



The Unigram

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Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbia, SC

August 6

"Have You Heard the Latest?"

Rev. Dr. Neal R. Jones

All of us gossip (Come on, admit it, you know you do). Is gossip simply idle chatter and malicious put-downs, or might it serve other more constructive purposes? Let's put our heads together and examine what recent research has to say.



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

JOIN US AS WE "LABOR" ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 3RD IS THE OFFICIAL RE CLEANUP AND WE NEED ALL HANDS TO HELP! JOIN US IN THE RE WING AT THE START OF THE CHURCH SERVICE WHILE WE CLEAN, REPAIR, ORGANIZE AND SPRUCE UP OUR RE ROOMS. ALL ARE WELCOME — KIDS, YOUTH, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, MEMBERS WITHOUT KIDS, EVERYONE! THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM BELONGS TO THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION, AND WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO HELP US IN THIS ANNUAL EVENT. PIZZA AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR OUR LABOR DAY WEEKEND LABORERS!

Calling all Volunteers

The Religious Education program is looking for lots of volunteers. What do we need? We need teachers to work with our preschoolers, our elementary kids, and our youth. Are you interested in teaching all year? Or does three weeks sound more your speed? With our Workshop Rotation model, you can join our K-5th graders with a 3-4 week commitment! Do you have a spiritual practice you would be willing to share? Would you be interested in joining our classes while we explore Buddhism? Or leading workshops on Goddess traditions, Islam, Humanism, or Hinduism? Do you have a gift to share? What about event planning or fund raising? Room decorating and organizing? The options are endless!!! Please talk with any RE Committee member, or your new co-Director of Religious Education Danielle Marx Conwell, to discuss the right place for you in UUFC's Religious Education program!

Registration Time is Here

Look for the RE Registration form in this issue of the Unigram and at the Registration tables in the Fellowship hall before and after church throughout the month of August. Registering children and youth each year is important in helping the RE Committee ensure proper programming and teacher support for our participants. Registration forms can be returned to the registration table, given to any member of the RE Committee or co-DREs, or placed in the DRE box in the workroom. We look forward to the start of a fun and enriching year!

RE COMMITTEE MEETING

The RE Committee will meet Sunday, August 20th, from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

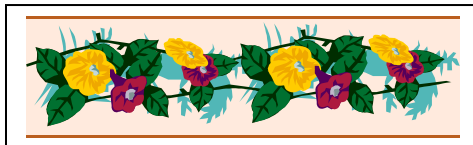
Have you ever worshiped with Piglet?

The Religious Education Committee hopes you will join us for our Ingathering and Water Communion service on August 27th as we welcome Piglet and friends to our Fellowship. Remember to bring your water!

BOOK AMNESTY TIME

YES, I WAS HOPING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION. BUT IN ALL SERIOUSNESS, IF YOU HAVE BOOKS BORROWED FROM THE RE OFFICE, COULD YOU PLEASE RETURN THEM? YOUR NEW CO-DREs DON'T KNOW WHAT WE HAVE IT IF WE HAVEN'T SEEN IT. IF YOU NEED TO CHECK IT OUT AGAIN, GIVE US A CHANCE TO SEE IT AND PLACE IT ON THE RIGHT SHELF FIRST! WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR ANY CURRICULUM BOOKS THAT MAY BE IN TEACHERS' HOMES.

THANKS,
Danielle



COMMUNITY CHALICE

- ❖ **Laural Sutton** is home from Duke University, where she has been for the last several weeks for a bone marrow transplant. No spicey foods yet, but at least she's home!
- ❖ **Sylvia Jobe**, wife of **Rusty**, died last Tuesday. Her memorial service was held Saturday in Southern Pines, NC, where the Jobes lived for 20 years. They have three daughters: Hilde, Holly, and Kate.
- ❖ **Mary McGriff** had outpatient surgery Friday and is recovering at home. Thank you, **Joyce Rodgers**, for taking her to her appointment.
- ❖ **Ann Cargill** is back home from a two-week course in paper engineering at the Penland School of Crafts, near Spruce Pines, NC. Ask her about pop-ups!
- ❖ At the last Columbia City Council meeting, **Tom Turnipseed** spoke on behalf of the South Carolina NAACP to encourage the city to continue its affirmative action in granting contracts to women and minority-owned businesses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come Join Us on August 6th

Meet the Minister of our partner church - Rev. Erica Orban who will stop by to visit with us before going on to a year of study at Starr King College in California. Also meet Diane Knights - District Networker for partner churches in Transylvania, and her husband, Ed. There will be a lunch immediately after services with donations going to our partner church in Beszterce. Sandwiches, dessert, and beverages will be served.

'Want fresh fruits & veggies at bargain-basement prices? If so, plan to do your shopping at the Seeds of Hope table in UUFC's front yard this Sunday, Aug 6th. & since some of the more popular items 'git gone' by 12:30 you might want to do your shopping immediately after the service, if not before. Also, this is the last Sunday this season that Mr. Reid will be delivering so stock up for canning & freezing while the goodies last.

Supper Group

What are Supper Groups? They are informal social gatherings of folks interested in getting to know other UU's better. They meet at the home of a host; each participant brings a dish to share for dinner. The host provides the main dish.

Who can participate? Anyone is invited to Supper Groups! Just call or sign up.

The Supper Group will be meeting on August 19 at 6:30 PM. There is a sign up sheet in the Social Hall, on the left of the information board of call Jenifer Slater xxx-xxxx.

UU Women's Book Group

The first fall meeting of the UU Women's Book Group is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8 at the home of Marie Hunt. We will be discussing *The Summer Guest* by Justin Cronin. We always look forward to new faces joining us. Call Marie Hunt at xxx-xxxx if you plan to attend or need directions. We look forward to seeing you.

Are you good with computers?

If you are good with computers or sound, we need your help. A new committee called the Technical Services Committee is being formed and needs volunteers. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Michael or Barbara Allen at theallens@bjmeallen.com or celestia@sc.rr.com

New Book Idea

UU author Nancy Cronk is seeking stories for a book to be titled "Jewish Voices in Unitarian-Universalism." For purposes of this book, our definition is, "You are Jewish if you identify as a Jew". If you identify as a Jewish U-U, I would love to hear your story! For more information about the author and the project, email me [Gin at UUFC@bigfoot.com] for Kronk's original email message and/or go to the website for the project at: <http://www.jewishvoicesinuism.homestead.com/> This could be a wonderful opportunity for those with stories to share.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

August 3, 6:00 PM Finance Comm. Mtg.

August 9, 6:15 PM Board Meeting

August 6, 12:15 PM Meet Rev. Erica Ordan

COMMITTEE CORNER

Board Bulletin: July 12, 2006

Motions Passed

- * Accepted a proposal from Barbara and Mike Allen for a Technical Services Committee to coordinate and provide help for sound system, computer needs of all sorts including the web site, and any other technical needs.
- * Reinstated a Ministerial Relations Committee to consist of Ann Johnson, Pat Mohr, and Kathy Paget.
- * Authorized a committee to propose a resolution opposing the state legislature's marriage resolution. Don Griggs, Raya Hirsch, Gin Beery.
- * Authorized a building renovation investigating committee to look into short range changes included in the Long Rang Committee report.
- * Agreed to spend up to \$60.00 on an ad in the "Welcome Back Gamecock."

Decisions Made

- * Board Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm and end at 9:00.
- * The Board retreat will be held on September 16th, place to be announced. The Board and Committee Chairs and staff will meet in the morning, the Board alone in the afternoon.
- * Members of the Board will liason with various Committees: Cheryl: Membership; Glenn, Buildings and Grounds; Mary, Caring; Adele, Worship; Janet, Social Concerns.
- * The Finance Committee will look into ACS software issues which include training, and access to the network.
- * Caring Committee will bring a policy concerning the Minister's Discretionary Fund, in the absence of a minister, to the Board.
- * Finance Committee will take responsibility for the Miracle Sunday to raise the remaining portion of Neal's salary.
- * Approved a Ministerial Relations Committee consisting of Ann Johnson, Pat Mohr, and Kathy Paget.

Submitted by Jessica Kross, Secretary



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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., August 13, 2006.**

Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to UUFC@bigfoot.com

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