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January Services



January 1

Beginning Anew – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

Healing relationships with the Buddhist practice of Beginning Anew.

Please bring a bell for our beautiful bell ceremony (and bring extra bells if you have them).

January 8

"I may not like you, but I can love you." – *Steven M. Harrison*

Reflections of a U.U. on conflict and dealing with that which makes us different
and that which makes us the same

January 15

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Lessons for Us All – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

January 22

Early Roots of American Universalism – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

We will explore the theology of several early Universalists
and their belief in God's Radical Love.

January 29

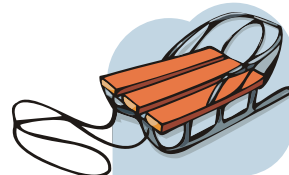
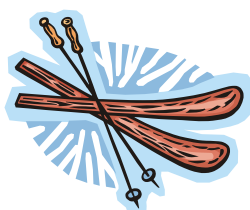
Mysticism and Emmet Fox – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

Experiences beyond the domain of the human senses are the realm of the Mystics.
We will consider their form of spirituality, with an emphasis on the teachings of Emmett Fox.

February 5

A Spiritual Journey Through Mary Oliver's Poem "The Journey"

– *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*



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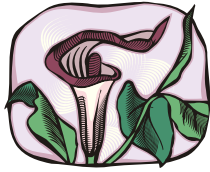
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called away on business away from her office, even during office hours.

Betty will be on vacation January 5 through 13.



The Minister's Message

By Rev. Betty Kornitzer

A 'New Year' Kind of Faith

It's the New Year. The holidays, the holy-days are winding down. After all, we aren't even two weeks past the darkest day of the year. It is a good time to do the important work of preparing our hearts for the New Year. I believe we do that one heart at a time, by constantly seeking a wider capacity for love. It is my suggestion that we greet 2011 with the spirit of the child . . . that we open the doors of our hearts with wonder and amazement.

To lubricate any rusty or stubborn door hinges around these hearts of ours, I offer inspiration in the words of Walt Whitman, in a bit of his poem is entitled "Miracles."

*Why, who makes much of a miracle?
As to me I know of nothing else but miracles,
Whether I walk the streets of Manhattan,
Or dart my sight over the roofs of houses toward the sky,
Or wade with naked feet along the beach just in the edge of the water,
Or stand under trees in the woods,
Or talk by day with any one I love, or sleep in the bed at night
with any one I love,
Or sit at table at dinner with the rest,
Or look at strangers opposite me riding in the car,
Or watch honey-bees busy around the hive of a summer forenoon,
Or animals feeding in the fields,
Or birds, or the wonderfulness of insects in the air,
Or the wonderfulness of the sundown, or of stars shining so quiet and bright,
Or the exquisite delicate thin curve of the new moon in spring;
These with the rest, one and all, are to me miracles,
The whole referring, yet each distinct and in its place.*

Whitman invites us to open the doors of our hearts and to experience all there is with freshly awakening eyes. This is a New Year kind of attitude, open and alive with amazement.

As Unitarian Universalists, I'd say we've got a New Year kind of theology. Really. Our liberal religion is alive and open. We call ours a Living Faith because we dare relentlessly to open doors, and to ask those questions that stretch our minds and hearts and spirits, those questions that call us to grow and to learn, to include and to understand. That is how I define a living faith. Ours is a Lived theology, for theology becomes most meaningful and creative when we live it. Our theology helps us to stay open to possibilities. One of the theological assumptions Unitarian Universalists embrace is the notion that revelation is not sealed, but open and continuous. We believe that new truths may always be discovered.

I think of this as our New Year Theology, one with fresh eyes full of wonder. In this new year may we all be intentional about holding open the doors to our hearts and minds. After all, revelation is not yet sealed.

Blessings, Peace & Love

Betty

Dignity

I have a feeling that if you asked a Unitarian Universalist to recite one of the Principles, the answer you are likely to get is the first, the one about the inherent worth and dignity of every human being. We are very good at the worth part, but I would like to challenge us to cherish the dignity of every human being in our midst. We are good at dignity for minorities, I think, and for gays and lesbians, and for the elderly. We try to be good at the dignity of the handicapped, although the elevator is still on the wish list. We support the dignity of alcoholics and drug addicts, and (gasp) illegal immigrants. I love this about our faith community. One group that we can easily overlook in the dignity department is a group that we have no problem seeing the worth of, perhaps the group that we place the highest value on: our own precious children.

The Conversation with the Children portion of our worship

service is an indication that we do not adhere to the dictum "children should be seen and not heard." We respect our children and treasure their thoughts. The trouble with this is that they are so darn cute, and that means everything they say is so darn funny.



The truth is, childhood is serious business. It feels serious when you are in it, even though you are so darn cute. Maybe you remember this feeling. New experiences can be scary, new thoughts can be astonishing. It is exhilarating to have adults laugh at your jokes, yet it can be crushing to have adults laugh at your serious thoughts.

I exhort us all to bear this seriousness in mind when our

children are sharing their thoughts. We have a tendency to laugh when the children say anything, because they are so darn cute that everything they say is funny. I adore them myself, and often find them hilarious. It is funny when they are wrong, it is funny when they are so smart that they know things grown-ups don't know. Unwittingly, we may be creating an atmosphere for them where their dignity is eroded. They may be getting the message that we will laugh at them if they give a real honest answer to a question. This means that children who are inclined to be clowny are likely to be encouraged to make jokes, while children who are earnest in their thinking will be discouraged from sharing their thoughts for fear of a loss of dignity.

There is nothing inherently wrong with laughing, but sometimes the best medicine is thoughtful listening.

- Amber Kelley

Lay Pastoral Associates provide a caring presence

The Lay Pastoral Associates Team (PAT) assists Rev. Betty in caring for members and friends of UUCSC who are experiencing times of challenge and transition. The PAT team supplements Rev. Betty's pastoral work, affording a wider and deeper resource of attention to our growing community.

Pastoral Associates provide a caring presence. They listen and help nurture the spirit. Members of the Team are Penny Hall, Pat O'Reilly and Lynda Wells. Call Rev. Betty (284-3321) with your pastoral concerns and she will speak with you and make a referral to the PAT when appropriate.

Rev. Betty will offer Pastoral Care training for new team members on February 23 and 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. Please call Rev. Betty at 284-3321 if you are interested.

The PAT is distinct from the Caring Connection, chaired by Judi Marcy, which offers support such as meals, rides to church, and help getting to the supermarket. Their caring outreach and is a mainstay of congregational life at UUCSC.

A PAT brochure is available at church and on the UUCSC website.

Our 2011 “Share the Plate” donations total \$5,868

The UUCSC Board of Directors created the “Share the Plate” program a year ago to raise awareness of the social justice concerns in our community, in the state, nationally, and throughout the world, and to give members and friends of our congregation an opportunity to stand as a witness for social justice by providing direct support to selected organizations. The collection taken during the service on the first Sunday of each month (except for pledge payments) is donated to charity.

During 2011, here is how our “Share the Plate” money was distributed:

January	Welcome House	\$399
February	Jonnycake Center	\$400
March	The Storehouse (meal program)	\$600
April	UUA/UUSC Japan Fund	\$432
May	International Institute immigrant support	\$815
June	RICMA Healthy Families Initiative (Muslim)	\$377
July/ August	Amnesty International	\$210
September	Welcome House (emergency)	\$779
October	Sierra Club R.I. Chapter	\$476
November	Conopac – Peru (Guy Latour & Penny Hall)	\$561
December	Jonnycake Center	\$819
<i>TOTAL</i>		\$5,868

Of those recipients, three (Welcome House, Jonnycake Center, and The Storehouse meal program at First Church of God in Peace Dale) are local, three (International Institute, RICMA Healthy Families Initiative, and the Sierra Club R.I. Chapter) are statewide, and three (UUA/UUSC Japan Fund, Amnesty International, and Conopac – Peru) are national or international. The July and August collections were combined because of the lighter attendance at services during the summer.

In its support of worthy causes, the congregation has moved from incidental amounts to strikingly large amounts. The total for the year is an incredible tribute to our generosity of spirit.

If you would like more information about any of the recipients, please speak to me. – *John Glasheen*



Help spread the word!

Our little corner of Peace Dale has become a dynamic cultural presence, and Myrina Cardella-Marengi, our congregation's Publicity Coordinator, will help us publicize it. If you know about a program or an event that you think the entire community should know about, please get in touch with Myrina.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

This month, the Book Club will read and discuss *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa, translated by Stephen Snyder. The group will meet on Monday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ed and Linda Whyte Burrell.





MONEY MATTERS

The monthly column from the Finance Committee

“So, what is happening with the Tree of Life?” you may be asking yourselves. Well, because what we received was not exactly what we had expected, it will be taken down in the next few weeks and given a make-over. Linda Whyte Burrell and Deb Hedison are planning to create a mural effect of painted branches on which the leaves will be placed more artistically. Deb, as some of us know, is a wonderful mural painter.

“How can I donate toward a leaf?” Several people have been donating already. Kathy Carland, our Office Administrator, has forms and all the information you need. You may stop by the office, e-mail her, or call her. If she is not there, please just leave a message for her to return your call.

Some of you have said that you would like to donate toward a leaf for Joan Patterson and/or for Elsa Gambarini but don’t have the minimum suggested amount of \$250. Whatever your donation amount is, it will be added to all the other gifts for one leaf for each of these beloved women. It doesn't matter how small or large, your gift will be included.

We thank Linda and Deb for their eagerness to create an aesthetic piece of art that will beautify our sanctuary for years to come. They are a blessing and we are grateful!

Respectfully submitted,
Aline Couture, Finance Chair

Adult Religious Education

"What Moves Us?" Returns

Rev. Betty will offer two segments of the UUA's "What Moves Us" class created by UU theologian Thandeka. The class explores the more spiritual aspects of our faith by examining major figures from our history whose spirituality can help to deepen our journey. The class offers readings and exercises to help us experience similar moments of wonder and transcendence.

Saturday, February 18 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon:

Hosea Ballou - A Theology of Happiness

Saturday, March 3 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon

William Schulz - Unitarian Universalism in a New Key

News From Your CoM

The members of the Committee on Ministry do our very best to listen deeply to your joys, ideas and concerns about our Shared Ministry.

During the past two months, we have heard from various members who expressed concerns about aspects of our worship services. We communicated those concerns to Rev. Betty and the Worship Committee, and we believe all the thoughts and suggestions we received have been considered and are being acted upon.

We have also devoted a good deal of attention to the grieving our Congregation must journey through because of our many recent losses.

Please keep sharing with us. We so welcome hearing what brings you joy



and seems to be working, what you would like to see changed, and what concerns you have about any and all aspects of our Shared Ministry— Rev. Betty's ministry to our Congregation and the many ways each of us can and should minister to each other. Please talk with us.

We welcome hearing from you in person, over the phone or by e-mail. Please contact whomever you wish:

Rev. Betty Kornitzer

Linda Whyte Burrell

Lindsey Crowninshield

Jean E. Burke

Also, you can drop any comments, questions or concerns in the CoM box in the Community Room. We ask only that you sign your name to anything you contribute to the box. These communications will be kept confidential, just as all others we receive.

Fondly,

Your Committee on Ministry



Religious Education News and Events

By Debby Hedison, Director of Religious Education

"....go with Wisdom, go with Wonder...."

Blessings to all, and may we have good work and serious play for our hands to do in 2012. I am honored to serve this congregation and I hold my own hands together in a prayer of gratitude and love for all of you.

My Own Two Hands

by Ben Harper

I can change the world
With my own two hands
Make it a better place
With my own two hands
Make it a kinder place
With my own two hands
With my own
With my own two hands

I can make peace on earth
With my own two hands
I can clean up the earth
With my own two hands
I can reach out to you
With my own two hands
With my own
With my own two hands

I'm going to make it a brighter place
With my own two hands
I'm going to make it a safer place
With my own two hands
I'm going to help the human race
With my own two hands
With my own
With my own two hands

I can hold you
With my own two hands
I can comfort you
With my own two hands
But you've got to use
Use your own two hands
Use your own
Use your own two hands

Religious Education News

January 1 – Debby will open our Sunday School Time Capsule to see what treasures were placed in it last year and then refill it for next year! This will be an all ages worship and activity.

SESSION 3

January 8 - February 26

SESSION 4

March 4 - April 29

April 8 - Easter Intergenerational Service/Family Service

SESSION 5

May 6

May 13 Green/Environmental Project for all ages

May 20 - June 10 Classes

June 17- Flower Communion Intergenerational Service

June 24 - Fun Day

A blessed and joyful New Year.

Namaste,

Debby

Please welcome our two newest members!

We were delighted to welcome two new Members, Linda Dupuis and William Wheeler Bishop ("Bish") to our congregation on Dec. 4th.

We asked them why they chose to join UUCSC. Linda, who lives in Saunderstown, wrote, "In this UU congregation I have found warmth, acceptance, the freedom and support to continue my personal spiritual journey, and an emphasis on social outreach that is important to me."



Linda Dupuis

Bish, who lives in Charlestown, said, "Finally, as a seeker, I have found a home with kindred minds and spirits, where there is no demand for attachments and where I can continue, as a seeker, to be free to grow."

We are honored to have you. Welcome!

If you are considering becoming a member, we offer Path to Membership classes twice each year, once in the Fall and once in the Spring. – Val Follett

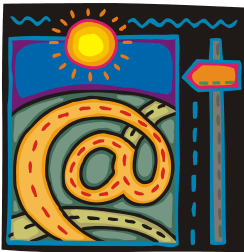


"Bish" Bishop

A note from the Administrator

I hope the New Year brings many bright moments your way! The office is humming along and it is such a pleasure to see many of you as you drop in for the many wonderful groups and meetings held here each month. I am so grateful to the congregation for your support and guidance as I learn the best ways to serve your needs and interests.

Our goal of maintaining an accurate monthly calendar seems to be taking shape thanks to everyone communicating the when and where of monthly meetings held at the church.



The Directory is finished and has been sent out electronically; however, 50 printed copies are available to those who do not use computers. So much is done electronically today that I would like to reassure everyone that now all documents on both office computers are saved weekly to a back-up hard drive.

In an effort to centralize functions and as well as store information safely, another goal for this year is for individuals and committees to consider whether documents and other information now in their possession could be needed by others in the congregation, now or in the future. These documents could be sent electronically to me at uucscri@yahoo.com and I can establish a folder that would be accessible when needed, and backed up.

The E-Weekly Highlights has started on a trial basis. Hopefully, we can find many ways this weekly information will benefit the work of the congregation and community. Please send me your feedback. If you want to promote an activity, the deadline for inclusion is Thursday at noon as it is sent out to everyone on Friday.

Happy New Year!
Best, Kathy Carland

Standing on the Side of Love

Activated by Rev. Betty Kornitzer's December 4 sermon called "Occupy our Faith: Economic Justice," more than 25 members of UUCSC signed commitment cards leading to a March for Homelessness on December 10.

Marvelously led by our courageous Rich Evans, we joined a group of 500 or more members of Occupy Providence, the Coalition Against Homelessness, Ocean State Action, and other UU churches. Santa Claus also joined to support the march from Burnside Park in downtown Providence through the financial district to the State House (OUR HOUSE).



Various speakers advocated from their experience of homelessness and foreclosure to the legislative need for increased housing and homeless support.

– John Glasheen

Our Meditation Group

The UUCSC Meditation Group meets in the sanctuary every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. We practice sitting and walking meditation and share a reading and time of discussion.

All are welcome to attend; no meditation experience is necessary. – Rev. Betty Kornitzer

Jayme Stone's Room of Wonders with Travelin' Light

Saturday, January 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Music at Lily Pads is honored to present, from Toronto, banjo master Jayme Stone and his incredible band. A two-time Juno-award-winning banjoist, Stone makes music inspired by folk traditions from around the world. His latest album, "Room of Wonders," explores music from Norway, Sweden, Bulgaria, Brazil, Italy and North America. The repertoire includes a movement from Bach's French Suite, a Moorish sword-fighting dance, and Stone's lush, edgy originals.

Stone thrives on unexpected inspiration: Japanese poetry, Brazilian literature, instruments he found while traveling in remote Malian villages. He finds it with influences as diverse as Anouar Brahem, Bill Frisell, and Toumani Diabaté. His award-winning albums, most notably "Africa to Appalachia," both defy and honor the banjo's long role in the world's music.

Jayme Stone (banjo) | Andrew Downing (cello) | Andrew Small (bass) | Nick Fraser (drums)

Supporting Jayme Stone is the duo Travelin' Light, featuring guitar virtuoso Ron Murray and percussionist Robert Malin. Doors open at 7 p.m., and music begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 on the day of the show. Advance tickets are available at Sweet Cakes, the Alternative Food Co-op, Looney Tunes II, and BrownPaperTickets.com.



Paul Geremia and Jon Campbell

Saturday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m.

For almost forty years, Paul Geremia has survived solely by the fruit of his musical labors. Since 1966, he has been performing in every venue from street singing to club and concert bookings, throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

Geremia has built a reputation as a first rate bluesman, songwriter, scholar of early jazz and blues, and one of the best country blues fingerpickers ever. With his tools— six and twelve-string guitars, harmonica, piano and a husky soulful voice— and with an innate sense of the humor as well as the drama of the music, he keeps traditional blues fresh and alive with his performances. He has recorded ten solo albums, and has appeared on many

anthologies and compilations. His superb recordings have made him a critical favorite and place him firmly among the legends who inspired and influenced him over the past four decades.

Jon Campbell has been documenting life along the coast, in song and story, for a career spanning nearly 30 years. Many of his songs, some humorous, some serious, have become an important part of the repertoire of other singers from Cape Cod, Mass. to Cape Disappointment, Washington. Meanwhile, he continues to find what is distinctive about the tourists, the fisheries, regional cuisine, history and a wide variety of other topics, all begging for a song. He will be joined by Everett Brown on accordion.

Doors open at 7 p.m., and music begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 on the day of show. Advance tickets are available at Sweet Cakes, the Alternative Food Co-op, Looney Tunes II, and BrownPaperTickets.com.

For more information about any of our Music at Lily Pads concerts, please visit www.musicatlilypads.org.

Justice General Assembly in Phoenix

Delegates at the 2010 GA in Minneapolis overwhelmingly endorsed a resolution committing themselves to holding a special General Assembly in Phoenix in 2012 to witness on immigration and on racial and economic justice—a “Justice” General Assembly. Workshops and other programs will be grounded in our faith tradition’s commitment to justice.



The Ballou Channing District Board of Directors has established a General Assembly Task Force to:

- Develop and implement ways to educate congregations about the focus of the 2012 General Assembly and the “new” format.
- Develop and implement methods to encourage people

to attend General Assembly, with special attention to people who have not general gone in the past, such as young people and young families.

- Develop ideas to present to congregations about fundraising to support attendees and ways to create scholarships.
- Distribute information about immigration justice to congregations in easy-to-understand and accessible formats.

Please consider going to Phoenix or supporting our congregation’s commitment to this effort. John Glasheen is our representative on the BCD Task Force, which also includes Rev. Catherine Cullen, our UUA Trustee from BCD. — *John Glasheen*

“Books & Bagels”

Saturday, January 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for our third annual “Books & Bagels” as we share our favorite books read in 2011 while enjoying bagels and cream cheese, muffins, fruit, tea and coffee. Please bring up to three books and tell us why you chose them. You may also read a short selection from each book (optional). Our facilitator will be Nancy Rose. Sponsored by the Adult Religious Education Committee.

Hospitality Thank You

A big thank you goes out to the following generous hosts for the final months of 2011: Larry Kelland, Linda Hull, Natalie Herbermann, Brenda Beaureguard, Ron and Jan Creamer, Allie and Harry Buffum, Sarah and Kevin Bell, Tracy McGrath, Gail Matthews (twice!), Jim McDonald, Paulette Chamberas, Bert Beaudreau, Sue Strakosch, John Glasheen, Elizabeth Donovan, Gail Burchard, Debby Hedison and Senior Youth Group, Karen Ellsworth, Penny Hall, Guy Latour, Myron Waldman and Marie Younkin-Waldman, Nancy Dean and Brian Maynard, Ann Marie Denelle, Will and Elise Bender, Rosemary Galiani and Michael Mutschler, Ann Heffron and Bill Jones, Ronnie Meyer, Ann McNamara, Lisa McHenry, Louise McLeod, Susan Farrell, and Helene Gersuny.



Thanks also to Nancy Klein, Ron Creamer, Gail Matthews, Sue Strakosch, and Pat O'Reilley. You are always lending a hand, and we notice and appreciate it! Please forgive us if we failed to acknowledge any other of our special helpers.

Hosts are now being booked for the new year. Many hands make light work for all. Please contact us for a Sunday that is convenient for you to be on a hosting team for coffee hour. Our goal is to ask each able person to provide this service only once a year. Happy New Year and thank you!

— *Your Hospitality Committee*
(*Vikki LePree, Melissa Hughes & Gabrielle Torphy*)

The Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on Monday, January 2nd to discuss *The Spiral Staircase* by Karen Armstrong, a sequel to *Through the Narrow Gate*, that tells of her return to the outside world after seven years as a nun. The author was warmly acclaimed as



special guest speaker at the UUA General

Assembly in 2011.

The Lunch Bunch has read three of her many books, so this is a welcome return. All are welcome to attend.

Questions? Call Helene Gersuny.

UU Legislative Ministry

A meeting to reconstitute the UU Legislative Ministry-Rhode Island (UULMri) will take place on Tuesday, January 17th, at Westminster Unitarian Church in East Greenwich.

UULMri consists of representatives from each of the five UU congregations in Rhode Island and is one of about 15 similar groups in the country that are seeking to affect structural change at the state level. UULMri started in 2001-2010, with UUCSC supplying the leadership for the past five years. We are looking for three to five people from UUCSC to track legislation, help organize meetings with local legislators, and organize a statewide congress of UU members in late February or early March to choose three or four issues we might feasibly address.

Interested ? Talk with John Glasheen.

Social Action Committee to be reconstituted

Based on direction from the UUCSC Board of Directors, a reconstituted Social Action Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 10 at 7 p.m. to re-form the committee to incorporate each of the subcommittees (Green Sanctuary, Common Ground, and Standing on the Side of Love) and to plan an inte-

grated series of functions for all Social Action activities, workshops, and education, with full notice and invitation to the congregation's members and friends.

The committee also will plan several months of giving for our "Share the Plate" program, and review and update the Social Action section of the UUCSC Strategic Plan.

All members and friends are invited to review the current plan and add voices to help us move forward. Social Action Committee meetings will be held bi-monthly.

— John Glasheen

UU World reading group

On Tuesday, January 24, all members and friends are invited to the sixth quarterly meeting of the *UU World* reading group, where we discuss the articles in the latest issue of *UU World* magazine.

We will review the Winter 2011 issue. First, the group sets its priority of which articles were of greatest appeal or provocation; second, we spend time in sequence discussing those stimuli. Our experience is that individuals often bring out insights that others had not observed so that our discussions have been very rewarding and satisfying.

If friends have not seen this issue, they might borrow it from a member, all of whom receive copies quarterly.

— John Glasheen

Study UU theology in a Small Group

Join a Small Group pursuing UU theology as a focus. The group is reading *A Chosen Faith*, and will continue with additional Unitarian Universalist writers to seek to a more comprehensive, detailed understanding of the history and direction of our denomination.

The group meets on the second and fourth Monday evening from 7 to 8:30. Speak to Gerre Alderwick, John Glasheen, Susan Corkran, or Ann Marie Denelle for more details.

— John Glasheen

Hymnal Abundance!

Thanks to all who bought hymnals during our recent "Buy a Hymnal in November" effort. We have taken orders for 24 hard-cover and 22 soft-cover hymnals, and the Membership Committee donated 10 soft-cover hymnals. So we are in good shape now, thanks to everybody.

The big push is over, but anyone who would like to purchase a hymnal at any time may do so by speaking to a member of the Membership Committee.

Again, thank you for your generosity, which will allow us all to sing along on Sunday mornings.

— Val Follett, for the purple nametag people

When the weather is frightful . . . The safety of our congregants is our first priority. Please stay at home on Sunday mornings if travel is unsafe for you. UUCSC President Charlie Donnelly and Rev. Betty will determine if Sunday services should be cancelled due to bad weather. The decision will be made by early Sunday morning. Cancellation will be publicized in three ways: a message on the church e-mail list, a notice on the UUCSC website, and messages on TV channels 12 and 64 and on radio stations WHJJ (920 AM), WWBB (101FM), WHJY (94.1 FM) and WSNE (93.3FM).

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 storms. If Sunday morning worship is cancelled due to bad weather, Betty will send out 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. If you have Joys and Concerns to share, send them to Betty at bkornitzer@aol.com by 9 a.m. Sunday morning, and they will be included in the "virtual worship service."



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"Don't let's ask for the moon! We have the stars!"

***– Charlotte (Bette Davis) to Jerry (Paul Henreid)
in "Now, Voyager," the 1942 film
adapted from the novel by Olive Higgins Prouty***



Olive Higgins Prouty (1882-1974) was an American novelist best known for her pioneering consideration of psychotherapy in *Now, Voyager* and for her feminist novel *Stella Dallas*, also made into a movie. Born in Worcester 130 years ago this month, she was a member of First Parish (Unitarian) in Brookline, Mass. for 50 years.