

# THE UNIGRAM

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbia, SC

July 3, 2007



## July 8, 2007

**11:00 Sermon Topic:** Service will feature political and legal documents in American history, from the *Mayflower Compact* of 1620 (First Parish Plymouth is UU; their banner proudly proclaims them "The First First Parish.") to Kitzmiller *et al.* vs. Dover Area School District *et al.*, 2006. You'll have to come to find out what Ms. Kitzmiller's grievance was. It mattered, and it matters to us, too. Along the way, we'll look at documents from Jefferson, Stanton, Lincoln, King, and other luminaries of our political heritage.

**9:30 Forum Topic:** Hinduism

## July 15, 2007

**11:00 Sermon Topic:** "The Face of Evil"

Rev. Dr. Neal R. Jones

We UUs don't usually talk about evil, maybe injustice or oppression, but not evil. We're much more comfortable focusing on the positive, on the good within humanity, on improving our society and ourselves. Does evil exist, and if so, what or who does it look like?

**9:30 Forum Topic:**

## 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

This is my simple religion.  
There is no need for temples; no  
need for complicated philosophy.  
Our own brain our own heart is our  
temple,  
the philosophy is kindness.  
- The Dali Lama

## China and Tibet

**Janet Swigler** recently returned from 17 days in China and Tibet, a trip for and organized and led by the Dao-at-well-Being. Each day began with a practice of qigong (energy work) and taiji. A few highlights included visits to monasteries and temples, the Panda Research Center and the Forbidden City, sampling regional cuisines and being diagnosed at a Tibetan Medicine Hospital. Photographs taken by a fellow traveller can be viewed on-line at [www.BimPix.com](http://www.BimPix.com). Click on Bim's album "Quigong and Waaayyy Beyond", then slide show, and then adjust the duration if necessary.

藏卧  
龍壳

Peace is a person's highest value.  
If the peace has been shattered,  
how can he be content?  
His enemies are not demons,  
but human beings like himself.  
He doesn't wish them personal harm.  
Not does he rejoice in victory.  
How could he rejoice in victory  
and delight in the slaughter of men?

from

the *Tao te Ching*



## Community Chalice

*We extend our sympathy too...*

**Will Moredock**, former long-time member and still friend to UUFC, on the death of his father two weeks ago in Fort Mill, NC.

*We extend our congratulations to...*

**Mike Kelly**, who has become the Director of Psychology at the Midlands Center.

**Jonathon Thompson**, son of **Dillard Thompson**, left last week for a summer bicycle tour of Europe.

**Janet Swigler** returned from 17 days in China & Tibet.

*We extend our appreciation to...*

**Larry Ely** and **Simon Tarr**, who have volunteered to head up our new Public Relations Committee. If you're interested in PR, contact them at [LJEly@aol.com](mailto:LJEly@aol.com) or at [simon@berserker-rage.com](mailto:simon@berserker-rage.com), respectively.

**Sandy Chubon**, who has made coffee for us in the social hall before our Sunday services these last several months. Our custodian John Squire will return to fulfilling this role.

**Jan Fulcher**, who has agreed to be the coordinator of September Set, the "funnest" group at UUFC.

The folks who have served on our Board of Trustees and who have completed their service (that's why they're smiling more broadly and walking more lightly): **Sej Harman, Sonya Jones, Alice Leeper, Adele Scaccia, and Janet Swigler.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

### Congregational Information Meeting.

On Friday evening, July 13 at 6:00 PM, we will have a one-hour congregational meeting to discuss the goal of contracting for a Master Plan for our facility and grounds. Heather Mitchell, AIA, LEED AP Pres. of The Boudreaux Group, Inc. will attend. The Master Plan is the "vision document" that will inform us of the options, and approximate costs, of the renovations that we may consider for the UUFC. The Master Plan is a guiding document that will be useful for an extended period. Most Master Plans are considered viable for ten years or more.

On Sunday, July 15, immediately following the service we will have a congregational meeting to vote on contracting for the Master Plan.

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### Used Book Sale

The Religious Education Committee will be holding a used book sale on Saturday, August 25 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have used books in good condition that you would like to donate, please bring them to Room 7 in the RE Wing no later than Sunday, August 19. Proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the RE Children's Library.

### SEEDS OF HOPE

'Our farmer' Mr. Reed is delivering his fresh fruits & veggies every Sunday. Please pass on the word to any friends who might be interested in 'shopping' at UUFC. (& if you can help me put up posters in stores & churches in the area please call xxx-xxxx. Thanks.... Jan

### Update Your Contact Information

It's been year since the last directory - important tool will strengthen the bonds amongst us.

Have you moved or changed your email address? Please update the office with any changes to make sure that your correct information is printed in the upcoming directory.

### Science & Religion

Eleven folks participated in a lively and enlightened discussion of the Dalai Lama's book. Our next meeting will be Thursday August 9 at 7:00 pm at which time we will be discussing C. P. Snow's book *The Two Cultures*. Although this is not a new book, the subject is still relevant. All are welcome to read the books and join our discussion. We find that we learn from one another as well as the book, and diverse opinions are welcome. [More info? call Joe Long at xxx-xxxx or Ann Johnson at xxx-xxxx.]

### Camping Club (Augusta UUCRSA)

August 17, 18, 19 at Mistletoe State Park

Venues: Cabana Or Tent (Tent Is Byot) (It's Cheap, The Cabanas Hold 4 Persons.

We Will Arrange A Day Hike or Nature Study on Saturday. Canoes Will Be Available For Rent (I'm Getting One)

If Interested Contact: Kevin Mahoney, 706 860 6123

[kmmahon@yahoo.com](mailto:kmmahon@yahoo.com)

### THE LOWLY ECHO POT LUCK TOUR

The Lowly Ensemble, one of Chicago's top eclectic bands, will perform at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 8, 2007, at Christ Unity Church, 1801 LeGrand Road, NEColumbia.

Lowly's music, performed on various and varying instruments, with roots in folk, rock, soul, gospel, country, ambient and classical genres, has wide appeal. Suggested donation: \$10 - adults, \$5 - students, seniors and military.

Musicians: Ethan Adelsman, violin; former Columbian Matthew Ganong, melodica and piano; Ryan Hammer, multi-instrumentalist, and ensemble leader Tim Lowly on guitar and vocals. Tim has been composing and performing since the 1970s in Chicago, Michigan and San Francisco. Christ Unity Church is located on LeGrand Road, off Two Notch Road to the north and just east of I-77. For more information, call Tony or Yolanda Ganong at xxx-xxxx.

## Freedom Summer A Civil Rights Journey July 7- 14, 2007

Join Us for A Week That Could Change  
Your Whole Life

**“It was one of those life-changing experiences  
you only get once...”**

**Chloe, Civil Rights Journey participant**

The journey lasts a week. The inspiration lasts a lifetime. It was a defining period in U.S. history. A time when courageous men and women stood up to the forces of prejudice and fear. A time when freedom, too long a prisoner of hate, was set free for all Americans to share. Join youth and adults from all over the country for UUSC's Freedom Summer, a weeklong historical journey that will take you to some of the most significant sites of the civil rights movement. You'll visit Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham. See where history was made and hear the stories of those who were there to witness it. Relive the trials and triumphs of Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Reverend James Reeb and thousands of others, and take part in a community service project. For more information, or to sign up, contact Nguyen at 800-xxx-xxxx, ext. 201, or download an application online at [www.uusc.org/freedomsummer](http://www.uusc.org/freedomsummer). The fee (not including airfare to and from Atlanta) is \$500. Must be age 14 or older to participate. The journey lasts a week. The inspiration lasts a lifetime.

**I will get to have this experience twice because I grew up in Birmingham, was attending the high school that was integrated, and watched the news in disbelief and horror at the treatment of the people. I remember the intense hatred and was afraid of expressing my feelings or asking any questions. I remember the two brave young girls at the high school and have often wondered what happened to them. I'm looking forward to this experience as an adult. While I am gone the following people have volunteered to be in the office to answer the phones: Marilyn Miss, Dillard Thompson, Ann Cargill & Jenifer Slater.  
*Gin Beery***



## The Green Corner

### E-RECYCLING COMES TO COLUMBIA

The City of Columbia is now accepting electronics for recycling in an attempt to solve the city's growing problem of electronic waste being improperly disposed of in its landfills. Electronic equipment contains hazardous material such as lead, mercury, and hexavalent chromium, which can be introduced in the environment by improper disposal of the waste. Unfortunately this program is restricted to City of Columbia residents only. Proof of residency is required. Electronic equipment (computers, monitors, laptops, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, audio equipment, stereo equipment, cell phones, digital cameras, remote controls, and other electronics) can be dropped off at the city's Public Works headquarters at 2910 Colonial Drive every weekday except Wednesday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM. Electronic equipment will not be accepted for recycling via curbside pickup. Any questions regarding the City of Columbia's electronics recycling program should be directed to Mr. Robert Anderson of the Solid Waste Division at xxx-xxxx.

Don't live in the City of Columbia and still wish to recycle your electronics? Staples, Inc. announced on May 21, 2007 that it will accept computers, monitors, laptops, printers, faxes, cell phones, rechargeable batteries and all-in-ones at any Staples store in the United States irregardless of where the item was purchased. Items can be dropped off at the Customer Service desk for a recycling fee of \$10 per large item. Items that are smaller such as keyboards and mice (not the furry variety) will be recycled for free.

Additional information about recycling locations, electronics and others can be found at <http://earth911.org/> At the top of webpage enter the type of material that you wish to recycle and the zip code in which you reside. Happy Recycling!!!

**Be content with what  
you have, rejoice in the  
way things are.  
When you realize there  
is nothing lacking, the  
whole world belongs to  
you.**

*-Lao Tzu*

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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., July 15, 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.