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## Outreach Committee



The Outreach Committee reminds you that this month's benevolence is The Central East Regional Group (CERG) UU Disaster Relief Fund.

**Hurricane Sandy Relief** - The UUA Central East Regional Group, (CERG) is leading UUA's effort to collect and distribute funds for this disaster. They have set up the CERG UU Disaster Relief Fund to assist with storm damage, clean up, meet immediate needs and support rebuilding efforts. Find out more about relief efforts on the Outreach section of the hallway bulletin boards outside the social hall or at the CERG website: <http://www.cerguua.org/>

As stated in that website: The Central East Regional Group (CERG) has established the CERG UU Disaster Relief Fund to collect donations to assist fellow UU's with storm damage clean up and members' immediate needs and in the rebuilding efforts. Funds will be used to provide the basics needed for UUs who have been displaced or in need of emergency support to cope with the aftermath of the storm, to assist congregations in rebuilding damage when their insurance is not adequate to cover the repairs, and to support congregations who are working in their larger communities.

Read more from the Outreach Committee on page 6.

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## Board Leadership Retreat

**Saturday, January 12th**  
**9:00 am — 2:00 pm**  
**Social Hall**

**Bring Your Own Lunch**

**Meditation Retreat**  
**Saturday, January 5th**  
**9:00 am — 3:00 pm**

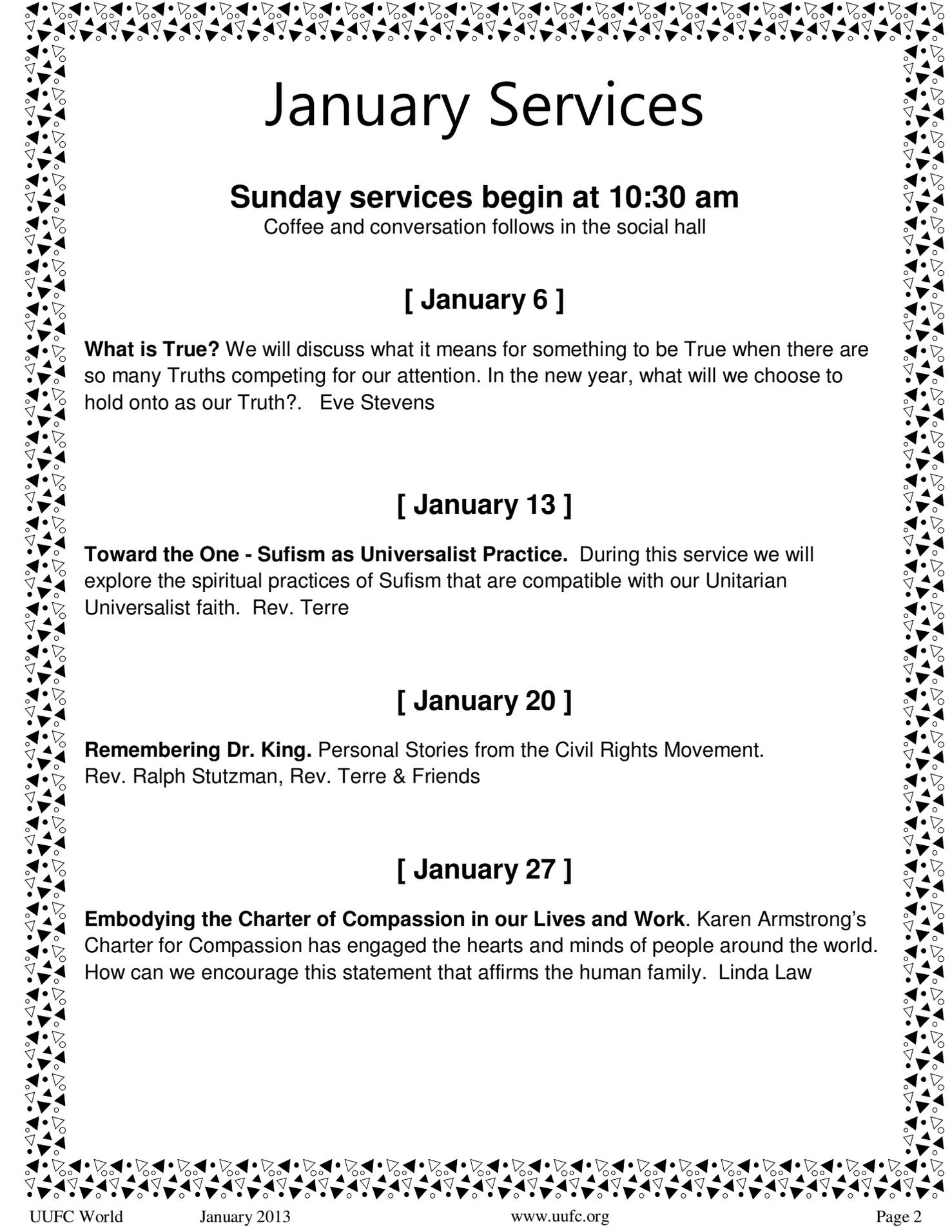
Join us for a silent meditation retreat in the Sanctuary on Saturday, January 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The retreat will consist of periods of silent sitting, silent walking, and a silent lunch. We will conclude the retreat with tea and conversation. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Susan Watson at [susanhwatson@gmail.com](mailto:susanhwatson@gmail.com).

## Trading Post

**Sunday, January 13th**  
**After the service in the social hall**

Buy fair trade coffee, chocolate, and other goodies, and shop the used book table for a literary treat.



# January Services

**Sunday services begin at 10:30 am**

Coffee and conversation follows in the social hall

**[ January 6 ]**

**What is True?** We will discuss what it means for something to be True when there are so many Truths competing for our attention. In the new year, what will we choose to hold onto as our Truth?. Eve Stevens

**[ January 13 ]**

**Toward the One - Sufism as Universalist Practice.** During this service we will explore the spiritual practices of Sufism that are compatible with our Unitarian Universalist faith. Rev. Terre

**[ January 20 ]**

**Remembering Dr. King.** Personal Stories from the Civil Rights Movement.  
Rev. Ralph Stutzman, Rev. Terre & Friends

**[ January 27 ]**

**Embodying the Charter of Compassion in our Lives and Work.** Karen Armstrong's Charter for Compassion has engaged the hearts and minds of people around the world. How can we encourage this statement that affirms the human family. Linda Law

# The Reverend's Remarks

— Rev. Terre Balof, Minister



Dear Friends,

The calendar has turned and suddenly there is an expectation that life will shift. The past few weeks of 2012 were profoundly intense as some of us traveled to be with family, others welcomed folks into our homes, partied and rushed around. And ALL of us joined our hearts in grief for the loss of so many innocents. How do we suddenly make a shift to what society tells us is a *new year*? Personally, I haven't finished with the old year! And yet, I know I need to make that shift - to find a way to look forward, rather than stay in the past. Perhaps we need to begin this year remembering the words of Will Durant - *Forget past failures. Forget past mistakes. Forget everything except what you are doing now, and do it.* Perhaps our way to move with hope and possibility into the future is to focus on our priorities, the steps we need to take to manifest those priorities and move forward.

During the holidays we shared services that affirmed the light and hope and power that resides within our community and within each of us. We need to keep that awareness present in our lives so we can begin again. We can give ourselves permission to set new priorities and new possibilities for our lives. The only way for us to accomplish those priorities and possibilities is to set our intentions. A daily spiritual practice will help us keep our focus so that we can ground our lives and our commitment. Even as busy as we are, we can take a few focused breaths to concentrate on our priorities. In this way we can claim our power to help heal the world. Marianne Williamson wrote, "In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it." Let our New Year's resolutions center around how we can bring peace and hope to our lives and our world.

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## A Candlelight Vigil in UUFC's Memorial Garden

Peace, My Brother.  
Peace, My Sister.  
Peace, My Soul.

The words above come from *Amazing Peace, A Christmas Poem*, written by Maya Angelou. This poem was read during the candlelight vigil, held in response to the nation's invitation to collectively gather on December 15 to mourn the Connecticut shooting. A small group gathered in the Memorial Garden to light candles and stand, mostly in silence, reflecting on the nation's great tragedy. Inge Danforth sang a song of darkness that would be performed later in the evening during SheSing's Winter Solstice performance.

The Memorial Garden provided a calm location for reflection and contemplation. Due to the spontaneity of the gathering, some members are planning to hold another one in the new year to recognize the work that needs to be done in response to the shootings and to aid healing.





# President's Column

*Submitted By: Karen Hiebel, 2013 Board President*



We can assume - if you are reading this - that the Mayan prediction for the end of the world may have been in error. And that leaves us with the exciting possibility of a brand new year at UUFC with a brand new minister. The future lies open before us, with new paths to explore, new challenges to meet, and new fellow seekers to welcome within our doors. What we do in the next months will have a profound influence on the shape and character of our congregation for years to come. So, it might be a good idea to pause for a moment to consider how we wish to respond to the opportunity before us.

We have already begun to chart the outlines of our course. At the New Ministry Start-Up Workshop in November, members of the Board of Trustees, various other lay leaders, staff and Rev. Terre Balof worked to develop three goals for the first year of Rev. Terre's ministry. These goals are:

- ◆ Sunday Services,
- ◆ Lay Leadership Development, and
- ◆ Pastoral Care.

As Cindy Lee points out in her article below, these are not the only issues that the Board - or our minister will address this year, but they will provide us with a guideline for prioritizing our efforts in the first full year of a new ministry. When the Board meets this month, we will be developing our own goals for 2013 that will help to accomplish these objectives and lay a solid foundation for the future, based on mutual trust and a clearer understanding of who we are as a congregation and where we want to go together.

And that is where each and every one of us has an important role to play. Because who we are at UUFC is not just about Board of Trustees' goals and vision statements....it is about the wonderful people that make up this special place, and the many gifts that they bring. Every committee works hard to make its own contribution to the work of UUFC, and those committees are made up of dedicated individuals. Those committees are supported by other volunteers who do many of the unsung jobs, such as making coffee on Sunday morning, cleaning up after an event, or spreading mulch, helping with yard sales or counting the

donations from the collection basket. All of these undertakings and countless others that I haven't space to list, help to make this place a spiritual home for all us.

So, as you are thinking about your own course for the coming year, please take a moment to think about your own gifts and how you will be a part of our journey this year at UUFC. Our fabulous Stewardship team is looking for energetic, creative people to help craft our canvass campaign for next year. Or, maybe you enjoy helping to plan special events. Perhaps you might like to serve as an usher one Sunday or two, or make the coffee, or help with small maintenance needs. All of our contributions, large and small, grow together to create our beloved spiritual community and we need and value every single one of them.

And don't forget that one of your most important contributions is your voice. Please let your Board of Trustees or Council of Committees know when you have an idea, or a concern. Let us know what you want UUFC to look like, so that we can all work to take us there together.

See you along the path!



By Cindy Lee, Past President  
UUFC Board of Trustees

New relationships are exciting but can be hard, which is why UUFC hosted a New Ministry Startup Workshop on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. The goal was to figure out the priorities for our first year with our new settled minister, Rev. Terre Balof.

The workshop opened with a potluck dinner to which the entire congregation was invited. The group was given an introduction to the ideas to be explored in-depth at the retreat with congregational leaders the following day. We participated in several warm-up exercises with the facilitator, Marguerite Mills, who is a Healthy Congregations Consultant from the Southern Region of the UUA as well as the Director of Lifespan Religious Education at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville. (Marguerite was also able to spend a little time before the retreat with Theresa Pizzuto, UUFC's new Director of Religious Education.)

In one game everyone lined-up in the order of when they first attended UUFC. First in line was Dillman Sorrells who arrived in 1964, and last was

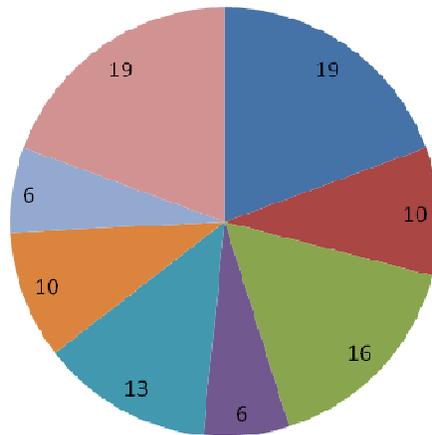
Alan Rochussen who began attending only a few weeks before. We all shared something we wanted those who came after us to know about UUFC. Terre said she learned a lot about UUFC through all of the “games,” which was part of the workshop’s purpose to provide the opportunity for minister and congregation to get to know each other better.

Saturday was spent developing a plan for Year 1. Several Board of Trustee members, committee chairs, staff, and members of the new Shared Ministry Committee were able to attend. (For a full list, see the minutes on the bulletin board in the atrium.)

Marguerite guided us through discussions about the freedom of the pulpit and the freedom of the pew; how UUFC is organized so we could develop an organization chart to see how every group is connected; the covenantal nature of UU congregations; and so much more. The most important discussions centered on the relationship of the congregation and minister and how to work together.

Some of the discussions were very eye-opening. For example, Terre gave us an estimate of how she spends each week (see the chart for percentages). She shared how many different things she does each week. Through the discussion, we arrived at three priorities for her time in the first year. Preparing and developing the Sunday service should come first and then equally important are pastoral care and help in developing the vision and mission with lay

## Terre’s Week (%)



- Preparing and writing a sermon
- Pastoral care
- Congregational life
- Social witness
- Faith development
- Interaction with lay leaders
- Interaction with staff
- Administration

leaders. Marguerite stressed that although these will be foremost in the first year, they are not the only things that Terre will be doing because the other parts of the pie must happen, too. The priorities from the leadership will allow Terre to make some decisions when she has to choose between items due to time constraints. Each year Terre and the leadership will discuss what should be most important for that year. For example, the congregation may want Terre to grow the congregation or serve as the face of UUFC in the community.

We learned that UUFC is currently following a Pastoral Model for a congregation, which means that the

minister is involved to some extent in everything. Right now we are the low end of a mid-sized congregation. As we grow in members, we will likely follow a Program Model where the minister is primarily responsible for programs such as Sunday Services, Faith Development, etc. Staff and trained volunteers will take up other parts of the pie.

Given our current operational mode, we may have the expectation that Terre should be everywhere, all the time. Or with our long history of being a lay-led congregation, we may be wondering if the laity is still involved. Setting the priorities for the first year gives Terre and the congregation a more reasonable set of expectations. As we get to know each other better, we can adjust the priorities in future years.

We also discussed how shared ministry works, the committees and organizational structure, Sunday services, how UUFC wants to be in the larger community, multi-generational faith development, and membership. But those will be topics for future newsletter articles because the Board of Trustees will be working on many of the items throughout 2013.

The consensus was that the workshop was very worthwhile and that Marguerite was one of the best facilitators many of us had ever worked with. Feel free to ask me about the workshop.



# Outreach News

***Toni King, Committee Chair***  
***king.toni62@gmail.com***

**Outreach Meeting**  
**January 9, 2013**  
**4:00 pm —5:00 pm**

Contact Toni King for an agenda and to get involved in UUFC's social ministries.

**Green Sanctuary Meeting**  
**Monday, Jan. 28th**  
**12-1pm**

Mark your calendars and contact Ted Taylor for an agenda, (tdtyl@bellsouth.net) if you are not already on the email list. The program part of the meeting will be a discussion about Green Burials presented by Kimberley Campbell with Memorial Ecosystems. Billy and Kimberley are known nationally and internationally for their work in environmentally and socially responsible death care. They opened Ramsey Creek in 1996 - the first green burial site in the United States.

## **Canned Food Drive**

If you have missed Sunday services recently, perhaps you don't know that our kids collect your canned food donations every Sunday. So bring your healthy food donations - including dry beans, canned meat and fish, powdered milk, canned vegetables, and peanut butter every time you come to the Fellowship for Clemson Community Care!

## **Guest At Your Table**

Many of you took home small boxes from our Sunday service on November 18th to collect funds over the holidays for the UU Service Committee. Please remember to return this box with your check inside by January 6th. Kindly make the check payable to UUFC and put 'Guest at Your Table' in the memo line. Drop it off in the money aquarium at the back of the Fellowship Hall, or give it to Meg MacArthur or Toni King. The change agents you heard about on November 18th - organizers of the Restaurant Opportunities Centers United, the Papaye Peasant Movement in Haiti, and Trauma Research Institute - thank you. And UUFC thanks you!

## **New Employment Transportation Services in Pickens County**

The United Way of Pickens County, along with The Dream Center of Pickens County and Bowers Signature Services Waveride, have developed new, affordable transportation services to get to work. For \$50 per week, residents can have reliable transportation to and from places of employment. Services will be available 24/7, providing round-trip transportation up to 6 times per week. This service can also be used for educational purposes with routes to Tri-county Tech. For more info see flyer posted outside the social room or call 864 650-7094 or 269-7888.

# Celebrating Accomplishments To Date

## Religious Education

Theresa Pizzuto, DRE  
Theresa.pizzuto@gmail.com

We reviewed and celebrated the RE program work accomplished thus far at the Parent & Teacher End-of-Semester Meeting & Luncheon on Sunday, December 16th. Food and fellowship were enjoyed followed by a discussion of how the program is going; highlights & challenges, what we want to do in the future. We also took the opportunity to acknowledge and show our appreciation for our teachers and nursery staff.

The Early and Advanced Learners classes completed their fall curriculum and for the winter/spring, will be combined into one class to increase the number of students - and reduce the number of teachers needed each week. They will be studying the *Superheroes of the Bible*, which is story-based.

The Junior High class will continue using the *Neighboring Faiths* curriculum and focus on several different faith traditions in the winter/spring. They will begin in January with Unit 7: Celebrating a Culture – The Black Church: Baptist, African Methodist Episcopal. RE Classes will begin again on January 6<sup>th</sup> and continue through the end of May.

We are grateful that our Endowment proposal to start up the new *Spirit Play* curriculum was funded. We plan to use the spring and summer to prepare for utilizing the new Montessori-based program, beginning Fall 2013. This will allow us to more easily provide education to mixed-age classes.

We were sad to see Cindy Burke step back from teaching and the RE Committee, but appreciate all she has done to support the RE Program. We are excited to welcome Dillman Sorrells to the Junior High/Teens Teaching Team and Christine Prado back to the RE Committee!

## Nursery Updates

You may have noticed over the course of the fall that the Nursery has slowly been cleaned out, reorganized and brightened up. We would like to extend a big “thank you” to Maya Melvin and Hayden Dutschke, our two dedicated Nursery Staff, for their hard work in improving the Nursery environment and its safety - as well as for their ongoing care of our little ones. Hayden completed a CPR class in November, so both Maya and Hayden are now certified in CPR.

We will also be scheduling a playground equipment cleanup day, so stayed tuned for more information for how you can help out.

**Join me for some quality volunteer time!** I would love your help (as much or as little as you like) in completing the organization of the RE room and working on a few other tasks. Be a part of the education program, creating community and welcoming new families. *Please contact me directly to let me know if you would like to help out in this way.*

# Adult Faith Development

## Winter/Spring 2013

Looking for opportunities to expand the heart and mind? This winter and spring a number of learning opportunities are being offered. Sign up will begin this month. Look for additional information in the Midweek News. Please note that some classes have size limits.

### ***OUUR Story***

Trace our religious roots from early Christians like Origen and Arius through the Protestant Reformation to Eastern Europe, England, and America - as the Living Tradition continued to grow in breadth and depth. OUUR focus is on the bearers of the tradition from Michael Servetus and Francis David through 18th and 19th century definers to the tradition (Priestley, Ballou, Channing, Emerson, Parker) to 20th century heroes of the faith including James Luther Adams, Sophia Lyon Fahs, Munroe Husbands, and James Reeb.

Sunday mornings 9:00 am — 10:00 am  
Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, and 10  
Taught by Holley Ulbrich

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### ***Building Your Own Theology***

Develop a personal credo as we explore our beliefs and values about human nature, ultimate reality, ethics and meaning in life grounded in our spiritual and religious beliefs.

Monday evenings 7:00 pm — 8:30 pm  
Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25.  
Facilitated by Marty Bynum & Rev. Terre  
Limit: 10 participants

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### ***The Web of Life***

Learn about environmental justice by exploring your personal values and the consequences of the daily life choices you make. Gain a deeper understanding of UUFC's special place in the world and the connections we have with people near and far as a result of our congregation's environmental impact.

Sundays 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (bring a bag lunch)  
Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 17, and 24 with the date of the final session to be determined by the participants.  
Led by Members of Green Sanctuary Committee

### ***How Then Shall We Live?***

A four-week book study based on the book by Wayne Muller. The class explores the four questions that we must answer for ourselves: Who am I? What do I love?, How shall I live, knowing I will die? and - What is my gift to the family of the earth? Participants are asked to get a copy of the book (used ones are available on Amazon or check McClure's in Clemson.) The book study is in tandem with a sermon series that explores these four questions.

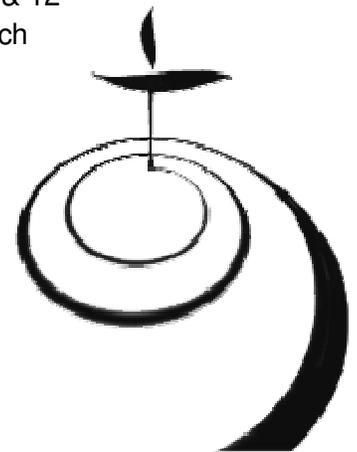
Monday evenings at 7:00 pm  
Led by Rev. Terre  
Limit: 10 participants

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### ***Justice***

A book study of the book *Justice* by Michael Sandel. *Justice* is the only value that appears twice in the principles, in the 2nd and 6th. The book will help us clarify our understanding of what justice is in a particular situation and how we can contribute to making a more just world.

Sunday mornings 9:00 am — 10:00 am  
April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5 & 12  
Facilitated by Holley Ulbrich



# Adult Faith Development

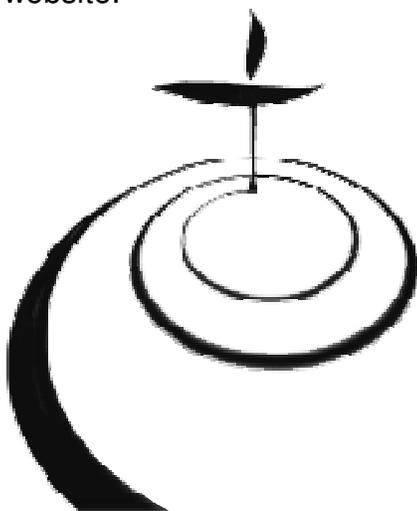
## Winter/Spring 2013

**The Buddhist Meditation Group** meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the UU Sanctuary. We sit in silent meditation for forty minutes, then break for tea and conversation. We have a mindfulness exercise for each week and discuss our experiences relating to the exercise. In the new year, individual group members will take turns presenting a Buddhist topic of their choice and facilitating the discussion. We also plan to offer occasional Dharma talks and teachings, via CD or DVD. Everyone is welcome and no previous meditation experience is necessary.

There is a silent meditation group that meets on Saturday mornings 9:30 am. This opportunity for silent meditation is open to those who seek a quiet respite from the world. Feel free to come for a short period or for the whole meditation. No experience is necessary.

**Covenant Groups** - UUFC's covenant groups are growing! We now have eight active groups, three of which are new. The Gap, started last year and facilitated by Mary Hilliard and Kyle Kovach, has 10 members. Another new group just had its first meeting last month – also with 10 enthusiastic members. A name and facilitators for this group will be selected in the near future. And a Parenting group, facilitated by Meredith McCarroll, has recently begun. For information about these - or any of our other groups, contact Karel Keel ([karels50@gmail.com](mailto:karels50@gmail.com)). Don't miss this opportunity to nurture your soul, challenge your mind, touch your heart, and strengthen your relationships with other UUFC members and friends!

**Book Groups** - There are several book groups that meet each month focusing on a wide variety of genres. Whether you wish to be part of a novel circle, a spiritual book group or a non-fiction book group, there is a UUFC book group to satisfy your interest in reading and discussing a book with others. For more information on various groups, check the MidWeek News, call the office, or check out the calendar on the website.



### Save the Dates

The HUULaS (Hiking Unitarian Universalist Ladies Society) have planned some fabulous hikes for the first half of 2013. More details will come later, but go ahead and put the following dates on your calendars.

Hikes with an asterisk include a shorter, easier option; those with no asterisk are longer and more strenuous. If you are not yet on the HUULaS email list and would like to receive more information about these hikes, contact Nancy Oppenheimer at ([smolenthomasnanc@bellsouth.net](mailto:smolenthomasnanc@bellsouth.net)) or Karel Keel at ([karels50@gmail.com](mailto:karels50@gmail.com)).

### HUULaS rock!!!

Jan. 12	Carrick Creek and Pinnacle Mountain*
Jan. 26	Panthertown
Feb. 9	Lee Falls*
Feb. 23	DuPont Forest (Bridal Veil Falls Loop)
Mar. 9	Bear Camp Falls*
Mar. 23	Rabun Bald
Apr. 13	Tallulah Falls (Panther Creek Trail)
Apr. 27	Jones Gap*

~ submitted by Karel Keel

Your membership committee wants to know.....  
**Is Your Directory Info correct?**

Submitted by Heather Chenette

It's that time of year again when UUFC does it's UUA Certification of Membership\*. And what better time to make sure we have your correct information!

*How do I access the UUFC Directory?*

The online UUFC Directory is **password protected**. Only Members and Friends are given access. Contact the Membership Committee for access. Hard copies are available upon request through the UUFC office and are posted in the Volunteer's Office (Founder's House) and the Library (Main Building).

*How do I update or add my information?*

Visit [uufc.org](http://uufc.org) >Members >Directory and **fill out the Directory Update Request form**. Or contact the UUFC office. Also, keep an eye out for a table at Trading Post in January where you can check your listing.

*Who gets listed in the UUFC Directory?*

**The goal is to have all current Members and Friends in the UUFC Directory** (unless they request not to be). A larger private database holds all records of past Members and Friends. But in order to add or remove listings, we need to hear from you! **Help us stay connected and current and ask your fellow UU's to update his or her**

**info!** This goes for new Friends and Members and those who are inactive or have moved away.

*Are children listed in the UUFC Directory?*

Wouldn't it be nice to **know the names of our UUFC children? We will soon include children** (no photos or birthdays) in the UUFC Directory so you can get to know them better. Parents will be contacted before a child is listed.

*\*What is the UUA Certification of Membership?*

Did you know that each year UUFC reports the number of Members in our congregation to the UUA? Did you know that we contribute our Fair Share to the UUA Annual Program Fund which provides congregations with resources for everything from religious education to building loans? We do! And we have been since UUFC was founded. For 2011/2012 FY, UUFC supports the UUA + SE District with \$58 + \$22 per Member. **Thank you for supporting our congregation's commitment to being a Fair Share congregation.**

Please contact the Membership Committee Co-Chairs if you have any questions. [uufcmemcom@gmail.com](mailto:uufcmemcom@gmail.com)

### MEMORIAL GARDEN INFORMATION

To inform the membership of the various uses of the Memorial Garden, a folder has been prepared containing copies of an informational flyer. This folder is located in the atrium brochure rack.

Our landscape contractor has been engaged to install the brick pathway and stone seating wall in the lower Garden, which is the final phase of the Memorial Garden project. The work should be finished by mid-January, 2013

Submitted by Jim Rodgers  
Memorial Garden Committee

# Spotlight on Membership



**Ed Garbe** was born and raised on Long Island and graduated from CW Post College. He married the very beautiful Barbara Bonardi (born and raised in NYC) in 1968 and they have two daughters (living in Athens and Savannah) a son (in Maryland) and three awesome grandchildren.

Ed spent most of his career with AT&T in Sales and Marketing. Ed and Barbara moved to Atlanta from Long Island in 1984 and then up to Seneca around 2002. They built a home on Lake Hartwell and "live for the lake." For the last 6 years he has worked as a Personal Trainer in downtown Seneca. Ed was raised in a Unitarian family, took a short sabbatical for about 50 years and has now returned. His dad just turned 99 and is still an active member of the UU fellowship in Rockville, Md.

**Alan Rochussen** grew up in southern New Hampshire and followed his parents to the SC Upstate shortly after high school over 30 years ago. South Carolina has been his home since. He married his wife, Allison, 23 years ago and they have four dogs and two cats.



A recovering Catholic, Alan was a member of a small Quaker group in Greenville for about three years before they discontinued due to declining member participation.

He joined UUFC because he was looking for a nurturing and welcoming spiritual community that was liberal and open minded. As he's told many members already – he feels like he's come home. He is excited to be able to openly discuss spiritual matters and learn from others about their spiritual



**Meredith Walker** and her husband (Vance Truesdale) both grew up in the Columbia area. They came to Clemson when he was hired to teach in the English Department in 1987. Meredith was hired there as well about a week later after a lecturer left unexpectedly.

Vance and Meredith both grew up attending Congaree Presbyterian Church but have not been active in any church for years. As to her spiritual beliefs:

Since beginning at UUFC, she's started reading and thinking about what "spirituality" actually means to her. Her beliefs are still evolving.

She likes to support causes that help alleviate hunger, among them Meals on Wheels, local food banks, and Heifer International.

She joined because she felt very welcome from the beginning (actually, the day of Terre's first service) and knew that it would be a place where she could find

journeys. He also is interested in social justice causes such as helping to provide food to those in need. Alan participated once a month in feeding the homeless at Triune Mercy Center in Greenville while with the Quaker group.





# GREEN SANCTUARY NEWS

Submitted by  
Ellie Taylor

## UUFC Welcomes New Recycling Containers

Recycling is a simple act that everyone can practice every day to help our Earth. Making recycling the “easy choice” means that we need multiple places for people to deposit their stuff. For that reason, our own UUFC Green Sanctuary has purchased new blue recycling waste containers to be placed in every office, special area and RE classroom. When it comes to recycling, “every ounce counts” and every act multiplies into a larger collective act of good will.

It is especially urgent that our children see how important recycling is to everyone in our congregation. Kids hear the message to “recycle, reuse, repurpose” at school and other places, so

watching all generations work together to make this actually happen at UUFC reflects our commitment to our Seventh UU Principle: “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.”

UUFC will still have the City of Clemson green containers in our kitchens for use in placing the recyclables at the curbside on Sunday evening. Please help us get our new blue waste containers emptied into these larger green recycling containers. If you are working in the kitchen and do not see a green container, consider checking outside to bring one into the kitchen.

Check for UUFC recycling guidelines at

our Green Sanctuary table at Trading Post on the second Sunday of each month. We will show you both the new blue waste containers and the City of Clemson recycling bins. We will also answer questions about what can be recycled.



Our  
Place



In the  
Web of  
Life

## An Introduction to Environmental Justice

Are you interested in deepening your connections between your UU theology, spiritual practices and the work of environmental justice in your life?

Would you like to explore our UUFC congregational impact on our local, regional and global communities?

Would you enjoy engaging others in conversations about what matters to you, what values you hold in common and how you might be willing to act on those values?

Are you willing to do serious environmental work by using creative methods that are fun and personally awakening?

If you have answered “yes” to the above questions, you are the perfect candidate to attend our new series of four workshops, Our Place in the Web of Life, to be offered in February and March by Green Sanctuary. All sessions are free, and will be held immediately after our Sunday service on February 17 and 24, March 17 and 24 from 12 noon – 2 p.m.

For more details, check the Green Sanctuary bulletin board in the foyer, and sign up at the Green Sanctuary table at Trading Post in January and February.

For more information, contact Karel Keel or Ellie Taylor.

Happy New Year from your  
UUFC World Newsletter Editors

We wish to thank all those who provide the content for this official publication of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson. Without you, we would have nothing to entertain and inform the Fellowship with each month. You make this job a delight to do and we look forward to working with you in 2013.

Along with the regularly featured articles from the Minister, the Board of Trustees President, the Sunday Services Committee, the Outreach Committee, the Green Sanctuary, the Membership Committee, the Director of Religious Education, and other committee chairs who submit interesting and informative items, we would like to invite any member or friend of UUFC to provide their announcements, opinions, poems, inspiring quotations, advertisements, photos, artwork, and of course UU-related news!

The deadline to submit items is the 20th of each month preceding publication. Most people send their items directly to Andi Nelson at her personal email address (andine@bellsouth.net) but the official email account for all things newsletter related is UUFCWorld@gmail.com. This account was established just recently to help us do our job even better. While we do reserve the right to edit items based on space restrictions, we try not to change your content in any major way without your approval.

Please consider this invitation and make a resolution to submit just one piece this year. If everyone did we would have plenty of content to make this newsletter even more relevant to our readers.

Our sincere thanks and best wishes for a fantastic 2013,

Andi Nelson & Mary Orem

**Just a reminder.....**

The Clemson Methodist Church is no longer accepting medical/pill containers. Please check the bottom for recycle numbers and do what is allowed in your recycling area. When I went through the big bunch of bags in early November, I found some #2, 5 and 6. Many didn't have any number at all. The Pickens County landfills will take any plastic containers 1-7.

~From Carolyn Turner



**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.

# UUFC 2013 Benevolences

January	Hurricane Sandy Relief
February	Minister's Discretionary Fund (including Hands of Hope)
March	Clemson Community Care
April	Clemson Child Development Center
May	Safe Harbor
June	Minister's Discretionary Fund (including Hands of Hope)
July	Clemson Community Care
August	Habitat for Humanity
September	Clemson Child Development Center
October	Our Daily Rest
November	Our Daily Bread
December	Harvest Hands of Hope Relief program for UUFC communities In Transylvania

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