



The Unigram

November 7, 2006

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbia, SC

November 12

11:00 Sermon topic: *The State of the Universe* by Dr. Ron Edge

Join us for Ron Edge's Annual State of the Universe address. This is traditionally one of our most popular services and it will include some "hands on" science for the children.

Forum topic: Gaii Hypothesis

November 19

11:00 Sermon topic: *Giving Thanks for Our Abundance - an Intergenerational Service*

As we approach the upcoming season of abundance we take the time to focus on those things we are grateful for and recognize that for which we are not thankful. We celebrate our community with cider and cornbread communion.

Rev. Dr. Neal Jones & Danielle Marx-Conwell

Forum topic: Who Should Have Nuclear Weapons?

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 2

Children: 11:00 – 12:15 Religious Education classes for children ages 3 through 8th grade.

Religious Education

What have I done while I was gone? Well, what a week! Sunday, October 29th, we attended Athens Church, in Athens GA. Check out www.athenschurch.com. I realize the theology is not that of Unitarian Universalism. As an Universalist Christian, I couldn't attend there. However, we as churchgoers have a lot to learn from mega-church plants.

While our theology and style of government might be different, no one in our fellowship building is any different as a person than anyone in their building. We all long to be *welcomed* by our church, to feel as though we *belong* with our spiritual community, to engage in *service* with others as we live out our religious beliefs. Check out their foyer, living room, kitchen table model! Athens Church pays attention to every little detail – and it shows! There were beautiful signs giving direction and information, personal greetings, lots of friendly adults in the kid programs, aesthetically pleasing and staffed information tables and sales tables, and a constant commitment to bringing new people into small group ministry. That is what we need here at UU Fellowship of Columbia as we proclaim our liberal religious heritage and the powerful message of love and justice we have as Unitarian Universalists (and that "there ain't no Hell" ala Spartanburg leadership conference).

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On Thursday I flew to New York City for the 6th Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship Revival. I arrived home spiritually renewed, even more thankful for our Universalist and Unitarian heritages, enriched by the great amount of singing we engaged in, and full of ideas to incorporate into our church school and church life. I connected with friends from my UU Christian Fellowship group in Cleveland, and met so many UU Christians from throughout the US – and 2 from England – it was amazing. We traded stories and dreamed of how our churches and RE programs should look. The spirit of Revival will stay with me and things I learned and brought home will be mentioned throughout the year, including my anticipation of Revival 7, UU Christians Rock! at West Shore UU Church outside of Cleveland OH.

To connect the week, Revival is like a small group ministry. The connections, ministry to one another, love, support, challenge to grow and serve that is found at Revival is the cornerstone of the small groups from Athens Church, and the foundation of their church operations. Where are our small groups, and how do we bring new attendees into the fold of our religious faith community?

In peace,
Danielle

Upcoming RE Schedule

Nov 12 - Preschool - Chalice Children
Elementary Grades - Native American
Jr. High - Native American Spirituality

Nov 19 - Intergenerational Service for all
ages, Jr. High at The Mountain for CON
Nursery care is provided during all Sundays

Coffee, Coffee, Coffee Jr. High Youth Group Fundraiser



Did you order coffee, tea, or chocolate? Orders placed Oct. 29th and prior are available for pickup. Are you already thinking about your holiday present lists? Consider Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate this Holiday Season! If you have questions, please email Danielle at marxconwell@bellsouth.net.



The Religious Education Program will spend four weeks during this season of abundance learning about World Hunger. We hope to

use a program by Heifer International, and are looking for non-Sunday School teachers to help for these weeks. Please contact Danielle at marxconwell@bellsouth.net or 803-432-1346 to help and for more information.

Danielle's Travel Schedule

Nov 13-15 SEUUMA Meeting, The Mountain

Email and cellular coverage will be limited. If you need to reach me, please email me and also leave a message at the office. I will check messages when I have cellular coverage.

Potluck Sunday Nov. 19th!

Who: Everyone at UUFC

What: Potluck lunch

Where: UUFC Fellowship Hall

When: Sunday, Nov. 19th, after our Intergenerational Worship

Why: Fun, Food, Fellowship, and because we can

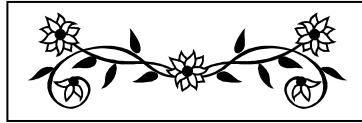
How: Bring something to share or \$3 to cover a few items purchased by the REC!

In an effort to reduce waste, please consider bringing your own dishes, utensils and taking them home to wash.

Questions? Call Danielle or email marxconwell@bellsouth.net

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COMMUNITY CHALICE



- ❖ We extend our sympathy to **Mike Paget** in the death of his mother Frances Paget.
- ❖ Thank you, **Larry and Gavin Witowski**, for cleaning up our playground.
- ❖ **Mary Maclachlan** has moved into a new counseling office at 1898 Calhoun Street.
- ❖ Congratulations, **Don and Ruth Thacker**, on the birth of your new grandson, John McGuire, who weighed in at 8 lb. 14 oz. and was 20 ¾ inches long. John is the son of Molly and Brian McGuire, Don and Ruth's daughter and son-in-law.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

We're Gonna Have Some Company!!

On November 15th, The State newspaper will have a special religion section, and we are buying a half page ad. Since we have never done this before we aren't sure what the response will be, but we are hopeful that we will have even more visitors than usual. We want to make a special effort to make our guests feel at home with us on November 19th, the Sunday after the ad appears. The day before, we are having a **BIG clean up day** at the UUFC (see Jerry Cover's article following this); our service that Sunday will be a special intergenerational Thanksgiving service led by Danielle and Neal; and we hope everybody will come wearing their best, most welcoming smiles. Be sure to join us on that special day! Questions? Contact the office.

Buildings & Grounds

Please help us CLEAN UP on Saturday, Nov. 18. from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. We will work both inside and outside. Bring your mops, and your garden tools to help out. Like many organizations, a few dedicated volunteers do most of the work. Without a doubt, all of you have seen things that you would like to improve. Put those thoughts into action and come take some pride in your building and grounds. For questions or suggestions contact Jerry Cover at edaholiday@aol.com or the office at uufc@bigfoot.com.

The Fund Raising Action Team is pleased to announce the following Fall/Winter Events of 2006:

Event name: Game Night
Date & Time: November 15, 2006 @ 6:30 pm
Location: UUFC - Social Hall
 Number of Guests: Unlimited
Cost: \$2 for kids 10 and under; \$2 (just games) per adult; \$5 (food and games) per adult; \$10 per family
 Sponsored by F.R.A.T.
Host(s): Mike Allen, Sej Harman
Details: Spaghetti supper
 Fill free to bring some of your own games both for children and for the adults.

Future Events

Event Name: Roots of Autumn Event Name: White Elephant Party
 Number of Guests: 10 people
Sponsor: Need a sponsor
Cost: \$25.00 per person
Hosted: Jan Fulcher
Sponsor: Need a sponsor
Hosted: Jessica Kross and Carol Harrison

Responsibilities of a Host: Greets guests, helps setup an event, helps clean up after event, and is the main contact person for an event.

-- Register to Host a Fund Raising Event for the UUFC Today!

Responsibilities of a Sponsor: Helps advertise an event, assists host with providing any materials necessary for an event (event location, food, drinks, etc), helps with registering guests for an event, and taking money for sponsored event. Any person, committee, or group may sponsor an event.

-- Register to Sponsor a Fund Raising Event for the UUFC Today!

Responsibilities of F.R.A.T: Assists in the logistics for events, assists in collecting money and registration for events, oversees the calendar for events (do not necessarily need two events at the same time at the same location, etc), assists with advertising of events, liaison to the Finance Committee.

-- Join the Fund Raising Action Team committee Today!

If you would like to be a host or would be interested in sponsoring a fund raising event, please contact F.R.A.T. at frat.uufc@bjmeallen.net or call 866-xxx-xxxx (leave a message).

When the power of love overcomes the love of power, then the world will know peace. Jimmy Hendrix

UUFC Women's Book Club



Will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14 to discuss *We are All Welcome Here* by Elizabeth Berg. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the home of Kim Field in Irmo; Susan Carlton will serve as

discussion leader, xxx-xxxx, srcarl@yahoo.com. December's book is *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. We will be selecting books to read Jan-June 2007 at the November meeting, so bring your notes & ideas!

Join Us for Thanksgiving at the UUFC



If you would like some company for Thanksgiving dinner, please join us at the UUFC. A few people will cook turkeys and dressing, and those that join us will contribute \$2.00 each to

cover the cost of the turkeys, paper and plasticware, etc. You should bring your favorite traditional Thanksgiving side dish in sufficient quantity to feed your party plus 2 -3 three other people. Kids will be welcome, but we won't provide childcare. We'll also need volunteers to help set up and clean up. Sign the reservations sheet at the front table or call the office.

BOARD BULLETIN__October 11, 2006

Motions Passed

- Agreed to put signs opposing gay marriage ban outside the Fellowship.
- Agreed to help Elaine Faithful defray the cost of facilitating her settlement as a UU minister. We will share the cost with Augusta and Newberry.
- Agreed to replace windows in minister's study with Pella crank out windows.

Decisions Made

- Breedlove asked if we would like to be involved in ceremony and help erect a S.C. historical marker for her house. Board suggested that she wait until process further along.
- Agreed to send Gin to T. J. Fall Leadership Conference.
- Don Mohr on Facilities Planning and Pat on Building and Grounds. Architect Larry Witkowski wants to be on committee.
- Sarah Stinson's report on maintenance and cleaning of the building received.
- Mike Kelley will be the champion for facilities planning.
- Mike to supervise John and report to the Board next month. Mike to develop a checklist.
- Mike Paget wants deadlines for forming committees and personnel.
- Cheryl asked about safety procedures. Locking doors. We don't have a security system. Need Outdoor lighting.
- Thanks to Janet for putting up tasks from LRP.
- Danielle looked into a window air conditioner for her office but was told by Dwight that her window couldn't handle it.
- Cheryl asked if we can get a group together to work for Habitat for Humanity.
- Cheryl asked if we can commit to becoming a welcoming congregation. Cheryl will email us what we need to do.
- Karen Koprowski has been unable to attend Board Meetings and so Board needs to find a new member.

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., Nov. 19, 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.