



The Unigram

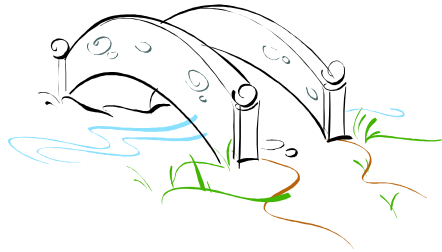
May 9, 2006

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbia, SC

May 14

Annual Bridging Ceremony Religious Education Committee

Children and teens in our Religious Education Program will celebrate the end of the school year with a special service honoring our achievements and the hard work and dedication of our program volunteers.



Forum:
Healthy
Relationships

May 21

Bus-Driving Directions Rev. Dr. Neal R. Jones

If values are the direction we take, goals are guideposts along the way. On this Sunday during our service and around lunch tables in our social hall after the service, we will discuss our values, as individuals and as a congregation, and with the report of our Long-Range Planning Team, we will begin discussing our congregational goals to realize our values.

Forum: What Is the Purpose of Living?

Sunday Schedule

Forum: 9:30 in the Library

Choir: 9:30, May 21

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

Nursery: During service for infants–age 3

Children: The service on May 14 is intergenerational. On May 21, children attend the beginning of the service with adults and are then dismissed to Religious Education classes or activities.

LOOKING AT THE LONG RANGE PLAN

During the Sunday morning service on May 21, we'll review recommendations for our Long Range Plan during a pulpit editorial. We'll hand out copies of the Executive Summary (it's currently available on the website). After the service we'll discuss the plan in the social hall, while eating a simple lunch (the emphasis will be on discussions, so we'll keep the meal simple).

We look forward to reviewing and discussing the plan together. There is a great sense of optimism in the air, and we look forward to a future of shared effort at the UUFC.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Still Creating Magic

Good news on the Canvass front. We received over \$9,000 Sunday in new pledges; we have topped the \$95,000 mark. Our average pledge is over \$1,400! We have more than \$10,000 in pledges from 14 folks

who are new to our beloved community. Thank you so much for all you do and all you give.

Oh and if you are one of those final 22 who have not sent your pledge in, please help us wrap up this year's canvass by sending in your pledge card. If you need a pledge card please let me know and I will see that you get one.

Gratefully,
Peter Kandis

Summing Up: 2005-2006

A great number of people contribute to the life of our Fellowship. Consider all the people involved in Committees, Shared Interest Groups, Fundraising and Special Events! We all have found our niche (or a few) but often are not fully aware the total scope of Fellowship life. This year, in particular, has been one of great challenge, change, and initiative for the UUFC.

We will begin documenting our yearly accomplishments, growth and progress in an



Annual Report to share with all current members and friends and those who become interested in joining us over the coming year. The report will cover the time period of June 2005 - May 2006 and will be presented to the congregation before the Annual Meeting.

- **Participation:** Every Committee and UUFC affiliated shared interest group is to be represented in the Report.
- **Content Guidelines:** Name of committee/group, a sentence or two on responsibility/purpose, major accomplishments of past year, any particular successes or challenges met, names of committee members/participants. If you can articulate a goal for next year, or the near future, please include that as well.
- **Format:** The report should be no more than 1/2 page in length. E-mail to UUFC@bigfoot.com as an MS Word attachment.
- **Deadline:** Please submit your report as soon as possible after your Committee's May meeting, with the final deadline of Wednesday, May 25.

Thank you all for everything you do for this congregation. Please feel free to contact Isabel Oake with any questions that may come up.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Committee Corner

May 10, 6:15 Board of Trustees
May 14, 12:15 Membership Committee
May 21, 9:30 Religious Education Committee
May 23, 1:00 Unigram Folders

Borenya is Back

Many of you have been waiting for drum classes to begin again. A new eight-week session began on May 4. Class begins at 6:00 and lasts one

hour. Drop in for a session; the fee is \$10 per class. The instructors are Fode Camara and Laurent Camara. If you need to borrow a drum please contact us in advance and we will bring one for you.

In addition to drum classes we are also offering private balafon lessons. Please contact us for additional



information. info@borenya.org or call **Laura Rich**
at xxx-xxxx

Spring Flings Are Underway!

We have a great line-up of Spring Flings created to provide wonderful opportunities to get to know each other AND give a boost to the funds for the Fellowship.

Registration continues. Several events are sold out, but it's not too late to sign up for these upcoming events! Make reservations by E-mail with Barbara and Mike Allen at celestia@sc.rr.com. Unpaid reservations will be held for one week. To guarantee your reservation, mail your check payable to UUFC with Spring Fling on the memo line.

- **A Day at the Spa**, Saturday, May 13, 10a.m.
Hosts: **Barbara Allen & Friends**



Come in comfortable clothes and be prepared for a fun-filled afternoon of pampering and massage to relieve tension, promote circulation, and let you drift off to relaxing thoughts. Along with a massage, enjoy a cleansing, invigorating facial that will

leave you all aglow. Make-up tips and products and a makeover will also be provided. Make this a mother/daughter day out!

Place: UUFC Social Hall Cost:
\$30 per adult

- **Historic Home Tour/Vintage Waltz Lesson**
Sunday, May 14, 3:00 p.m.

Hosts: **Breedlove and Richard Durlach**
Breedlove's authentic 110 year-old Columbia Cottage for a living history presentation featuring former owners and residents. Following the tour, you may learn the SC State Waltz, the Richardson Waltz.



Place: 1414 Gregg St.
Cost: \$6/person for tour or waltz lesson
or \$10/person for tour and waltz lesson

- **Sushi Making Class**, Host: **Bethany Storlazzi**
Saturday, May 27, 3:00p.m.



In this class we will start with a discussion of a variety of ingredients that go into sushi, followed by a hands-on rolling session. Finally we will eat what we've made! Vegetarians and well-mannered children welcomed.

Place: 1121 Cambridge Oaks Dr, Columbia
Cost: \$10 per person

Barrett Smith to Perform at UU Coffeehouse

Acoustic performer Barrett Smith will be the featured musician Saturday night, May 13th, at the UU Coffeehouse.

Originally from Columbia, Barrett currently splits his time between Asheville and Columbia, performing solo and with a variety of musicians and bands. Majoring in classical guitar and psychology at UNC-Chapel Hill, Barrett studied in Madrid with master flamenco guitarist Jose Maria Pardo. Barrett performs a unique blend of blues, bluegrass, swing, and jazz through original guitar pieces and fresh vocal spins on songs written by others.

Featuring progressive folk music performed by musicians who tour on the national singer-songwriter circuit, the UU has supported original acoustic music for the past twelve years. Doors open at 7:30 and the music begins at 8:00.

Tickets at the door are \$12 for adults and \$7 for high school and college students. Children up through 8th grade are free with a paying adult. Discounted tickets are available by making a phone reservation at 1-888-849-4224 X4 or through purchase at Papa Jazz Records.

Science and Religion 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.

Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Club of UU will meet *May 16th* at 7 p.m., instead of May 9th, at the home of **Beth Crawford**, 3234 Longleaf Road in Heathwood near Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Call Beth at xxx-xxxx for info. or directions. The book for May is South Carolina writer Josephine Humphries' Dreams of Sleep, winner of the Hemingway-Faulkner Award for Fiction. All UU women are warmly invited to attend.

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 Thursday May 18, at 7.00 in the Library. For more information, contact **Jenifer Slater**, xxx-xxxx or

Ron Edge, xxx-xxxx.

New to UU?

The next Visitors Orientation will be Sunday, May 21 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), **Mary Maclachlan** (xxx-xxxx) or **Tootsie Holland** (xxx-xxxx)

DISTRICT AND DENOMINATION



Church of the Younger Fellowship

CYF, a program of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, is a unique Unitarian Universalist spiritual community and

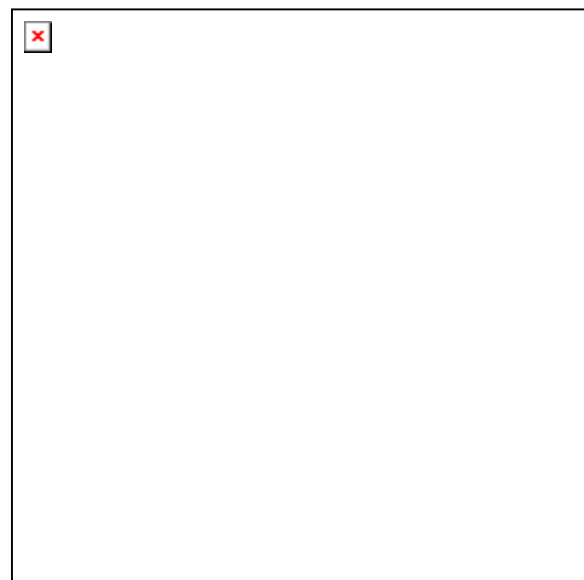
on-line worship space designed for UU young adults, ages 18-35, from all over the world.

“The mission of The Church of the Younger Fellowship is to foster, build and support an inclusive international faith community through Unitarian Universalist Principles, which strives to meet the spiritual and social needs of the larger young adult movement and to ensure accountability to and representation of its members.”

Members have unlimited access to the CYF's online worship space, interactive message boards and member chat, religious resources, local members and contacts, and the ability to participate in UUA events as a full congregational member.

Sign up to be a member or to sponsor a young member at www.uucyf.org.

UU White Allies Organization



Our vision: We the [White Allies Organization] ground ourselves in a vision of an anti-oppressive, multicultural Unitarian Universalist faith. We will be