



# The Unigram

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Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbia, SC

## August 20

Gaviotas, a village in the Llanos (plains) of Columbia, SA, is a place where dreams and science co-exist. It is not “topia”, but a place of the “possible”. Combining scientific knowledge, relentless experimentation and the genius of the indigenous people, Gaviotas has shown the world that there are different ways to coax a living from Mother earth without polluting her...and all done in the presence of music and the violence of a troubled country.

**Michael Nashleanas**, a former resident of Columbia, took his theology and philosophy studies at Marquette University. He is an active member of the UU Fellowship in Stony Brook (Long Island) and a regular speaker at Stony Brook and the UU in Belport (NY). His son Martin and grandson Randy live in Irmo.

## August 27

### Sunday August 27th Water Communion Sunday

When Piglet is Completely Surrounded by Water  
*Led by Danielle Marx Conwell, DRE, and the Religious Education program*

**It rained and it rained and it rained. Piglet told himself that never in all of his years had he seen so much rain. It wasn't much good having anything as exciting as floods if you couldn't share them with somebody.**

Join us as we celebrate our annual Water Communion service and share the excitement of our summer and the excitement of community. Piglet and friends will join us in an Intergenerational Service developed by Rev. Greg Ward and Donna Morrison-Reed from UU Metro Atlanta North.



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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!



## **Wanted: Teachers**

Are you creative? Interested in sharing the religions of the world with our children and youth? Have a spiritual practice to share? Do you want to work with our youth but don't want to plan a class every Sunday? Please talk with any RE Committee member or DRE Danielle Marx Conwell, to discuss the right place for you in UUFC's Religious Education program! Full year and 3 weeks positions are available! Also needed are Spirit Guides – a loving, consistent presence for our elementary aged students without the requirement of curricula planning.

## *REGISTRATION TIME IS HERE!*

Look for the RE 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 placed in the DRE box in the work room. We look forward to the start of a fun and enriching year!

## RE COMMITTEE MEETING

The RE Committee will meet Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

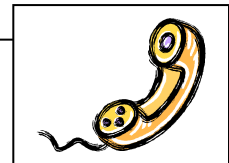


### **Wanted: Button Maker**

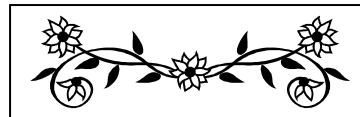
Does anyone have a button maker to donate to RE? Does UUFC actually *own* a button maker and I don't know it? If you know of a button maker or have one to donate, please contact me at [marxconwell@bellsouth.net](mailto:marxconwell@bellsouth.net). Thanks, *Danielle*

## *Do you know how to contact your DRE?*

You can call the church and if I am not there leave a message on the main UUFC voice mail or with Gin (our Administrator), you can email me at [marxconwell@bellsouth.net](mailto:marxconwell@bellsouth.net), or call me at 803-xxx-xxxx (home). For timely response, please email me or call me at home.



## COMMUNITY CHALICE



**Laurel Sutton** is at Baptist Hospital, where she is receiving chemotherapy, antibiotics, and blood and platelet transfusions. She cannot receive visitors now, but she appreciates cards, letters, emails, and phone calls. Her blog is posted on <http://lsutton.redtoenail.org/>.

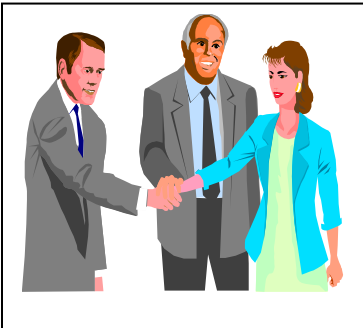
A funeral for Phillip Bert, father of **Konni Shier**, was held at the First Baptist Church of Clemson this past Saturday.

**Buzzie Kelly** is at home recovering (or trying to recover) from mononucleosis.

**Lee and Julian Minghi** have arrived in London, but without their shampoo, mouthwash, and tooth paste, thanks to the heightened terrorist alert on the airlines. They will be travelling for the next month.

**Vicki Vance** has accepted a position with the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C., as a rotator program director in the genome/molecular/cellular cluster of the Division of Biosciences. The assignment lasts one year, but Vicki plans frequent trips back home to Columbia, USC, and the UUFC.

## Partner Church News



A great big thank you to all whom helped to make the Partner Church visit and lunch a huge success. Donations and some very special contributions totaled \$668 for the Partner Church fund for the congregation at Beszterce. There were separate contributions of \$185 to Rev. Erika Orban. I am sure this will be a great help to Erika, as her scholarship does not cover all of her expenses while attending school. Anyone who was fortunate enough to get to meet Erika can tell you that she is a very special young woman and we are sure she will do great things in the future.

There are several new projects in the works for the PC Committee including a scholarship funds for the youth at Beszterce to attend the Unitarian High School in Kolozsvar. More information about this will be coming soon. We feel our involvement with the Partner Church program is an important part of our work as Unitarian Universalists here at UUFC. We appreciate your interest and support.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Update

The family of Somali Bantus led by Omar Mapano & Mumina Jimale that the Fellowship has been the secondary sponsor for since November is moving to Portland, Oregon effective Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>.

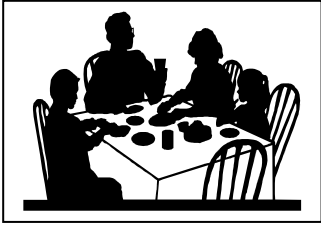
There is a large Bantu settlement in Portland to which Mumina has family ties, including a half-sister who recently died in an automobile accident. Our goal with this family has always been to help them become more independent, and this move shows that this family is ready for more independence.

This is not the end of our sponsorship unless we choose to make it so. The family is leaving behind their 13-year-old daughter Halima Mapuno, who will stay with Omar's sister Hawway, who raised Halima when her mother died. Halima has expressed a desire to stay with Hawwa. She will be going to a new middle school and as one of the older children without a good educational foundation; she will greatly benefit from continued individual attention & tutorage.

This sponsorship is a success story that everyone who has participated in and supported this effort should be proud of.

Special thanks to Daniel Thompson, Chrissie Faupel, Buzzie Kelly, & Judy Turnipseed for their efforts.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS



### SEPTEMBER SET POT LUCK DINNER

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM on August 25th for this month's September Set PotLuck Dinner. Last month the temperature was in the high 90s as we sat down to our dinner, and we were all quite glad that Lee had encouraged folks to bring salads. Since it is quite possible it will be almost as hot for this month's get-together, Adele (our hostess for August) has decided to follow Lee's example and bring another chicken-based salad as the main dish. As always, if you know of anyone who would like to join us, please encourage them to come. If you have any questions, please call or email Adele (xxx-xxxx - scacciaa@bellsouth.net); or Joyce (xxx-xxxx - jrrodgers@bellsouth.net). Hope to see you on the 25th!

### First Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina Program

The UU Fellowship of Columbia and the Carolina Peace Resource Center are co-sponsoring recognition of the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. The program will include evacuee accounts of their experiences, music, poetry, and a discussion of on going needs in the disaster area. Our special guest will be folk singer/satirist Dave Lippman. Dave will bring songs and pictures from the grassroots movements of New Orleans and Venezuela, and will lead a discussion of the crackdown on First Amendment Rights in the United States. Please join us at the UU Fellowship Social Hall on Saturday, August 26th, at 7:00. Suggested donations are \$8.00 in advance, or \$10.00 at the door.

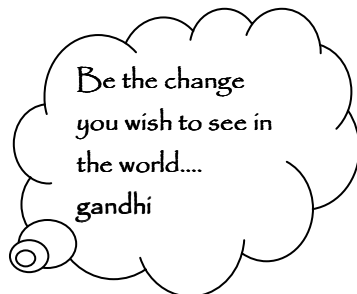
### UU Women's Book Group

We always look forward to new faces joining us. Call the Discussion Leader if you plan to attend or need directions. We look forward to seeing you.

#### Book Group Selection through December



| Month     | Hostess        | Book  | Discussion Leader |
|-----------|----------------|---|-------------------|
| August    | Marie Huntt    | The Summer Guest<br>by Justin Cronin              | Kimberly Field    |
| September | Kimberly Field | Kite Runner<br>by Khaled Hosseini                 | Sandy Chubon      |
| October   | Susan Carlton  | Girls of a Tender Age<br>by Mary-Ann Tirone Smith | Marie Huntt       |
| November  |                | We Are All Welcome Here<br>by Elizabeth Berg      | Susan Carlton     |
| December  |                | Life of Pi<br>by Yann Martel                      |                   |



## GREEN CORNER

As we are working toward making our building a Green Sanctuary let's also make some changes in our personal lives at home and work. The following list is of just some of the changes we can make to improve our environment. After all we only have one planet that we can inhabit.

Raise air-conditioner temperatures; lower heat temperatures.

Rent wood chippers to create mulch out of old limbs

Turn off lights/TV/stereo when not using them

Use cloth towels instead of paper towels; cloth napkins instead of paper napkins

Carpool, ride bicycles, or walk

Use recycled paper products

Keep tires inflated

Make fewer driving trips

Accelerate slowly when driving

Use the car wash instead of washing cars at home to keep soaps from entering the groundwater

Make your own compost

Use free-trade items

Use both sides of computer paper

Use cloth grocery bags

Wash dishes by hand

Recycle newspapers, cardboard, cans, glass & aluminum

Re-use water bottles

Recycle books/magazines

Set water heater lower

Insulate water heater

Buy heat-reflecting film for windows

Plant trees and shrubs to shade houses in summer

Practice organic gardening: no pesticides



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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., Aug.27, 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.