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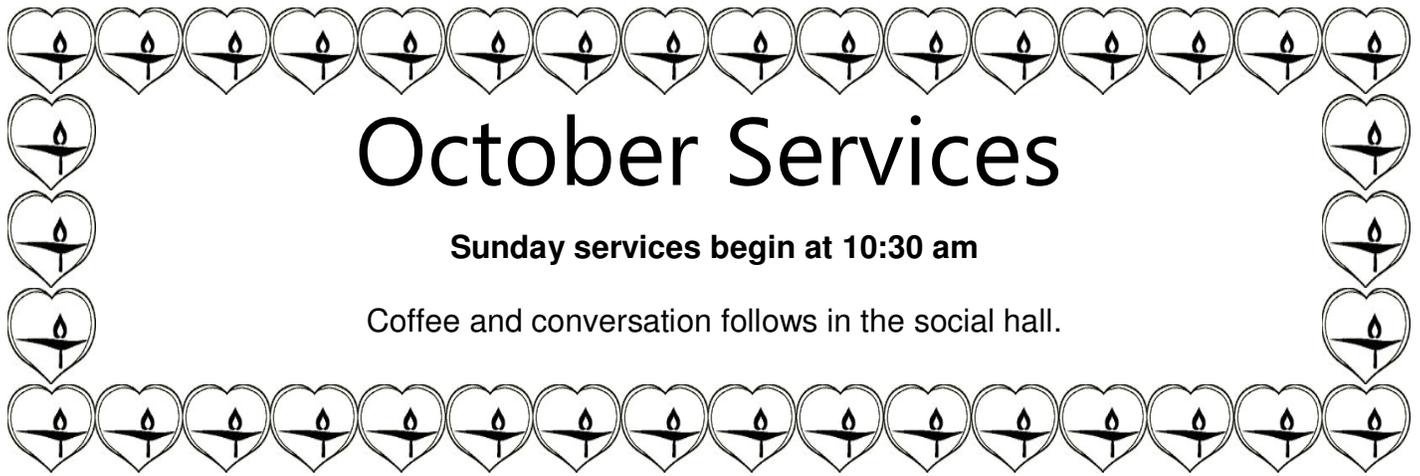
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On September 20, 2013, Hala Nassar, Professor of Landscape Architecture at Clemson University, was granted her US citizenship – after 17 years living and working in the United States...Here she is celebrating with friends...

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October Services

Sunday services begin at 10:30 am

Coffee and conversation follows in the social hall.

October 6 — *Animals and Spirituality*: Our connection to and blessings from our relationships with animals. You are invited to bring a picture or special item that reminds you of your special friend(s). A multi-generational service led by Ed Garbe and Rev. Terre

October 13 — *Living our Affirmation*. During this service we will explore the outcome of congregation, board and leadership input on how we want to live out our Affirmation in the next few years. Rev. Terre and UUFC leaders

October 20 — *In Sickness and in Health*. Second in our justice series^{*}, this sermon explores our response to controversies over U.S. health care needs and policies from a UU perspective. There will be a forum after the service for further conversation. Holley Ulbrich

October 27 — *Covenantal Connections*. How UUFC's Covenant Groups strengthen our connections with each other and our understanding of ourselves through the transformational practice of sharing our stories and our beliefs in a respectful, nonjudgmental setting. Led by Karel Keel and friends

* Eighteen people attended the first justice forum on September 15th as part of a new third Sunday series of sermons and conversation on justice issues. Conversation was lively and thoughtful about concerns over immigration, immigrants and immigration policy. Among the concrete ideas for action that emerged from the discussion were:

- Making an effort to get to know recent immigrants we encounter and listen to their stories, needs and concerns
- Supply more ethnic (especially Hispanic and Asian) foods to Clemson Community Care
- Help immigrants who have become citizens to register to vote
- Encourage our Congressman to bring the immigration bill to the floor of the House for a vote
- Thank Senator Graham for his efforts on immigration policy

- Write letters to the editor about immigration policy
- Get involved in teaching English as a second language to both children and adults
- Continue to oppose punitive policies toward undocumented immigrants
- Ask businesses whose services we use if their immigrant workers all have documentation

Our justice issue for October 20th is health care, which is very timely since the health insurance exchanges have just opened for enrollment and - even as I write - the House is making a last ditch effort to gut the Affordable Care Act by defunding it. The sermon will explore our mutual responsibility for care and how we resolve our commitment to freedom and respect with the demands of justice. The conversation after social time will explore what our concerns are with health care policy and what actions we might take to help others access the health care they need under the new policy.

Submitted by Holley Ulbrich

The Reverend's Remarks

Rev. Terre Balof, Minister

Dear Friends,

In reading Mary Pipher's book "The Green Boat", I was struck by the way in which her assessment of life reflects the last few weeks of many of our lives. She quotes scientist Will Steffen who speaks of the nature of life today as the "Great

Acceleration!" The last few weeks have certainly felt that way with schools and Clemson starting up, folks returning from summer journeys and a shift of seasons.

Learning to manage the acceleration has always been a challenge for me. I LOVE doing so many things! I love meeting new people and having new experiences. But I also know that beyond a certain point, I get overwhelmed. At that point some skill is needed to pull back to rest mind, body and spirit. Each of us needs to carve out spaces of quiet. Sometimes I feel that my mantra has become—Slow Down and Breathe!

I think Pipher is correct that we are in the midst of the Great Acceleration. I am very aware that when I am creating a pot on the potter's wheel, I have to control the speed and the shape of the clay. When the clay gets too spread out and thin it gets out of control and collapses. That image reminds us that we need to find ways that the Great Acceleration does not become the Great Collapse for us.

For many of us, it means saying NO to things we might like to do. For others, it means finding a place in nature to find peace. For some of us, it means having quiet time with family and friends. October is a perfect time of year to explore what we need to live a healthy life in mind, body and spirit. It can be a time to pause and notice the wonder and calm around us. The Upstate is at her most beautiful during this season, as nature displays her colors and glory. Let us take time to "commune" with nature. We need that connection to the earth in a visceral, physical way. Perhaps in taking time during the lull between the beginning of this season and the holiday rush, we can begin a pattern of calm appreciation and wonder for life that can give us strength and hope for living fully.

Blessings,

Terre

We grieve for the loss of two very special men who were part of the UUFC community. They each lived full, rich lives and left a lasting effect on many people.

We will have a Celebration of Life for Coz Renzi on October 5 at 11:00 am.

A Celebration of Life for Dick Danforth will be held on November 2 at 2:00 pm.

Our care and love go out to Coz and Dick's family and friends.

When someone
you love becomes
a memory, the
memory becomes
a treasure.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

The President's Column

Karen Hiebel, 2013 Board President

Some of you may have seen, and hopefully participated in, the recent UUFC "Living Our Affirmation" Survey organized by President-Elect Cecil Huey and Rev. Terre Balof. On September 20th and 21st, a group of about twenty individuals met to discuss those survey results and to begin the process of moving forward with them. The individuals present represented a large cross-section of the diverse folks that make up UUFC. Some participants have been at UUFC for a year or less, some for decades, with a wide variety of life experiences.

The goal of the meetings was to use the Unison Affirmation that we all recite every Sunday morning to clarify our thinking about where we at UUFC are going. We wished to formulate a clearly defined, specific vision that we could use to help us translate ideas into actions, both within and without our congregation. We began by developing a succinct articulation of who we are and what we stand for at UUFC. Now, "succinct" is not generally a word applied to UUs and our dedication to acceptance and diversity makes distilling our faith tradition to a bumper sticker almost a Herculean task.

But I am proud to say that those present rose to the occasion, engaging in a thoughtful and rigorous discussion Friday night, then going home to "sleep on" things. When we returned for the Saturday morning session, we unanimously approved the following bumper sticker-style statement: "UUFC: Open minds. Spiritual growth. Compassionate action." We all felt that this encapsulation of our mission and vision for UUFC can speak to all of us, and all of the diverse reasons that bring

us to UUFC and the rich variety of experiences we acquire here. The tripartite construction provides a clear, simple expression of the three that are most important to the life of our spiritual home - the individual, the congregation, and the community in which we live. At UUFC, we seek to provide a safe, caring environment for individuals to engage in their own personal search for meaning, whether through intellectual exploration or more spiritual experiences. As a congregation, we seek to offer each other care and support in times of difficulty and offer fellowship in our quests. As a part of the Clemson community and the larger world, we seek to put our principles into action which changes the world for the better.

Of course, simply having a catchy slogan isn't enough, so the rest of the retreat was spent brainstorming ideas that can be directly translated into action items which will help UUFC to be the best it can be for the individuals who come here, for the congregation as a whole, and for the community of which we are a part. Some of the ideas involve small things that, for example, could help to raise awareness of UUFC within the larger community. Other ideas might mean larger changes to our buildings, or how we do things at UUFC. What we would like to do is to develop a few "pilot programs" to test some of the many suggestions out, to see what might work, and what won't. We seek not to make changes arbitrarily or dictatorially, but to engage in an exploration of possibilities in a manner that involves the entire congregation, and that allows every voice to be heard. None of these things will happen overnight, or even in a few months, but over the coming year, or even several. As UUFC moves forward in the endeavor, we will strive to be mindful of each other as individuals, as a beloved congregation, and as a part of larger community with a clear vision of what it means to be UUFC, both within our walls and without.



Meditation Retreat

Submitted by Susan Watson

There will be a meditation retreat in the Sanctuary on Saturday, October 12, from 9 am to 2:30 pm. The retreat will consist of long, silent sits, silent walking meditation, and a silent lunch. If you'd like to attend, please wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a packed lunch. If you have a meditation cushion, you are welcome to bring that as well. Tea and discussion will follow the retreat. If you have questions about the retreat or to RSVP please email Susan at susanhwatson@gmail.com.

Religious Education

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The Religious Education Covenant

Perhaps your child's school year started like my daughter's. Our first day ended with a conversation about why we attend UUFC. You see, two of her four classes began with teachers proclaiming their love of Christ to the classroom. (No, I did not report this. For one thing, I felt doing so would only alienate her teachers. For another, I felt the Universalist in me should honor their personal beliefs. I knew when we settled in South Carolina that we'd have to learn to live in the buckle of the Bible belt.)

Having been raised by two college professors, I knew that education was the best tool with which I could arm my child. So, when she was old enough, we began attending UUFC. Most of those years, I've been back in a classroom along with her. My 10 years in RE have been sometimes rocky, but I've never regretted taking my child. After a decade of religious education, she is confident enough to have opinions that don't always mesh with her classmates. She believes strongly in the rights of gays, as the first principle has taught her. At age 11, she became a vegetarian (OK she still eats some fish), as she

believes in the seventh principle. We have found her signing online petitions, as she believes in social justice, the sixth principle.

Could we have done this at home? Could we have just taught her this by ourselves, and enjoyed Sunday morning in our PJs? After all, I was the one that was often teaching RE. Why didn't I just do this on my own and save myself the time and trouble of teaching it to others?

Perhaps, but I honestly believe that not only sharing our beliefs with her, but surrounding her with a community of others that shared many of the same beliefs has made her a stronger person. Yes, it wasn't always easy to drag ourselves out of bed to get to church, but in the end, it's been worth it. I remember one Sunday teaching our middle schoolers and finding that they had given a great deal of consideration to what it meant to be a UU in a heavily Christian atmosphere. I found all of them to be grateful for those beliefs, and proud to be a UU. I am proud to have introduced my child to other members of UUFC, including Kathy and

Gordon Crain, Meg MacArthur, Tom and Karen Hiebel, our ministers Alex and Terre and countless others that have been a part of her life.

Bringing your child to religious education should be a covenant between you, your child and the RE program. We've done our part and built a great program this year. Many hours have been spent selecting TED talks and Spirit Play lessons. Saturdays have been sacrificed for training and preparation. UUFC has done all this because they believe that RE is the foundation on which congregations are built. We ask that you take RE as seriously as you might dance lessons or soccer practice. If you do that, you will find your child ready to face a world in which they might be different than their peers, and they might find themselves grateful that you've prepared them for that reality.

Christine Prado

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We welcome new ideas, opinions, poems, inspiring quotations, advertisements, photos, artwork, and of course UU-related news!

UUFC Fall Happenings

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Is community service - and some UU fellowship - on your agenda for this fall? Consider getting involved in any of the following:

SUN, OCT, 6TH 2:00 pm

CROP HUNGER WALK

3.8 mile, or 1 mile option, walk in Clemson. Start location: Ft. Hill Presbyterian Church 101 Edgewood Ave (at intersection of College and Edgewood Avenues.) Parking across street on College Ave, and at nearby city parking garage.

Who will benefit? Funds raised combat poverty locally and abroad:

1) The Wall Street Journal reported on September 18th that nearly 20% of the US population live in or near poverty. There are many hungry people here in the Clemson Area, and we rely on Clemson Community Care to serve as our anti-hunger food bank. A quarter of the proceeds from the Crop Hunger Walk will go to Clemson Community Care.

2) Abroad: Each day almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes. Most of these are not victims of famine, but what the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) calls "the covert failure" of chronic hunger and malnutrition. 75% of proceeds will combat this stark reality abroad - either through Church World Service or the international relief agency of your choice. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC,) our sister Unitarian group which advances human rights and social justice around the globe, can be designated.

The Crop Hunger Walk UUFC online team is led by Meredith Walker. Even if you cannot walk that day, please consider donating to support the UUFC Team. Go to

www.crophungerwalk.org/clemsonsc. If you would like 75% of your donation to go to a Unitarian social justice organization, be sure to type in the initials "UUSC" in the box that says "Alternate Agency" at the time you provide your credit card number. Or see Sandra Sanderson at sandras@nctv.com or Toni King at king.toni62@gmail.com to pledge on paper.

MONDAY, NOV. 4th 4:00 pm

OUR DAILY REST SUPPER

Our Daily Rest Homeless Shelter, Seneca Help our team of cooks prepare a wholesome meal for 30 homeless people. You can either help with onsite cooking, or prepare a dessert or salad ahead of time. Contact Alan Rochusson at arochusson@gmail.com to get involved!

TUES, NOV. 12th 5:30 pm

MINISTERS' COOK-OFF to benefit SAFE HARBOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

First Baptist Church, downtown Clemson Help Rev. Terre Balof prepare and serve a delicious, wholesome salad at a multi-church gourmet cook-off competition. Last year UUFC won a prize! To shop, chop, or serve contact Sandra Sanderson sandras@nctv.com. Or just mark your calendar for a really fun night out!

Reach Out. Reach Higher = Happiness *Or* *Stewardship and Happiness*

**Stewardship Team: Janet Marsh, Chair;
Jim Alexander; Liz Branstead; Andi Nelson**



Martin Seligman, the father of positive psychology, theorizes that 60 percent of happiness is determined by genetics and environment and 40 percent is up to us. Most of us try to increase happiness by filling our lives with pleasures a new camera, special travel, and so forth.

According to Seligman, however, his research finds that the happiest people are those who pursue meaning (work, parenting, love) and engagement in the service of something "larger than you are." Further, engagement has physical

benefits. People who give of themselves are not only happier; they are also physically healthier.

Of particular interest to our UUFC community as we draw close to our 2014 Stewardship Campaign, the act of making a financial donation substantially increases happiness. According to Christine L. Carter, Ph.D., contributing financially "triggers the reward center in our brains that is responsible for a dopamine-mediated euphoria."

During the Stewardship Campaign, November 3 – 22, 2013, please make a pledge that supports your happiness, the well-being of UUFC, and the wider community. Join with fellow members and friends to make 2014 the year UUFC:

- continues to reach out to members, friends and the wider community, in a spirit of compassion and celebration, and
- reaches higher in a broader program of outreach to our community

UUFC Novel Circle

The Novel Circle is doing something *nove!* the next two meetings – reading non-fiction. But still gaining insights into the human condition.

October 3: "The Perfect Gentleman: A Muslim Boy Meets the West" by Imran Ahmad. A beguiling multi-layered memoir that has touched the hearts of readers throughout the world. Coming to London from Pakistan at the age of one, Imran grew up torn between his Islamic identity and his desire to embrace the world. His journey will leave readers both thinking deeply and laughing out loud.

*November 6: "The End of Your Life Book Club" The inspiring story of a son and his mother who start a "book club" that brings them together as her

life comes to an end. Over two years they read and discuss books raising issues of faith, courage, expressing gratitude and learning to listen. The book is a profoundly moving tale of loss that is also a joyful and often humorous celebration of life.

We meet at Founders House at 7:30 pm. All book lovers are welcome. Each book we select to read is vetted by two members.

Among books recommended by Novel Club regulars: Gail Brownlee: "Lost Recipe for Happiness" by Barbara O'Neal. "Loved learning what it takes to open a restaurant, loved the dog, loved the ghosts."

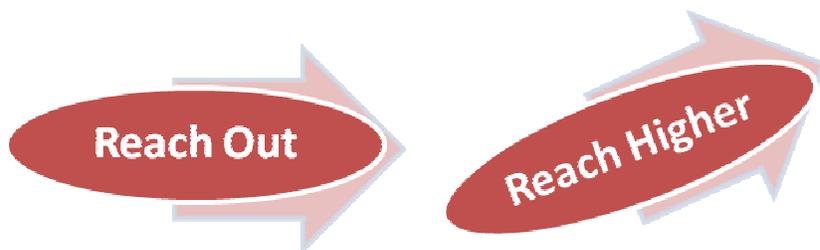
Georgeanne Stafford: 'Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Hunter' by Seth

Grahame-Smith. "I checked this out of the library just to see why it was so popular, never realizing it would actually be GOOD and surprisingly well written."

Dixie Haywood. "The Venus Fixers" by Ilaria Dagnini Brey details the British and American art experts with the US Army in WWII working to save Italian monuments, art and archives while the fighting was going on. "Amazing!"

Submitted by: Dixie Haywood

Please join your fellow UUFC Members and Friends to



The 2014 UUFC Stewardship Campaign

Did you know that making a financial contribution to a group or issue in which you are engaged will substantially increase your happiness? According to Christine L. Carter, Ph.D., contributing financially “triggers the reward center in our brains that is responsible for a dopamine-mediated euphoria.”

Members and friends of UUFC will have a chance to test this notion in early November when we launch *Reach Out. Reach Higher*, the 2014 Stewardship Campaign.

Launch Event – Stewardship Sunday, November 3, 2013

10:30 AM service: Rev. Terre Balof & Chad Carson

11:45 AM luncheon: Catered by Randis2go, Clemson

What you need to know:

- ⇒ ***Child care will be provided.***
- ⇒ ***RSVP by 10.25.13, including need for child care, to Andi Nelson, andine@bellsouth.net.***
- ⇒ ***Luncheon menu will include delectables for all diets.***
- ⇒ ***Pledge packets will be distributed to those attending; mailed to those not attending.***
- ⇒ ***Finance Council Chair, Sandra Sanderson, will present the proposed 2014 Budget and answer questions.***
- ⇒ ***We will conclude about 1:15 PM.***
- ⇒ ***Fun will be shared by all!***

With your financial support, in 2014 UUFC will:

- continue to ***reach out*** to members, friends and the wider community, in a spirit of compassion and celebration, and
- ***reach higher*** to offer greater support and enhanced programs to our church community and the community beyond our walls.

Stewardship Team: Janet Marsh, Chair; Jim Alexander; Liz Branstead; Andi Nelson

The Habits of Supremely Happy People, by Kate Bratskeir. [Huffington Post](http://www.huffingtonpost.com), 9.16.2013.

October Book Dialogue: Green Sanctuary invites you to attend their Sunday morning book dialogue featuring *The Green Boat: Reviving Ourselves in Our Capsized Culture* by Mary Pipher. This book was selected because it gives hope to those of us who are worried about our world and passionate about working for change, but sometimes feel disheartened and discouraged. Join Green Sanctuary at Founder's House from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Sundays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27. For information, contact Karel Keel about chapters we will be discussing each week. However, it is not necessary to read the book.

Yes! UUFC is Taking Action for Solar Energy:

At UUFC, we are concerned about our use of energy as individuals and as a congregation. We use programmable thermostats with preset temperatures for occupied and non-occupied hours. We have a hot water-on-demand system in our kitchen. We make repairs recommended in our 2011 UUFC Energy Audit that minimize our use of natural gas and electricity, both used to heat and cool our buildings. Our ultimate goal is to use renewable energy at UUFC, including solar panels on our roof. However,

South Carolina has regressive rules that keep non-profits, small businesses and homes from expanding their use of solar power. In the meantime, solar is booming in neighboring North Carolina.

Recently Green Sanctuary became leaders in challenging our state to change their policies by launching an email campaign directed toward members of the South Carolina Public Service Commission. For example, our email asked that the number of megawatts smaller consumers are allowed to produce in South Carolina be expanded from 10 to 250 like other states. A commercial system, like that at Furman University, is restricted to 100 megawatts. As a green, sustainable campus, Furman wants to expand their use of solar but are blocked by regressive state laws that are shaped by utility companies, not consumers.

Watch for more opportunities from Green Sanctuary to make solar power more available in our state. And visit our UUFC website to learn how to cut down on your own energy use and help our congregation do the same.



Fall Local Foods Potluck

October means a wonderful fall harvest of cooler weather crops like kale, chard, peppers, eggplant and pumpkins. Enjoy them on Thursday, October 24th at 7 p.m. at our Fall Local Foods Potluck at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

This year several community groups are partnering with the Clemson University student branch of Slow Foods to present our fall dinner. The students will offer a chili entrée for \$5.00 while community attendees are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert large enough to share with the students and made with at least one local ingredient.

Watch for a flyer with more details on the Green Sanctuary bulletin board. For more information, contact Ellie Taylor.



Singing Ritual - 2013

Submitted by Elaine Fredendall

If you attended last year's Solstice event, you know how magical and healing it was. We are doing it again and want to include more people in the choir; women and men, youth and adults. It's not too late to join us.

How this will work:

- ◆ We will rehearse on Mondays at 5: 30 pm. You can choose to sing all 5 of the group songs with us, or as few as you like. Exact number of rehearsals is to be determined. Expect to come at least every other week and then more often as the performance approaches.
- ◆ Attend dress rehearsal on **Friday night, December 20**
- ◆ Attend the Winter Solstice night **Saturday, December 21.**

What you do NOT have to do:

- Sing anything you don't want to
- Sing really hard music
- Be able to read music or have a GREAT voice
- Sing a solo

Contact Elaine Fredendall at 650-6824 or elainefredend@yahoo.com or talk with anyone in She Sings if you have any questions.

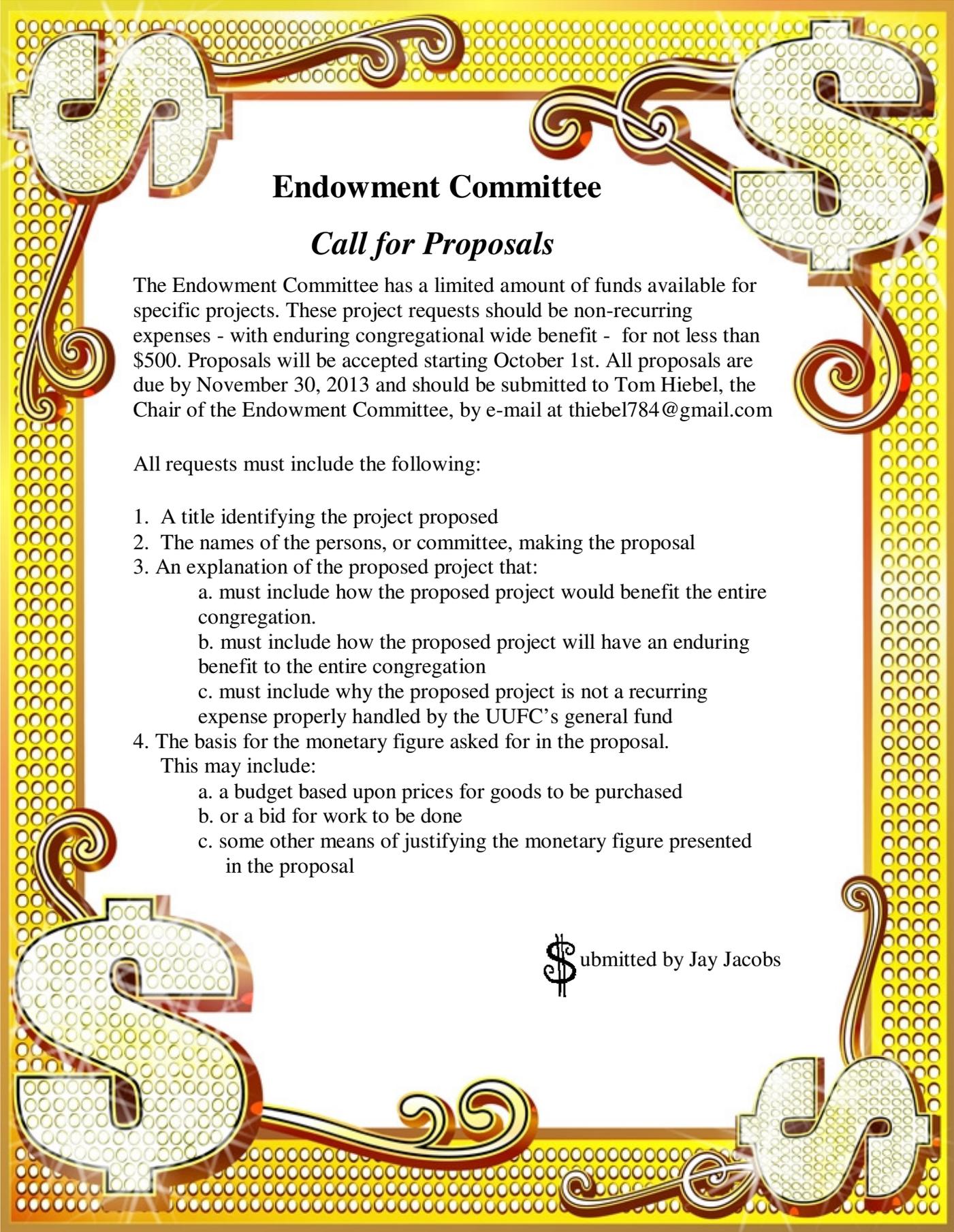


My Assignment with Peace Corps Response by Kathy Crain

Last spring, I began talking about going away with the Peace Corps. I learned about Peace Corps Response, a relatively new program allowing qualified professionals the opportunity to serve in short-term assignments in various programs around the world. Peace Corps Response Volunteers receive transportation to (and from!) the country of service; medical care; and a readjustment allowance of \$375 for each month of service. I have been assigned to be a special education specialist in Cebu City in the Philippines. My departure date is September 29, and I will be there for 6 months. I had to resign my position with the School District of Oconee County, but I have been allowed to keep my web page active so that I can blog about this adventure. Feel free to follow along as additional documentations of this journey are entered: <http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us/webpages/kcrain/myblog.cfm> My husband Gordon will be staying home in Seneca; our son Daniel had begun his second year at Tulane's medical school. The support from friends at UUFC has meant a lot - I will be following fellowship news from afar and look forward to sharing stories when I return. Thank you!
Kathy Crain

Mission: In 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps to promote world peace and friendship. The Peace Corps' mission has three simple goals:

- Helping the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.
- Helping promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
- Helping promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.



Endowment Committee

Call for Proposals

The Endowment Committee has a limited amount of funds available for specific projects. These project requests should be non-recurring expenses - with enduring congregational wide benefit - for not less than \$500. Proposals will be accepted starting October 1st. All proposals are due by November 30, 2013 and should be submitted to Tom Hiebel, the Chair of the Endowment Committee, by e-mail at thiebel784@gmail.com

All requests must include the following:

1. A title identifying the project proposed
2. The names of the persons, or committee, making the proposal
3. An explanation of the proposed project that:
 - a. must include how the proposed project would benefit the entire congregation.
 - b. must include how the proposed project will have an enduring benefit to the entire congregation
 - c. must include why the proposed project is not a recurring expense properly handled by the UUFC's general fund
4. The basis for the monetary figure asked for in the proposal.

This may include:

 - a. a budget based upon prices for goods to be purchased
 - b. or a bid for work to be done
 - c. some other means of justifying the monetary figure presented in the proposal

ubmitted by Jay Jacobs

Be Spooky, Be Crazy,



THINK GREEN for HALLOWEEN

As we look at the traditional way America celebrates our big holidays, it seems to be about cheap plastic throwaways and processed junk food. Is it time to think Healthy Planet, Healthy People, Healthy Futures?

What's wrong with the way we celebrate Halloween and other holidays?

First, our throwaway society will add an extra million tons of waste each week between Halloween and New Years Day. Most of it will not be recycled, but will end up in a landfill where it degrades partially or not at all over thousands of years.

Secondly, during Halloween alone, adults will give each child an extra 3 cups of sugar (about 200 packets) and 1 1/2 cups of fat for about 4,800 extra calories. People have the idea that kids need candy to be happy and "a little bit won't hurt." Turns out that kids are surrounded by sweets everywhere: school, stores, church, activities, sports, home, and from neighbors.

Solutions that keep "the fun" in our holidays?

Role modeling is the most powerful teaching device we can offer children at home and at UUFC. When they see adults being careful about adding trash to our landfills, they will learn to walk softly on our Earth.

1. Give greener and healthier Halloween treats to children: less added sugar and fat, least packaging, things that last. Kids love to grab dimes or nickels from a jar, get a homemade treat individually wrapped like a popcorn ball, pick out crazy shoelaces or stickers, or choose a small reusable card game or jump rope from a basket.
2. Avoid plastic throwaway costumes or decorations: help a child create a costume from boxes or old clothes, check out your local thrift stores for funny hats or decorations, re-purpose last year's items (decorations can last a decade or longer,) or use natural items like pumpkins or greens that can be composted.
3. Never use disposable eating utensils like plastic forks or individual bottles of water. Remind yourself and your children to carry water bottles and your own forks and spoons with you to events.

For more ideas and link: [www. GreenHalloween.org](http://www.GreenHalloween.org).



3rd Annual HUULa Gathering

Although the group was smaller this year, the fun was just as big.

Southern UU Fall Institute (SUUFI) at The Mountain October 7-11

"The Sacred Side of Science"

Five days and four nights of challenge and joy in the beauty of fall foliage in the NC mountains with Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow.

Rev. Jan Taddeo, Minister of the **Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett**, is a strong advocate of SUUFI: "In seminary I chose Michael Dowd's book, *Thank God for Evolution!* as the subject of my paper for a UU course. To approach the book from a critical perspective was difficult since I love this book and Michael's evolutionary ministry.

"I found nothing in Michael's work that conflicts with a Unitarian Universalist perspective whether one identifies as religious humanist, UU Pagan, UU Christian, UU Jewish or agnostic.

"At SUUFI 2013 @ The Mountain, Oct 7-11, Michael and wife Connie Barlow offer a unique opportunity to integrate an evolutionary cosmology into all aspects of congregational life, as well as in our own personal spiritual growth and development."

You will find more info and online registration at www.suufi.org.

