



# The Unigram

June 6, 2006

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbia, SC

June 11

## This I Believe

Rev. Dr. Doug Reisner

As if these are my last words, this sermon will be a summation of my life as a truth-seeker.

Forum: Religion vs. Religiosity In Politics?



June 18

## The Male Price Tag

Rev. Dr. Neal R. Jones

The feminist movement has helped us to recognize the financial, social, and political advantages of being male in our largely patriarchal culture. The advantages of male "success," however, come at a price that society is reluctant to admit but with which men are all too familiar.

Forum: Measuring the Validity of Ideas

## Sunday Schedule

**Forum:** 9:30 in the Library

**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.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, June 18, all voting members of the UUFC are encouraged to stay after the service for our Annual Congregational Meeting. You will be asked to vote on candidates for the Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee (listed below) and the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2007 (see the UUFC FY 2006 Annual Report.)

### Board of Trustees

President: Alice Leeper

President elect: Peter Kandis

Secretary: Jessica Kross

Treasurer: Sej Harman

At-large 2-year terms: Mike Kelly, Karen Koprowski, Mary McGriff, and Cheryl Soehl

At-large 1-year term: Adele Scaccia, Janet Swigler, and Glenn White

### Nominating Committee:

Pat Mohr (past President), Barbie Seymour, Ann Johnson, and Larry Siegel

## COMMUNITY CHALICE

Bf Rev. Dr. Neal R. Jones spoke at a press conference sponsored by the SC Equality Coalition on the steps of the State House on June 5<sup>th</sup>. SCEC is mounting a campaign to defeat the Marriage

Amendment to our state constitution in a referendum on Nov. 7th. The text of his address is available in the Fellowship Foyer.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Seeds of Hope

It's that time of year again! Local farmer, Louis Reid will be bring his fresh produce to our Seeds of Hope stand on the Heyward Street side of the building starting Sunday, June 18. Help needed. Call Jan Fulcher at xxx-xxxx to volunteer.

### Annual School Supply Drive Begins

The beginning of the school year is months away but the Cooperative Ministry's School Supply drive is in session. Last year's donations assisted over 7,500 students in Richland & Lexington counties, as well as those who had relocated to this area after Katrina. Let's help them make it at least 8,500 students this school year. Boxes for donations will be in the Social Hall from June 18 - July 30.

### Long-Range Plan Unveiled

You can now view the LRP Executive Summary and the 82-page Comprehensive Long-Range Plan on our website. In addition, there are paper copies of the Executive Summary available in the Foyer and several copies of the Comprehensive Plan are available to borrow. To check out one of these loaner copies, please contact Isabel Oake.

### First UUFC Annual Report Available.

Over the past several weeks, reports have been gathered from every committee and UUFC affiliated shared interest group to be compiled in an Annual Report for the Congregation. Also included is a Board of Trustees Report, and reports by our Minister and Administrator. For the first time UUFC friends and members can have, at their fingertips, the significant contributions of all these diverse groups that make up our UU family. In addition, there is information voting members will want to refer to before the Congregational Meeting on June 18: Minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting; Slate of Candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee; and the Proposed Budget for 2006-2007.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

### Committee Corner

June 7, 7:00 – Worship Committee  
June 11, 9:30 – Religious Education Committee  
June 11, 12:15 – Membership Committee  
June 14, 6:15 – Board of Trustees  
June 20, 1:00 – Unigram Folders

### Don't Miss the Last Spring Fling

*Game Night* with Anthony Houser, Mike Edge, and John Califf, Friday, June 9, 7 PM.

Traditional board games, games of strategy and games of patience and dexterity! Pit your skills and wits against other gamers. Adult and children's games, snacks and beverages. Cost:

\$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 under 14 - \$14.00 maximum per family.

## Women's Book Group

The UU Women's Book Group will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13 at Marie Huntt's house, 707 South Ott Road. The June book is The Green Lantern by Jerome Charyn. Call xxx-xxxx for directions.

## What are Supper Groups?

Supper Groups are informal social gatherings of folks interested in getting to know other UUs better. All get together at the home of the host(ess), each participant bringing a dish to share for dinner.

A sign up sheet is now posted on the Social Hall bulletin board for the June 17<sup>th</sup> supper.

## Summer Solstice



The Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPs) invites all UUFC members and friends to a Summer Solstice ritual (also known as Litha or Midsummer) on Saturday, June 17 at 7:00 in the UU Social Hall. Refreshments will be served. Please join us! For more information contact Candy Johnson at shewhowonders2000@yahoo.com.

## Playreaders

The next meeting of the UU Playreaders will be June 22 at 7:00 in the Library.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It's time for SUMMER, and the RE program has lots of great things in store for families. Starting June 4, the Summer RE program will offer Sunday School activities that all the kids will enjoy. Come and join us for some very cool summer fun. On June 4, Barbie Seymour will offer "Mysteries of the Dead Sea Scrolls" to get us started. On June 11, Sonya Jones will have the kids cooking up some delicious summertime treats. Adults who have a cool idea or just would like to know UUFCs children better are encouraged to volunteer this summer. There are still a few slots open, so email Caroline Eastman ceastman@sc.rr.com or Sonya Jones at sonyajones865@aol.com if you want to get involved.

## Rhythm in the Circle of our Lives June 24th at the UUFC

From the beginning of time, sacred movement, music, song and story have brought people together at times of seasonal ceremony and celebration, as part of everyday life and life passages and in daily renewal and meditation.

Come enjoy any or all of the following:

3:00-5:00 PM PLAYSHOP:

Rhythm, singing, and sacred folk dance workshop

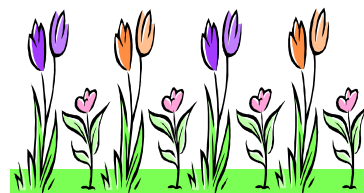
5:30 – 7:00 PM POTLUCK:

Bring a dish to share. Mark it vegetarian or non-vegetarian please.

7:00 – 9:00 PM DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE... are part of the timeless tradition of Sacred Dance. The dances are simple, meditative and joyous, using sacred phrases, music, chanting, and movements from the many traditions of the Earth to touch the spiritual essence within ourselves and others. They promote peace and integration within individuals and groups worldwide. There are no performers or audience. Come join hands and experience peace--within and without.

No prior experience is needed and everyone is welcome. No special attire is required, although comfortable, loose-fitting clothing works best. If you have a percussion instrument (drum, shaker, rattle) please bring it along.

To register or for more information contact Laura Rich at (803) xxx-xxxx. (Pre-registration appreciated for 3:00-5:00 workshop.) Cost: donations accepted



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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.

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## Unigram Deadline

The e-mail deadline for the next Unigram is **5:00 p.m., June 18, 2006.**

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

at [UUFC@bigfoot.com](mailto:UUFC@bigfoot.com)

with a copy to [iioake@hotmail.com](mailto:iioake@hotmail.com)

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