



The Unigram

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Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbia, SC

September 3

September 3 "Listening to Your Life" by Rev. Dr. Neal R. Jones

On this Labor Day Sunday, let's dust off the theological term "calling," which is a much broader and deeper concept than "job" or "work," for a fuller understanding of what it is we're supposed to do with this adventure called life.

Forum topic: Who Needs Religious Moderation?



September 10

Sunday September 10 Speaker: Rebecca Rogers

Rebecca Rogers of the Columbia Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) will talk about some of the issues and concerns our two faith traditions share.

Forum topic: Religion/Politics/Age-Old Conflicts Larry Leefbuze

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

From the Minister . . .

Wednesday Family Nights

This fall, the UUFC will come perilously close to acting like a traditional church in offering a Wednesday night program. More accurately, we will be offering an extensive selection of adult education programs on six Wednesday nights: Sept. 20 and 27, Oct. 4, 18, and 25, and Nov. 1. We are calling them "Family Nights" because the whole family is invited. Each evening will begin at 6:00 with a simple catered meal at \$8.00 per person, or you may bring your own. If you have the catered meal, you must call the Fellowship office (799-0845) by noon the day before to make your reservation. The programs will start at 6:30 and be finished by 8:00. Childcare will be provided.

There will be two types of programs – groups that meet continuously for all nights and one-time presentations that address a different topic each time. We are offering three continuous groups:

- (1) “New to UU,” facilitated by Larry Siegel, Don Mohr, and Neal Jones
For visitors and new members, an introduction to Unitarian Universalism that will explore how you got here, UU history, principles and purposes, and where do UUs go from here.
- (2) “Articulating Your UU Faith,” facilitated by Peter Kandis and Jessica Kross
For those who are already UUs, this course focuses on how and what to say about your own personal UU faith. It will provide resources, connection with fellow UUs, and an opportunity to deepen your own “living tradition.”
- (3) “Living Simply with Children,” facilitated by Judy Turnipseed and Susan Siegel
For those with children, this course counters our culture’s consumerism with practical help on how to live more simply, have more time with your children, and raise them to value people, family, community, and our planet more than “stuff.”

Our one-time presentations will involve guest speakers and a movie:

- Sept. 20 “The Implications of the So-Called Marriage Amendment”
Presented by the Rev. Candace Chellew-Hodge, Associate Pastor of Garden of Grace United Church
- Sept. 27 OPEN
- Oct. 4 “An Inconvenient Truth”
The famous Al Gore movie on global warming. The continuous groups will take a break this night.
- Oct. 18 Oct. 18 “In Our Own Voice: Living with Mental Illness”
Presented by Kathryn Oreck, a representative from NAMI, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
- Oct. 25 “The Prevention and Treatment of Breast Cancer”
Presented by W. Shawn Conwell, M.D.
- Nov. 1 OPEN

As you can see, there is something for everyone. The hard part may be deciding which ones to attend.

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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!



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



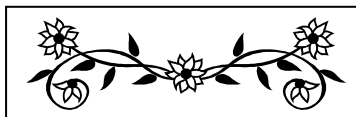
The RE Committee will meet Sunday, September 10th, from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

- **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.
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, or call me at 803-xxx-xxxx (home). For timely response, please email me or call me at home.

COMMUNITY CHALICE



- ❖ **Carita Barr** has returned home from Finland. We have missed you, Carita, and are glad you're back!
- ❖ **Laurel Sutton** is still a patient at Baptist Hospital.
- ❖ **Tom Turnipseed** celebrated his 70th birthday Sunday, August 27, with a birthday cake for the whole Fellowship after the Water Communion service. Anyone who would like to extend a birthday wish to Tom to add to his birthday scrapbook may send an email to wife Judy at jturnipseed@sc.rr.com.
- ❖ The UUFC expresses a heartfelt thank-you to:
 - **Peter Kandis** for breaking in the Fellowship's new riding mower by cutting our grass last weekend;
 - **Dwight Pregler** for refinishing the front doors of our building; and
 - **Judy Turnipseed, Don Mohr, Adele Scaccia, Sandy Chubon, Marie Huntt, and Marjorie Trifon** for organizing and hosting "Levees and Liberties," donations of food and working at the refreshments table and in the kitchen - Judy Pearce, Karen, Elaine Cooper, and Alice Leeper. The UUFC and the Carolina Peace Resource Center sponsored the event on August 26 marking the First Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.
- ❖ I want to thank everybody who contributed maternity clothes and baby items for my friend Jessica. When she first told me about her pregnancy I was worried because they are so very poor, barely above the threshold for WIC. Thank you so much for being Jessica and Sean's extended family/friends/community as they prepare for parenthood!
Konni Shier

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

The Voyagers

The voyagers are sponsoring an evening cruise on the Augusta Canal, the invitation is open to the rest of the congregation as well. Sept 3rd is your last chance to register for our romantic evening cruise on the historic Augusta Canal next Saturday Sept. 9th, 5-8pm. You are encouraged to bring a picnic supper and your favorite beverage (wine permitted). This is an adult activity. Arrive early to visit the museum and view the short film, included w/admission.

To sign up call **John Charbonnet** at xxx-xxxx, unless you need to make your own separate arrangements.

The fee is \$17/person.

More info at www.augustacanal.com.

Sept 16: Mark your calendar for a picnic. The Seeds of Hope are saying thanks to the churches that sponsored their markets with a barbeque picnic that Saturday. Details later regarding directions &/or carpooling. (Don't know yet what's on the menu for vegetarians, but I doubt that anyone will go away hungry.) The SAC



Play Readers Encore

Hero, Herion, 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 September 21st, at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact **Jenifer Slater**, xxx-xxxx or **Ron Edge**, xxx-xxxx.

BELIEVE NOTHING BECAUSE A WISE MAN SAID IT,
BELIEVE NOTHING BECAUSE IT IS GENERALLY HELD.
BELIEVE NOTHING BECAUSE IT IS WRITTEN.
BELIEVE NOTHING BECAUSE IT IS SAID TO BE DIVINE.
BELIEVE NOTHING BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE BELIEVES IT.
BUT BELIEVE ONLY WHAT YOU YOURSELF JUDGE TO BE TRUE.
- TEACHING OF THE BUDDHA

Thank you to the UUFC community for helping make Tom's 70th birthday observation a wonderful part of the Winnie the Pooh intergenerational service today. What an amazing celebration of the meaning of community the whole worship service was.

I have never seen a more beautiful expression of what our faith community is than was presented in the service today. I look forward eagerly now to the intergenerational services to come every fifth Sunday!!

It was so much fun putting together the surprise book for Tom with birthday messages from friends and family from all over the world - or at least Oregon, Indiana, Alaska and Germany, as well as right here in Columbia. (and I really do think he

was surprised, don't you!!!) We got messages from folks like Julian Bond and Morris Dees and from so many of you too. I know many of you got the word too late to send a message before the "deadline" or you were out of town when the message came, but don't worry. If you still want to send him something, please do and I will print it out and put it in the book. That is why I made it a loose-leaf binder. Remember, it can be silly or funny or sentimental—or a memory you want to share. Whatever you feel is appropriate. And you don't have to send it to Cyndy's e-mail any longer, but can send it straight to mine here at jturnipseed@sc.rr.com. And I'll see if he'd like to bring it to church next Sunday so you can look at the messages he received.

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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., Sept. 10, 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.