

# THE UNIGRAM

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbia, SC

May 22, 2007



## May 27, 2007

**11:00 Sermon Topic:** "Memorial Day Celebration" we pay homage to Unitarians and Universalists who paved the way for liberal religion in America.

**9:30 Forum Topic:** Does the Media Report or Create News?

## June 3, 2007

### 11:00 Sermon Topic: We Worship

As he wraps up his service as Chair of the Worship Committee, Don Mohr will deal with several questions about worship in UU churches, a few non-churches, and our fellowship. What is worship? What makes an effective worship service? Is worship in a UU church different from worship in other churches? What do we do well? What is going on in other UU churches.

**9:30 Forum Topic:** Intuition vs. Cognition

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade

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## Ministerial Musings

### The Daffodil Principle

Last week our country mourned the deaths of two well known people – Jerry Falwell, who devoted his life to spreading fear, ignorance, bigotry, and intolerance; and Yolanda King, Martin Luther King's daughter, who continued his mission of promoting equality, love, peace, and justice. What a contrast in the way two people chose to spend their lives and in the way they influenced our world.

The world already has too much ugliness. What we need is more beauty – beautiful sights, beautiful thoughts, beautiful words, beautiful deeds, and beautiful lives. I want to be remembered as someone who made our world more beautiful. However small my contributions, every little bit makes a difference that we may not always know.

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## Ministerial Musings

This past Sunday, I read "The Daffodil Principle" from Jaroldeen Edwards' book CELEBRATION. Edwards' daughter took her to a glorious daffodil garden covering an entire mountainside with huge swaths of deep orange, white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, saffron, and butter yellow. Over 50,000 bulbs had been planted over the previous 40 years by one woman, one bulb at a time. Little by little, single-handedly, she had transformed an obscure mountaintop into a vision of magnificent beauty.

Edwards says that this splendid garden illustrates the "Daffodil Principle":

- \* learning to move toward our desires one step at a time (often just one baby-step at a time)
- \* learning to love the doing,
- \* learning to use the accumulation of time

Despite the garden's beauty, it made Edwards somewhat sad, because it made her wonder what she might have accomplished if she had thought of a wonderful goal 40 years ago and had worked away at it "one bulb at a time" through all those years. Her daughter awakened her from her revelry of regret by saying, "Start tomorrow, Mom."

The Daffodil Principle challenges us to stop waiting...

- Until your car or home is paid off
- Until you get a new car or home
- Until your kids leave the house
- Until you go back to school
- Until you finish school
- Until you clean the house
- Until you organize the garage
- Until you clean off your desk
- Until you lose 10 lbs.
- Until you gain 10 lbs.
- Until you get married
- Until you get a divorce
- Until you have kids
- Until the kids go to school
- Until you retire
- Until summer
- Until fall
- Until you die

We shouldn't be afraid that our life will end. We should be afraid that it will never begin.

*Neal*



## Community Chalice

A thousand thanks to all of you who have given your time, energy, & donations to the projects of the Social Justice/Social Action Committee over the past few years. The award handed to me in Sunday's Service is not mine. It is for all of you.

With gratitude,  
Jan Fulcher

*We extend our concern and support to...*

**Sandy Chubon's** husband **Bob**, who was hospitalized on May 11 for a low hemoglobin count.

*We extend our congratulations to...*

**Rev. Neal Jones**, who was invited to deliver the benediction at the state NAACP's Freedom Fund Celebration on May 18 after former President Bill Clinton give the keynote address.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

### "Buy one, get one free"

The next time you go food shopping, look for "buy one, get one free" sales. Consider donating the free item to the hungry families in our community by putting it in the basket in the Fellowship Hall.

### 2007-08 Slate for Board & Nominating Committee Announced

President-Elect - Mike Paget

Secretary - Jessica Kross

Treasurer - Glenn White & Ann Cargill

Board members - Joe Long, Ruth Sproat

Nominating Committee - Larry Siegel, Eve Ross, and Mary MacLachlan

Recommendations from 2006-07 Nominating Committee:

*Pat Mohr, Larry Siegel, Ann Johnson, Barbie Seymour, Adele Scaccia (Board liaison)*

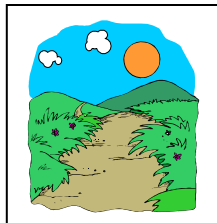
### UU Crafters

Beginning May 23rd, the UU Crafters will be meeting each Wednesday night in one of the rooms in RE Wing. We are currently working on knit and rya tapestry projects and welcome anyone who would like to join us for that or other projects you may have. We meet at 7 and wind up around 8:30. Come join the fun!

'Not knowing when the dawn comes,  
I open every door,"

- Emily Dickinson

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS



### Walk/Hike Group

For more a more detailed journal and an opportunity to view our hikers' photo gallery, we invite you to join our web site and mailing list by sending an email to

[UUFOutdoorActivities-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:UUFOutdoorActivities-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

### Science and Religion Book Group

Our next meeting is on June 14th [the second Thursday every other month] and we will be reading *The Universe in a Single Atom* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. This book attempts to explain the convergence between religion and science. And then in August we will be reading C. P. Snow. Questions to Joe Long at xxx-xxxx or Ann Johnson at xxx-xxxx. We meet at 7:00 pm either in a classroom or the couches in the social hall.



On Saturday June 2, the UU Coffeehouse is pleased to welcome **Stony Man**

<http://www.stuartwhitford.com/>

**Stony Man** is four musicians performing quite a mix of off-the-beaten path and original material. Anchored by the writing of Stuart Whitford on vocals, mandolin, guitar and dobro, Stony Man's acoustic folk and instrumental music is hard to describe - folksy, sometimes jazzy, a little bluesy now and then, definitely soulful, and "root-sy" for sure. Joining Stuart are Kent Ippilito on vocals, guitar, mandolin, mandola and mandocello, Danny Harlow on guitar, mandolin and fiddle, and Henry Hubbard on vocals, mandola and bass. Danny Harlow and Stuart Whitford have been playing music together since high school days in East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. They have reunited over the past four years for performances at the Bristol, VA. Rhythm and Roots Reunion. They also appeared together with Stuart's group "Vertical Land" at the Moab Folk Festival in Moab, UT, and at Fredericksburg, VA's Acoustic Roots Concert Series. Claudia Emerson, poet

<http://www.umw.edu/featuredfaculty/emerson/default.php>

The fifth Stony Man is actually a Stony Wo-Man, Claudia Emerson. Claudia is a wonderful writer, singer, and poet. Last year she won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry with her collection called *The Late Wife*. Two of Claudia's previous works have also been nominated for the Pulitzer. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for high school and college students with a reservation request left at the end of this message. Just leave your name and the number of tickets you need, and pay at the door. Without reservations, tickets at the door are \$12 and \$7. Children up through 8th grade are free with a paying adult.

Doors open at 7:30 and the music begins at 8:00.

For more information, visit our website [uucoffeehouse.org](http://uucoffeehouse.org)

## MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



**Simon Tarr**

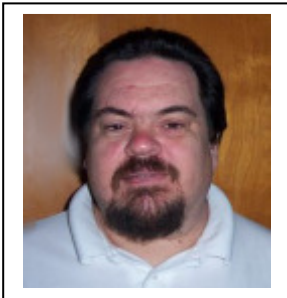
Simon is married to Jen and father of Caspar Tarr.



**Jen Tarr**

Jen is married to Simon and mother of Caspar Tarr.

Her goal in joining the UU is to find a community for spiritual growth and a home for her family. Her hobbies are gardening, knitting, and photography. She teaches filmmaking at USC.



**Dean Smith**

Dean was born in 1961 in Champagne, IL. To Adrian & Mary Smith. They moved frequently because his step-father Al Anderson changed jobs often. Graduated from high school in Canton, MD and joined

USAF at age 17. Trained as a Radio Communications Analyst and served in CA, TX, Japan and in MD. He has an Assoc. Degree in Criminal Justice from Corpus Christi, Texas at age 25. He came to Columbus in Jan. 1990 where he worked at Laidlaw Environmental. Enrolled at USC and graduated May 2005. He worked his way up to Manager Jan. 2000 at BCBSSC. He likes to read, is a Libertarian and likes children.



## The Green Corner

*Ed. Note: The following is quoted in part from an article on [www.uufc.org](http://www.uufc.org)*

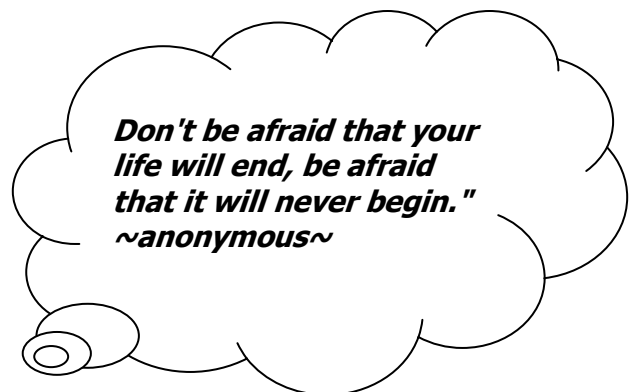
### EARTH WATCH FACT

Within a century, half of the world's climates as we know them will have vanished forever as a direct result of global warming, taking thousands of species with them. These are the gloomy projections of John Williams at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, US, and colleagues, who have carried out the first global assessment of how all of the Earth's local climates will be affected as the world heats up. New, previously unseen types of climate will also emerge, they say, with hotter temperatures and more rain. "It's the coldest climates that would be replaced," Williams says. "They would be similar, in 100 years time, but several degrees warmer, so glaciers would retreat and ice would disappear from mountains such as Kilimanjaro in Tanzania." (*New Scientist*, March 26, 2007)

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"The universe that we inhabit and our shared preception of it are the results of a common karma. The actions of each of us have contributed to the world in which we live. We have a common responsibility for our world and are connected with everything in It."

-- The Dalai Lama



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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., June 3, 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.