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# The Unigram

May 24, 2005

## May 29

### The 'Other' Church Rev. Rod Brown

Everyone needs some time in the sacred space of nature's cathedral--some time in the "other" church.

Some of you may remember that Rod and his wife, Karen, were married in our church by Rev. Christine Robinson almost 18 years ago. Rod has served UU churches for fourteen years. He is currently serving the Clayton Memorial UU Church in Newberry, and teaching learning-disabled students at Eau Claire High School. Rod will be sharing some of his music during the service.

Forum: "Consciousness – Mineral, vegetable, animal, machine?"

## June 5

### The Noble Eightfold Path: A Buddhist Guide to Freedom Dr. Jessica Kross

Dr. Kross is a professor of history at the University of South Carolina and has practiced Buddhism for twenty years.

Forum: Cults -What are they? Is UU one?

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
9:30 AM Forum (Library)  
11:00 AM Worship  
6:00 PM Voyagers (Young Adults)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

### New to UU?

The next Visitors Orientation will be Sunday, May 29, after the service in Room 6 in the R.E. wing. This one-hour meeting will give you a chance to find out more about Unitarian Universalism and about our congregation in particular. Snacks will be served.

If you have any questions, please call **Larry Siegel** (xxx-xxxx) **Barbara Allen** (xxx-xxxx), **Carita Barr** (xxx-xxxx), **Beth Crawford** (xxx-xxxx), **Gertrude Edge** (xxx-xxxx), **Mary Maclachlan** (xxx-xxxx), or **Pat Mohr** (xxx-xxxx).



### September Set Supper

Marie Huntt and Jo Conner host the September Set Supper in the Social Hall on May 27 at 6 p.m. If you have any questions or food suggestions, call Marie - xxx-xxxx, Jo – xxx-xxxx, or Joyce Rodgers – xxx-xxxx.

### Science and Religion Book Group

The next meeting of the Science and Religion Book Group will be in the Library at 7 PM on Thursday, July 14, to discuss A Brief Tour of Human Consciousness, by V.S. Ramachandran. Call **Ann Johnson**, xxx-xxxx, or **Joe Long**, xxx-xxxx, for more information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DRE Relations Committee Formed

The purpose of the Director of Religious Education Relations Committee is to strengthen the quality of the professional ministry of education within the congregation by acting as a liaison between the DRE and our Congregation. Important functions include:

- Communicating to the congregation the nature, scope, and work of the DRE and informing the DRE of the expectations of the congregation.
- Soliciting input from the congregation regarding any concerns or suggestions relating to the DRE or the role for the DRE and conversely, from the DRE to the congregation.
- Moderating disagreements between the DRE and members of the congregation in an open and caring manner.
- Working with the DRE on setting annual professional priorities that are consistent with program plans developed by the RE Committee and DRE.
- Consulting with the DRE about compensation.

Members are **Regina Moody, Don Mohr,** and **Dick Moons** (Chair). Please contact them with any questions, suggestions or concerns about our Director of Religious Education.



### Bylaws Review Committee Requests Congregational Input

The Board has re-activated the Bylaws Committee for an annual review and to develop recommendations for potential changes as provided in Article X, Paragraph F. **Sharyn Walters, Sej Harman,** and **Eric Oake** are coordinating this effort and are soliciting input from anyone and everyone who has suggestions.

Please take a few minutes to reflect on the realities of our unique Fellowship--how we operate and what we may need to consider in our bylaws that will reflect our functioning and projected needs as well as the "complexion" of our current, evolving congregation.

Colorful graphics containing sections of the current Bylaws are displayed in the Social Hall for your convenience or a copy of the current bylaws can be obtained from our website at <http://www.uu.columbia.sc.uua.org/>.

You may reach committee members via email: Sej at [Harman@gwm.sc.edu](mailto:Harman@gwm.sc.edu), Sharyn at [colashay@juno.com](mailto:colashay@juno.com), or Eric at [enoake@hotmail.com](mailto:enoake@hotmail.com).

### Do You Have a Red Dot?

Our mailing list grows weekly as we add visitors and individuals who inquire about the UUFC. However, we do not always know who may have continued interest in Fellowship news. If you have a red dot on your address label and would like to receive future copies of the Unigram, please contact our office at 799-0845 or [UUFC@bigfoot.com](mailto:UUFC@bigfoot.com)

### Home Sweet Fellowship

One of the ways we can show our love and respect of each other and our shared UU beliefs is by being mindful of our surroundings.

To keep our UU home safe, please remember to lock all doors when you are the last to leave the building. This includes the door frame latches on all double doors as well as the dead bolts.

Our building is not especially energy efficient so it is doubly important to conserve energy by turning off lights and heat or a/c when the building is not in use.

If you are the keyholder for an event and do not know how to operate the heat or a/c or where light switches are located, please see **Isabel Oake** or **John Squire**.

### Corridor of Shame- DVD to Lend

The UUFC recently received a free DVD of "Corridor of Shame: the Neglect of South Carolina's Rural Schools." If you missed the recent airing by our Social Action Committee, or ETV, you may borrow the Fellowship's copy. Call **Isabel** in the office, 799-0845.

### Youth Car Wash

The second Youth Car Wash on Sunday, May 22, was a great success. Many thanks to those who brought their vehicles to us and those who contributed time and money to this fundraiser for the Youth trip to Boston next month. As of 2:00 PM, Sunday, the proceeds had reached \$318. **BOSTON OR BUST!**

### Coming in June Infant/Child CPR Training

The UUFC, in collaboration with the Central SC Chapter of the American Red Cross, will be offering Infant and Child CPR for certification in the month of June. There are eight slots in our first class and priority for sign up will be given to our Nursery volunteers. The course is six hours in length and will be presented in two sessions. Please see **Sej Harman**, Nursery coordinator or **Jessica Porter**, CPR instructor, to sign up.



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**RE NEWS**



**Cool Plans for Summer RE**

If you thought Sunday School was Way Cool, wait 'til you hear what we have in store for the summer!

**June** – Carolina Fence™ Project. We will spend the month of June learning about native South Carolina wildlife habitats. We will plan and plant a garden with native plants, including our state flower, grass, and wildflower. Our garden will be designed to attract wildlife like birds, frogs, and butterflies.

**July** – Musical Extravaganza. Special guests will come to share their music. You will have the opportunity to listen to music from around the world and to try your hand at playing some of it. Bring your favorite instrument for our anything goes jam session.

**August** - Super Hero Sundays. Did you know that Christopher Reeve was a Unitarian Universalist? After the actor suffered a paralyzing spinal cord injury, he traveled the world raising money for research to help people like him recover. He met some extraordinary people doing extraordinary things. In August, we will talk about ways that we can have fun, but stay safe and avoid spinal cord injuries. Through a social action project, we will raise money to send to the Christopher Reeve Foundation. We will learn about how we can make our community more accessible for everyone.

**RE Classifieds**

**GARDENERS WANTED** - Love the smell of dirt under your fingernails and the sting of sunburn on your arms? You are the perfect person to fill our position. Two or three garden enthusiasts needed to help with the Carolina Fence Project during Sunday School in June. Come one week, or all four. Call Barbie Seymour xxx-xxxx or sign up at the RE table.

**WANTED: EXTRAS FROM YOUR GARDEN** - Compost, Mulch, Small Tiller or Mantis, Carolina Jessamine, NATIVE Honeysuckle, Passionflower Vine, Butterfly Bush, Blueberry Bush, Lantana, Butterfly Weed (ascelpius), Yarrow Goldenrod (solidago), Dill, Parsley, Fennel, and any leftover annuals looking for a home (like marigolds, zinnias, or petunias). Please contact Barbie Seymour xxx-xxxx about where and when these items are needed.

**MUSICIANS** - Any and all kinds. Come share your talents with our Sunday School students in July. Perform, instruct, or join the jam session. Call Hope Andonovska 799-0845.

**NURSES AND ADVOCATES** - Do you work with people who have suffered spinal cord injuries? We need your expertise for our Super Hero Sundays. Share your stories, give us your advice, help us make the world a better place for everyone. Contact Hope at 799-0845.

**HANDYPERSON NEEDED** - RE Committee has three small projects that require more skills than we have. Can all be done in about two hours. We have the supplies, we just need you and your tools. Attractive compensation package (Cool Aid and cookies). Please call Barbie Seymour xxx-xxxx if you can help.