



The Unigram

April 11, 2006

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbia, SC

April 16

Flower Communion Rev. Dr. Neal R. Jones

On Easter Sunday we celebrate a uniquely Unitarian Universalist service. The Flower Communion symbolizes and reaffirms our commitment and communion with each other as part of the Beloved Community.

This is an intergenerational service. Children are invited to participate with their families. Please bring flowers to the service to share with each other.

The service will be followed by a potluck luncheon for everyone and the Justice, Equity & Compassion Easter Egg Hunt for our children.

Forum: Memetics



April 23

Saving Space/Creating Sanctuary Rev. B. Elaine Faithful

UUCF is situated smack-dab in the middle of religious and political conservatism. As such, we have a unique--no, critical--responsibility to provide space for individuals who are seeking answers to questions of faith.

Forum: Stultification of Society

Sunday Schedule

Forum: 9:30 in the Library

Choir: 9:30 (April 23)

Worship: 11:00 – 12:15 followed by a Coffee Hour in the Social Hall

Nursery: During service for infants--age 3

Children: Children attend the beginning of the service with adults and are then dismissed to Religious Education classes or activities

SPRING FLINGS HAVE BEGUN

Last Sunday the Spring Fling season kicked off with an Omelet Breakfast and a Night at the Movies. Food, Music, Fun, and Relaxation are the themes of the remaining Flings, detailed on the enclosed Spring Flings flyer. Additional Spring Flings will be announced as they are scheduled. For a full description, via email ONLY, of any event(s), please contact **Sej Harman** at harman@gwm.sc.edu.

Looks like Fun – How do I sign up?

ALL participants must register through the Spring Fling registration process. Tentative reservation may be made by email to: celestia@sc.rr.com (**Barbara & Mike Allen**). Reservation holds your place for one week, pending receipt of your check. After that we reserve the option of releasing your place to someone else.

Send a check, payable to UUCF with "Spring Fling" on the memo line, to: UU Fellowship of Columbia, 2701 Heyward St., Columbia, SC 29201. (Indicate on outside of envelope "Spring Fling"). Include (legibly) YOUR NAME, Fling Event you wish, contact phone(s) and email. Use Registration Form if available.

COMMUNITY CHALICE

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f **Mike Paget** has been elected to a leadership position with a national organization. The Council for Children with Behavior Disorders (CCBD) has elected Mike to serve on its executive board. CCBD is a division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), an international special education organization serving children, youth, and their families. It is quite an honor to have been elected from a nationwide group of candidates. Congratulations to Mike!

B Bf Share **Laurel Sutton's** trials and tribulations during her ongoing treatments for leukemia on her blog at redtoenail.org (search Laurel Sutton). You can send her comments and good wishes at this site as well.

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Jonathan Thompson son of member **Dillard Thompson** thanks the UUFC members and friends who are supporting his effort to ride his bicycle 4000 miles from New Haven, CN to Seattle, WA for Habitat for Humanity. So far he has raised \$2026 of the \$4000 needed by May 1. If you want to support this worthy cause, a check (any amount helps) can be written to "Habitat Bicycle Challenge" with Jonathan Thompson shown in the memo section and mailed to: Habitat Bicycle Challenge, 37 Union St., New Haven, Ct.06511

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Bruce Holland was released from the hospital on April 2 and will continue with outpatient treatments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for the Magic

Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of our Canvass Kick-off Party, "Find Your Magic!" There were some interesting revelations of personal aspirations and some dancers who wouldn't stop! **Joyce Rodgers, Adele Scaccia, Ann Johnson, David Roof, Mike Kelly, Glenn White, Ann Cargill, Bill and Regina Moody, Alice McMahan, John Squire, and Isabel Oake** generously shared their magical touches. (Please forgive me if I omitted anyone.) A delicious array of desserts was provided by our Dessert Angels: **Nova Witkowski, Judy and Don Pearce, Sandy Chubon, Pat and Don Mohr, Laurel Sutton, Mary Etta McCarthy,** and one who remains anonymous.

Remember the sky's the limit!
Janet Swigler



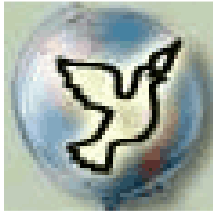
Magic is Still in the Air

Please get your pledge cards turned in as soon as practical. You can put them in the collection plate on Sunday, give it to me, Peter Kandis, in the social after the service, or mail it in (UUFC 2701 Heyward St. 29205-2523).

The drive is going well; we have \$48,000 in pledges. On average, the folks who have turned in their pledge cards have increased their pledge by over 25%!

Please do your part for our beloved community and thank you for all you do.

Peter Kandis



Earth Day 2006

"Climate change is the most severe problem we are facing today, more serious than even the threat of terrorism." David King,

UK Government Advisor....

Climate change is "a truly global threat." Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the UN....

Earth Day Network and the UU Ministry for Earth have joined hands to provide steps towards heading off disaster. EARTH DAY 2006 launches a 3-year global campaign focusing on solutions to climate change, including educating and motivating all levels of the global community. There will be an info table in the Fellowship Hall about this. Meanwhile, go to earthday.net.

A Word about Worship

The Worship Committee is fully responsible for all Sunday services when a minister's not in the pulpit, as well as arranging the scheduling overall, making sure the supplies are available, and so forth. It's a fun, functioning committee, but we need both more people and new people. The kind and level of your involvement can be consistent with your own comfort level and interests. We hold meetings to the minimum necessary to accomplish our goals. If you're interested, please see **Don Mohr, Ann Johnson, or Joe Long**.

Administrator's Notes

I will be out of town April 14-17 (Friday through Monday). There are several extra activities and a special service on Easter Sunday, please make sure all information for the order of service and announcements is submitted *no later than Thursday morning*. **Jan Fulcher** and **Jenifer Slater** will be volunteering in the office on Friday and Monday, respectively. They will know how to get in touch with me in case of emergency.

Ann Cargill will be assisting with the next issue of the *Unigram*. To insure that all material for publication gets to her, please stick strictly to our deadline of 5:00 p.m. on Sunday April 30. Also, please write out the complete text of your announcement as you wish it to be printed; not just "reminder about such-and-such Friday."



E-mail all items to uufc@bigfoot.com and iioake@hotmail.com.

An Annual Report of all UUFCA activities will be compiled this year. All Committees, Small Groups, and Activities are to be covered. The deadline for submitting reports is May 31. **Alice Leeper**, Co-Council Chair, and **Isabel Oake** will be distributing more information on this project in the near future.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Committee Corner

April 12, 6:15 - Board of Trustees
April 17, 7:00 - Long Range Planning Team
April 25, 1:00 - Unigram Folders

Women's Book Group

The UU Women's Book Club meets Tuesday, April 11, 7:00, to discuss Forest Lover by Susan Vreeland. We'll meet at 308 Hudson St, W. Columbia. Hudson St. is two blocks from New Orleans Restaurant. Call Susan Carlton at xxx-xxxx (c) or xxx-xxxx (w) for more information.

The book for our May 9th meeting is Dreams of Sleep by Josephine Humphries. We will meet at the home of Beth Crawford, xxx-xxxx. Our June selection is The Green Lantern by Jerome Charyn.



Play Readers, Encore!

Hero, heroine, or villain – there is a part for you in the UUFC Play Readers Group. If you are interested in getting together to share in reading a variety of plays, come to our meeting on Wednesday, April 20, at 7:00 in the Library. For more information, contact **Jennifer Slater**, xxx-xxxx or **Ron Edge**, xxx-xxxx.



New to UU?

The next Visitors Orientation will be Sunday, April 23 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: **Larry Siegel** (xxx-xxxx) **Barbara Allen** (xxx-xxxx), **Carita Barr** (xxx-xxxx), **Beth Crawford** (xxx-xxxx), **Gertrude Edge** (xxx-xxxx), **Joyce Rodgers** (xxx-xxxx), or **Mary Maclachlan** (xxx-xxxx) and **Tootsie Holland** (xxx-xxxx)

September Set

Please join us at 6:00 on Friday April 28, in the Social Hall, for this month's September Set Potluck Dinner! **Marie Huntt**, who has graciously agreed to be the hostess for this month, will be bringing a veggie lasagna. If you know what you'd like to bring, please contact Adele (information below). If you don't know ahead of time, please don't let that keep you from attending.

In case you've been wondering, everyone is welcome to participate in the September Set dinners. The group was formed several years ago by

folks of retirement age, which is how it came to be known as the September Set. Over the years, however, the group has broadened out and now includes folks of a variety of ages. September Set Potluck Dinners are an informal way to get to know your fellow UUs.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact **Adele Scaccia**, xxx-xxxx; scacciaa@bellsouth.net.

Coffeehouse Connection

Appearing at the UU Saturday night, April 29 will be Annie Gallup. Described by Dirty Linen Magazine as, "...the musical daughter of Joni Mitchell and Lou Reed", Annie sprinkles her poetic descriptions of life with edge, flair, and imagination. Well-known in the progressive folk world, Annie is a winner and performer in the strongest venues, including the Winnipeg, Kerrville, Falcon Ridge, Napa Valley, Ann Arbor, and Ottawa folk festivals. Opening for Annie will be Phyllis Tannerfrye.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students at the door, or save \$2 per ticket by leaving your name and the number of tickets you need at the end of this message, or by purchasing tickets at Papa Jazz.

Enjoy progressive folk music at the UU's smoke and alcohol free listening room located at the corner of Heyward and Woodrow Streets in the Shandon area of Columbia. For more information, visit our website at www.uucoffeehouse.org

Science and Religion Book Group

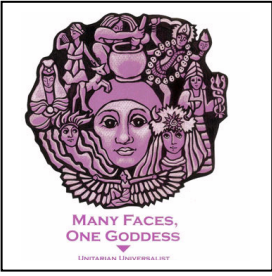


The Science and Religion Book Group will meet 7 - 9 PM on Thursday, May 11 in the library to discuss *The Mind's I*, Daniel C. Dennett and Douglas Hofstadter, eds. For more information, contact

Ann Johnson, xxx-xxxx, or **Joe Long**, xxx-xxxx.

DISTRICT AND DENOMINATION

UU Womenspirit –Spring 2006



Registration is underway for Womenspirit at the Mountain. The Institute, May 17–19, offers an intimate and intensive environment to explore life's journeys, joys and experiences. May 19 – May 21, The Gathering, a larger group,

participates in a series of workshops, including; Taking Care of the Physical Goddess; Drawing Out the Goddess Through Creativity; Goddess Feng Shui; and And One of Her Faces is Chocolate.

Register for The Institute and/or The Gathering by contacting Donna Gibson, (850) xxx-xxxx or registrar@UUWomenspirit.org.

Welcome UU All Souls Parish!

UU All Souls Parish met for the first time on March 23 at the Summerville (SC) Comfort Inn with thirty people in attendance. They will meet there again on April 20. Ron Stevens, the "interim president" invites all who are interested to visit them, in hopes of creating strong ties with other area UU congregations

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE Schedule

April 16 Intergenerational Service
(no Sunday School)
Pot Luck & Egg Hunt after the Service
April 23 Earth Day Celebration
April 30 Social Action

* Note that there will be no Sunday School on April 16, May 7, or May 14. The services on these Sundays will be for all generations. The nursery will be available for children 3 and younger. All other children will participate in the services.



Easter Pot Luck & Egg Hunt

Please join us after the service on April 16 for a potluck luncheon and egg hunt sponsored by the RE Committee. The Committee will provide ham and drinks. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Children who would like to participate in the egg hunt should bring a basket. Contact Barbie Seymour xxx-xxxx for more information or to volunteer to help.

Beltane

Volunteers are still needed to help with children's activities for Beltane on May 7. Please contact Sonya Jones.

Youth Service

Our annual Youth Service has been cancelled. We will provide RE programming for the kids on Sunday, April 23.

Weed, Seed, and Feed

If weather permits, we will prepare the Children's Garden for spring during Sunday School on April 23. Please dress your children appropriately. If you have flowers or plants to donate, please drop them off at the garden across from the library before the service.



RE Graduation Ceremony

Don't miss our annual Bridging Ceremony on May 14. Children and teens in our RE program will celebrate the end of the school year with a special service honoring their achievements and the hard work and dedication of our program volunteers. For more information, please contact Barbie Seymour xxx-xxxx.

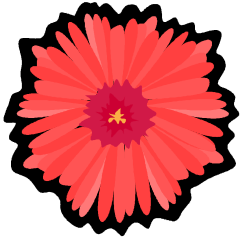
Parent Meeting

All parents of children and teens in the RE Program are encouraged to attend a meeting immediately following the Bridging Ceremony on May 14. Childcare will be provided. Lunch for participants and children will also be provided. Please plan to attend to learn more about the summer program and the 2007 program.

Spring Flings 2006 –a host of special events.

fees benefiting the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, April 21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Swing Into Spring” ... with Swing Lessons!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7-9 p.m.</p> <p>Hosts: Breedlove & Richard Durlach \$10.00 / person</p> <p>Place: UUFC Social Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, April 29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Morning Bakery: Hot Buttered Memories to Taste</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:45 – 11:45</p> <p>Hosts: Janet Swigler, Regina Moody, Marie Huntt \$15 / person</p> <p>Place: UUFC Kitchen & Social Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, May 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Celebration of Fungi</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 p.m. on</p> <p>Host: Jessica Kross / John Gallant</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$ 25 / person</p> <p>Place: 6315 Eastshore Road</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, May 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oldies Pizza Party with Michael “Doc Rock” Kelly (the Honest Irishman) and Buzzie Kelly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 – 10:00 PM</p> <p>Hosts: Michael & Buzzie Kelly \$ 20.00 per person</p> <p>306 Angus Drive, Columbia</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, May 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Waffles on the Porch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 o'clock-ish</p> <p>Hosts: Lee and Julian Minghi</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$35.00 / person</p> <p>Place: 883 Pine Forest Court, Columbia</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, May 13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Day at the Spa</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 am – 1:00 pm</p> <p>Hosts: Barbara Allen and Friends</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$ 30.00 /adult</p> <p>Place: UUFC Social Hall</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, May 14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Historic Home Tour / Vintage Waltz Lesson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3-5 p.m.</p> <p>Hosts: Breedlove with Richard Durlach \$ 6 / person – tour \$ 6 / waltz lesson only \$ 10 / tour & waltz lesson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1414 Gregg Street (between Gervais & Hampton St)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, May 20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wine and Cheese Party</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7-9 p.m.</p> <p>Hosts: Leela & Brian Duncan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$20.00 / person</p> <p>Place: 305 Shallow Brook Drive Columbia (Northeast area)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, May 27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sushi Making Class</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 – 5 p.m.</p> <p>Host: Bethany Storlazzi</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$10 / person</p> <p>Place: 1121 Cambridge Oaks Drive Columbia (Northeast area)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, June 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DINNER & A MOVIE – Kenneth Branagh’s Hamlet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 p.m.</p> <p>Hosts: Don & Pat Mohr /Ann Johnson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$20.00 per person</p> <p>Place: 4759 Shalimar Drive (Mohrs)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, June 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Let the Games Begin!”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 p.m.</p> <p>Hosts: Anthony Houser, Mike Edge, John Califf</p> <p>\$5.00-adult / \$2.00-under 14 (\$14.00 max - family)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ask about child care</p> <p>Place: UUFC Social Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, June 30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Three Fantasies in F- Minor</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Schubert, Mozart, Chopin</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seven p.m.</p> <p>Hosts: Molly McGregor Jones Thomas Robert Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$25.00 / person</p> <p>Place: 7504 Patricia Drive</p>



UUFC Spring Fling 2006 Registration Form

Complete this registration form and mail
with your check, payable to **UUFC** ,
(with "Spring Fling" on the memo line) **to**



The UUFC
SPRING FLINGS
2701 Heyward Street
Columbia, SC 29205

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

E-mail: _____

NAME OF FLING	DATE OF EVENT	NUMBER ATTENDING	COST PER GUEST	TOTAL
Total of check to be mailed on _____				\$

NOTE: You may **RESERVE** your spot for a Spring Fling(s) by contacting **Barbara Allen** via email at celestia@sc.rr.com

Put the words **Spring Fling Reservation** in the subject line and supply the above information.

For Spring Fling official use only:

Registration received: _____

Received by: _____

Date Submitted for Deposit: _____



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The Mission of our Fellowship is:

- To nurture and respect each other in our spiritual growth and pursuit of meaning,
- To create a welcoming and engaging environment through which we work for positive change in our community and the world.

Unigram Deadline

The e-mail deadline for the next Unigram is **5:00 p.m., April 23**

Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to Isabel Oake

at UUFC@bigfoot.com

with a copy to jioake@hotmail.com

Typed or neatly handwritten copy must be received in the office by 12:15 p.m. the same day.