



# UUFC WORLD

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

Please share with us at  
UUFCWorld@gmail.com.

## New wall hanging now on display in the Sanctuary

Many thanks to Liz Branstead and Andi Nelson for the donation and mounting of the beautiful Thai silk hanging in the sanctuary. Liz donated the painting on silk and Andi Nelson added a "sleeve" so that it could be hung. The silk painting adds a beautiful focal point in the sanctuary.



## Have you noticed? UUFC.ORG has a new look!

If you haven't already noticed the change, please take a few moments to look around the newly redesigned website. A great deal of effort went into developing a website that we believe will enhance our presence in the community while still providing our members with an online information storage and retrieval system.

Our membership directory will still require you to enter a password. The password, however, has been changed. Please send an email to [uufcadm@gmail.com](mailto:uufcadm@gmail.com) to obtain this information. This password will be valid for one year.

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# November Services

Sunday services begin at 10:30 am

Coffee and conversation follows in the social hall.



**Don't forget to Fall Back — Time Changes today so we get an extra hour of sleep!**

Nov. 3—**Spirituality and Money**—Join us as we consider one of the challenging topics for religious people; how to consider the use of our financial resources as an extension of our spiritual and ethical lives. Chad Carson and Rev. Terre

**Please make sure to RSVP for the Luncheon following this service to kick off Our Stewardship Campaign!**

Nov. 10—**Remembrance and Gratitude**—During this season of change and harvest, we pause to honor those we love who have died. During the service we will have an opportunity to name those we love who have died and to plant flower bulbs in their memory. Rev. Terre

Nov. 17—**Radical Hospitality**—What does it really mean to offer hospitality to another person? What does it mean to be a Welcoming Congregation? To be hospitable one must be open to change by the person to whom we open our doors, our lives, our hearts. During this service we will also welcome new members into our congregation. Rev. Terre

Nov. 27—**Our Transylvanian Roots**—Only in the past few decades have UUs in North America begun to reconnect with our sisters and brothers in our homeland, Transylvania. Guest Speaker John Dale will share some of the challenges and heritage of being Unitarian in our religious “Motherland.” John Dale and Rev. Terre

Following the service Mr. Dale and Rev. Terre will talk about some of the opportunities for congregations to connect with UUs in Transylvania and other countries - and a proposed pilgrimage to visit Transylvania.

## The Aramaic Lord's Prayer

In this five week class participants will explore the deeper meaning of the words of Jesus in his native language, a very different view of Jesus' prayer. Rev. Terre and Rev. Susie Smith will offer this class for UUFC and Peace Congregation members from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm on 5 Mondays beginning November 4. Our text will be “Prayers of the Cosmos” by Dr. Neil Douglas-Klotz, Aramaic scholar and one of Rev. Terre's spiritual teachers.

## Sufi Healing Ritual

Join Rev. Terre on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 2:00 pm in the Founders House for a Sufi Healing Ritual. This ritual is a time to center our hearts to offer our thoughts for those who have asked for healing prayers. The service comes from the Sufi Dervish Healing Order and is part of Rev. Terre's spiritual practice. You are invited to join in offering healing prayers for those who are ill, for our own loved ones - and for the healing of our world.

# The Reverend's Remarks

Rev. Terre Balof, Minister

Dear Friends,

As you may know by now, our stewardship theme for 2014 is "Reach Out, Reach Higher." I've been thinking a lot about what this theme could mean for our Fellowship. So the other day I experienced an example of one

person's take on how we quietly "reach out and reach higher." I was browsing in a shop in Pendleton and, of course, began talking with the proprietor. He asked what I did for a living and I told him I was the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. I was expecting to have to explain what that meant - but instead received an unexpected smile of delight. He said something like - "you know wherever I go, there are UUs working on the environment or some other community project. It makes me feel better about living in this community because of your congregation. I have a different faith tradition but it helps me know I'm not liberal alone." I thanked him and told him we are getting ready to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary - and one of the reasons our congregation was founded was that our early members felt they needed a place where they could be liberal and not alone.

Our UUFC founders wanted a liberal religious alternative. It did my heart good to once again hear that people in our larger community are aware of the work members of our Fellowship do. So thank you. It is the small tasks that, year after year, change our community and make a difference.

And so as we begin November, which starts with the celebration of All Saints Day, I am aware of the gifts I have received from so many people who have built our Fellowship. This is a time to remember those wonderful people who paved the way and built the foundation for our Fellowship. In a very real sense, the founders of our Fellowship are some of our "saints," because they worked to build a meaningful community - not only for themselves - but also for those who would come in the future. That is US!

Now, how do we create both a vibrant community for ourselves AND seed the soil for those adults and children who will become part of our community in the future? Recent conversations have triggered my thoughts about that future as I talk with our DRE, Theresa Pizzuto about nursery plans for the arrival of FOUR new babies in our community.

As we consider the commitment we will make during our stewardship campaign, I hope we will think of how we want to Reach Out and Reach Higher for ourselves and for our future. Our aims for the coming year will be building blocks to help us achieve our goals, nurture our community and reach out to those who seek a liberal religious community in the Clemson area.

Together we make a difference in each other's lives...and together we make a difference in this community.

Blessings,

Terre

## A Trip to Transylvania

Interested in a Pilgrimage to our Motherland of Transylvania? Rev. Terre is working with the UU Partner Church Council to design a trip for UUFC members to Budapest and the Transylvanian part of Romania in July, 2014 as part of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. In November a brochure will be available with details about the trip. For more information, please talk to Rev. Terre

# The President's Column

Karen Hiebel, 2013 Board President

Budgets aren't sexy. I suppose that for some people out there in the world, budgets are fun, exciting stuff, but I don't think most of us walk into a budget meeting of any kind with anticipation singing in our hearts. Yet, budgets often seem like the lifeblood of our world, dominating the how, when and why of the things that we do. I am sure that many of us have been through the frequently frustrating, often demoralizing process of trying to reduce a great idea to a handful of figures on a piece of paper. Those little columns of numbers can seem so impersonal, so removed from the things that really matter.

Still, those seemingly stark numbers can tell us things. They can tell us where our resources are being used. They can tell us what we value, and what we are willing to put off for another day. And, they can tell us how much we've grown. These things are true of any budget, whether it be for a multi-national corporation or a median income household. Personally, I can tell you that my own household budget certainly reflects growth. You see, I made a mistake back when my eldest daughter was just a toddler. Thinking I was being rather clever at the time, I told her that she could invite the same number of friends to her birthday party as her age. (Those of you wiser and more experienced than I, have, I am sure, already seen where this is going.) Three little toddlers at a single birthday party are pretty easy to please, no problem. The birthday party budget was a piece of cake (sorry, pun intended.)

Fast forward a few years and now we have multiple children with birthday parties to plan and they can all count how many invitations to friends the formula entitles them to. Thirteen teenage girls are a lot harder to please than three toddlers (at least the toddlers let me stick around for some cake.) And the budgets for the parties have grown right along with the children. More and more of our resources are going towards these celebrations (not to mention the grocery bill, tuition fees, etc.) all of which are tied to the growth of our family. Of course, there have been times when these costs have strained the household budget. But, when it comes right down to it, I can't help but find joy in it all. Yes, a significant slice of the pie chart of my life is taken up by the "care and feeding" of my children, but in return, I get to watch them grow, learn, and thrive, and to participate in the development of new, dynamic individuals that amaze me every day.

I see the same sort of thing happening in our Fellowship. The UUFC budget is growing. And budgets can be stressful, impersonal; maybe even a little scary - anything but exciting. But growth *is* exciting. Our UUFC family is thriving, striving, and yearning to know more, be more, do more. We have so many talented, passionate, engaged individuals in our congregation that I, for one, can't wait to see what we as a beloved community will accomplish next. To do that, we will have to fund the budget. To do that, we will have to reach a little deeper. And together, we will reach out, reach higher and grow a better world for our children, for ourselves, and for each other.



Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at UUFC  
Thursday, November 28, at 1 p.m.

Don't want to fix all the makings for a big Thanksgiving dinner yourself and would rather not eat at a restaurant? Then join your fellow UUFC members and friends for camaraderie and a pot luck Thanksgiving dinner.

Please sign up on the poster in the atrium letting us know how many people you are bringing and what you plan to bring. (Doubling the recipe will make us breathe easier.) We'll need turkey, vegetables, all the usual fixings, desserts, and some gluten free items too.

If you have any questions, contact Anita Stutzman at 885-1442 or [arstutzman@bellsouth.net](mailto:arstutzman@bellsouth.net).



# Religious Education

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## *All Creatures Great and Small*

The fall season of RE is off to a tremendous start. We have enthusiastic teachers, engaged students, terrific curriculum and even a service project that the students enthusiastically endorsed.

Spirit Play has brought a new style of learning to the elementary learners class, one many of our children know very well, as it is based on Maria Montessori's work. Stories that show the Unitarian Universalist principles are told, with the use of props. The children have enjoyed this, and the independent play has encouraged them to explore what they've learned further, through a variety of activities. Thanks to this fall's group of teachers: Beth Carraway, Kari Carson, Kathy Gillcrist, Sarah Harcum, Jan Lay, Hala Nassar, Christine Prado, Carl Thompson, Martha Thompson and Carolyn Turner.

The advanced learners are also covering the UU principles, with the use of TED talks. Talks such as Brene Brown (Vulnerability) or Susan Cain (The Power of Introverts) have already led to discussion about the first principle (respect for the inherent dignity of every being.) A thanks to the advanced learners teachers: Meg MacArthur, Holly Garret and Drake McNeary, as well as any guests from the congregation that help lead those discussions. There are many of you and we thank you all for participating!

The fall service project has been for Concerned Citizens for Animals (ccaweb.org.) Anne Jenkins and Janice Dieter talked to the youth about how they work to control feral cat colonies, through trapping, neutering and releasing. They also try to catch the kittens and foster them so they can be domesticated. The youth were

struck by the number of cats that one tom and one female could potentially produce in a decade: 11 million cats.



The children and youth decorated a box for collection of supplies to be gathered on Trading Post Sundays. We need: canned & dry cat food, laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent, Tidy Cat® scoopable litter for multiple cats, bottled water for volunteers, glass cleaner, pine sol® or similar cleanser, 13 gallon garbage bags, 30 gallon garbage bags, cat & dog treats of all kinds! Look for the announcement in the mid-week news.

By Christine Prado



*Spirit Play*



*CCA Service Project*

# November Benevolence

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## *Our Daily Rest*

Our Daily Rest (ODR) is an emergency shelter for single adults (60%) and families (40%) in downtown Seneca. The average cost to feed/clothe and counsel a client is \$25/day, and the average length of stay is 50 days. Nearly half of adults are working at the time they are at the shelter, and most of the others are actively looking for work.

Last year UUFC began providing an evening meal every other month for the residents of this shelter. Several of you have been over there helping Alan Rochussen, our UUFC homeless meal chef, prepare this wholesome repast. Some of you have sent salads and desserts to round out the fare.

A combination of service and financial support is very much our goal at UUFC. In November, 25% of the undesignated donations that are received at UUFC on Sundays will go to Our Daily Rest. If you would like to make a larger donation, or send all of your Sunday donation to ODR, kindly write out a check payable to UUFC and write "November Benevolence" or "Our Daily Rest" in the memo line, and we will send all of it to them. Thank you for whatever way you can help!

## *Crop Walk 2013*

UUFC participated in the October 6th Crop Walk in a big way this year. Our online and paper donations have been very generous, about 60% greater than last year. Outreach Chair Toni King served as city-wide coordinator for the Crop Walk, working with Clemson Community Care, sponsor Church World Service and 11 area churches.

The HUULa's (Hiking Unitarian Universalist Ladies) and friends and family led off the 3.8 mile walk around the Clemson University Campus. (Missing from this UUFC group shot taken just before the start are walkers Sandra Sanderson and Martha Alexander.)

Thanks to all walkers and donors who made this a success! If you meant to make a pledge, it is not too late to help. Contact [king.toni62@gmail.com](mailto:king.toni62@gmail.com) or [sandras@nctv.com](mailto:sandras@nctv.com) before the end of November.

Unofficial tally of funds raised by our Fellowship have amounted to close to \$1,000. Awesome!

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## Sunday Justice Service Series

*Submitted by Holley Ulbrich*

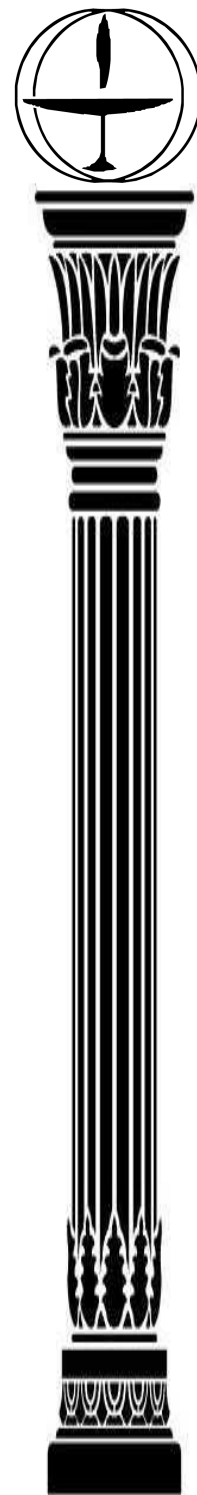
October 20<sup>th</sup> marked the second in our third Sunday justice service series, with a sermon on a social justice issue and a forum after social time for those who wanted to discuss the issue further and explore opportunities for action. Our first justice service was in September on Immigration as a Moral Issue with Rev. Terre preaching and Holley Ulbrich facilitating the discussion. In October, Holley did double duty with a sermon on Health Care followed by a forum. November's forum will be on Radical Hospitality with Rev. Terre on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

There was a lively discussion with 16 people present at the forum. While we were all concerned about the software problems with the October 1<sup>st</sup> rollout of the exchanges, we mostly focused on the challenge of information, misinformation, and disinformation. We also explored issues that still need to be resolved now that the Affordable Care Act is in the process of taking effect. Among the major issues that people thought should be addressed are:

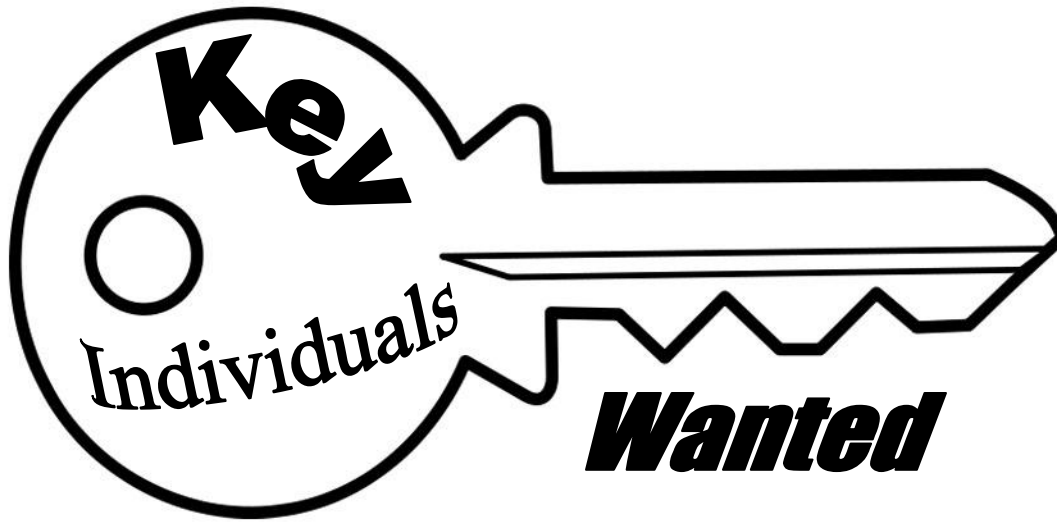
- ✱ Access: services are not available if the doctor can't bill for it
- ✱ Reliance on emergency rooms for the uninsured, which will continue to be a problem for states that opted out of Medicaid expansion. This is a very expensive form of health care.
- ✱ What happens to those who were supposed to be covered by Medicaid expansion now that the Supreme Court has allowed states to opt out?

- ✱ The challenge of health care for those who are disabled if they can't qualify for Social Security disability
- ✱ The link between employment and health care: you lose your job, you also lose your health insurance
- ✱ Firms giving employees money to buy insurance with after-tax dollars instead of providing it with pre-tax dollars
- ✱ Getting younger people to become part of the insurance system
- ✱ Whether sick people should be a profit center or health care should be produced primarily by non-profit entities
- ✱ Access to clinics in our immediate area—limited transportation and limited hours for free clinics in our three counties
- ✱ Concerns about committing to a system that could go away if Congress succeeds in dismantling the Affordable Care Act

What can we do as individuals and as a faith community? Become better informed and combat misinformation. Contact our state legislators about Medicaid expansion (the state Hospital Association wants it to happen and has some good information.) Contact our members of Congress to talk about some of the specific changes we would like to see. Support our free clinics in our three counties. And offer support—visits, calls, chicken soup, rides to the doctor—for those we know that are having health care problems.



**“I say that justice is truth in action.”**  
**~ Benjamin Disraeli**



Submitted by  
Ed Garbe

UUFC needs new members for the Membership Committee...the committee that is key to the ongoing growth of our congregation!

### **What assistance to we need?**

- ✱ Attending our monthly meeting - typically the last Wednesday of the month @ 5:30PM
- ✱ Helping to "man" the welcome table on Sundays
- ✱ Assisting at UU & U meetings
- ✱ Updating member and friend name badge requirements
- ✱ Developing advertising programs to reach out to potential new members

If you are interested in helping our UUFC congregation grow, please contact Elena Dimitrova at [edimit@clemson.edu](mailto:edimit@clemson.edu)

### ***11th Annual Ministers' Cook-off*** ***Submitted by Toni King***

***Tuesday, Nov. 12th 5:30-7:00 pm at Clemson First Baptist Church on College Avenue. The Sloan Street entrance is immediately adjacent to the down town parking garage. All proceeds support Safe Harbor II, the shelter for women and their children in Anderson who have been victims of domestic violence.***

Pre-event tickets will be available on Sundays November 3 and 10 at UUFC at \$10 each. Purchase ahead of the event to avoid ticket lines.

UUFC's entry in the cook-off competition will be a healthy, delicious quinoa and black bean salad, served up by Reverend Terre and her cooking staff. Come out for a fun evening of tasting dishes from approximately 20 area clergy, visiting with friends, and cheering on the UUFC team. Take a friend to dinner!







## UUFC Novel Circle

The Novel Club will meet Wednesday, November 6th at 7:30 pm at Founders' House. If you like reading interesting books and discussing their relevance to your life, do join us.

The November selection is **The End of Your Life Book Club** by Will Schwalbe.

"What are you reading?" is the question Will asks his mother as they sit in the waiting room of a cancer center. This is the inspiring true story of a son and his mother, who start a "book club" that brings them comfort, laughter and inspiration as she fades away in her fight with pancreatic cancer. Discover how many of their books are yours, too.

For December 4<sup>th</sup>, the title is **Ordinary Grace** by William Kent Krueger, a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of 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.

### More recommendations from our members:

Martha Alexander highly recommends **My Reading Life** by Pat Conroy.

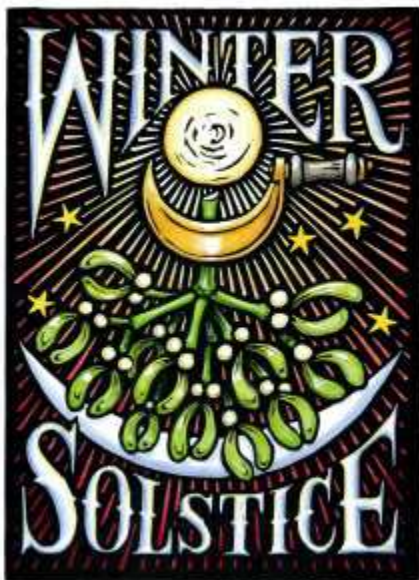
Georgeanne Stafford enjoyed **Girl, Reading** by Katie Ward.

Gail Brownlee says **Shine, Shine, Shine** by Lydia Netzer is weird in a compelling way.

*Submitted by: Dixie Haywood*

## Winter Solstice Singing Ritual ~ 2013

*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](mailto:elainefredend@yahoo.com) or talk with anyone in She Sings if you have any questions.

# The Warehouse Theatre Forum Series and the Welcoming Congregation

Submitted by Carol Ward

Cindy Burke and I enjoyed a very special event in Greenville at the Warehouse Theatre at 37 Augusta Street in the West End area. We saw "Breaking Through," a director's cut of a new movie that hasn't been released yet. After the movie, which gave a very good analysis of the struggle of gay issues in the South, there was a question and answer period where people could express their reactions.

The Warehouse Theatre, celebrating its 40th anniversary, is presenting a great series of plays that will each be accompanied by a forum about how the play relates to local issues in Greenville. On December 4, the play *Avenue Q* (Tony Award winner for Best Musical and Best Score) will follow a forum called "Look Who's Talkin' Taboo: Discussing the Undiscussable." Controversial topics like homophobia and discrimination of many sorts will be covered.

The Series in 2014 begins with the play *August, Osage County* by Tracy Letts on February 5 at 6:00 pm. The Forum will be "Family, Substance Abuse, and Breaking the Cycle." The play will feature a performance by Clemson's own Chip Egan. On

March 26 at 6:00 PM, the play *4000 Miles* by Amy Herzog will be directed by Chip Egan. The Forum will be "Learning from Each Other: Wisdom Across Generations." On May 28 at 6:00 pm, the final play will be the well known *Angels in America -- Part One: Millennium Approaches, Part Two: Perestroika* by Tony Kushner. The final Forum will be intriguing. It is called "AIDS and Altruism: Perspective from the Early Years of the Epidemic."

What a magnificent series this is for our Welcoming Congregation. We can study the relationship between the arts and our current events. We will learn how differences in sexuality can affect everyone around us as we grow to a greater understanding and tolerance. The tickets can be bought online at <[www.WarehouseTheatre.com](http://www.WarehouseTheatre.com)>, by phone (864-235-6948), or via mail. Last year these Forums attracted 300 people. They are on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm before the opening of each main stage production. I am sure they will attract even more this year with our participation.

On Saturday, September 14, the UUFC 'players' put on a side-splitting performance of "Murder on the Stage" directed by Kathy Gillcrist. Here we see the entire cast applauding their very receptive audience.





## Family Promise of Pickens County: A Community Response to Homeless Families

by Toni King

Due to the high number of homeless children in Pickens County schools - and the lack of an emergency shelter in Pickens County, the United Way has teamed up with area churches to develop Family Promise, a 15-person homeless shelter for families. Its mission is to bring shelter, meals and support services to local families without homes. An essential part of its program model is commitment from local churches.

These local churches, called Host churches, provide a place for families to sleep for 7 consecutive nights, and other churches, called Support churches, donate volunteer services to supplement Host church efforts. Volunteer services help cover evening and night shifts during the week - there are always at least 2 volunteers present. Note that all homeless "guests" leave the Host church early each day. The adults go to the Family Promise Day Center in Easley where intensive support services are provided to help families secure employment, housing, and other necessary services. Children are transported to schools, day care (in the case of working parents) or go with their parents to the Day Center.

The Family Promise model envisions having 13 churches serving as Hosts, and at least that many serving as Support churches. In this model, Host and Support churches will provide these services four times a year, presumably once per quarter.

Most volunteer shifts (other than overnight) would be 2-3 hours. All volunteers complete training and orientation before they begin serving.

The list of Clemson religious institutions is growing and includes:

*Host Congregations:* Ft. Hill Presbyterian Church, Holy Trinity Episcopalian

*Support Congregations:* St. Andrews Catholic Church, Clemson United Methodist Church

Other churches in the county that have already signed on include:

Trinity Point Church, Arial Baptist Church, Easley First Baptist Church, Powdersville First Baptist Church and Awakening Church.

Most are located in Easley.

Family Promise also asks that Support churches provide financial support, and UUFC would do this by making Family Promise one of the benevolences in 2014.

Several other churches are now considering becoming part of the Family Promise Network. UUFC has an opportunity to become a Support church as Family Promise gets off the ground in 2014. Please watch for more information about this opportunity to help the homeless in our community. Additionally, you can find out more about Family Promise by going to [www.familypromisepickens.org](http://www.familypromisepickens.org).

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## In Memoriam... Shelley Jackson and Ian Denham

By Kathy Crain

I heard about Shelley's death during a long-overdue phone call with Cynthia. Her Macon, GA, fellowship has active members with The Mountain, and Cynthia supposed that this news had been shared with UUFC also. When she learned that I did not know that Shelley died at the end of August 2013, she then shared that Shelley's husband Ian had also died- just two months earlier. I knew the Denhams from our volunteer work at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center in Highlands, NC. In the 1990's and into the early 2000's, Gordon and I visited there a time or two annually to volunteer, in exchange for a weekend stay. Shelley would put me to work with the programs for the youth; Ian pulled Gordon away to do maintenance tasks. We became very fond of them.

Many UUFC youth have attended Mountain "Cons," which were under the direction of Shelley during our son's years. Many UUFC members have attended Leadership School and a variety of other programs at the Mountain. Ian was in charge of making sure that everything worked. They raised their 3 daughters at the Mountain during their 20+ years of their employment. All of us at UUFC have sung songs written by Shelley: our *Singing the Living Tradition* hymnal has 5 of her compositions.

Shelley and Ian partnered with Jane and Tom Warth (former director of the Mountain), for the Mountain Quartet. During their years together, they performed for over 600 concerts and Mountain events. They even sang at UUFC. Their songs involved peace and justice themes, full of passion. Shelley was also involved with the UU Musician network.

Gordon and I were able to attend Shelley's memorial service at the historic and beautiful First Presbyterian Church of Highlands (NC) on 9/29/13. The Celebration of Life began with the Tolling of the Bell, followed by "Amazing Grace", starting with the solemn bagpiper and then joined by the majestic pipe organ. This was followed by a recording of the Mountain Quartet singing Shelley's "Until We Meet Again." Pastor Lee Bowman led us through prayer. Then the choir sang Shelley's "Credo" with the congregation joining in for the refrain... *and in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see: even to question, truly is an answer*. Jane and Tom spoke from the pulpit of their remembrances, and were then joined by the Denhams' daughters and sister-in-law (she was married to Shelley's brother who, for many years, was the Music Director for the UU church in Cincinnati) to sing Shelley's "There Is More Love."

Pastor Bowman's Meditation acknowledged the uniqueness of this marvelous service. After all, this community had gathered just two months earlier for Ian's remembrance. Pastor Bowman spoke of Ian and Shelley moving to Highlands in the late 1980s as UU's when their work with the Mountain began, and finding Highlands curiously speculating about just how a UU worships... With a nod to the song the family had just presented, Pastor Bowman spoke of Shelley's desire for being able to forgive. Shelley and Ian had become involved with this church as their time with the Mountain ended abruptly. Pastor Bowman spoke eloquently of her work with Shelley to help Shelley move beyond the anger and hurt at the shabby treatment from the Mountain staff with her parting, and later with Ian's. I had called the Mountain upon learning of the deaths of these two former employees, seen by us as foundations of the Mountain's excellent work for social justice. With the silence from their web page and lack of communication about this tragedy and loss, Gordon and I are still working on the pastor's good advice for forgiveness.

*And we believe in life,  
And in the strength of love;  
And we have found a need  
To be together.*

P.S. Since the writing above, the Mountain distributed an online monthly newsletter (October 2013) where the losses of Ian and Shelley were highlighted with honor and respect.



# Have you seen the new UUFC website?

*Submitted by Mary Orem on behalf of the Communications Committee*



The communications committee just launched the Fellowship's newly designed website. If you take a few moments to navigate around in it, you should find an abundance of information about the Fellowship and the Unitarian Universalist faith. If you are searching for something that you are not able to find, please feel free to email the committee (UUFCComm@gmail.com). Wayne Wolk, who recently accepted the position of Chair of the Communications Committee, has done a tremendous amount of work to redesign the website and did so keeping potential members in mind. Therefore, if you are a long-time member, used to finding particular information in a certain place, feel free to ask if you aren't easily able to locate it in a way that makes sense to you.

The new design provides multiple paths to the same information so if you look around just a little we are confident that what you seek will be found. PLEASE do take some time to check it out. The breadth and depth of the information you find will certainly be useful to you whether you have been a Unitarian Universalist for a long or a short while.

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# UUFC 2013 Benevolences

November Our Daily Bread (see pg. 6)

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

## Donations Needed

Pickens County Habitat accepts donated items on the first and third Saturdays of each month for sale in their ReStore in Easley. The drop-off site is at Ace Hardware, on US 123 across from CVS, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pick-up dates in November are set for November 2nd and November 16th. You can do two good deeds: 1) clean out that closet, garage, or attic, and 2) help provide funds to build another Habitat house! (No clothes, shoes, baby items, or junk.)

Call ReStore Manager Bruce Sova at 859-5999 for more information. Thanks for your help!!

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## 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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