining book passages), several humorous greeting cards with personal messages, a photo of Eve with some other parishioners that will remind her of home. This may give you some ideas, but please, when asked to contribute, use your own imagination.



### WHAT IS THE INSTITUTE OF NOETIC SCIENCE (ION'S) GROUP THAT MEETS THE THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH IN FOUNDERS' HOUSE?

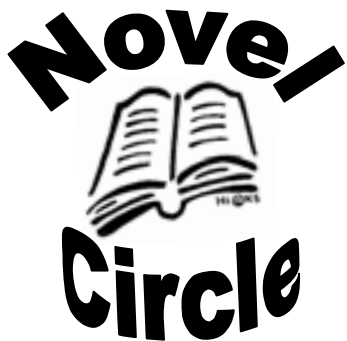
*Submitted by Anna Forbis*

While returning to Earth, Apollo 14 Astronaut Edgar Mitchell had an experience for which nothing in his life had prepared him. As he approached this planet, our home, he was filled with an inner conviction as certain as any mathematical equation that he had ever solved. He knew that the beautiful world to which he was returning is a part of a living system — harmonious and whole — and that we all participate, as he expressed later, "in a Universe of consciousness".

Within two years (1973), Edgar Mitchell founded The Institute of Noetic Science (Noetic is Greek for inner knowing). He continues to be an active member of the organization.

The mission of IONs is to advance the science of consciousness and human experience to serve individual and collective transformation. IONS supports research, education, communication and communication worldwide through its website, publications, seminars, conferences and a retreat center in California.

Please join us on Monday, November 22, 2010 at 7:00PM in Founders' House to discuss topics at the intersection of science, psychology, perception and spirituality. Call Anna Forbis for more information at 653-3221.



The Novel Circle meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at Founders' House. Come enjoy a lively discussion with refreshments. All are welcome, whether or not you've read the book!

You may contact Gail Brownlee (gail@clemson.edu) for more information.

**November 3, 2010:** The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo by Steig Larson. Once you start this novel, there's no turning back. The first in a trilogy is a serious page-turner. Mikael Blomkvist watches his professional life rapidly crumble around him. Prospects appear bleak until an unexpected offer to resurrect his name is extended by an old-school titan of Swedish industry. The catch is that Blomkvist must first spend a year researching a mysterious disappearance that has remained unsolved for nearly four decades. With few other options, he accepts and enlists the help of a misunderstood genius with authority issues. You really don't want to mess with the girl with the dragon tattoo. Vintage Crime, 600 pages, 2009.

**December 1, 2010:** The Chinese Maze Murders by Robert Hans Gulik. Poisoned plums, a cryptic scroll picture, passionate love letters, and a hidden murderer with a penchant for torturing and killing women lead Judge Dee to the heart of the Governor's garden maze and the answers to three interwoven mysteries. The Chinese Maze Murders represents Robert van Gulik's first venture into writing suspense novels. University of Chicago Press, 336 pages, 2007.

**January 5, 2011:** The Help by Kathryn Stockett. A page-turner and a story of social awakening as seen from both sides of the American racial divide. In pitch-perfect voices, Kathryn Stockett creates three

extraordinary women whose determination to start a movement of their own forever changes a town, and the way women view one another. Seemingly as different from one another as can be, these women will nonetheless come together for a clandestine project that will put them all at risk. And why? Because they are suffocating within the lines that define their town and their times. A deeply moving novel filled with poignancy, humor, and hope, Amy Einhorn Books, 464 pages, 2009.

**February 2, 2011:** Noah's Compass by Anne Tyler. A wise, gently humorous, and compassionate novel about a schoolteacher, forced to retire at sixty-one, coming to terms with the final phase of his life. Liam Pennywell, who set out to be a philosopher and ended up teaching fifth grade, never much liked the job at that run-down private school, so early retirement doesn't bother him. But he is troubled by his inability to remember anything about the a night that left him in the hospital with an injured head. His effort to recover these stolen moments leads him on an unexpected detour. What he needs is someone who can do the remembering for him. What he gets is—well, something quite different. We all know a Liam. In fact, there may be a little of Liam in each of us. Which is why Anne Tyler's lovely novel resonates so deeply. Knopf, 288 pages, 2010.



## Library Status

Carolyn Turner has "inherited" the job of librarian after a 4-year hiatus. She would like to make some changes, particularly weeding out unwanted/out-dated books, magazines, etc.

Do you use the Library? What categories do you search for your reading? Which categories, if any, should or could be eliminated? Please let her hear your comments or suggestions on ways to make the library more useful.

Please read and follow the procedures for using the library as posted on the board.



**R**eading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. ~ Joseph Addison ~

**R**eading is a basic tool in the living of a good life. ~ Mortimer J. Adler ~



## Monthly Board & Committee Meetings Dates & Other UUFC Events

### COUNCIL OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS-2010

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| Board Representative and Chair of Council | Cindy Lee                     |
| Building                                  | Carl Ulbrich & Jim Rogers     |
| Grounds                                   | Meg Williamson                |
| Communication                             | TBA                           |
| Hospitality/Holidays                      | Sarah Harcum                  |
| Membership                                | Linda Law                     |
| Outreach                                  | Toni King                     |
| Religious Education                       | Mary Beth Kurz                |
| Stewardship                               | Bob Snelsire                  |
| Ways and Means                            | Marty Bynum & Katherine Smith |
| Worship                                   | Karel Keel                    |

### MONTHLY BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Covenant Groups:** We have 6 on-going covenant groups. Please inquire at the office if you are interested in joining one or check the covenant group section of our website.

#### UUFC Board, Committee, and other Meetings:

Board Meetings — Second Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Social Room

Outreach Committee — 1st Thursday, 6:00 pm, Library

Membership Committee — 4th Wednesday, 5:30pm Check with Linda Law for exact location.

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

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

Green Sanctuary — 1st Tuesday, 5:30 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, Social Room

Benevolence Offertory — 4th Sunday, Sanctuary

UUFC Women's Salad Supper Group — 4th Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Founders' House

Novel Circle — 1st Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Founders' House (see pg. 7 for details)

"WRITERS' GROUP meets Tuesdays, 5:00 to 6:30 PM, Library Come for sincere appreciation and total support of your work, or just to listen and support other writers. Very low risk. Great conversation. We need the young and the forever young." Dick Danforth, 882-8822. Founders' House

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

### MISCELLANEOUS WEEKLY EVENTS

Course in Miracles - Saturday, 10 am – Library

Meditation Group - Saturday, 9:30 - 11 am - Sanctuary

Choir Practice - Thursday, 5:30pm, Sanctuary  
Elaine Fredendall, Choir Director

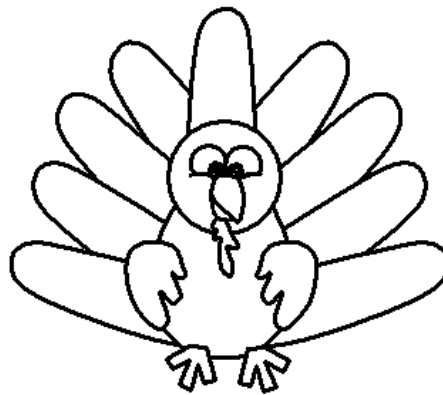
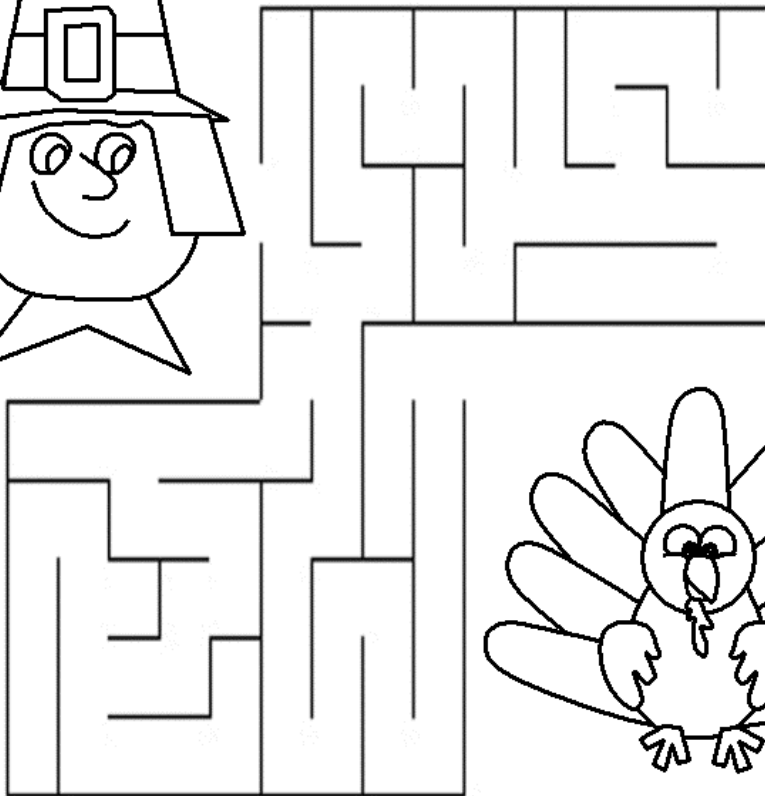
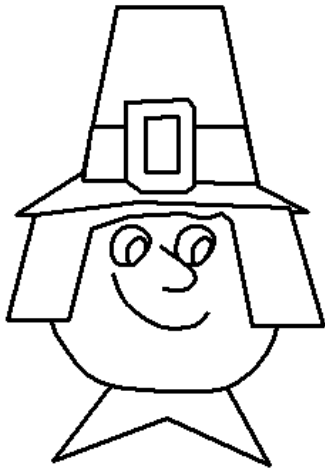
To Singers of all stripes & types.... Come check out the Choir! You don't have to sign on any contract line, dotted or otherwise! Just come sing with us, at least a time or two!



Please check upcoming Sunday Bulletins & mid-week news for updates or changes to these events.

## Thanksgiving Maze

Help the pilgrim find the turkey.



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## Thanksgiving Word Search

Hey KIDS!

How many of these Thanksgiving words can you find?

COOK  
CORN  
FALL  
FAMILY  
FEAST

INDIANS  
PIE  
PILGRIMS  
THANKS  
TURKEY

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We affirm and promote:

- 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.