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December Services

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES ARE AT 10 A.M.



December 2

The "Nones"—Who Are They? – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

The fastest growing religious group in the United States is, by far, the "nones"—people with no religious connection. The implications for Unitarian Universalism are enormous. Who are these people, and how do we engage them?

The service will include a New Member Welcoming Ceremony

December 9

Equal Marriage—Will Rhode Island Really Do It This Time? – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

Rhode Island is an island in more ways than one. We are entirely surrounded by states that grant full marriage equality. When will the dream become a reality?

December 16

A Peace for Gaia – *Jim Scott*

Jim Scott believes the spirit of life on earth is in crisis, and he hopes this service will inspire us to take its healing into our own hands. A musician, composer, and environmental activist, Jim is a former member of the Paul Winter Consort and co-composer of their *Missa Gaia/Earth Mass*. He is the author of three hymns in our UU hymnal, including "Gather the Spirit," and helped to create the Green Sanctuary program.

December 23

Holiday Stories for Children of All Ages - *Rev. Betty Kornitzer, Pam Santos and Helene Gersuny*

Sunday, December 23

The Christmas Eve Eve Candlelight Service at 7 p.m.

At this traditional service of carols and stories, we will rejoice in the special enchantment of the holiday season. Bring your children, bring visiting relatives, bring friends to this wonderful time of shared community spirit.

Please bring baked goods to share at a time of fellowship after the service.

December 30

Turning Toward the Morning – *Joan Youngken*

In the darkest days of winter, we honor the light of love, truth and faith. We will consider the difference between *faith* and *hope* as we enter the New Year.

January 6

New Beginnings – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

Please bring a bell (and extras bells you have them) for our beautiful Bell Ceremony.

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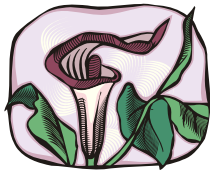
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scheduled activities sometimes call me away. If you'd like to stop by, it's a good idea to call the
minister's study phone, (284-3321) to confirm that I am in. I am also available
at many other times by appointment.



The Minister's Message

By Rev. Betty Kornitzer

Now is the Time

***This is a repeat of the column that ran in the January, 2011
South County Unitarian Universalist. Let's make it happen this year!***

For this woman from Massachusetts, it's beginning to feel like déjà vu all over again. Change is in the air and I feel a great sense of anticipation. In just a few weeks, the Marriage Equality bill will again be introduced in the Rhode Island General Assembly— but this year is different. We have a [Governor] who supports civil marriage rights, and many new (and returning) equality legislators in the General Assembly. Now is the time. Rhode Island is poised to make history by passing this critical piece of legislation.

I am reminded of that time in 2004 when I officiated at my first legal same-sex marriage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. My friends, I can tell you, the earth really did shift beneath my feet. Now I am filled with excitement, looking forward to performing my first legal same-sex marriage in Rhode Island.

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As Unitarian Universalists we have a long and extensive history of support for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) rights. It is important that we all become familiar with that history— we can be proud of it, and be inspired to continue to act on our UU principles, to act for equality.

Here's a bit of UU History:

1970 - UUA General Assembly general resolution to end discrimination against homosexuals and bisexuals, calling on congregations to develop sex education programs that promote healthy attitude toward all forms of sexuality.

1974 - UUA General Assembly business resolution to fund the Office of Gay Concerns.

1984 - UUA General Assembly Business Resolution affirming the practice of UUA clergy performing services of union for same-gender couples, and requesting that the Department of Ministerial and Congregational Services develop and distribute supporting materials.

1989 - UUA General Assembly Resolution to adopt the Welcoming Congregation program to combat homophobia in UU congregations and to educate individual UUs.

1993 - General Assembly Resolution of Immediate Witness supporting the acceptance of openly lesbian, gay and bisexual persons in the United States military.

2004 - UUA President the Reverend William G. Sinkford legally marries Hillary and Julie Goodridge, lead plaintiffs in *Goodridge v. Massachusetts Department of Public Health* in Eliot Hall at the Unitarian Universalist Association headquarters.

2010 - 650 UUA congregations in the United States are Welcoming Congregations.

For more than 40 years, UUs have supported GLBT rights. May we wear our heritage with honor and pride and support marriage equality in Rhode Island. Now is the time, and we are the people to make our voices heard and our support felt.

A postscript for 2012: As of November 2012, nine states—Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont, and Washington, as well as the District of Columbia and two Native American tribes—have legalized same-sex marriage. In addition, Rhode Island recognizes same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions.

Blessings, Peace and Love,

Betty

The President's Letter

Dearest Daughter,

Tonight is the eve of your birthday – and because the world is pretty well messed up and man still must make war against his brother – your daddy finds himself writing you a letter from a distant corner of the globe instead of holding you in his lap and telling you how much he loves you. You see, Baby, it's not the children of the world who are responsible for this sad state of affairs, but the not-so-wise adults, who never understood Jesus when he told them to "love one another." The greatest teacher the world has ever known gave us the answer so simple that children like you have no trouble at all in understanding him – "Love thy neighbor as thyself." A simple philosophy – the "Golden Rule" for a beautiful life. Well, Happy Birthday my darling daughter, my heart, my love go with this Christmas-Birthday Card.

Love from Daddy

North of Seoul, Korea

4 December 1952

This is a letter I found recently, tucked under some important papers. I am the daughter to whom it was written so many years ago. I am a military brat; my father was a career officer who served in World War II and the Korean conflict. I have re-discovered this letter (and a couple of others) many times since it was written; it is one of the few treasures I have from my dad. I used to tell him that he was a dove in hawk's clothing when we would "discuss" what it meant to be a member of the armed services, especially during the Viet Nam conflict, to which he was vehemently opposed.

Re-reading the letter, I am struck by this continuous cycle of war and peace we humans engage in— and here we are in the month of December when many celebrate the birth of a child who is said to be the "Prince of Peace." I think of another little girl whose father might be sending the same sentiments mine did and I know that peace will only happen when we decide that peace is worth it. So I turn to my friend Dr. Seuss, who says it best:

*Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and the small,
Was singing without any presents at all!*

*He hadn't stopped Christmas from coming! It came!
Somehow or other, it came just the same!*

*And the Grinch, with his grinch feet ice-cold in the snow,
Stood puzzling and puzzling. How could it be so?*

*It came without ribbons! It came without tags!
It came without packages, boxes, or bags!*

*He puzzled and puzzled till his puzzler was sore.
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.*

*Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more!*



Whether, it's Christmas, Hanukkah, the Winter Solstice or something else you celebrate to acknowledge the season, my very best wishes that your heart will be filled with the joy that comes from loving and sharing that love with family and friends. And just as we know the light will return, we also know that it is the light within that guides us as we work for peace.

*Blessed Be,
Nancy Rose*

Can You Host A UUCSC Friend for Christmas Dinner?



Sometimes members and friends of our UUCSC family have no plans for Christmas dinner. If your household has an extra place or two at your holiday table, and you'd like to host a UUCSC member or friend, please let Rev. Betty know at bkornitzer@aol.com or 284-3321. "Table Hospitality" is a wonderful way to remember our faith family during the holidays. This is what is truly means to be a community.

Rev. Betty will be on sabbatical leave in February and March 2012

Sabbatical is a unique time of empowerment and growth for congregations. I expect it will be a productive and creative time for UUCSC. All areas of congregational life are being planned for by the Sabbatical Planning Committee. Worship services, pastoral care and emergency pastoral coverage are all articulated in a Handbook that will be available in early January. From a very deep place in my heart, I thank this community for your generosity of spirit in providing sabbatical time for me. – Rev. Betty Kornitzer

Here's the plan for winter weather emergencies . . .

Winter is almost upon us! Here's the plan in case of snowstorms.

The safety of our congregants is our first priority. Please take good care of yourselves, and stay at home on Sunday mornings if travel is unsafe for you. UUCSC President Nancy Rose and Rev. Betty will determine if Sunday services should be cancelled due to bad weather. Cancellations will be publicized in three ways:

- A message will be sent out on the church e-mail list.
- A notice will be posted on the UUCSC web site.
- Announcements will be made on TV channels 12 and 64 and on radio stations WHJJ (920 AM), WWBB (101 FM), WHJY (94.1 FM), and WSNE (93.3 FM).



If the service is cancelled, enjoy a virtual worship service.

Sunday morning worship is an important part of our experience of Beloved Community, even in the midst of winter storms. During December, if Sunday morning worship is cancelled due to bad weather, Betty will send a "virtual Worship Service" to those on the UUCSC e-mail list. At 10 a.m. on Sunday morning, all who wish may read the service and participate, knowing we all together in spirit.

The Agape Fund

To early Christians, the word 'agape' meant both a rite and a meal of fellowship to which the poor were invited. Some scholars believe agape referred to a fellowship meal held in imitation of gatherings attended by Jesus and his disciples.

The UUCSC's Agape Fund was created to provide

confidential help to members and friends of the congregation who are having difficulty meeting the cost of basic needs such as food, shelter, and heat. The basis of the fund is the collection taken at the annual Christmas Eve service.

Rev. Betty Kornitzer administers this fund. If you need a little help, please call Betty at her study at 284-3321.



MONEY MATTERS

The monthly column from the Finance Committee

Important year-end tax information!

Just a reminder. Are you planning to make a donation or pledge payment before the end of the year for an income tax deduction in 2012? If so, keep in mind that UUCSC *must* receive it by December 31st.

If the donation or pledge payment is from an IRA account, it usually takes the fund manager a few days to process your request. So don't wait until the last minute!

Thanks to all of you who continue to generously support us with you time, skill, energy and money. Together we create this wonderful community.

Respectfully submitted,
Aline Couture

Thanks for inviting that Guest at Your Table!

Thanks to everyone who took home a Guest at Your Table box in November. A total of 58 boxes went home with the people who attended the Thanksgiving service on November 18th. Boxes are still available for anyone who would like to participate in this effort to raise funds for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Please let me know, and I will get one to you.

We will collect the boxes at the Intergenerational Christmas service. If you prefer to write a check as a contribution, please make it out to UUSC. Experience has taught me that boxes filled with change tend to "leak," so it's a good idea to tape the bottom of your box so the money won't fall out.



If you won't be at the Christmas service, don't worry—just bring your box with you the next time you come to church. The final collection date for boxes will be January 13. I hope to complete the project and make a formal report to the congregation by the end of January.

It has been my honor to be the steward of the UUCSC's Guest at Your Table project this year and in years past. This year, I hope we will exceed last year's contributions, and with your help we will.

Thank you!

— Gerre Alderwick

A message from the Hospitality Committee

A great big thank you from your Hospitality Committee if you have generously hosted a coffee hour this fall.

Many members and friends of the congregation find coffee hour to be an enjoyable weekly event. Unfortunately, we continue to experience a shortage of volunteers willing to host coffee hours, despite our numerous recruiting efforts and pleas for assistance. As a result, we have decided to simplify coffee hour duties. Beginning January 1st, coffee hour hosts will be asked to set up beverages only.

Each week, we will ask one family, instead of two families, to host. Hosts need only set up the beverage table with coffee, tea and juice. This will reduce the work load, eliminate the need for two hosting family groups weekly, and reduce waste. Anyone attending the service is welcome to bring edibles "pot luck" style snacks. Please plan to bring the dishes and leftovers home with you. This will greatly reduce the clean-up duties of the people who have volunteered to host the coffee hour, and it also will prevent an accumulation of clutter in the kitchen.



We still need hosts for December and the remainder of the church season. Please contact Vikki LePree if you can help. She is the recruiter for December; Gabrielle is the recruiter for January.

We have all decided that our service as a committee will end in June. If there are any individuals who would like to take over this task, please contact us.

Wishes for a wonderful holiday.

— Vikki, Gabrielle, and Melissa



Religious Education News and Events

By Pam Santos, Director of Religious Education

Keeping the Holidays Simple

The Holiday Season is in full swing and it is easy to become overwhelmed with the marketing, hype, and pressure of this time of year. As parents we are bombarded with images of happy children opening gifts of all sorts (“Oh Mom, you are the best for getting me the (fill in the blank));” holiday parties with beautifully dressed, perfectly behaved children nibbling on homemade cookies with a smile; and lovely symmetrical Christmas trees in tidy, decorated homes. As a busy Mom myself, I would like to offer a suggestion to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends: Keep it simple.

Celebrating the season slowly, a little bit each day, allows the children in your life to learn by your example. Here are some ideas.

- Make homemade gingerbread cookies and let the kids decorate as sloppily as they like, then eat them together.
- Sponsor a child for Christmas, and purchase and wrap the gift together— an especially neat activity for a grandparent to do with a grandchild.
- Go Christmas caroling.
- Learn about all the different holidays celebrated this time of the year.
- Light a chalice at home.
- Go ice skating in Providence together, and while you are there buy a sandwich and a warm drink and give it to someone who needs it.
- Make pine cone and peanut butter bird feeders for the birds (and squirrels).
- Keep the TV off and read a book together with a holiday theme.
- Make simple Christmas tree ornaments together, and give one to a neighbor you haven’t met.
- Share stories of your holiday experiences as a youth (another great one for grandparents).
- Introduce your children to Kiva loans (www.kiva.org) as a gift to others.
- Go hiking in the snow.
- Create holiday cards and write a personal message inside.
- Teach a child how to make warmed cider with a cinnamon stick, and enjoy it together.

Children take their cues from the adults in their lives. It is possible to enjoy this season of celebration slowly and with meaning. This year, let’s give our children the gift of our time and attention— after all, this is certainly the most valuable gift we can give them. Enjoy the season with love and merriment.

Important dates in RE

Sunday, December 2 - *Service Sunday, children begin downstairs.*

Friday, December 7 - *Junior Youth Group Holiday Party at church, 6:30 to 8 p.m.*

Friday, Dec 7 through Sunday, Dec. 9 - *Senior Youth Group Retreat at Cedar Hill.*

Sunday, December 23 - *Intergenerational Service.*

The Advent Garden Labyrinth Walk

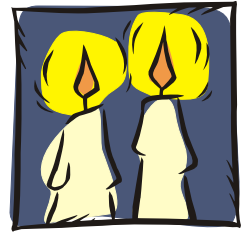
Sunday, December 9th at 4:30 p.m.

Please join us for a beautiful seasonal meditative experience as we walk the spiral labyrinth by candlelight.

A spiral path of evergreen boughs . . . a single candle's flame in the center . . . one by one we walk, winding our way all the way to the middle. We light our candle and begin the journey back out again, to add our own light to light the path for others.

Children are welcome, in the company of an adult.

If you can help with setting up or cleaning up, or if you would like to offer musical accompaniment, please contact Sally Barney. We need five people for each set up and clean up crew. If you are attending with children, please do not plan to set up or clean up. If you have greenery to donate, please leave it on the tarp near the doorway ramp before the Sunday service on December 9.



What is the State of the World?

Each decade for several decades, Lester Brown and his associates have written comprehensive reports to educate the public on how government policies can start the process toward a sustainable society.



The reports include information about stabilizing the climate, improving air quality, reducing poverty, slowing the rising sea level, planning for potential water scarcity, and using renewable energy sources. Brown and his associates predict that by 2030, the world economy will not be powered by fossil fuels and the principal source of industrial materials will be recycled goods.

The books are available in the UUCSC Library in the Green Task Force Section.

– Melissa Hughes, UUCSC Green Task Force

Lunch Bunch in November was out of this world!

Our November Lunch Bunch meeting had a dozen attendees who were interested in extraterrestrial life in general and Nicola Tesla's thoughts on the subject in particular. We were fortunate to have astronomer Dave Hurdis remind us that it would take more than 90,000 years for the fastest rocket ship to reach the *nearest* star, along with other fascinating information.



We did not talk about Tesla, however, so at our meeting on Monday, December 17, our selections will be *Tesla: Man Out of Time* by Margaret Cheney (yes, a rerun) and *The Invention of Everything Else*, by Samantha Hunt, a fictional look at the inventor's last days. Both books are available in local libraries. All are welcome to attend.

– Helene Gersuny

The UUCSC Meditation Group

Our Meditation Group meets in the Sanctuary every Thursday from 9 to 9:30 a.m. We practice sitting and walking meditation and share a reading and time of discussion. All are welcome; no meditation experience is necessary.

The Clear Heart Sangha

The Clear Heart Sangha will meet in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. This group follows the teachings of Thich Nhat Hahn, a Vietnamese Zen Master. No prior meditation practice is necessary.

Christmas Eve Eve Candlelight Dance Processional
Please contact Sally Barney if you would like to participate in this simple movement piece.

Jacob Frieze, the Dorr Rebellion, and Universalism in Rhode Island

Jacob Frieze, a Universalist minister born in Providence, was a journalist and noted pamphleteer who reporting on, and participating in, the events culminating in the 1842 Dorr Rebellion.

Frieze was born in 1789, a son of Jacob Frieze and Vashti Thayer. His father died when he was ten years old. In early adulthood he was a schoolmaster and a musician. In 1822, Frieze was granted Universalist fellowship and ordained by the Southern Association, which included churches and ministers in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. He was minister at the Universalist church in Milford, Mass. from 1822-24, and in Marlborough, Mass. from 1824 to 1826.

In 1826, at the request of leading Universalists Hosea Ballou and Abner Kneeland, Frieze traveled to Wilmington, N. C., where he preached for a circuit of societies in

Wilmington and in rural areas in the eastern part of the state. In 1827 he made an evangelical visit to South Carolina, organized the Southern Convention of Universalists, and founded a Universalist newspaper, the *Liberalist*. Neither the convention nor the newspaper survived long after Frieze departed. Universalism in North Carolina languished for decades afterwards due to lack of preachers.

In 1828, because of family health problems, Frieze returned to Rhode Island and settled in Pawtucket, serving in the year-old Universalist church there for about a year. In 1828-29 he assisted his Providence colleague, David Pickering, editing the local Universalist newspaper, the *Christian Telescope*, and organizing the Providence Association.

Frieze became entangled in a controversy with a Baptist revival preacher, Calvin Philleo, later the husband of Prudence Crandall, who

was persecuted in the 1830s for teaching black students at her Canterbury, Conn. school. Philleo declined an invitation to debate Frieze, but made an unwelcome evangelical call on Frieze's family, earning himself the epithet "the Pawtucket Fanatic" in the Universalist press.

In 1829, the Farmers and Merchants Bank failed, putting a number of Pawtucket textile mills out of business. One result of that financial crisis was that the Pawtucket Universalists could no longer make the payments on their loan for construction of their new church. After selling their sanctuary to the Baptists, the society disbanded.

Holmes Slade, a Universalist minister ordained in Pawtucket in 1842, later blamed Frieze for the demise of the Pawtucket church, saying that Frieze had "turned infidel."

The year 1829 was the height
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Broad and Mathewson Streets in downtown Providence, 1872

of the “infidel” scare among Universalists. Abner Kneeland and Orestes Brownson were both driven out of the denomination that year.

Kneeland, struggling with doubts about the authenticity of the scriptures and the authority of revelation, ultimately abandoned Christianity. In his Philosophical Creed of 1833 Kneeland declared, “I believe . . . that God and Nature, so far as we can attach any rational idea to either, are synonymous terms. Hence, I am not an Atheist, but a Pantheist; that is, instead of believing there is no God, I believe that in the abstract, all is God; . . . it is in God we live, move, and have our being; and that the whole duty of man consists in living as long as he can, and in promoting as much happiness as he can while he lives.”

Kneeland’s freethinking public positions became so embarrassing to Universalists that denominational associations throughout the northeast passed resolutions disowning him. Kneeland, then living in Boston, was the last person in the United States convicted and jailed for blasphemy.

David Pickering, the Providence minister, was a leading voice decrying “Kneelandism.” Pickering had preached at Frieze’s installation in Pawtucket, but may have had a falling out with Frieze, and may have spread the rumor that Frieze had fallen away from Universalism. Other Universalists, including Thomas Whittemore, editor of the *Trumpet and Universalist Magazine*, supported Frieze.

After Pawtucket, Frieze did not seek another ministry. His early retirement was caused, at least in part, by health problems. He was active in the Masonic movement, serving as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island in 1831.

He published a few religious tracts—*A Dissertation on the Subjects of Death, the General Judgment, and Future Interminable Punishment*, in 1831, and *An Inquiry into the Causes, Extent, and Present and Final Consequences of Clerical Influence in This Country*, in 1833—but gradually shifted his energy to politics and political journalism. During the 1830s he was a writer for the *Republican Herald* in Providence. In 1837 he held the office of Clerk of the Rhode Island General Assembly. In 1840, during the presidential campaign, he edited a pro-Democratic political poetry newspaper, the *Extinguisher*.



Thomas W. Dorr

Rhode Island had long been governed under the charter granted by Charles II in 1663, under which only landowners could vote. Before the industrial revolution, when most people were farmers, this was considered democratic. But as large numbers of workers moved from farm to factory, a permanent landless and disenfranchised class developed. By 1829, 60% of the state's free white males were not eligible to vote.

Prior to the 1840s, there were several unsuccessful attempts to replace the charter with a new state constitution that provided broader voting rights.

Frieze supported a movement to

create a new state constitution and to extend the franchise, but became disillusioned with the other members of the Suffrage Party when it became clear that they did not intend to work within the existing system to produce reform, but planned to violently overthrow the established government.

In 1841, suffrage supporters, led by Thomas Wilson Dorr, gave up on attempts to change the system from within. In October, they held a People's Convention that enfranchised all white males with one year's residence. Voters overwhelmingly supported a referendum on the People's Convention in December. But when the conservative Charterite government opposed efforts to implement the referendum result, Dorr and his followers attempted to implement it by force.

Most of the state militiamen were Irishmen newly enfranchised by the referendum and supported Dorr. With a majority of the militia throughout the state supporting his cause, Dorr led an unsuccessful attack against the Arsenal in Providence on May 19, 1842. Defenders of the Arsenal included Dorr's father, Sullivan Dorr, and his uncle, Crawford Allen, both mill owners.

After their defeat, Dorr and his supporters retreated to Chepachet where they hoped to reconvene the People's Convention, but the Dorr Rebellion soon fell apart.

During the Dorr War, Frieze was one of the more severe critics of Thomas Dorr. After the failure of Dorr's revolution, Frieze's testimony on the crisis was included in an 1844 report to the United States House of Representatives. He also wrote his own account, *A Concise History of the Efforts to Obtain an*

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Extension of Suffrage, 1811-42.

In 1844 and 1845, Frieze co-edited the *Christian Warrior*, a Universalist weekly in Richmond, Virginia.

Late in life he served as private secretary to the U.S. Senator from Rhode Island, William Sprague, for a part of his term (1863-75).

Frieze was married to Betsey Slade (1786-1850). They had two sons, Henry and Lyman. Henry Simmons Frieze (1817- 1889), a Brown graduate, was a professor of Latin at the University of Michigan, where he served as Acting



Henry Simmons Frieze

President. He was an Episcopalian. Gen. Lyman Bowers Frieze (1825-1917) was a member of the Republican National Committee from 1868 to 1872.

Jacob Frieze and his wife are buried at Swan Point Cemetery in Providence.

The information in this article comes in part from the biography of Jacob Frieze by Peter Hughes in the Dictionary of Unitarian and Universalist Biography, an on-line resource of the Unitarian Universalist History & Heritage Society.

I Don't Like You

by Steven M. Harrison

What if I don't like you.
What if your views and opinions
make the little hairs on the back of my neck stand up
so that I am uncomfortable speaking with you?

Perhaps I have a hard time keeping my anger in check
when I hear what you have to say.

When that happens now,
I take a breath, pause,
and remember what I heard a UU minister say.

Tell me more
help me understand
why you feel that way

We may always disagree on this
but fairness and courtesy
are more important than our differences

I brush my teeth each morning and night
most times

I put on my pants one leg at a time

I get hungry
I eat
I go to the bathroom

I have good days and bad
get happy and sad
angry scared confused
I mean really
don't we both have the same basic needs to fill?

I breath the same air as you
walk the same earth as you

we live we die someday
so tell me why you feel that way

Maybe you don't like me
nor I you
but we're both people too
and I can always love you

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“Controversy is only dreaded
by the advocates of error.”

– Benjamin Rush (1745-1813)

Benjamin Rush, physician, writer, educator, and signer of the Declaration of Independence, was the leading social reformer of his time. Rush's strong belief in universal salvation helped to promote acceptance of Universalism during its formative period in America. He was born in Philadelphia 266 years ago this month.