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Religious Freedom — Diverse Perspectives



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From the Intern Minister . . .

Worship can be a troubling word for some of us as Unitarian Universalists—many of us don't believe in or are unsure about a supreme being and thus we are skeptical that we should fall on our knees before any said entity. But the word *worship* comes from the old English word meaning “worth-shape” so literally, worship is about *shaping things of worth*, and in the case of our congregational worship, we are talking about shaping things of worth both to us as individuals and as a community—our values, our viewpoints, our response to struggle. Thus, our corporate worship is at the heart of what we do as religious community. We come to the worship hour from many places, times, and experiences. Some of us are bursting with enthusiasm for a new endeavor, some of us struggling with difficulties. Some of us are hoping to find distraction, some of us are trying to find interpretations about life that will apply to a current situation, and some of us are simply seeking companionship. I believe that we show up for worship hoping for the most intimate parts of ourselves to be opened and touched—to be transformed so that we may be better people, live fuller lives, and be better stewards of the world we inhabit.



While we as a small congregation have the luxury of taking an informal and friendly approach to worship, we need to be mindful that a sense of reverence in our weekly services doesn't just happen. Announcements sometimes take more than 12 minutes, seriously cutting into the time allotted for the planned program itself. If you have a *UUCSV announcement* to share, please give it in writing to the designated board speaker for that day or leave it in the office in the “Board Announcements” folder. No announcement should be more than 30 seconds, and does not need to be spoken if it is in the Order of Service.

We have a warm tradition celebrated in many congregations known as Sharing our Joys and Concerns. Recently, this wording was changed to Joys and Sorrows to reflect more accurately the intention of the ritual's design-- to provide a place for someone to express their personal deep anguish or elation. Using this time as the second chance for announcements or to convey pleasant rapture or frustration with our political system, or going into great detail diminishes the gravity of this time. We have a wonderful social hour after the service where all sorts of information can be freely and liberally shared.

In other news about worship, I am working with the Program Committee to design a lay worship leaders program here at UUCSV; I hope you will read about it in my separate article on page 3, and contact me if you would like to understand more.

Thanks for reading—thank you for your encouragement and support as we continue our journey together.

—Sally Beth

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10 a.m., covering October 09

Board Notes . . .

Dear People,

As you may remember, at our Congregational meeting in May we amended our by-laws to require an annual board retreat. Then, we had a successful board retreat in the beginning of August! Thanks to the entire board and especially to our planning group, Ursula, Sally Beth and myself and our out of town facilitator Gordon Patterson for a wonderful retreat.

The board and I encourage participation in the October 24th FUNd Raiser so that we can pay our full share of our Unitarian Universalist Association and the Thomas Jefferson District dues. We need to raise \$1600 to meet this level of commitment. When we each participate we have fun making funds!

The board has temporarily responded to the request of our office manager to increase her hours. She was recently asked to add new responsibilities to her role thus the need to adjust her hours. We, the board, have asked that the Personnel Committee to make a formal recommendation and then we will address this with a more long-term decision.

In September I plan to travel to Charlotte for a Thomas Jefferson District-wide workshop.

Mary Soynova will be going to Washington, DC, for the National Equality March in October. Check out the UUA website for details of this historic and law-changing event. As a Welcoming Congregation it is fitting that we have lots of people go on this march. Pull out your tie dyes and bandanas. Make a banner and march for Marriage Equality.

One of the last things that the “old board of trustees” did was to allocate money for leaders of our congregation to attend the Southland Unitarian Universalist Leadership Experience (SUULE). A general invitation was put out to our new board of trustees. As a result three board members Mary Soynova, Ursula Goebels-Ellis along with Heidi Blozan participated in SUULE in July. It was a fantastic week that brought us more insight and understanding of the gift we have in our congregation and the continued potential we have to make a lasting impact on our community and the world at large. Each of us came home with a notebook full of information and our brains and hearts full too. We hope that we will be able to assimilate the information and apply it to our congregation over time. We at UUCSV are blessed to have at least 7 members who have at one time or another attended leadership school. I hope that UUCSV is able to send more people to SUULE in the future. Thank you old board- for giving the new board the opportunity to be enriched by the SUULE experience.

It is with humble honor that I report to you this month,

—Heidi Blozan



Drum Circle

Thanks to those of you who contacted me about your interest in Drumming-- we will meet for a first session after the worship service on Sunday, September 6th, and hopefully then come up with another time, probably in the evening. Bring your drum or other percussion instruments if you have them, some extras will be available. FML, Sally Beth
(minister@uusv.org).



Ballinger-Cogdill Wedding

To the Congregation of UUCSV:
You are cordially invited to the handfasting/marriage ceremony of Teresa Kay Ballinger and Charles Wayne Cogdill on Friday, September 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
(The couple will have a private reception in Old Fort.)



Coming Soon to a UU Congregation near You!

At its August meeting, the Program Committee approved a proposal to develop a **lay worship leader program** at UUCSV. WHAT'S THAT, you say?

In a nutshell, the Program Committee has done some heavy lifting the past few years. This group of very committed volunteers has pulled out all the stops to keep worship coming Sunday after Sunday. Having a half-time minister has lightened their task of filling the pulpit considerably in recent months, but my involvement has still left 2-3 services a month to be planned from scratch, largely with reliance on guest speakers. Many UU churches have empowered lay worship leaders to assist their minister in worship production as well create and coordinate services when s/he is not present.

Lay Worship Associates aren't ministers, they don't have to be masters at public speaking, and they aren't expected to lead extemporaneous prayers. However, they are committed to creating high-quality UU worship experiences, interested to research and learn, and willing to share themselves creatively with the larger church community.

I will be offering Worship Associates training beginning in early October (dates TBA). While anyone may attend the training, those who would like to become Worship Associates (WAs) need to complete an application and interview process with me. They should have been members of a Unitarian Universalist Congregation for at least a year, and be a member at UUCSV. I anticipate that each Associate would be involved in 2-3 services per month, although the level of this involvement will vary greatly and responsibilities will rotate.

I'm very excited about developing this team to help produce our services, but please know that having WAs in place doesn't mean that this commitment is the only route to participation. I think the distributed responsibility and intensive planning of this model will create opportunities for participation by those who would like to do so. Also, under this model, guest speakers will still be in the UUCSV pulpit 1-2 Sundays per month. I'm anticipating it will be a few months before we install the Congregation's first WAs. In the meantime, please thank Phil Fryberger, Ursula Goebels-Ellis, Robert Tynes, and Pat Middleton as well as those who have served on the Program Committee in the past for ensuring Sunday programming continues inspired and uninterrupted.

If you'd like to be part of this new approach to worship at UUCSV, or even if you just want to learn more, please give me, your IM (Intern Minister!) a call. You can find a general description of worship associates on the UUA website at <http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/leaderslibrary/interconnections/44087.shtml>.

—Sally Beth

Sunday Programming

Sunday, 6 September 2009, 11 a.m.

Water Communion: The Ways of Water

Sally Beth Shore

Today we celebrate Water Communion with waters from our travels, homes, favorite springs, or whatever sources you wish to share. You are invited to bring a small amount in an appropriate container, to be mingled in a common vessel during the service and later pasteurized for use in rites of passage in the year to come.

The better part of our own weight is water. It is thought that life began in water, and some even believe we evolved from water-dwelling creatures. Our service will be an exploration of the ways of water—and how we might be mindful of the ways in which our lives are intertwined both physically and figuratively with water.

Candlelighting for Joys and Sorrows will not be observed today.

Sunday, 13 September 2009, 11 a.m.

The Paradox of Humanity

Tim Perry

We want so desperately (and indeed, the world's religions instruct us) to see ourselves as not only intelligent, but also wise, good, spiritual, and even eternal beings. Yet we have only to watch the evening news to be confronted with the fact that we are in many ways just hairless apes, still acting on our most primal instincts. Are we truly ready to be civilized, or is that only a distant, perhaps even impossible dream? Where do we go from here?

Tim is a former Fundamentalist Christian, Free Will Baptist preacher, Charismatic Episcopal Priest, and half a dozen other really holy sounding things. He's currently an agnostic, religiously speaking, and soon to become homeless and unemployed in order to hike across the state. God (Goddess, the Force, whatever) only knows what he may do after that.

Sunday, 20 September 2009, 11 a.m.

Rosh Hashanah: Forgiving and Getting

Sally Beth Shore

Rosh Hashanah, the "Jewish New Year," actually falls in the 7th month of the Jewish calendar, which seems weird until you remember that our Gregorian calendar year number changes in January, yet we have new school years, church years, and fiscal years starting at other times. Today's service during Rosh Hasha-



nah and the days leading to Yom Kippur, the day of atonement, will discuss the relationship of these Jewish observances to the practice of forgiveness, as well as how we stand to gain in releasing ourselves and others from blame.

Sunday, 27 September 2009, 11 a.m.

Terror, Torture, and Human Rights: Now How Do we Save the World?

Dr. Mark Gibney

We now know for certain that the US government sanctioned torture and other forms of human malevolence in attempting to extract information from terror suspects held in secret prisons after 9/11. What do we do now, and is there any hope for our country's leadership on human rights?

Mark Gibney is Belk Distinguished Professor and Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina, Asheville. He has authored and edited several books on international affairs and human rights, including *Problems of Protection: The UNHCR and Refugees at the Beginning of the 21st Century*; *Five Uneasy Pieces: American Ethics in a Globalized World*; *The Age of Apology: Facing Up to the Past* (2007), and *International Human Rights Law: Returning to Universal Principles* (2008).

Sunday, 4 October 2009, 11 a.m.

The Brain, Creativity, Happiness: A Recap of UUCSV TED Evenings

Sally Beth Shore

"We believe passionately in the power of ideas to change attitudes, lives, and ultimately, the world." This from the website of the Technology, Entertainment, and Design conference, which brings together speakers from all over the world to share their ideas and research in short talk formats.

Do ideas really change the world? If so, there's a lot to think about. In August, seven "TEDtalks," were screened over 3 evenings at UUCSV, focusing on ideas about the Brain, Creativity, and Happiness. Today we share some of the propositions of the speakers and the responses we had as Unitarian Universalists.

Youth from the Elementary and Middle School RE programs begin the service in the Sanctuary before going to their classes.

Religious Education Corner



Summer Activities

Our summer programs have been varied, and we have had a great variety of fun activities all summer long. One of our most popular mornings was creating creatures/spaceships from recycled materials. We spent some time talking about recycling, pollution, and environmental stewardship, and then built our creatures. The first morning of this program each participant built their own, and then the second morning we created a group sculpture which continually evolved from a building, to a flying creature, to an alien spaceship (see the spaceship, manned by E. T., on the left in the photo). We have two more Sundays of summer programs, then classes begin September 13th.

August 30—Rope Swing at Fern and Monroe's house

September 6—Balloons with Carolyn Shorkey

Coming of Age

Our blueberry market and cookout on August 2 raised \$237.00 for the Coming of Age class! Thanks to everyone who helped by picking blueberries, packaging blueberries and other produce, donating food and veggies, and selling things after church. I hope I'm including everyone here, but my apologies if I've left anyone out:

Geoff and Sue Stone; Shaw family, Sally Beth Shore; Heidi Blozan; Evelyn Carter; Everly family; Kimmel family; Hannah Box; Phil Fryberger; David Reid; Jane Carroll, and all the children and youth who made this such a great multi-generational happening!

The rain barrel we are raffling is set up in the lobby for you to view. We'll extend the sale of tickets, only \$1 each, to mid-September. Additional fundraisers scheduled through the fall include the following. Mark your calendars!

August 30: sandwiches/dessert after church

August 1 - September 15: rain barrel raffle

October 4: sandwiches/dessert after church

November 1: sandwiches/dessert after church

November 14: talent show and coffee house (youth plan)

December 6: sandwiches/dessert after church

Classes Begin September 13

All regular RE classes begin Sunday September 13th. If you haven't already turned in your registration forms to me, please do so no later than this date. All packets were e-mailed to families in mid-August. Our

class line-up:

UU Alphabet: preschool (ages 2 - 4)

Theme and Description

The curriculum for preschool offers an introduction to UUism through stories. It develops an awareness in children of their UU congregation as a good place to be. Lessons are arranged by the first letter, A to Z, of each topic, which usually deals with a famous UU individual. Each lesson can stand alone.

Goals for Participants

To learn that church is a safe, supportive place;
To begin to learn about the UU Principles, in the form of Affirmations;
To begin to develop a UU identity through an introduction to UU history and heritage.

Picture Book UU: Grades K-3

This program is brand new, published in April 2009. It teaches UU identity through

stories, similar to the program for the preschool, but with age-appropriate books, discussions, and activities. If you would like to donate a book to this curriculum, see me.

Traditions With a Wink: Grades 4-7

Theme and Description

Kate Tweedie Erslev's Traditions with a Wink! offers a comprehensive UU identity

course, with lessons using diverse sources such as the Internet, the UU hymnbook Singing the Living Tradition, the Bible, UU history, and UU rituals including the Flower Communion.

Goals for Participants

To develop a UU identity which goes beyond "we can believe anything we want;"
To learn about Unitarian and Universalist history, including Jewish and Christian roots, our Principles and Sources, includ-

ing the use of science and reason;
To learn about a diversity of UU communities by Internet and/or "real life" visits;
To use UU rituals and hymns to delve more deeply into Unitarian Universalism;
To learn about our traditions of good works

Deepening Ties Within Your Congregation : Grades 8 - 12

This Coming of Age curriculum will allow youth to explore their own belief system at this point in their lives, assisted by parents and a mentor. The year will culminate with a Celebration Sunday where belief statements will be shared. In June, the youth will participate in a trip to Boston to learn more about this great city and the immense wealth of Unitarian Universalist history present there.

Important Dates to Remember

August 1 - September 15 Rain Barrel Raffle
September 13 RE classes begin

—Sybil Argintar, RE Coordinator

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Manned by E. T., the children and youth created this flying machine from recycled materials as part of the summer programming. From left to right, Emily Eliot-Gaines, Aspen McKinney, and Aaron Eliot-Gaines.

Green Sanctuary



UUCSV GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE 2007 – 2009

The application from UUCSV for accreditation as a Green Sanctuary by the UUA Ministry for Earth has been sent to UUMFE and currently is being considered. Below are summaries of the Green Sanctuary Committee's sub-committee reports and the names of the facilitators of the committees. We hope to hear the results of UUMFE's review by the end of September.

Goals:

1. To build awareness of societal environmental issues among UUs.
2. To generate commitment for personal lifestyle changes.
3. To motivate UUs to community action on environmental issues.
4. To build a connection between spiritual practice and environmental consciousness.
5. To build awareness of and rectify environmental injustices.

REPORTS FROM THE UUCSV GREEN SANCTUARY SUB-COMMITTEES

Integration of the Wisdom of the Earth into Worship, Jane Carroll, Tim Perry

UUCSV integrated the wisdom of the Earth into fourteen Sunday services in the four years prior to our application for *candidacy* in 2007-2008. In the time since our admission to candidacy we undertook several projects. Our activities in the area of Worship and Eco-Spirituality include (a) observing the coming of spring on May Day, (b) educating our congregation about responsible living at Earthaven, (c) providing literature in UUCSV's adult and children's library about "greening," and (d) coming together on environmental preservation and protection in North Carolina.

Religious Education, Marjorie Starrs, Sue Stone

Several ecologically focused projects were undertaken by the Children's and Adults' Religious Education program. Children's RE included study of "Experiences with the Web of Life" UU curriculum; planting bulbs and seeds on the church grounds, taking field trips, composting, and donating money to making a rain barrel. Adults were involved in a course in living simply titled "Voluntary Simplicity."

Environmental Justice, Monroe Gilmour, David Brown

The Eno River UU Fellowship Farmworker Support Action Team spoke in response to the UUA having chosen this topic as its social action issue for 2008 – 2012. We also became involved with the founders of the Pisgah View Community Peace Garden in Asheville. This enterprise provides a way for people of low-income to take control of their lives through food production and entrepreneurship. This sub-committee also held discussions with the staff of Clean Water for North Carolina and put out calls for volunteers for their projects. Through the Social Action Committee, donations of money were given to the Pisgah View Community Garden and to Clean Water for North Carolina.

Sustainable Living, Bob Box, Jane Carroll, Aaron Elliot-Gaines, Bert Gaines, Connie Krochmal,

Sabrina Mills, Sue and Geoff Stone, Jen Stump

We undertook projects to support and encourage changes in personal lifestyle and a sense of community. We advanced activities such as: (a) selling and using reusables and by recycling recovered materials, (b) planting trees that bear edible fruit and trees that provide shade for the building, and (c) using the excess supply of apples in the Black Mountain area for congregational nourishment. Moreover, a labyrinth was dedicated on the UUCSV church grounds in 2008. The congregation brought stones and completed the labyrinth paths which were then filled with recycled wood chips. This project expanded the use of UUCSV's grounds as a space for spirituality, meditation, healing, renewal, and remembrance.

Energy, Emory Underwood

Responsible use of energy was a primary focus of our committee. Redbud trees were planted on the south side of the building to shade the wall from intense summer heat in the afternoons. These trees also allow the sun to help heat the building during the winter. One of the two heating and cooling systems was replaced after this sub-committee and members of the UUCSV Board of Trustees examined bids from local companies. The Board voted in May, 2009 to install an energy-efficient mini-split system in the building's four rooms that were without adequate heating and cooling. The system was installed in June 2009.

Communication and Information functions were managed by Connie Krochmal and Esther Miller.

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Working for Environmental Justice!

Left: Jay Ellis talks with our Sunday August 16 worship leader Gracia O'Neill, Assist Director of Clean Water For North Carolina. As part of the Environmental Justice component of our Green Sanctuary process, we will work CWFNC in the coming years.

Right: Learning from Gracia about the upcoming Southern Energy & Environment Expo in Asheville, UUs volunteers helped staff the CWFNC booth on Aug 21. Here, Laurel Randell is ready for the show to begin!

Congregational Care

The Congregational Care Committee is ready to assist our congregation in time of need by providing transportation and meals for those who are facing difficult circumstances. The Co-Monthly Coordinators for September-December will be Kay-Sea Conklin (686-7502, cell: 230-2227, kay-seaconklin@charter.net) and David Reid (cell: 713-1607; davidd-breid@charter.net). If needs extend beyond those mentioned, please discuss them with the Co-Monthly Coordinators to see if we might have the resources to help.

Grounds

The Grounds Committee welcomes new member Melanie Ross. A dedicated volunteer who loves to garden, she has pitched right in and transformed the weedy patch around the apple trees by planting beautiful flowers and mulching the bed. She deserves a special thanks for all of her hard work.

Grounds also extends a special thanks to George Scott for reinstalling our rain barrels. The rainwater will be used for our landscape plantings.

With fall within sight, Grounds also thanks all those who did our mowing this year. When you see these folks, tell them how much you appreciate their efforts. They include David Brown, Monroe Gilmour, Peter Ronman, Lauris Liljestrand, Milt Warden, Phyllis Robertson, and Bert Gaines.

—Connie Krochmal, Grounds sub-committee

Room in the Inn

UUCSV participates in Room in the Inn several times a year here in Black Mountain. This program provides food, transportation, and lodging to 12 homeless women in the community. Give these folks a helping hand on Friday, October 2nd. They'll be staying at the Black Mountain Presbyterian annex. Consider signing up to drive the van or serve as a backup overnight volunteer. We also need volunteers to provide meals (breakfast, bag lunches, and all dishes). A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer or contact me at cbk119@hotmail.com, 686-3112.

—Connie Krochmal, Social Action, Room in the Inn Coordinator

Choir News

The UUCSV Choir will meet at 12:30 on September 13th. Our midweek rehearsal will be moved this month due to a calendar conflict. We will meet on Wednesday the 16th at 7 PM. Performance will be on September 20th, with a rehearsal at 10:15 that morning. Now is a good time to join the choir! We perform fun and varied vocal music to enliven the church community, with minimal demands on your time. If we have enough singers available, the choir will sing two songs at the memorial for Jerry Sillman on Saturday September 19th at 11 AM. Please contact Linda Metzner if you are available to sing that day.

—Annelinde Metzner

Birthdays in September

September 3rd	Norm Kowal
September 4th	Dan Stupka
September 7th	Lauris Liljestrand
September 14th	Carolyn Shorkey
September 14th	Milt Warden
September 18th	Tim Perry
September 22nd	Walter Hoffman
September 24th	Cora Blozan
September 25th	Olivia Mills
September 25th	David Gilmore
September 30th	Rebecca Williams

If you would like your birthday posted in the church bulletin, please fill out the form located on the table in the foyer.

Greeters for September

Sept 6: Connie Krochmal, Heidi Blozan, Marilyn Wells, alternate-Bill Altork

Sept 13: Barb Rogers, Bill Altork, Geoff Stone

Sept 20: Mary Soyenova, Bill Altork, Jim Clayton

Sept 27: Ann Sillman, Bill Altork, Lee Reading

Friday Fling

There will be no Friday Fling in September because of travel plans and the Ballinger-Cogdill Wedding on the 18th. In October we plan to show "Dirty Dancing." For further information, call Norm Kowal (669-4668).



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Monthly Committee Meetings, etc. (CG = Covenant Group)

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First	9:45 RE Committee 12:00 Program Committee		6:30 Congregational Care Committee	1:00 Written Word CG		
Second	9:30 Adult Forum 10:00 Membership Committee		7:00 Open Topics CG	5:30 Social Action Committee		
Third	9:30 Green Sanctuary Committee		6:00 Board of Trustees	1:00 Written Word CG		6:30 Friday Fling
Fourth	9:30 Adult Forum 12:30 SOLS		7:00 Open Topics CG			



Remembering Knoxville One Year Later

We held a Moment for Memory during the Sunday, July 26 service, a day before the one-year anniversary of the tragic shooting in the Tennessee Valley UUC. Greg McKendry and Linda Kraeger were both killed that day and the others who were wounded were remembered. The banner was brought down after a year, and our Peace Lamp was lit. A laminated photo of the ceremony was later sent to the TVUUC and Westside UUC in Knoxville.

Senior Companions

Senior Companions, seniors working with seniors in need is now available in Black Mountain and Swannanoa.

The UU Congregation of the Swannanoa Valley will serve as the contact organization. This will be overseen by Land of Sky Regional Council of Asheville, N.C.

Please talk to Daniel Morrison about the program and see how we Unitarians can get seniors signed up for this program. This is funded by the government through the Senior Corps but needs your ENERGY to assist in reaching seniors who can benefit from this project.

You can talk to Daniel, the local Senior Companion, at church or reach him by phone @ 686 0578 or by E-mail dhm45@charter.net. Soon Daniel will have a cell phone so he can be reached most anytime Monday through Friday.

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Fun-D Raising for UUCSV's Operations

The economy is taking its whack at us, and we are fighting back. An ad hoc committee has been formed to meet the challenge. The Fun-D Raising Committee will be offering activities to our congregation throughout the year. Below are the details of the first exciting offering:



The Galax Gathering

Where: UUCSV Church Building

When: Saturday, October 24th (replacing earlier date of Oct. 3rd)

7p.m. - ?

Who: Adults, Children, Friends, Family

Childcare provided (free). Y'all Come!

What: Food, Drink, and Merriment.

Silent Auction and Live Auction of wonderful things.

Also Available for purchase: donated services, parties, meals, special foods, and . . .

ALL PROFITS TO GO TO UUCSV

How It Works: You provide a donation of a wonderful white elephant, professional or unprofessional service, specially made food, a party or meal at your home, or whatever you can think of. At *The Galax Gathering* we will put them up for auction or sell them outright, depending on the item.

You help in the success of "Trillium: A Festival of Follies and Flings." Now we ask that you also support "The Galax Gathering." Please call or email Evelyn Carter, Marilyn Wells, or Jane Carroll for information or to join the committee.

To make donations, contact dr_jcarr@msn.com; 828-664-1695.

Deadline for donations: September 30, 2009.