



# The Unigram

July 4, 2006

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbia, SC

July 9

## General Assembly Show-and-Tell



Rev. Dr. Neal Jones and Don and Pat Mohr were delegates to this year's General Assembly of the UUA in St. Louis. They will share what they saw, heard, and learned at the various workshops, business sessions, and worship services they attended.

July 16

## THE UU UMBRELLA

by Rev. Dr. Neal R. Jones

Unlike most religions, Unitarian Universalists don't espouse particular doctrines or dogmas. Instead, we provide tolerance, support, and encouragement for people to define their own beliefs. What's important to us is not what you believe but how you behave. If you have a friend or colleague who is interested in finding out more about Unitarian Universalism, this would be a good service to invite them to. If you're a "regular," this will be a good reminder of who we are.

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

## COMMUNITY CHALICE

### ■ Introducing Our New Director of Religious Education's

Can you believe July 1<sup>st</sup> has arrived already? The summer is nearly half over and the Religious Education program starts in only two months. With the new month, your new co-Directors of Religious Education officially begin work, and we have a lot of planning to do before September.

As we are settling into our new homes, our new roles, and our new congregation, we would like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce ourselves. So, who are we and why take the DRE position together? Your new co-DREs are Danielle Marx

Conwell and Lisa James. We became friends at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills, in Pittsburgh, PA, and found ourselves moving here to Columbia at the same time. We both homeschool, our kids are great friends, we have a strong commitment to the religious education of our children and the UU movement at large, and we were both interested in the DRE position. After months of contemplating the position, Lisa finally commented in early April that it was too bad we couldn't share the position. That started a few hectic days as we brainstormed the idea with the DRE's and MRE's we knew, talked with the church, developed a joint resume, and realized that sharing the position was exactly right for us, our families, and - we hoped - for the fellowship.

This summer provides a lot of transition for each of our families. Lisa's family is currently in the process of finding a house, and for the moment is still living in PA. She will be visiting the area and the congregation over the next few months – she was just here over the past weekend – and will begin planning for September from her current home in PA. Danielle's family moved to South Carolina the end of May, and is making their home

in Boykin (south of Camden). She is living with a house partly filled with boxes and will be in the office often in preparation for September.

### -- Partner Church News

On July 16<sup>th</sup> the UUFC will have a short visit from Bob Tripp of the UU Partner Church council along with Rev. Zsolt Solymosi who will be returning to our Partner Church in Transylvania after a year of study at Starr King College in Berkeley, California. Unfortunately Rev. Solymosi will not have much time to spend with us before he has to return to Romania. He will be doing a sermon in North Carolina that morning on his way from General Assembly. They plan to arrive in Columbia in late afternoon. If anyone would like to meet this dynamic young man and learn more about our partner church, we invite you to meet him and Bob Tripp at an informal reception at the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5 PM. Light refreshments and beverages will be served.

Please contact Joyce Rodgers (776 0601 or [jrrodgers@bellsouth.net](mailto:jrrodgers@bellsouth.net)) if you would like to attend

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OOPS!

With the holiday & your vacation, etc. you must have forgotten the donations for the Cooperative Ministry's school supply drive. But, not to worry. You have until the last Sunday of the month to put pens & pencils & crayons & paper & notebooks &..... in the collection box on the stage. (Look for the purple poster.) Anyone interested in any aspect of the School Supply Drive may contact the Cooperative Ministry at xxx-xxxx x3011 or x3015.

### Seeds of Hope



July 4th Celebrations: Need fresh fruits & vegetables for your holiday feast? Stop by our Seeds of Hope table and get fresh squash, beans, potatoes, cucumbers, and (hopefully) cantaloupes, watermelons and peaches. Oh, and did I mention tomatoes, okra,.....? Y'all come.....

## Annual Ingathering of Waters

Remember the “In-gathering of Waters” service. As you travel this summer, be sure to get a small container of water from the place(s) you visit. Then, at this service



which will be on August 27, you can pour your well-traveled water into a communal fountain and share your travels with others in the congregation. Past experience has shown that it is a good idea to freeze the water until a day before the service.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

### Committee Corner

July 5, 1:00 – Unigram Folders  
7:00 – Worship Committee

July 6, 6:00 PM - Finance Committee

July 9, 9:30 AM – RE Committee  
12:15 PM – Membership Committee

July 12, 6:15 PM - Board Meeting

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Summer RE Classes

- July 9: Mad Scientist Experiments with Paul Kinosian
- July 16: Mad Scientist Experiments with Paul Kinosian
- July 23: Topic TBA, led by Andrea Derrick
- July 30: “Old Turtle” teaches us religious tolerance – Trish Jerman and Eve Ross
- August 6: Theater with Raia Hirsch and Amanda
- August 13: Recycled crayon candles with Sonya Jones
- August 20: Art of Everyday Objects with Sonya Jones and Heather Matthusen
- August 27: “Roxaboxen” inspires us to build a better community, led by Trish Jerman



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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., July 16, 2006.**

Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to [UUFC@bigfoot.com](mailto:UUFC@bigfoot.com)

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