

THE UNIGRAM

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbia, SC

March 27, 2007



April 1, 2007

11:00 Sermon Topic: "What Does A Death 2000 Years Ago Have to Do with Me?" by Rev. Dr. Neal R. Jones
Long ago, I left behind the evangelical interpretation of Jesus' crucifixion - that Jesus "died for my sins." But I haven't been able to leave Jesus behind. His life and death still inspire me to live fully and love lavishly. What might his death on a cross mean to rational, humanistic seekers like Unitarians?

9:30 Forum Topic: Are Atheists Discriminated Against?

April 8, 2007

11:00 Sermon Topic: [Easter Sunday](#)
[Remember to bring a flower for our Flower Communion.](#)

9:30 Forum Topic: Reason and Reverence by Murray
in UU World Can We Have A Religion With Both?

Sunday Schedule

Forum: 9:30 AM in the Library

Worship: 11:00 AM -12:15 PM followed by a
Coffee Hour in the Social Hall

Nursery: Available during service for infants
through age 2

Children: 11:00 AM -12:15 PM Religious Ed.
classes for children ages 3 through 8th grade

Religious Education

Roller Skating

Hello again! We're planning some more fun for the youth on Sunday, April 1. We're going to go roller-skating at Skate Station USA Roller Skating Rink at Oak Dr & Highway 1 in Lexington. Everybody will need to pack a lunch to eat at the fellowship after the service, and then we'll car pool to the rink and enjoy the 2PM to 5PM public skating sessions. The cost is \$4 and includes skate rental. Please bring \$4 with you. Afterwards, we'll car pool back to the fellowship and youth can be picked up at 5:30. Anyone who hasn't yet turned in the youth agreement and parent permission forms will need to bring these in order to go. A copy of these forms was mailed out this week or can be picked up from Rusty Wenerick.

Social Action Leaders Needed

The Junior High Sunday School class will be doing a social action project this spring. We need at least two people to assist them in planning and executing this project. You will have three Sundays (4/15; 4/29; & 5/13) during the Sunday School hour (11:00 - 12:15). If you would like to help, please call Barbie Seymour, xxx-xxxx or barbieseymour@aol.com.

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I see now, after years on this journey, that the path is long and the destination passes in and out of sight. I hope I'm never 'there'. I hope I never become self-satisfied. Mary Todd Beam

You're invited to hear dynamic Keynote Speaker "Pardon me...Do you have change?" - Gini Courter, Moderator, **Living Our Religious Values, TJD Annual Meeting April 27-28, 2007**

Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
We live in a country in desperate need of transformation. We need more Unitarian Universalists living our religious values. We need to be more comfortable, even passionate about living a public faith. If we want our communities to become more just, more equitable, more compassionate, we must focus to serve the change we want to create. Let's light our chalice, pull out the gasoline can, and see what happens.

Lodging details and registration form to be posted soon on the website.

Periodically check the website. New information will be added, as it becomes available.

<http://www.tjd.uua.org/tjd-2007annual-meeting->



Community Chalice

We extend our appreciation to...

Glenn "Handy Man" White, for ordering and installing the heater/ac unit in the minister's office.

Sandy Chubon, Jessica Kross, Regina Moody, and Eve Ross for their many hours and months of reviewing and updating our bylaws. The Fellowship will vote on our new and improved bylaws at a congregational meeting following the Sunday service on April 1st.

The teachers/facilitators of our Spring Adult Ed classes, which concluded March 21: **Holli Emore** of Paganism 101, **Susan** and **Larry Siegel** of "It's Easy Being Green," and **Joe Long** and **Neal Jones** of "A Chosen Faith."

And the chefs of our Spring classes: **Ann Johnson, Jessica Kross**, and **Don** and **Pat Mohr**.

We extend our congratulations to...

Janet Swigler, who has been selected as a Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar and will spend 3 weeks in Japan in October with other educators, compliments of the Japanese government. This professional development opportunity will give her a first hand experience to learn about Japan, its culture, and educational system. Upon her return, she will apply that knowledge in her school and community to increase their knowledge and understanding of Japan.

Jim McMahan, whose documentary, "When the Mill Closes Down," airs on ETV on Thursday, March 29, at 9:00. The documentary profiles several South Carolina communities that have endured the collapse of the textile industry.

Gin Beery, Holli Emore, Candy Johnson, Sarah Stinson, and **James Wilson**, who participated in the CUUPS' Ostara Ritual on March 22. Ostara celebrates the Spring Equinox.

"All that we are is a result of what we have thought" - Buddha

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Joining ceremony will be 4/29/07.

Anyone wishing to join us as a member please contact Larry Siegel xxx-xxxx or other members of the membership committee to discuss what is involved. There will be a meeting after the service 4/22/07 including the members of the membership committee and the potential new members to detail the procedure. On the 29th there will be a potluck after the service for the entire congregation to welcome the new members.

Missing Food for Harvest Hope Food Bank

When you buy your groceries leave some in the car so you'll have them to bring every Sunday and help fill the basket on the stage in the Social Hall. Volunteers deliver all donations to the Food Bank every Monday.

Cottage Meeting

The revised bylaws are available electronically. There will be a congregational meeting on April 1st to vote on the revised Bylaws and also a TJ District Trustee. A fifteen-minute DVD highlighting the three TJ District Candidates will be shown after the service each Sunday until the vote on April 1st.

Shepherd's Center of Columbia, an interfaith program for senior adults and supported by some Columbia congregations, will begin its spring session of "Adventures in Learning" on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 and continue for nine consecutive Wednesdays. Classes are in such areas as acrylic and watercolor painting, music, line dancing, classic movies, hand bells, bridge playing, gardening, learning to play the dulcimer, creative writing, movies and many others. Registration is \$21.00 for a quarter, which covers as many classes as one's schedule will allow. The Shepherd's Center of Columbia, meets in the Leisure Ministries Building at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church, 3401 Trenholm Rd. Call xxx-xxxx for more information.

Midlands Technical College Foundation

is offering various scholarships to students who have applied to MTC. If you are interested in exploring these scholarship possibilities, contact Rev. Jones. The deadline is April 13.

DRUMBEAT FOR DARFUR:

There will be info about Darfur & ways you can make a difference in the Order of Service & on a table in the Social Hall the first Sunday in April. Meanwhile, go to www.uusc.org/drumbeatfordarfur/actions/ideas.html. Social Action Committee

**USC Dept. of Religious Studies
Partners in Dialogue
Showing Acclaimed Documentary
DIVIDED WE FALL AMERICANS
IN THE AFTERMATH**

Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 PM
Gambrell Hall Auditorium (Room 135)
University of South Carolina
Free admission - Open to the Public

Armed with only a camera, an American College student journeys across the country to find out who counts as one of us in a world divided into us and them. Valarie Kaur captures hundreds of stories never before told - stories of fear and unspeakable loss, but also of resilience and hope - until she finally find the heart of America, halfway around the world. Five years in the making, Divided We Fall weaves expert analysis into a cross-country road trip that confronts the forces dividing Americans in times of crises.

Filmmaker will be present for Q&A.
More information at <http://www.dwf-film.com/>

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APPEAL FOR REDRESS

Many active duty, reserve, and guard service members are concerned about the war in Iraq and support the withdrawal of U.S. troops. The Appeal for Redress provides a way in which individual service members can appeal to their Congressional Representative and Senators to urge an end to the U.S. military occupation. The Appeal for Redress is sponsored by active duty service members based in the Norfolk area and by a sponsoring committee of veterans and military family members. The Sponsoring committee consists of Iraq Veterans Against the War, Veterans for Peace, and Military Families Speak Out.

Members of the military **have a legal right** to communicate with their member of Congress. Attorneys and counselors experienced in military law are available to help service members who need assistance in countering any attempts to suppress this communication with members of Congress. www.appealforredress.org. If you have questions, please direct them to (360) xxx-xxxx of info@appealforredress.org. Or by mail to: Appeal for Redress, PO Box 53052, Washington, DC 20xxx-xxxx



The Green Corner

I surprised Larry with a subscription to “Sports Illustrated” this year. I rarely read it except when encouraged by Larry or my sports obsessed sister to read a specific article. But, when I pulled the March 12 edition from the mailbox the cover picture grabbed my attention. It was of a baseball player standing knee deep in water in a stadium. The headline further intrigued me: “As the Planet Changes So Do the Games We Play: Time to Pay Attention.” I knew insurance companies and other businesses take global warming seriously and are developing plans to address it – but the sport’s world!

The article began with “Global warming is not coming; it is here.” The first article discussed the predicted one-meter increase in sea levels by 2100 and how that will flood several sports’ arenas, particularly in San Francisco and Florida. The next article described how golf courses are going green by decreasing pesticide use, better controlling irrigation and reusing water, increasing recycling and using fuel efficient golf carts. The third article addressed the negative impact of warmer temperatures and decreased snowfall on skiing and ski resorts. Lastly, stadiums of the future will be dramatically different by incorporating conservation, sustainability and energy efficiency. Here’s an interesting side effect of global warming – the habitat of the emerald ash borer is expanding as temperatures rise and it is eating more of the timber used to make baseball bats.

TIP: About 500 hundred-ink cartridges are thrown away every minute in the US. A printer cartridge takes 450 years to decompose in a landfill. PLEASE – recycle ink cartridges properly or have your cartridges refilled to help the Earth and save you money.

“The culture of capital and the culture of avarice has forced itself upon nature to achieve its goals – no matter what the sacrifice.”

Help Us Turn CDs into Palmetto Trees

The SC State Museum in Columbia will be hosting a phenomenal EARTH DAY event Saturday, April 21st, and some of our partners will be using old CDs to build a fantastic Palmetto Tree that day. (See similar trees at <http://www.cdsculpture.com/29/>.) Between now and April 21, you can help us collect unwanted CDs by 1) saving your unwanted CDs and/or 2) collecting unwanted CDs at your business, school or organization! We need all CDs by April 16. For details on how to collect the CDs and/or where to deliver them, please contact Mary Pat Baldauf at marypat@keepthemidlandsbeautiful.com .

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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 **9:00 p.m., April 8, 2007.**

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.