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Deadline for submission to the next issue of UUFC World is **December 20th.**

Please share with us at
 UUFCWorld@gmail.com.



Honorees: Elena....Erin.....Heather and..... Rhonda

We want to help our new babies build their libraries. If you would like to contribute, please bring one or more books as gifts. We will put them in baskets to be distributed at the joint shower.

If you'd like to participate in the gift giving and will not be here for the shower, you can put your books in a basket at the entrance of the sanctuary and they will be included.

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December Services



Sunday services begin at 10:30 am
Coffee and conversation follows in the social hall.

December 1

Living our Affirmation: Reflections of our Future, our Leadership Retreat and our Journey Forward.

Cecil Huey, our president-elect, and Rev. Terre will share the outcomes from our recent leadership retreat that offered some interesting possibilities for ways in which we see our future growth and development.

December 8

Experiencing the Prayer of Jesus in his Native Language:

What we have learned about the Prophet Jesus emerged from layers of translations and mistranslations. Our service will help us look at the Lord's Prayer from Jesus' native language. The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Reed, director of the Shalem Center in Columbus, Ohio, will lead the service with Rev. Terre.

At 2:00 pm, Elizabeth Reed will lead participants in an experience of the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic through the use of chants, prayers and movement. All are welcome and no experience is necessary.

December 15

Living as the Homeless in our Community. This morning, Mr. Stephen Lambright will share a dialogue sermon with Rev. Terre as they consider concern for the homeless in our area and how the organization, Family Promise seeks to help relieve some of the suffering for families in our midst.

Congregational Meeting — *Following the Sunday service*
Agenda: Presentation of the 2014 budget and election of officers. Only members who have signed the Membership Book prior to December 5, 2013 will be eligible to vote, but all friends and members are welcome to attend.

Baby Shower — *Following the Congregational Meeting*

December 21

The Winter Solstice Singing Ritual 7:00 pm

For more information, please refer to the informational article in the newsletter

December 22

An Intergenerational Exploration of Christmas Traditions that began with Unitarian Universalists. Come and enjoy a fun service of discovery. Rev. Terre and Friends

December 24

Our Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service Finding Light in the Darkness. Begins at 5:00 pm.

You are invited to participate in our traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve service! Rev. Terre would enjoy having folks who would like to do a reading, be a greeter, or give out candles.



December 29

My Favorite Things: An Intergenerational, participatory service. Bring a poem, a song, an object, or anything you want that represents something meaningful to share its significance to you. Ed Garbe and Justin Campbell

The Reverend's Remarks

Rev. Terre Balof, Minister

Dear Friends,

December is upon us. We have weathered the beginning of the holiday season. We have journeyed or stayed home for Thanksgiving. We have eaten lavishly or modestly and we enter this month with

some big decisions to make—how will we navigate the multiple demands of the holiday season.

When growing up, the holidays seemed so magical. It was only as a working parent that I understood the love and truly hard work it took to balance all the responsibilities of being an adult in the midst of holiday expectations and celebrations.

Today I find more and more people becoming thoughtful about how they spend their time and energy, as well as how our resources are used in gift giving. After all, what do most of us really need in the way of material possessions! What we need is more time—time to be with friends and family, time to think about what we have experienced this year, time to consider how we want to live, time for silence, time to experience joy and wonder.

So before the frenzy begins—STOP! Choose to be intentional about how we really want to spend our holidays and have the courage to articulate your wishes to family and friends. Create new traditions that give us pleasure and joy.

Join your UUFC family for some of our special events:

The Dances of Universal Peace on Dec. 7 (4:00 pm)

The Aramaic Lord's Prayer Cycle on Dec. 8 (2:00 pm)

The Winter Solstice Singing Ritual on Dec. 21 (7:00 pm)

The Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service (5:00 pm)

Thank you for all the gifts of care and compassion, laughter and wonder that we share in our UUFC community.

And on behalf of our entire staff, I offer you the Blessings of the Seasons,

Terre

BUILDING YOUR OWN THEOLOGY CLASS TO BEGIN JANUARY 20!

Rev. Terre and Holley Ulbrich will facilitate a *Building Your Own Theology* class beginning on January 20 for 6 weeks. The class will be held from 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm on the following five Monday nights (sorry we had to balance schedules!) in the Founders House. If you are a new member or long time member and wish to explore your beliefs, this is the class for you! For more information or to sign up for the class, please contact Rev. Terre at tbalof@gmail.com.

The President's Column

Karen Hiebel, 2013 Board President

This month marks my last newsletter article as president of the Board of Trustees. At first, I thought that I should reflect on the events of the past year, or perhaps try to share some of what I have learned serving as part of the leadership of UUFC. While it is true that I have spent the better part of the last six years serving on the Board in one capacity or another, I am not at all sure that I have much to offer in the way of wisdom. I will spend one more year on the Board, serving as past president. Then, I will hang up my proverbial board member hat. I would be lying if I said that I won't step down from the Board without at least some small measure of relief. After all, my years as a Board member have had an impact, not just on myself, but on my entire family. Sometimes, I think that my kids may have been to more Board meetings than some long time members of UUFC, and I am sure that they will be dragged to a few more in the coming year.

It's not that I regret the time I've spent as a Board member -- quite the opposite. During the last six years, I have come to feel a much deeper connection to UUFC and the people who give so much of themselves to help insure that all of the hundreds of things that need to get done to keep

this place running get done. I have seen those same individuals face difficult situations and decisions with dedication, sincerity of commitment, and a profound love for our collective spiritual home. We have also spent time laughing together, and sharing the joy, and sometimes the sorrows, of our journey together. I will continue to respect, admire and love the people I have served with.

There's no denying that we have been through a lot of changes in the past few years, and maybe that's why I can't help but focus more on the future than the past. We have so many new faces, individuals with a variety of life experiences and such a wealth of energy and new ideas that I can hardly wait to see what happens next at UUFC. We are still poised on the edge of what promises to be a very exciting time for UUFC, as we strive to clarify our vision for ourselves as a sacred community, and our role in the Clemson area, and the larger world.

I have always felt that Unitarian Universalism holds the future as an integral part of the sacred. After all, if you wish to change the world for the better, you must, on some fundamental level, believe in the future, and in our capacity to have a positive impact upon it. You must also have faith that those who come after you, those who continue the endeavor to achieve a better future will cherish that vision, and strive just as hard to fulfill it.

That faith in the future has always been a part of UUFC. And, when I look around at all those new faces, I can certainly see why.



During the upcoming season of generosity, how about considering a gift that keeps on giving? A donation to The Mountain Camp Scholarship fund in honor of a friend or loved one is a gift that can change the life of a child forever. The Mountain will send a card to whomever you designate, telling them of your generous donation in their honor. You may do this on line at www.mountaincenters.org or call (828) 526-5838. Other 'Mountain' gift ideas might include a hat, coffee mug or 35th Anniversary Tee Shirt! Call today and we will be glad to ship, along with a gift card, as long as quantities last.

Mountain Camp is looking for staff for the 2014 season. Contact Youth Program Coordinator Kerry Keys at (828) 526-5838 ext 253. Camp dates are on The Mountain website, and registrations begin in January.

For more information or to register for programs, visit The Mountain website at www.mountaincenters.org

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Religious Education

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A Fabulous Fall

Lots of activity from Religious Education this fall and more to come in the spring. Here are some of the highlights:

We started Spirit Play with the elementary learners, to good success. We had an array of terrific teachers to interact with our younger, enthusiastic set. The fall was devoted to the Unitarian Universalist principles.

The teens used TED talks to discuss the principles, which has led to some insightful and interesting conversation, with members of the congregation getting to know our youth.

A successful pet drive for Concerned Citizens for Animals, who talked to the classes about the work they do for dogs and cats in the Upstate, including our own Janice Dieter. A big thanks to the congregation for enthusiastically supporting us in this drive.

A great combined class on the Day of the Dead, presented by Kari Carson and Carolyn Turner. The children learned about the history of the celebration and the importance of remembering and honoring

one's ancestors. Carolyn was able to talk about her passion: butterflies. In Mexico, they believe the monarchs are the souls of ancestors who are returning to Earth for their annual visit. The children then colored sugar skulls and made tissue flowers, which they used to decorate an altar.

Spring brings more fun. Look for a possible multigenerational get together in February, some collaboration with Green Sanctuary, including a natural laundry detergent sale in December and Spirit Play classes on famous Unitarian Universalists.

little cubs who just want to put everything in their mouths." He came to UUFC through friends in the teen group and said, "it was nice being part of a group of open-minded individuals." Currently, Hayden attends Tri-County Technical College, and enjoys fencing, listening to records, thrift shopping, and writing poetry. But he also loves working in the nursery. He says, "I tell people that I'm only "doing my job" but really I'm having a fantastic time with the children." Mesfin Thompson is one of Hayden's graduates and while Hayden doesn't pick favorites, he says he misses some of the shenanigans the two of them would get into. Stop by the nursery and say hi to Hayden, our superhero to the toddler set! (And, ask him exactly what it means to be a "Samurai Ranger.")



**Spotlight on
RE Staff:
Samurai Hayden**

With the arrival of new babies, we thought we'd also celebrate some people that work in the nursery. Hayden Dutschke is excited and nervous about the babies, saying he feels "like a bear, watching over

By Christine Prado

Submitted By: Ellie Taylor

Keeping Your Home Naturally Clean

Why take the time to make your own cleaning supplies? Here are some good reasons:

- * Protects people from chemicals that are unhealthy, especially children.
- * Reduces chemicals in our air and water supply.
- * Saves money because Ingredients are inexpensive, simple to find and easy to use.
- * Keeps plastic containers out of our local landfill.
- * Works as well, or better, than commercial cleaning products.

Some people have been making their own window cleaner for years with simple ingredients like vinegar and rubbing alcohol. At our November Trading Post, Debbie Bzdyl shared her time-tested formulas for laundry detergent, soft scrub, toilet bowl cleaner and dishwasher detergent. Check out the “recipes” on our UUFC website. For finding ingredients or a printed copy of recipes, contact Debbie or Ellie Taylor.

Don't want to make your own? Environmental Working Group (www.ewg.com) has recommendations for Earth-Friendly cleaning supplies, Dirty Dozen Vegetables, cosmetics, sunscreens and more.

Earth Friendly Holiday Happiness

Holidays are a great time for simplifying our lives and gifting our Earth. Here are some of the best:

1. Give gifts that are needed and do not end up in the landfill.
For Children:

- * Give gifts to children that encourage outdoor play and imagination, but are made from renewable resources like wood. Blocks are a great example. Check out buying lightly used toys and games at our local thrift stores. For more ideas: www.GreenAmerica.org.

For Adults:

- * Think “local,” “Fair Trade” or “homemade.” Locally, Split Creek Farm will ship a gift basket filled with their prize-winning goat products. Or, you can create your own food basket by shopping locally and organically through our Clemson based CAFÉ (www.ClemsonAreaFoodExchange.com).
- * Cook up your own food gifts like soup or muffin mixes in a jar. Recipes are online.

- * Think reusable, like an ink pen. Check out www.GouletPens.com.
- * Give a gift basket filled with cleaning products you make from recipes on our UUFC website.
- * Buy Fair Trade items that provide families a livable wage at our UUFC Trading Post (2nd Sunday each month) or order directly from Equal Exchange. Other sources: 10,000 Villages or our own UU Service Committee at ShopUUSC.org.
- * Replace Christmas cards with email or e-card greetings.

2. Give non-material gifts.

- * Honor someone with the gift of your time like an invitation to dinner, an offer to go hiking or help planting a garden.
- * Give tickets or gift certificate for a local theatrical performance.
- * Give a donation or membership to a worthy organization in honor of your loved one. From Heifer International to our own Clemson Community Care, gifting a donation helps and reduces trading more “stuff” that we don't need.

3. Incorporate local foods at all your holiday parties and dinners.

- * In South Carolina it is possible to eat locally all year around. Order your local foods from CAFÉ (see #1 above) including meat, eggs, and pasta.
- * Bake or cook holiday favorites at home using as many local ingredients as possible like flour, corn meal, honey, vegetables, nuts and fruits.
- * Check out local bakeries like Granny Zuckers, Pendleton Café and Bakery, or Blue Marble in Seneca.

4. Decorate and wrap with as few disposables as possible.

- * Use renewable resources like a Christmas tree from a local tree farm, local greenery and local holly. Or, buy a tree with a root ball that can be planted in your yard.
- * Avoid disposable plastic items. Pick things that can be used repeatedly for many years.
- * Wrap gifts inside cloth shopping bags, dishtowels or a scarf.

UUFC Women, REJOICE!



The much anticipated **White Elephant Party** is Friday, December 13th at Founder's House, with appetizers at 5 PM.

We will try to finish by 8 PM but that means we can't be having too much fun and laughter!

Bring a wrapped "treasure" for exchange that no one will want, a salad-type dish to share, and a beverage. Please RSVP to uufcadm@gmail.com by December 10. If questions, contact Janet Marsh, 888-0011 or jmarsh@clemson.edu.

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

Season's Greetings

**The Marshes: Ken, Janet, Abe & Callie
Invite You to
Our Fourteenth Annual
'Chili Open House'**



**Sunday, December 22, 2013
4:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

**RSVP by 12/19 – 864.888.0011 or
jmarsh@clemson.edu**

**A simple dessert or beverage is welcome – not required.
Or, bring a food item for people in need.**

130 Cane Creek Harbor Road, Seneca

Directions: West on RT 123 to RT 28. Turn right toward Walhalla and drive 1.3 miles. Turn right on RT 188 and drive 1.3 miles. Turn left into Cane Creek Harbor Rd. Red brick house at bottom of hill, on right.



**A Weekend of Spiritual Exploration of Sacred Movement and
Encounter with the Aramaic Jesus at the
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson**
226 Pendleton Road, Clemson, SC 29631

Saturday, December 7, 4pm *An Afternoon of the Dances of Universal Peace*

The Dances of Universal Peace are simple body prayer and movement to sacred phrases from many religious and cultural traditions. Everyone is welcome to join the dances and no experience or much coordination is needed!

6pm Join us for a Potluck. Bring a generous dish to share with others.

Sunday, December 8, 10:30 am Service *Encountering the Aramaic Jesus.*

Led by the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Reed, Director of the Shalem Center, Columbus, Ohio.

2pm The Prayer Cycle of the Prayer of Jesus in Aramaic, his native Language.

This participatory experience will include chants, simple body prayer and movement, as well as meditation.

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Reed founded and directs the Shalem Center in Columbus, Ohio. Its mission focuses on holistic healing and growth centered in interdisciplinary and interfaith perspectives. She is ordained both as a United Methodist minister and Sufi cherag, is a psychotherapist (Psychosynthesis) and spiritual counselor, certified Dances of Universal Peace leader and mentor. She facilitates workshops and has authored and contributed to books and numerous articles.

Her current work is primarily an extension of Shalem Center's "Abwoon Interspiritual Project" which supports the work of author

Neil Douglas-Klotz. This work involves a mystical approach to the translation of Yeshua's words from Aramaic, demonstrating connections among Semitic languages and the essential Unity among spiritual paths. This Native Middle Eastern translation and spiritual practice work promotes the Sufi vision of "Unity of Religious Ideals" (from Murshid Inayat Kahn) through a mystic's peace plan to "eat, dance and pray together" (from Murshid Samuel Lewis).



For more information about this event, contact Rev. Terre Magdalen Balof at (804) 517-0146.



UUFC Novel Circle

The Novel Club has become an affiliate of the Covenant Groups. Our monthly topic is the book we are discussing, gaining insight from the worlds we visit in our reading. Come join us at the Founders House at 7:30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except January, 2014, which will be on the 8th).

December 4: **Ordinary Grace** by William Kent Krueger. A brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. An unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

January 8: **And The Mountains Echoed** by Khaled Hosseini. A novel about how we take care of one another, and how the choices we make resonate through generations. Hosseini explores the many ways in which families nurture, wound, betray, honor and sacrifice for one another; and how often we are surprised by the actions of those closest to us at the times that matter most.

Submitted by: Dixie Haywood

Winter Solstice Singing Ritual ~ 2013

By Elaine Fredendall



Please join us for a special candlelight performance of the Winter Solstice Singing Ritual on Saturday, December 21 at 7 p.m.

This beautiful musical story celebrating the darkest day of the year and the return of light to the world is being performed by UUFC's choir, She Sings and guests.

The Winter Solstice Singing Ritual draws on Western polyphonic choral singing, Native American texts, Greek mythology, as well as other sources to create an entertaining and meaningful evening.

For more information visit the UUFC website at www.uufc.org or call the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson at 864-654-5959. The UUFC is located at 226 Pendleton Rd., Clemson.

"It's Time to Rethink My Pledge"
by Paula Heusinkveld

Paula, a member for over 30 years, spontaneously offered thoughts about her stewardship at the Stewardship Luncheon on November 3. Thank you Paula!

In those early days at UUFC, I used to think how fortunate we were to have mature, long-standing members who could make the biggest pledges and carry a big share of the financial load. Now...31 years later...whoops, I guess I've become one of those old timers. It's time to rethink my pledge.

In this day and age, I am inundated with mail and phone calls soliciting my contributions to various causes: environmental groups, civil liberties, social justice, women's rights, and on and on. Sometimes it's hard to know how much of each dollar actually ends up where it's supposed to go.

I choose to support UUFC, because it embodies ALL my values: liberal religion, social justice, protecting the environment, respect for all people, the interdependent web, and much more. I want to be sure that this haven for liberal religion remains strong in upstate South Carolina --for myself, for our present members, and for all those seekers out there -- people of all ages who are looking for what we offer.

When I think back over all those years, I realize how far we have come, from a tiny, lay-led group holding loosely-organized "services," to the wonderful UUFC of today. I have never been happier with UUFC than I am now. We have strong leadership (thanks to Terre!), a great RE program, and a growing membership. We are wonderfully inter-generational, with more babies on the way. The energy in our congregation is palpable: covenant groups, book study groups, young adult groups, Buddhist meditation, hiking ladies, and much more. UUFC today is meeting my needs as the dynamic, inspiring, nurturing liberal faith community that I used to only dream about.

Third Sunday Forum: Radical Hospitality
Holley Ulbrich & Terre Balof

The November 17th justice forum was about Radical Hospitality—how we, as a congregation, can become more open to and inclusive of diversity of all kinds, more accepting and respectful - and even appreciative of differences. There are four specific challenges:

1. How we make people aware that we are here, particularly people who differ from us in race or ethnicity, income or education, culture or political orientation, to name a few.
2. How we greet them initially and make them feel at home, and then integrate them into the congregation.
3. How we need to speak and act so that we are not creating an inaccurate, misleading or negative impression of our faith tradition and our particular faith community by the things we say and do.
4. How we may need to change our way of doing things to accommodate the diversity we have sought, and how we deal with our own sense of loss or marginalization when things change.

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The first challenge brought some useful suggestions, including inviting more groups to use our space, and hopefully developing ESL classes for the internationals among us. Terre will be looking for people to undertake that project, so if you are interested, let her know. All of us need to keep our antennae up to invite and encourage, not just our neighbors and colleagues, but others who are unchurched and might want to check us out.

In response to the second challenge, the ten people present at the forum shared their own experience of coming to UUFC. Most of them personally had found it very positive, with particularly warm words for the Membership Committee in every way, including being sensitive to those who want to be embraced and brought into the circle and those who prefer to hang out at the fringes and find their own time and place of entry. Some may want to dive in right away—a covenant group, a committee, teaching RE, pounding nails for Habitat—while others may want to survey the scene. Several asked for more readily available information about covenant groups, committees, events and volunteer opportunities, so we hope that can be made easily and visibly available. We need to educate ourselves about our own congregation if we are going to be

helpful for newcomers. It was also suggested that if we want to broaden our appeal to younger people, we may want to develop a second service that is more contemporary and less the traditional Protestant structure that we inherited.

There are three things newcomers encounter: the Membership Table, the worship service, and the coffee hour. All three are important, which leads us into Challenge #3. All of us are ambassadors and representatives of UUFC, for good or not so good. Talk to strangers and newcomers at coffee hour, but speak with care. Don't generalize or make assumptions about who we are or are not. Some UUs are Christians, many are not. Some newcomers, who were Christian in the past, are still angry with that experience, while others found it meaningful and enriching. Some believe in God, some don't. Many are Democrats, but some are Republicans. Some have Ph.D.'s and others didn't finish high school. Diversity is both challenging and enriching, and we all want to experience both. This is more likely to happen if we listen respectfully and don't leave the impression that we are the representative UU and everyone else is "just like me" with the unspoken conclusion that if you are not like me, this may not be the right faith community for you. As one participant said, we need to be a sanctuary, a safe space. And not

a battleground of ideas, or a place that only feeds the intellect and not the spirit, which are two of the impressions many congregations (especially smaller ones with a Fellowship past) make on visitors.

The fourth challenge is the inevitability of change. Change in the way we worship, change in the way we use our space, change in the causes we embrace, change in the mixture of people who are here on Sunday morning. Like diversity, change can be both challenging and enriching. It can be painful. Changes in the past that still echo in the walls are "passing the plate" (which we have only been doing for about seven years,) having the children in the service every week, eliminating the brief 10 a.m. morning reflection service, and giving up the post-sermon conversation within the service (also known as talkback). People still speak regretfully of these changes, even though they were welcomed by the majority and are now part of the culture. Diversity means not having everything exactly the way you want it to be, but it also means a more vibrant community, one that will endure and grow and provide a safe space for those here and those yet to come. So those who attended invite everyone to embrace their role as an ambassador (which is very different from an evangelist) on behalf of UUFC.

“True hospitality is marked by an open response to the dignity of each and every person. Henri Nouwen has described it as receiving the stranger on his own terms, and asserts that it can be offered only by those who 'have found the center of their lives in their own hearts'.”

— Kathleen Norris, *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*

News of Regional Interest

Facebook group for Southern Region Unitarian Universalist Association

Did you know? There is a Facebook group for the Southern Region UUA.

"Southern Region Unitarian Universalists - HallelUUjah!"

When you're on Facebook next, please request an invite! Or check it out:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/128511403930295/>

2013-2014 Unitarian Universalist Association Common Read

Behind the Kitchen Door by Saru Jayaraman is the 2013-2014 Common Read selection. A groundbreaking exploration of the political, economic, and moral implications of dining out, Behind the Kitchen Door invites Unitarian Universalist individuals, groups, and congregations to advocate for just working conditions for the 10 million restaurant workers who bring passion, tenacity, and insight into the American dining experience. Order a copy from the UUA Bookstore and receive 10% off orders of 5 to 9 copies or receive 20\$ off if ordering 10 or more.

Save the Dates - March 13-16, 2014

On Being Unitarian Universalist - We All Lead

On Being Unitarian Universalist - We All Lead, a special leadership training to be held at Penn Center, near Beaufort, SC, is an opportunity to deepen your understanding of Unitarian Universalism and UU community. Let us have serious reflection and deliberation on what it means to be a community of faith and what it means to be part of such a community.

Penn Center - National Historic Landmark

<http://penncenter.com>

P.O. Box 126

16 Penn Center Circle West

St Helena Island, SC 2992

The cost is \$350 per person. This includes all meals beginning with dinner on Thursday the 13th and ending with breakfast on Sunday the 16th.

For more information, here is the link to the event <http://www.uuasouthernregion.org/onbeinguu.html>

December 2013 Benevolence

Harvest Hands of Hope — Relief program for UUFC Communities In Transylvania

Our benevolence of the month is to benefit the work of Unitarian Universalists in Transylvania. Our sisters and brothers in Romania live an often hard life, working the land with simple tools and by hand. Because our people are a cultural, linguistic and religious minority, the educational options for Unitarian children and youth are limited. Our benevolence will help feed and educate youth from tiny villages in our homeland. The Unitarian churches and families have needs for basic supplies to help them develop skills for the modern era of cell phones and computers. Few of the Unitarian sisters and brothers in Transylvania have cars or motorized farm equipment. In this beautiful, pastoral area, life is simple and the needs are many. We hope that you will give generously.

Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

We affirm and promote:

- the inherent dignity and worth of all people
- justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- a free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- the right of conscience and use of the democratic process
- a goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all
- acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth
- respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part.

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