



Connections

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Asheville

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services

Sunday, February 5, 9:15 & 11:15 AM
If You Don't Pray, What Do You Do?

Rev. Sarah York, Guest Minister

For many religious liberals, the traditional notion of prayer as talking to God has little relevance. In words and practice, we will consider some alternatives to tradition. Souper Sunday; Share-the-Plate Recipient: Room in the Inn.

Sunday, February 12, 9:15 & 11:15 AM
Love in the Open... and Marriage, Too

Rev. Sarah York, Guest Minister

Yes, this is a Valentine message about love and marriage for all people. What is the role of the religious community when it comes to taking a stand on the rights of same sex-couples? Although we may not all agree on some of the issues, we have an opportunity to offer religious leadership for marriage equality at many levels.

Sunday, February 19, 9:15 & 11:15 AM
The Lived Body

Rev. Lisa Bovee Kemper, Assistant Minister

In a world full of expectations about our appearance and ability, how do both men and women appreciate and celebrate the sacred vessel that carries us through our life on this earth? **Rev. Lisa Bovee Kemper** will explore the mind-body dichotomy and some of the complexities of being a human being.

Sunday, February 26, 9:15 & 11:15 AM
The Many Faces of Immigration

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU)

How easy it is to forget what a challenge it is for some to live in this country so many of us call home. For this service, YRUU will open the minds and hearts of our congregation to various perspectives of some who are touched by this issue. How does a family who has been affected by the current system go about getting their needs met and remaining in a state of health and freedom? What are the advocates of liberal and conservative political systems saying about it? And what might be the thoughts be of a border patrol officer? We will address these topics, bringing to heart the relevant issue of immigration and how it is affecting people in the United States.

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Convener's Comments

Stephen Jones, Convener



NOW THAT REV. MARK WARD has started his sabbatical leave, my role as Convener has begun. For someone who actually enjoys meetings, it's a good opportunity. I attend those meetings that Mark would regularly attend (staff, Executive Committee, Board of Trustees) as well as other meetings that he might attend such as the Annual Budget Drive Committee and the Campus Development Committee. In addition I forward any phone, email, or U.S. mail that he might receive to the appropriate staff or Board member.

I will also try to connect three parts of our organization: the staff, Board, and congregation. In that regard a few people have come to me with questions about operations that were important to them. Several of them were active Members of the congregation and others were newcomers whom someone referred to me. I don't always have an answer but can eventually learn from others who know more.

So contact me if you have a question or concern about the operation of UUCA and don't know who can answer it. Since I don't have office hours, please write me at uuacconvener@gmail.com.

SABBATICAL



Lead Minister, **Rev. Mark Ward** is on sabbatical January 1- June 30. The next "Minister's Musings" article will be published upon his return. For more information about Mark's sabbatical, please visit our website (www.uuasheville.org) and click on the "Sabbatical" box on the home page.

Member/Friend News

Four years ago, long-time UUCA Member **Polly Cody '82** moved to Horizon House in Seattle to be close to her family. This fall, she celebrated her 94th birthday with children and grandchildren coming and going for several weeks. Polly enjoys hearing from her Asheville friends. You can contact her through her daughter Harriet, whose contact info is listed under Polly's name in the 2011 UUCA Member Directory.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Marilyn Martin, Church Administrator completes twelve years on the UUCA staff on January 27.

Tish Murphy, Receptionist/Administrative Assistant completes one year on UUCA staff February 1.

View from the Topp

Linda Topp, Board President



YOU KNOW WHAT I DID THIS WEEK? I signed a check for about \$423,000. And a day later I signed some papers at a lawyer's office. No fireworks went off, no bells rang, nothing much happened. But somehow, through those two acts, we own the property that was once known as 23 Edwin Place. Now it's known as OURS!!!!!!!

Although it's true that I did indeed sign a few documents, I feel a very deep obligation to point out that there are some amazing Members of this congregation who make me look like a slacker. We have Members who are experts in all kinds of categories and we are so lucky that our experts donate their time and talents to us. For example, **Larry Holt** is highly experienced in real estate transactions and he has done just a ton of work over the past decade(!) to help us acquire 23 Edwin Place. He knew exactly what needed to be done and he got it done. And as if managing the real estate portion of the project wasn't enough, Larry was part of the team that raised the funds, too. Thank you SO much, Larry.

Another person who worked his, well, worked hard on the 23 Edwin Place Committee is **Jerry McLellan**. He was the "tracker" for the fund raising. Jerry's spreadsheets (and if you have ever worked with Jerry, I just made you smile) tracked who was asking whom for contributions, who pledged money, how much, when they would get their money to the church, who got thank you notes when, and more! Believe me, without those spreadsheets, fund raising could not have happened in the time frame it did. Jerry, we really appreciate the time you devote to the congregation.

And, just two more names I'd like to call out. **Michael Vavrek** (a current Board member) has taken on the task of leading the group that will recommend a three-five year plan for the use of Jefferson House and 23 Edwin and a longer term plan for upgrading/expanding our current facilities. This is an important, visible group and Michael has already gotten them off to a great start. Thanks for stepping up, Michael.

Stephen Jones has been highly involved in a variety of initiatives, most notably the revival of our planned giving program and participation in the fund-raising for 23 Edwin. But now, in his volunteer position as convener during **Rev. Ward's** sabbatical, he is donating a goodly portion of his time to keeping things running as smoothly as possible during Mark's absence. Stephen, thanks for the gifts of your time and administrative experience.



Valentine's Day is Tuesday, February 14

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SUNDAY, February 26

Intergenerational Youth-Led Service

Kindergarten and above are invited to worship together.

Nursery & Pre-K rooms are open.

5 PM-RE Class: Our Whole Lives (RE Commons)



Lifespan Religious Education for Adults, Children & Youth

Benette Sherman, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

Conversation Hearts—how they’ve changed over the last few decades. When the NECCO company began making these hearts in 1902 the sentiments were innocent and sweet: Kiss me, True Love, Be Mine, Sweet Talk. Since 2000 they’ve been changing to reflect the times. It’s funny how conversation hearts can have a slightly deeper meaning for a congregation dreaming, working and playing together.

Here’s a sample of the more recent sentiments:

1. Dream team—Love My Team—You and Me—Purr-fect--Start Now..... doesn’t this just scream how important team work/shared ministry is for a congregation? (or From You I Receive, To You I Give?)
2. Melt My Heart—Cloud Nine—Ever After—Amore--Got Love..... when genuine and respectful love emerges within our community, we all profit and grow.
3. Wise Up—Let It Be—Chill Out—Time Out..... words to remember when conflict bubbles up.
4. Dream—I Wonder—What’s Up?--Odyssey---Magic..... it’s all about a common vision to create a magical community.
5. ILU—UR A QT---UR A STAR—Email me—Fax Me—Page Me..... congregations need to keep up with the various ways to communicate and evolve.
6. Cheer Me On—Teach Me—Rising Star..... mentoring each other into leadership helps with consistency, commitment, and knowledge transfer.
7. Thank You—You Rock—You Go Girl—Bear Hug..... can we ever appreciate each other enough in varied ways???
8. Sweet Home..... let’s create a spiritual home for all as we remember our closing song’s words, “may the pure light within you, guide your (our) way home.”

These little confections called conversation hearts do remind us to engage in ongoing conversation. If I manufactured these conversation hearts I might imprint on them such words as:

- Imagine, invite, incarnate
- Clarity, coherence, consistency
- Enliven, enthusiasm, embody
- Voice, vision, vitality

The lifespan RE committee deserves a special Valentine thank you for practicing the meaning of these words. The committee includes chair **Ben Fleming, Sara Coplai, Karen Reese, Kimberley Mason, Bryan Morissey, Bob Carpenter, Melissa Blazen, and Kristen Doe.**

My hope, as we proceed with the RE program this semester, is that parents and others partner with the committee to ensure rich and deep experiences across the lifespan. The committee can’t and shouldn’t do this work of the heart alone.

See you on Sundays,

Benette

February Calendar

Sunday Early Session 9:15-10:30 AM

Nursery-Grade 5

Sunday Late Session 11:15 AM-12:30 PM

Nursery-Grade 12

Group:

Unitots (0-3)

Chalice Children (3-5)

Elementary Classes (K-5)

Youth Classes (6-12)

Classroom:

RE #2

RE #6

RE #3-5

JH

FMI on events, contact RE Assistant, **Susan Enwright-Hicks**
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FRIDAY (5:30 PM) & SATURDAY (9:30 AM), January 27-28

UU 101 Winter Workshop (S/SH)

SUNDAY, January 29

Regular class schedule. See above.

5 PM-RE Class: Our Whole Lives (RE Commons)

TUESDAY, January 31

Elementary Mountain Con: Paperwork Due

Con is February 24-26

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, February 3-5

Jr. High Mountain Con & Sr. High Charlotte Con

SUNDAY, February 5

Regular class schedule. See above.

Intergenerational (IG) Beginning Service

COA Soup Sale Fundraiser! (SH)

5 PM-RE Class: Our Whole Lives (RE Commons)

TUESDAY, February 7

7 PM-Adult RE Class: Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life (RE #3)

WEDNESDAY, February 8

6 PM-RE Committee Meeting (RE)

SUNDAY, February 12

Regular class schedule. See above.

5 PM-RE Class: Our Whole Lives (RE Commons)

THURSDAY, February 16

6:30 PM-Adult RE Class: Coloring Outside the Lines (RE #5)

FRIDAY, February 17

6 PM-COA Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show

SUNDAY, February 19

Regular class schedule. See above.

5 PM-RE Class: Our Whole Lives (RE Commons)

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, February 24-26

Elementary Mountain Con

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Kemper's Contemplations

The Rev. Lisa Bovee Kemper, Assistant Minister



WE ARE LIVING IN STRESSFUL TIMES. Life in the United States post 9-11-01 wasn't a cakewalk to begin with, the financial ups and downs of 2008 and beyond add to our anxiety, and now we are getting into the full-on election season. Those who are meant to be inspiring us and giving us reassurance are instead bandying about words like "depression" and "panic,"

focusing on partisan soapboxes and hate-filled rhetoric.

In this atmosphere of unknown outcomes and constant media barrage, it is so easy to get mired in the endless and spinning cycle of worry, and who can blame us for doing so? We are all experiencing some very real results of sub-prime mortgages, bank failures and all the associated economic mess. But even as you watch gas prices rising and falling, even as you worry about the state of your investment portfolio or job security, I hope that each of you will find a few moments to stop and pay attention to the intangibles in your life. All of this stress swirling around takes its toll, and there are certainly real worries. But it isn't everything.

Remember, this is a church community—we're in the business of Compassion, Love and Hope! We gather together each week for the express purpose of lifting each other up out of the everyday. The community gathered in the chapel on Sunday mornings is a community of memory and hope, and it belongs to all of us.

In these difficult times, I am trying to stay focused on the gifts in my life that do not get their value from stock performance or partisan bickering. Family. Friends. Music. The sun filtering through the trees as a breeze rustles the leaves. A cold nose. A warm heart. A child's laughter. A softly chirping bird.

Life is complex, and it is stressful. Especially now. But our life together is simple. Because we're in the business of lifting each other up, of letting our light shine forth, of working toward a just, peaceful and sustainable world. And that may be intangible, but it is also extremely powerful.

May we each find deep in our hearts, a growing sense of calm, security and hope.

See you in church!

Pastoral Visitors on Call for February (See Member/Friend Directory for Contact Info)

2/5-2/11	Ruth Christie
2/12-2/18	Jill Preyer
2/19-2/25	Ilona Sena
2/26-3/3	Carol Shultheis

UUCA Has Room to Grow!



A once in a generation opportunity has been seized. UUCA has purchased 23 Edwin Place.

So...what's to be done now that the goal set in the 1980s has been achieved? **Rev. Mark Ward** asked the Campus Development Committee (CDC) to answer the question with the help of the entire congregation.

CDC's three sub-committees are:

1. 21 and 23 Edwin Place will focus on accommodating the short-term facility needs.
2. The Block will focus on accommodating the long-term needs.
3. Communication will focus on welcoming the involvement of all Members, Friends, and staff.

Here are the members of CDC: **Greg Allen, Shel Altshul** (21 and 23 chair), **Elin Cotts, Sonya Friedrich, Larry Holt** (Block chair), **Stephen Jones, John Martin, Marilyn Martin** (staff representative), **Jerry McLellan, Tom Mills, Stan Nachman, Bob Roepnack**, and **Michael Vavrek** (CDC chair).

Rev. Ward emphasized that all Members, Friends and staff should be welcomed to participate in the evolution of the campus. Please contact CDC chair **Michael Vavrek** with your interests (**See M/F Directory**).

Statement of Conscience and Call to Action

The UUCA Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adopt a statement of conscience regarding marriage equality in North Carolina. This statement follows and supports the call to action that our Lead Minister, the **Rev. Mark Ward**, gave to the congregation on September 18, 2011. The board's statement concludes with a call to action listing specific actions that we might take as individuals and as a congregation. Organizing has already begun across the state and within the congregation. Please contact **Rev. Lisa Bovee Kemper** to join the effort. For more information, read the Statement of Conscience and Call to Action document on the UUCA website at <http://www.uuasheville.org/Governance.php>.

To see the monthly calendar, which includes UUCA meeting groups, please visit our website (www.uuasheville.org) and click on the "Calendar" tab on the home page. The UUCA online church calendar offers the date, time, event and a brief description. To print a specific month, click on the "print" button at the top of the page.

UU Relations Committee Upcoming UU Meetings Beyond UUCA

Western Carolinas Cluster Gathering: *Justice Then and Now* Saturday, March 31, 2012 (UUCA)

The Western Carolinas Cluster Gathering will participate in the UU Civil Rights Veterans Gathering in the morning at UUCA. We will have our own lunch and afternoon workshops as a Cluster. There will be two workshops: One on **Marriage Equality** and the other on **Immigration**. We will join the reunion for a mini key address and singing. FMI, visit: www.seduua.org/clusters/westerncarolinas.html

Southeast District Annual Meeting: *Multiplying Ourselves in the 21st Century* May 4-5, 2012 (Richmond, VA)

Exploring new ways to grow, including the use of social media, virtual small group ministry, UU communities, satellite campuses and other avenues. Our Keynote Speaker will be Tandi Rogers, the UUA Strategic Growth Specialist. More information will be posted soon on the District's website. FMI, visit: www.seduua.org.

General Assembly: *The annual meeting of our UU Association of Congregations* June 20-24, 2012 (Phoenix, AZ)

General Assembly (GA) 2012 will be a gathering with multiple ways of engaging in justice work for people of all ages. Joining with the people of Arizona, we will worship, witness, learn and work together. We will leave General Assembly grounded in our faith, energized for justice and with resources to bring this work home to our congregations. Registration and housing open as of March 1. FMI, visit: www.uua.org/ga.

facebook

If you haven't already, please consider joining our UUCA facebook page. There are a number of ways to join: **1)** click the facebook button on the home page of the UUCA website **2)** click the "like us on facebook" button in the weekly eNews **3)** search for "Unitarian Universalists of Asheville" when you're logged into facebook. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding our new page, please contact Communications Coordinator, **Jules Smith** (publications@uuasheville.org, 254-6001 x 207). We hope to find you there soon!



Opportunities at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center

Volunteer Work Weekend March 30-April 1

The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center is UU based and located atop Little Scaly Mountain (4200' elevation) just east of Highlands, NC. In its 32nd year, it provides year-round programming for all ages. Join others from UUCA for a spring cleaning weekend at The Mountain – the cost is only \$70 for room and board (Friday dinner through Sunday lunch). A special program will be offered Saturday evening as well. Registration forms are posted on The Mountain bulletin board in Sandburg Hall or go to The Mountain's website: www.mountaincenters.org. FMI, contact **Larry Wheeler** (See Member/Friend Directory).

Summer Camp Offerings

Come learn about the exciting summer camp offerings at The Mountain from Interim Director Lee Reading. Lee will be with us on Sunday, February 5 between services. He will give a presentation on offerings for first through twelfth graders in Jefferson House. The Mountain is a retreat and learning center outside Highlands, NC. For more than 30 years, The Mountain has provided enriching youth summer camp programs filled with recreation, adventure, education and creativity. The 4:1 camper to counselor ratio and professionally trained staff creates a safe environment where campers are treated with respect, kindness and consideration and are celebrated for their individual talents. The Mountain places a strong emphasis on being an inclusive, non-competitive environment where youth can develop a deeper understanding of themselves and form lifelong friendships. Campers learn to communicate needs and resolve conflicts - skills they will use the rest of their lives.

UU101 Winter Workshop Friday, January 27 & Saturday, January 28

This informative workshop is led by Assistant Minister, **Rev. Lisa Bovee Kemper**, UU101 team members, Membership Coordinator, **Linda Kooiker**, and other church leaders. These sessions are the foundation of Membership at UUCA. Visitors, who want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism or our congregational community are also welcome to take this course. A complimentary meal will be provided for participants and their children and childcare is free. Signup sheets are located behind the Welcome Table in Sandburg Hall and on a bulletin board in the Religious Education department. FMI, contact **Linda Kooiker** (membershipcoord@uuasheville.org).

EVENTS

Sage Circle Luncheon

Tuesday, February 7, 11:30 AM (SH)

Are you a "sage"? Would you like to share lunch with one? The Sage Circle is an opportunity for Members and Friends to drop in and share a meal and enjoy conversation and a brief and entertaining program. Bring a brown bag lunch, or for \$5, lunch will be provided. RSVP by February 3 if you want to purchase lunch. Questions and RSVPs to **Linda Kooiker** (membershipcoord@uvasheville.org).

America Has Talent. Do UU's?

Friday, February 17, Dinner: 6PM Show: 7 PM (S/SH)

Need an evening of family fun, with dinner and a show? Want to cheer your fellow UU's on? You can, with the COA Talent Show on Friday, February 17. Come out to support our Coming of Age youth as they raise money for their spring 2012 Boston heritage trip. The teens will serve up a delicious spaghetti dinner at 6 PM, and then MC a talent show at 7 PM.

Tickets can be purchased between services through Sunday, February 12. Cost is \$15 for the show & dinner; \$10 for kids 10 years and under; and \$50 for a family of four. We'll be selling show-only tickets for \$7 at the door on the evening of the talent show. FMI, contact **Rachel Perry** ([See Member/Friend Directory](#)).

Women's Brunch Bunch

Saturday, February 18, 10 AM (SH)

UU Women's Brunch Bunch will meet on February 18 in Sandburg Hall. The morning's discussion topic will be Martin Luther King. Please bring \$1 and a brunch dish to share. All women are welcome.

New Life-Long Learning Classes Now Posted!

Twelve Steps to a Compassion Life based on Karen Armstrong's book is led by **Kendall Hale** and **Frank Valenti**. This class meets on Tuesdays from Feb. 7-March 20. The twelve steps Armstrong suggests begin with "Learn About Compassion" and close with "Love Your Enemies." In between, she takes up "compassion for yourself," mindfulness, suffering, sympathetic joy, the limits of our knowledge of others, and "concern for everybody." **Registration closes January 31.**

Come Sing a Song with Me offers a relaxed time for parents to become better acquainted with songs we sing to or for younger UUs. **Melissa Blazen**, our early childhood coordinator will lead two sessions on Mondays, February 13 and 20 from 7-8:30 PM. Wouldn't it be great for many of us to know the songs children learn in RE, or even better, to teach them songs you learn in this class? **Registration closes February 6.**

Coloring Outside the Lines facilitated by **Rev. Lisa Bovee Kemper** involves exploring different ways to engage in the visual arts. Topics covered are 'process v. product'; 'mandalas for personal reflection'; and 'zentangles'. This class meets on Thursdays, Feb 16, 23 and March 1 from 6-8:30 PM. **Registration closes February 9.**

All classes are open to Members and Friends first. If space is available non-members/friends may register for a fee of \$20.

Caregiver's Support Group

First Thursday of each month, 4:30-6 PM (JH)

A Caregivers Support Group began years ago at UUCA to provide a compassionate space for sharing feedback and feelings about one's personal experiences.

One member describes the experience as follows:

"The Caregivers Support Group was very useful to me because it provided a diverse group of individuals who were willing to listen to the story of my struggles... to understand my mother's dementia. Group members were always willing and prepared to provide insightful and compassionate guidance based on personal experience."

The group meets the first Thursday of each month from 4:30 to 6 PM at Jefferson House. For more information contact **Iona Sena** ([See Member/Friend Directory](#)).

THANK YOU

Women at Risk

On a blustery day in late December, UUCA volunteers served a hot lunch for clients at Women at Risk (W.A.R.). From chili to cheesecake, we are grateful to **DiAnna Ritola**, **Toshia Verheggen**, **Cheryl Johnson**, **Paula McNabb** and **Mame Fleming** for the feast. The clients and staff are most appreciative that they can count on us for the fourth Wednesday lunches. Our next opportunity to be of service is February 22. If you can provide a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert, please contact **Anita Fletcher** ([See Member/Friend Directory](#)).

The True Christmas Spirit

A big thank you to everyone who made Room in the Inn so successful; Fibre Friends knitted lovely hats and scarves; Lucy Sawyer, Jennifer Oversmith, Marian Jerdee, Susan Weidel, Pat Morell and Mary Webster provided handwarmers, gloves, DVDs, sleep socks, and Christmas cookies. Hot dinners for the first four nights were provided by: **Nels Arnold** (who also provided a Christmas tablecloth), **Mary June**, **Gale O'Neal**, **T.S Pennington**, **Jessica Boing**, **Sherry Wothke**, **Paula Dinga**, **Grace Curry**, **Kristina Aaronson**, **Iona Sena**, **Linda Bair**, **Elin Cotts**, **Debbie Fischer**, **Anna Olsen**, **Carolyn Haag**, and **Kate Pett** and her neighbor, **Jan Whipple** and their four wonderful helpers, **Marcy**, **Micah**, **Gabe** and **Juliana**.

Those people providing nutritious sack lunches: **Lucy Sawyer**, **Mike** and **Lisa Horak**, **Jillian Johnson**, **Kay Aler Maida**, **Ann McLellan**, **Suzanne Williams**, **Dennis** and **Barbara Brownsmith Campbell**, **the Oversmiths**, **Nancy Williamson**, **Mariah Wright**, **Joyce Birkenholz**, **Susan Weidel**, **Brenda Robinson**, and **RE** for decorating lunch sacks.

Overnight hosts included: **Brittany Beckwith**, **John Spitzberg**, **James Sheeler**, **Katherine Early**, **Ron Hult**, **Elfi LaPlante**, **Jennifer Oversmith**, **Peter Olevnik**, **Susie Emerick**, **Marian Jerdee**, **Carla Taylor**, **Bob Taylor**, **Marianne Newman**, and **Sue Miller**.

A huge THANK YOU to all those people who took time out of a busy holiday season to help make Room in the Inn successful. Remember: the next Room in the Inn will begin March 4.



Share-the-Plate Sunday

NEXT STP: Sunday, February 5, 2012

RECIPIENT: Room in the Inn

CONTACT: Nancy Williamson

(See Member/Friend Directory)

The total contributed to the January Share-the-Plate (STP) recipient, the **Mel Hetland Scholarship**, was **\$950**. Donations made through the February 5 Share-the-Plate collection will support **Room in the Inn**. Room in the Inn is Homeward Bound's most community-driven program, with more than 2,000 volunteers from over 40 faith congregations mobilized each year!

Room in the Inn partners with local faith communities to provide shelter for up to 12 women each night. Each week, faith communities open their facilities to welcome these women as guests, offering a warm safe place for homeless women who are working hard to move forward to permanent housing. The simple goal is to keep women without homes from sleeping on the street and risking their safety. The greater goal is to build loving relationships with them, one week at a time...this is when real ministry occurs.

To make a nomination for a Share-the-Plate recipient, contact **Nancy Williamson**.

Kitchen Etiquette

For all who use our Sandburg Hall kitchen, please be aware that we all share responsibility for laundering the kitchen linens -- tablecloths, dishtowels and cloths, etc. and returning the clean items to the church within one week. However, if "EVERYONE is responsible, then NO ONE is responsible!" Please designate someone from your group to accept this responsibility each time you use the kitchen. And, if there are kitchen items that need laundering when you arrive, please take them along with your "load" as well. Doing this can ensure that our kitchen is clean and ready for each of us when we wish to use it. Thanks in advance.



Peacemaking Potluck & Discussion: Nobel Peace Prize Lectures

Wednesday, February 8, 6 PM (SH) Note new time!

Please join the Peacemaking Potluck on Wednesday, February 8 as we view and discuss the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize lectures of Liberian winners Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (19 minutes) and Leymah Gbowee (15 minutes). Together they helped topple the government of Charles Taylor and provide for an extended period of peace. FMI, contact **Bruce Larson (See Member/Friend Directory)**.



Schedule

Gathering for the Potluck: 6-6:15

Potluck: 6:15-6:45

Transition: 6:45-7

Program: 7-8:15

Tidying: 8:15 until clean in the Kitchen

Join a UUCA Group!

UUCA offers a number of support, discussion, and social groups that meet monthly: Caregivers Support Group, Fibre Friends, Givens Estates UUs, Men's Breakfast Group, Men's Discussion Group, Pet Loss Support Group, Sing-Along, Spanish Conversation Group, Strictly, German, UU Hikers, and Women's Brunch Bunch. For contact information and details about meeting times, visit our website, www.uuashville.org and click on the "Calendar" tab near the top of the page.

Social Justice Movie Night



FILM: "A Sense of Wonder"

DATE & TIME: Friday, February 10, 7 PM (SH)

CONTACT: David Williams or Elizabeth Erb (See Member/Friend Directory)

Event is free; donations welcomed

The documentary-style film "A Sense of Wonder" takes the form of two interviews with Rachel Carson during the last year of her life, as she battles cancer and her critics in the wake of publishing *Silent Spring*. Using the author's own writings as the basis for the film, writer and actress Kaiulani Lee provides an intimate glimpse of Carson as she is thrust into the role of a controversial public figure. Run time is 55 minutes.



Green Sanctuary Corner

"Congregations and congregants working together to restore Earth and renew Spirit."

UUCA Green Sanctuary Co-Chair: **Grace Curry** (gracecurry1@charter.net)

As a Green Sanctuary, our congregation has undertaken a variety of activities which show our commitment to our seventh principle: "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." One activity has been our support of the UUSC Coffee Project, which provides the Equal Exchange products, coffee, tea and chocolate bars that are sold at Social Hour on Sundays. By participating in this project, we are supporting an environmental justice project that supports fair prices for farmers, sustainable farming practices and small farmer co-operatives.

Green Sanctuary would like to acknowledge the significant role that UUCA Member **Jim Tobin** has played in keeping this project going over the past eight years. He is the one who has made sure the products have been ordered and are available for you to purchase on Sunday. It is because of his efforts that our congregation has had an opportunity to support important environmental justice work and that over \$13,000 has been brought in to UUCA's coffers through sales. Thank you Jim!!!

Jim is now retiring so a team of volunteers is being recruited to assume this project. If you are interested, please contact Church Administrator **Marilyn Martin** (administration@uuashville.org/254-6001).

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**Patrick Landeza
and Friends
"Winter in Hawaii"**

Sunday, February 12;
Doors 6:30 PM;
Music 7 PM (S/SH)

Hawaiian musician, songwriter, producer and educator Patrick Kahakauwila Kamaholelani Landeza is considered to be a leading performer of Hawaiian slack key guitar, or ki ho'alu, one of the world's great acoustic guitar traditions. Hawaiian slack key guitar first evolved in the 1830s (predating the steel guitar genre by more than 60 years), when Mexican and Spanish cowboys, hired by King Kamehameha III to teach Hawaiians better ranching methods, brought guitars to entertain themselves. The Hawaiian cowboys, or paniolo, quickly adopted the guitar into their culture, calling it ki ho'alu, which literally translates into "loosen the key."

Although a slack key artist for more than a decade, ki ho'alu has been more of a passion than a profession for Patrick, a former middle school vice-principal. Now Patrick tours the nation regularly with other slack key artists such as Cyril Pahinui and Dennis Kamakahi. "A true innovator of Hawaiian Music and a vocalist of pure nahenahe (sweet sounding) quality," Kamahahi says. Patrick also teaches ki ho'alu through workshops and private lessons.

Noted pianist and ki ho'alu player George Winston, who has re-

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corded and played with some of the greatest slack key musicians, says "Patrick Landeza is one of the best and most dedicated of the new generation of slack key players." Patrick is a full-time musician with the release of his instructional DVD, "Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Made Easy" and makes appearances as an instructor at various workshops around the nation including the prestigious Swannanoa Gathering in North Carolina and the Healdsburg Guitar Festival.

Patrick will be joined by some talented Hawaiian musicians from around North Carolina for this show. Come out for a night of warm Hawaiian breezes and great music as we celebrate the return of winter in Hawaii at Mountain Spirit Coffee House. There may be some hula dancing too! Hawaiian outfits are encouraged. We will turn up the heat. This is a CD release show for Patrick's latest recording. FMI on Landeza, visit his website: www.patricklandeza.com.



TICKET INFORMATION: Ticket sales are limited to 120 to provide a small, intimate performance. To reserve tickets, call **Don & Louise Baker (299-4171)**. Ticket cost (depends on show): **adults, \$15, students, \$10, under 14 yr, free. Doors open at 6:30 PM and music starts at 7 PM.** The coffeehouse is a smoke-free, alcohol-free, listener-oriented environment. Fair-trade coffee, tea and home-baked goods are available for purchase. FMI, visit the web site at www.uuasheville.org.