

The Uncommon DenominationSM

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Pastor Bud's Buzz

Some among us may consider the overall message of Jewish and Christian teachings to be more of a battle cry than a call to radical love. While the message of love woven through Jewish and Christian teachings is echoed in all the major world religions, one can also interpret in all of those religions support for acts of violence.

Our living tradition as congregations of freethinking individuals is to covenant to support each other in the search for truth and meaning. As individuals some of us experience God's love at work in our lives and we respond by loving our neighbor as ourselves. All of us can be inspired by the acts of selfless love performed by Christians and Jews, people of all religious or non-religious persuasion. All of us can be inspired by religious and non-religious organizations that strive to love their neighbor and even their enemies as they love themselves.

We Unitarian Universalists say in our Principles and Purposes that our living tradition draws from many sources including Jewish and Christian teachings, which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves. Not all of us can embrace this source without some internal interpretation. As we move into the autumn season we are invited to express our gratitude. Gratitude for what? For being loved? Loved by God? Loved by the Universe? Loved by the abundance of our planet that nourishes us through the labor of others with a plentiful harvest? Loved in the warm gatherings of family and friends who share a common meal? The best way to show that we are grateful for the love of God, the Universe, family and friends, is to love our neighbor and yes even our enemy, for to love our neighbor is to love ourselves.

If there is one prayer that we can all say, it is a prayer of thanksgiving. While we may have different ideas about the source of love for which we are thankful, our grateful response in loving acts toward others celebrates our oneness.

During this thanksgiving season I invite you to open yourself to the love around you, feel loved, and feel grateful. May you be so blessed that you will be able to recite with conviction these words that we sing to the tune of Finlandia by Jean Sibelius.

We would be one as now we join in singing our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew to that high cause of greater understanding of who we are, and what in us is true. We would be one in living for each other to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow a nobler world than we have known today. We would be one in searching for that meaning which bends our hearts and points us on our way. As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service, with love and justice, strive to make us free.

Stay Tuned

Happy Birthday to:

11/07 - Allison Plath-Moseley
 11/13 - Heather Ragsdale
 11/15 - Bruce Nelson
 11/18 - Carol Phillips
 11/18 - Bonnie Bostrom
 11/21 - Ruth Green
 11/21 - Barbara Eveleigh
 11/22 - Sondra Bengston
 11/27 - Travis Gordon
 11/28 - Al Bennett
 11/30 - Martha Sander Brandt



CONGRATULATIONS

Presidentially speaking

Our semi-annual meeting has come and gone. I thank everyone for attending and for contributing to our planning for the future of our congregation. Do look for the vision statement's appearance severally on our sundry documents. I expect that it will serve as beacon and guiding light to our attempts at navigating successfully on the ocean of life; focus on that statement: "We are a safe harbor where people may explore diverse ideas and beliefs, and we are a force for a better world."

The controversial matter of the Socially Responsible Investing is not a dead issue; the Board's Finance Committee has made it its topic and will continue to work toward clarification of the relationship between our practice and our beliefs also in financial matters. The reports that the chairs offered at the congregational meeting spoke vividly about the energy and the excitement that permeate our congregation. It's OK to feel good about ourselves and to look for the best yet to come.

We also have many other opportunities for competent people to show off their talents. We are still looking for a person willing to tackle the public-relations job and to coordinate with all the sundry persons who arrange for our congregation's communicative outreach. The job is quite important, so we really do need a person in that slot posthaste. If you feel that you might enjoy learning the ins and outs of such a

position, please share your willingness with the rest of us.

As we are moving toward the winter holiday—be that Kwanzaa, Solstice, Festival of Lights, Christmas, or Chanukah for you—many opportunities will arise for planning festivities, for arranging decorations, for organizing events, and for sharing with each other the richness of our lives. If you have an idea for the holidays, do let others hear about it and connect to each other to make your idea blossom. I think you will always find willing collaborators when you begin to reach out.

November 21 is the date for the next meeting of the Board. If you have concerns, ideas, or communication that should reach the Board, do share those ideas. Remember that all meetings of the Board are open to all congregants; feel free to stop by. -Best, Reinhold

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

As DRE I would like to thank all of you. I began 1 ½ yrs ago with about five children gathered around one table.... And now, there are 13 families with 21 children who are regular participants in our RE program! The program has grown from one class to three plus the Nursery. And each Sunday we utilize the nursery space, classrooms #2 and 3, outdoor picnic areas on the playground and in the hammock, as well as the Pastor Bud's office on occasion!

In fact, since things have really changed in RE, we found it necessary to make a few adjustments... **Thanks to Alliance for moving the refrigerator to the kitchen and to Cliff Jackson for purchasing a wall mounted baby changer. Thanks also to Edward Derks for his hard work moving the frig. and mounting the changer! Thanks also to Cathy Jackson for donating a rocker/glider for the nursery, and to Matthew King (my nephew) for donating additional outdoor play equipment. Thanks as well to the library and decorating committee for assisting us with the purchase of shelving for our RE classrooms.**

So, what are some of the things that have made this RE growth possible?

Volunteer participation has increased tremendously. There are now over 20 adult members of this congregation volunteering, as well as RE parents, who are assisting in Sunday school class 2x per child during each semester. This will collectively equal over 72 x before the end of this school year! **Thanks to all of the parents and other adults who have volunteered.**

What then makes our RE program unique?

A few things come to mind, and all of them involve integration. First of all, we have parents who will meet to consider the direction RE takes and integrate what happens within the different groups of children. This includes the nursery, Chalice children ages 3-5, Star Kids ages 6-8, and Cosmos Kids ages 9-12, and hopefully teens in the near future. **Thanks to the parents for taking time for RE in spite of other commitments!**

Secondly, we have a newly expanded RE committee, including Pastor Bud, myself, Dottie Mann, Kathryn Hansman-Spice, and Byron Spice. Byron serves as the RE chair person. It is the vision of the RE committee that RE now encompass both religious education of children and youth, as well as Life Long Learning for adults. **Thanks to Byron for his willingness to take on this role!**

And finally, but definitely of equal importance with regards to integration... This UU society has a team spirit. And within that spirit, Pastor Bud and I have worked together closely to integrate the sermon topics with the focus of our RE lessons. Just recently, we met and mapped out a plan that takes us through the next calendar year... 2008. This coordination is in all my experience not typical, but boy it is integration at its best! **Thanks to Pastor Bud for his enthusiasm as we plan for adults and children together!**

So, how do we know that RE is not only busy, but also alive and well? Just consider the following two turning points:

1st: The RE parents formed their connection group, Spiritual Parenting, about 1 year ago. And that group not only continues with additional participants, but they have also added an additional meeting time, increasing from once to twice per month. On top of that, when its founder was going to be away for a month the group decided not to wait until she returned but to continue meeting using the format she and Pastor Bud had established. **Thanks to Maura Riebensahm and the parents for giving SP a life of its own!**

2nd: Sunday school class also has a life of its own! With quite a bit of planning, and a few kind-hearted volunteers, RE class is blossoming. Kids are exploring RE with their peers and the gentle guidance of an adult leader. The small groups I mentioned earlier each now have their own identity... a five yr. old now separate from a 10 yr. old. This move was essential for the faith development of our children. A more age-appropriate program ensures the future success of RE... **RE is alive and well! Thank you Natalie Williamson... for you began the RE spark which has now grown into a steady flame!**

With sincere gratitude, Debbie Johnson, DRE

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

We have had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner in past years and want to do it again this year.

We had around 75 people last year. 4 or 5 people cook one turkey and the rest of us bring the sides and desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary asking how many people you will bring and what dish(es) you will make and for volunteers for set-up, decoration, bar, clean-up and entertainment.

Contact Suzanne Bond, Ashara Derouin or Gaia Davies with questions and suggestions.

Rummage Sale!!

Don't forget the rummage sale November 8, 9 and 10. Please bring in your goodies on Thursday, November 8th. Bring jewelry to Gaia anytime between now and then. It takes a lot of time to sort, clean, display and price it. The sale will be on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10.

If you think you will have large items that you will need help bringing items, please let us know as soon as possible. We need many hands, so please contact Gaia or sign-up in the Sanctuary. Thank you. Gaia Davies, (386) 615-2427 gaiadavies@gmail.com

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Green Sanctuary

Your Green Team would like to start teaching Earth Institute classes as soon as possible, so please sign-up for: Choices for Sustainable Living, Voluntary simplicity, Global warming; descriptions of each of the classes are by the sign-up sheets in the Sanctuary.

Our wonderful backyard needs some help! (again - always) The potato vines and ferns are getting ahead of us again. We are conquering them, but we need to keep pulling up the little sprouts. Kurtland is going to be out there every Tuesday and Saturday morning from 9-11 am, so come and join him. Of course, you are welcome to come work anytime, but it is more fun with a group. You will be amazed at what can be done in a short time. Please wear clothing that covers as

much of you as possible and bug repellent if you want it. We also bring water. Gaia brings a cushion to sit on.

Call Kurtland Davies with questions 615-2427

Our pot luck dinner program November 2, 2007

will be "A Celebration of the Life and Work of Nikos Kazantzakis, Author of 'Zorba the Greek.'" Panos Stroumpis will discuss the author's life, and then he will take on the role of Zorba in a short, light-hearted dramatic presentation based on the film "Zorba the Greek." Music, dance, "the whole catastrophe," as Zorba has said about marriage. Greek dishes for the pot luck would certainly be appropriate.

**Dan Gribbin www.dangribbin.com
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Information from the New Publicity Chairperson

I have recently assumed the position of Publicity Chairperson and would like to be informed of events sponsored by or of interest to our society so that information about them can be disseminated within our group and to the larger community. You can pass along information to me on Sunday or via e-mail at publicity@phil-green.net.

We have a bulletin board (or bulletin cupboard) on the west wall near the entrance for people to use to post notices of events. It has been suggested that any notice that is posted here contain on the back side the name of the person posting it together with the date that it was posted and the date that it should be removed. This will enable further inquiries to be directed to the appropriate person and help us to maximize the use of this space.

The committee could use the services of someone with graphic design skills to assist in preparing flyers and press releases and also

someone to take charge of organizing the bulletin board cupboard. If you are able to help us, please let me know. -Phil Green
phildkusa@fastmail.us

Book Discussion

The next book discussion meeting will be on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 7 P.M. The book to be discussed is "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini. Hope to see more of you then. -Art Milberg

MERRY MIMICS -- UU FUN(D)RAISER

Please join us in creating this show, and bringing back a tradition in our congregation. We promise lots of laughs and loads of fun to all who participate. We'll be lip-synching favorite Broadway and other popular show songs. Contact either Sheila McMahon (386/761-1581 comedyone@cfl.rr.com) or Carol Phillips (386/672-1824 uuclp@webtv.net).

ECOLOGY CORNER

I finally was in town long enough to have my **home energy survey** done! An FPL technician came by to check appliances and insulation for energy efficiency, provide personalized tips on home energy conservation, and describe other energy saver programs and rebates available through FPL. Although the survey is free, I also opted to have the technician, for a charge of \$30, use specialized equipment to check my home's ductwork for leaks. The survey, including ductwork, took approximately two hours.

The survey included a month-by-month analysis of the cost of cooling and heating my home and running appliances, and how weather affects my bill. Temperature changes can significantly impact the electric bill. A/C runs longer in hot weather, *even if you never change the thermostat*

setting, and heating your home can cost 2-3 times as much as cooling it.

I received a breakdown based on my October energy bill of \$117. Cooling/heating counted for almost half of the bill, water heating almost one-quarter, appliances just over one-third, and lighting only 3%, as I have switched most of my lights to high-efficiency CFLs. The breakdown also reflects my participation in FPL's "**On Call**" program, which allows FPL to occasionally cycle off select appliances (i.e. A/C) for short periods, only when absolutely necessary—*I don't even notice it*. To date, I've saved about \$862 through monthly billing credits since joining, and the program has saved enough energy to avoid building two new power plants.

My technician reported that my ceiling insulation is quite adequate (to my relief!) and the duct test found no air leaks. We discussed my plans to install a solar water heating system later this month, which should minimize water-heating expense. She also recommended:

- 1.) **Servicing my A/C** to clean the coils, seal the supply plenum with mastic, and check the thermostat. *Dirty coils (from a poor quality air filter, the unsealed plenum, etc.) greatly reduce system life and efficiency!* FPL provided a list of independent contractors to service the system, and a \$38 rebate certificate for system repairs.
- 2.) **Replacing the old heat pump with a high-efficiency model with a SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating) of 14 or higher. Also, install a programmable thermostat.** Costly, but I can qualify for another FPL rebate (this one for more than \$38) by using an FPL participating contractor.

- 3.) **Replacing my air filter monthly.** I was still using the inefficient washable fiberglass filter that came with the house; I've had trouble trying to replace the odd-sized filter. For now, I've ordered a pleated "3-month" disposable filter from my A/C contractor, but will continue to research in hopes of finding a more energy efficient, less wasteful alternative.
- 4.) **Installing a dog door, rather than leaving the back door cracked open.** Hopefully, this will convince David to either agree to a doggy door, or even better, to keeping the door closed despite "Princess" Candy's protestations. She likes having the door open, and standing in the doorway while having her belly rubbed, but refuses to pay her share of the electricity bill. I refuse to indulge her, but she's "Daddy's Little Girl."
- 5.) **Tinting windows, especially westward-facing,** as a more affordable alternative to high-efficiency double-paned windows. A variety of tinted films are available.

The survey report also included "*Top Tips to Save You Money*," various recommendations for reducing the costs of home cooling/heating, heating water and running appliances. I'll include these tips in upcoming columns.

- Efficiently yours, Sharon

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Sunday services when Rev. Bud Murphy is not in the pulpit have many interesting topics. Please be sure not to miss these Sundays. You can also purchase a CD of Sunday services, but to be there, and participate is the real thing. Support the hard work of the program committee by attending

the Sunday services also the non Rev. Bud Murphy services. (Editor)

Mountain Winter Schedule Available just click the following website for detailed information.

<http://www.mountaincenters.org/>

The Mountain is a Unitarian Universalist Conference and retreat Center in the North Carolina Mountains near Highlands. A very beautiful place to visit!

UUA TRUSTEE TIDBITS

Joan Lund

November already... I sincerely hope your congregation year is going well and you are energized by cooler weather. By the time you find this in your newsletter I will have returned from the October Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting and written a report for the District Packet and web page. This month the information will be about The Board of Review (formerly known as the Ministerial Fellowship Board of Review). This Board hears appeals from ministers and credentialed religious educators who have had their fellowship or status as credentialed religious educator terminated by the Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC) or the Religious Education Credentialing Committee (RECC). No appeal is permitted after the Board of Review's Decision.

Due to a bylaw change passed by the delegates to the 2007 General Assembly (GA) the BOT approves the rules of the Board of Review, which parallels the BOT's authority for the Ministerial Fellowship Committee and the Religious Education Credentialing Committee Rules. The Board of Review consists of eight members which includes three members who are ministers in final ministerial fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Association for at least seven continuous years; a credentialed religious educator-masters level; and four members who are not ministers or credentialed religious educators who have been members of a congregation for at least three years as an officer or member of the governing body of that

congregation. Board of Review members are elected by the delegates at GA and serve for eight years. No member of the Board of Review is permitted to be a member of the MFC, the RECC, or hold any salaried position in the Association.

A minister in final ministerial fellowship whose fellowship has been terminated may appeal the determination of the MFC to the Board of Review, who has exclusive jurisdiction to hear and decide on the appeal. A credentialed religious educator whose status has been terminated may appeal the determination of the RECC to the Board of Review who has exclusive jurisdiction to hear and decide on the appeal. An appeal to the Board of Review is heard by a panel of that Board selected by its rules. The panel hearing an appeal does not "try" the case but only reviews the record made before the MFC or RECC. The panel must uphold the decision of the MFC or RECC if it can be sustained by a reasonable view of the record, and in the absence of newly ascertained information. The panel may set aside the decision of the MFC or RECC only when it's necessary to correct or prevent manifest injustice.

The rules of the Board of Review can be found on the UUA web site. You can contact me at jlund@uaa.org or at 813-931-9727. I always enjoy, and profit from hearing from you. May you experience a blessed Thanksgiving and be of good health.

For Sale

1920 Haines Brothers Baby Grand Piano \$1500
Call Denise Miller @ 441-0775. Leave message.

*"I am only one
But still I am one,
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something.
And just because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."*

Edward Everett Hale (Unitarian Universalist hymnbook - Reading # 457)

The RE children, with the assistance of our RE Director (Debbie Johnson) and myself, will begin a project of socially responsible investing of their own. Investing to make money? No, they will be investing in "...the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part" (UU principle #7). The children are going to be asked to bring in \$1 or \$2 for a fun and rewarding experience in "investing." With the money they pool together they will select an individual that they would like to support through www.kiva.org. Kiva helps arrange micro-loans that "sponsor a business and help the world's working poor make great strides towards economic independence." The loan recipients chosen by the children RE will reflect the children's values through the services they provide to their local community. The Society will be provided with a link to track their "investments." Please visit Kiva's website for more information on how this works.

--Respectfully Submitted, Jack Schwadron

NOVEMBER, 2007 SUNDAY SERVICES

11/4/07	Rev. Bud Murphy:	<i>The fourth source: Jewish and Christian teachings, which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves</i>	-Cliff Jackson
11/11/07	Rev. Bud Murphy:	<i>Love makes the world go round</i>	-Bill Ternent
11/18/07	Rev. Bud Murphy:	<i>I Gave at the Office and Story for all Ages</i>	-Dottie Mann
11/25/07	Rev. Bud Murphy:	<i>Thanks</i>	-Denise Miller

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UU Hospitality volunteers for November.

Coffee and punch: Roger and Maritza Patterson
Ushers: Steve McLachlin and Rudy Fehling
Desk: Donna Jordan
Coordinator: Candice Siegerson

Sound

Nov 4th Sun Service Steve Segner
 Nov 11th Sun Service Joanne Kennedy
 Nov 18th Sun Service Cliff Jackson
 Nov 25th Sun Service Bob Scherer

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