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## June Services

SERVICES AND CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGIN AT 10 A.M.

### June 6

Sex and War—A Novel Approach to the Peace Movement – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

Some say that warfare is in our genes. What does this say about human nature and our hopes for global peace? We'll explore the theory that although war is based on biology, perhaps the right family planning policies can redirect the world toward peace.

*(Virginia Carter purchased the right to select this sermon topic at last year's Auction)*

***Graduating Senior Youth will participate in a Bridging Ceremony***

**11:30 a.m. - THE ANNUAL MEETING of the CONGREGATION**

### June 13

Celebrating the Bicentennial of Margaret Fuller, a Great Unitarian – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

Unitarian and Transcendentalist Margaret Fuller was a radical and controversial feminist in the mid-19th Century. We will celebrate this important piece of our liberal religious heritage.

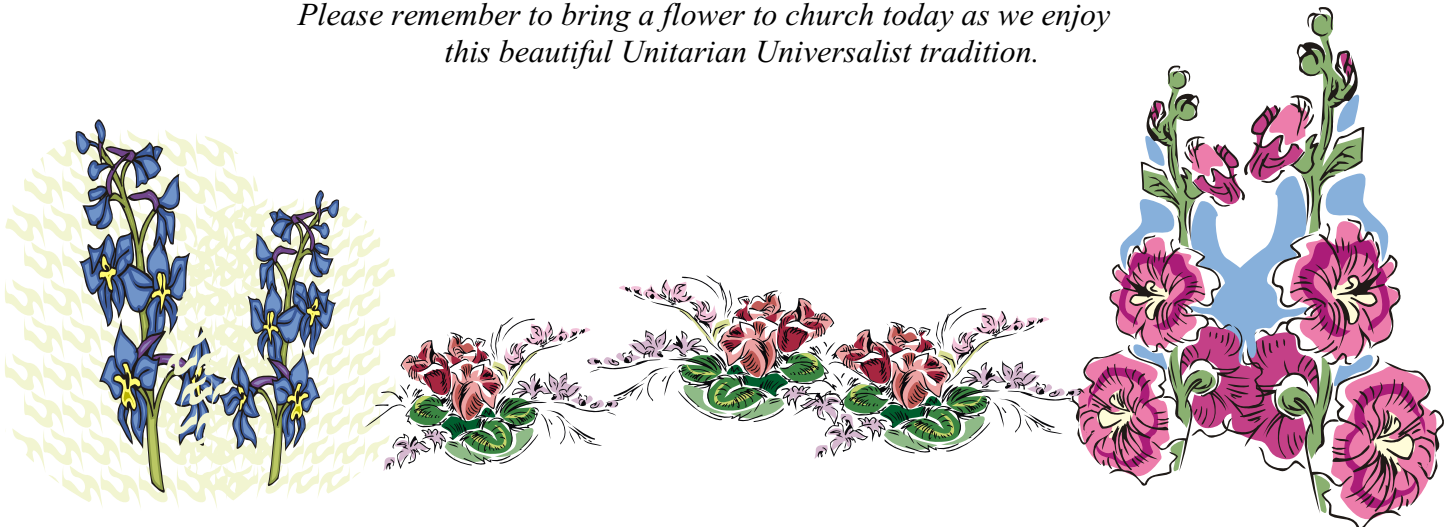
### June 20

Nature's Call to the Spirit – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

On this Summer Solstice Sunday, we celebrate nature, fathers and community.

***This Intergenerational Service is our Annual Flower Communion Sunday.***

*Please remember to bring a flower to church today as we enjoy this beautiful Unitarian Universalist tradition.*



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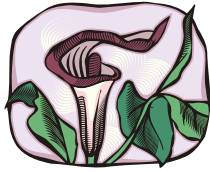
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***We welcome all individuals without regard to race, color, physical challenge,  
sexual orientation, age, or national origin.***



# *The Minister's Message*

By Rev. Betty Kornitzer

## Why I Go to General Assembly

It happens every year during the third week of June. Like migratory birds, Unitarian Universalists from around the world flock by the thousands to a happening called General Assembly, or GA as it is widely known. On June 22nd, I will fly to Minneapolis to attend my umpteenth GA. This is not just a professional obligation. For me, GA is a resounding celebration of my faith, its roots, its vision and its mission.

Some of you are very new to our faith, you may be wondering, “What is GA?” GA is the Unitarian Universalist annual convention and business meeting. It sounds dry, maybe boring, right? Wrong! GA is a happening thing. It’s exciting, it’s inspiring, it’s educational and it’s very Unitarian Universalist. We are accustomed to being a small denomination, and very much in the minority. At GA, we form a vibrant critical mass with amazing diversity, intelligence, vision and passion. At GA we share huge and moving worship services and attend many of more than a hundred workshops. At GA we connect with the UUA and its tremendous array of resources. At GA we participate in Actions of Public Witness, public marches and rallies in support of social justice issues. At GA we stand up and are counted as Unitarian Universalists by connecting with the UUA.

At UUCSC, we are beginning to participate in the UUA's “Standing on the Side of Love” initiative. That campaign was launched at GA 2009 in Salt Lake City, and I was there. On Friday, June 26th, 2009, masses of UUs marched to the Gallivan Plaza in an Action of Public Witness. There we protested our current immigration system, and called for national humane and just family-based immigration reform. We called for an end to unjust raids and deportations. We opposed Utah’s anti-immigrant legislation that became law on July 1, 2009. In view of recently-enacted Arizona law, and identical legislation proposed in Rhode Island, it is clear how timely our stand in Salt Lake City was. Unitarian Universalists from around the country are converging on Phoenix to rally against the Arizona law. UUA president Peter Morales will be there, so will our own John Glasheen. This is important. This is ‘who we are and why we are here.’

I go to GA to connect with the UUA, and to be educated, energized and inspired. There is a whole world of exciting UUA activities and resources out there, and available to our congregation. I plan to share my GA experiences with you when I return from Minneapolis. It is my hope that in the coming year, UUCSC will develop a plan for connecting to our denominational activities and resources. I firmly believe that such a connection will give greater meaning and energy to our faith. I look forward to sharing this adventure with you.

Blessings, Peace and Love,

*Betty*

# The President's Letter

Kindred UU Spirits,

It has been a joy to write these letters each month—sacred service of the literary kind. And looking back over this first full year in our new home, that has been the continuous Board message: an invitation, an urging, to join together in sacred service to maintain, decorate, and creatively use this blessed space.

This necessity continues as our roots settle and the garden of our efforts becomes established.

Board agendas have been so full and we have tackled so many issues, that it is surprising to find out from the Evaluation of UUCSC Ministry that many congregants don't know what the Board does. (Although folks who read these letters know the most!) The coming Board will increase its visibility—the members have begun to take turns reading announcements during the Sunday service, we'll take a photograph to hang in the Community Room, Board Liaisons to Committees will take a more active role, and reminders about how to access proposed agendas and monthly Board Meeting minutes will be advertised.

The agenda for the “final” May Board meeting (for the current slate of officers) included safety policies, affinity groups (increasing volunteerism), policy revision to allow guest and lay service leaders to sell products if in keeping with

UU Principles, bylaw revisions, status of a religious education classroom divider wall, affirmation of the new budget, greening of every coffee hour, the decision process for a UUCSC alcohol policy, approval of the ad hoc Fund Raising Committee, and targeting of significant issues for the new Board to take up in June.



AND, we have the prominent issue of how to positively welcome and deal with our thriving, growing numbers! The Board has advised the ad hoc committee, now known as the “Managing Growth Task Force,” to be prepared to go to two services by mid-September. This does not mean we will go to two services at that time. We are also asking for steps to take before that is necessary. But we are asking for a PLAN, in case one is absolutely necessary—one carefully considered without “hurry up, we're violating fire codes!” energy surrounding it.

I was recently reminded that when we agreed to buy this building, it was with the knowledge that going to two services would likely occur.

Some folks didn't think it would be necessary this soon—but we have so much to offer individuals and the community, it's not surprising that our loving, socially conscious spirit is calling many to our doors. (That and the fact that Westminster Unitarian Church is in a transitional phase right now.)

Whatever we are called to do, UUCSC will do it with grace, under the loving, enthusiastic guidance of Reverend Betty. We'll join together in beloved community and manifest what we desire. I have total faith that we can positively rise to any challenge.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be your 2009-2010 congregation president. I feel blessed to have been able to serve with wise, enthusiastic, thoughtful, and caring Board members. Their support and contributions to the well-being of our congregation are amazing!

With love and wishing you best energy, *Tracy Hart*

Deep gratitude is expressed for the commitment, attention, and loving service of the following UUCSC Board Members whose terms of service are now complete:

- Amber Kelley, Past President
  - Carole Driver, Clerk
  - Ed Burrell, Trustee
- Tom Magliochetti, Trustee
- Aline Couture, Finance Chair

## **June 13th is “Coffee with the Minister Sunday”**

*An invitation especially extended to our new friends . . .*

Haven't had time to sit with the minister and ask a few questions or simply share some conversation? I'd like to spend a bit of relaxed time with you too. After the worship service on Sunday, June 13th, please pick up a cup of coffee in the Community Room and join me in the library for “Coffee with the Minister.” I hope to see you there. – Rev. Betty Kornitzer



*We will be providing a meal for Welcome House on June 9th, July 14th and August 11th. We ask that you sign up to bring a salad, an entree or a dessert that will feed 20 people to **Welcome House** by 5 p.m. on the day of the meal. I will remind those of you who sign up for July. Please see Gerre Alderwick for details.*



# The Music Corner

by Mike Galib, Music Director

It's incredible that summer is already upon us, and that I've already been half a year here at UUCSC. Although the name often presents an obstacle in everyday conversation . . . ("Where do you work?" "UUCSC" What's that?" "Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County" "Couldn't they shorten that or something?") . . . the transition has felt considerably more smooth..

To the choir, to the congregation, and passing by everyone else, I would like to say an official thank you for being yourselves this year— I'm

looking forward to the next one!

This month, for the June 20th service, members of the Music Committee are preparing a special folk-inspired service. There will be all sorts of instruments playing, singers singing, and dancers dancing.

We really are incredibly lucky and blessed to have so many musicians of such talent within the church who are able to plan and perform all the music for an entire service themselves. Be sure not to miss this musical highlight of the month!

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## *Controversy over the sedar reenactment leads to discussion*

*In early April, some members of the congregation conducted a sedar reenactment by the pond to tell the Passover/Exodus story. A large group participated in this interactive event. One of the themes emphasized during the event was the Passover theme of freedom from bondage for all people.*

*In that spirit, literature and a poster portraying subjugation of the Palestinian people were displayed during the evening, with a spoken explanation. I authorized this display. Inadvertently these materials were left in the Community Room after the event. This was an oversight on my part. Taken out of the context of the evening's presentation, these materials appeared to be a one-sided political statement made on the premises of UUCSC. Some congregants were upset by this display. I have been in conversation with these congregants and understand their point of view.*

*These events led the Adult R.E. Committee to organize forum to explore Israeli-Palestinian relations and the idea of a two-state solution for Israel and Palestine. The facilitator will be a trained representative from J Street ([www.jstreet.org](http://www.jstreet.org)), a nonprofit organization that describes itself as pro-Israel and pro-peace. This group espouses some of the same values as those in our Seven Principles— personal dignity and a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.*

*At the request of J Street, the discussion was limited to the first eight people who signed up. Eight people signed up immediately. The first of the two sessions will be Monday evening, June 7th in the UUCSC library.*

*Kudos to the Adult R.E. Committee. This may be the beginning of an extended discussion. – Betty Kornitzer*

*Friends: My Letter of Agreement with UUCSC specifies that I will have one month vacation and one month Ministerial Study Leave each year. Study leave is devoted to planning for the coming year, studying and writing. I usually take the bulk of these "times away" during the summer, saving a couple of weeks for the rest of the year.*

**June** - I will follow my regular church year schedule. However, from June 22 to June 27, I will be in Minneapolis attending the UU Ministers' Association Annual Conference and General Assembly.

**July** - I will be on vacation during the month of July except for:

July 1, 2, 3: I will be on regular work schedule.

July 18 through 25: I will be on regular work schedule.

**August** - August 1 through 20: I will be on Ministerial Study Leave.

August 20 through 31: I will be on my regular work schedule.

*Note: My July and August schedules may change in small ways to permit time to plan for the 2010-2011 year at UUCSC. You will be informed in advance of any changes by congregational e-mail and in the July-August issue of the newsletter.*

*On September 1, I will resume my regular church year schedule.*

**Contact Information** - Work week days off will remain Monday and Tuesday. If you would like to see me during my working weeks this summer, please let me know by leaving a message at my study number (284-3321) or by e-mail ([BKornitzer@aol.com](mailto:BKornitzer@aol.com)). I can be reached on my cell phone, in case of emergencies, at (401) 932-1515.





# ... MONEY MATTERS

The monthly column from the Finance Committee

There are two items of interest this month that you will not be reading about in our Annual Report:

- *The spin-off of the Fundraising Committee as an ad hoc committee*
- *Gearing up for the \$10,000 Fall Raffle*

The Fundraising Committee has been a sub-committee of the Finance Committee since the early years of our existence and now that we are growing into adulthood, we feel that it is time to “push the bird out of the nest” and let the Fundraising Committee “fly.” We are delighted to say that Virginia Carter and Cindy Berry have accepted the role of co-chairs for this new ad hoc committee. They will be the “go to” people if you have an idea for an event. Their role is to provide guidance, advice and support to those running a fundraiser. They will also schedule your event on the official UUCSC calendar. Another of their responsibilities will be to coordinate with members who put on activities such as dances, concerts and teas, etc., to determine what share of the proceeds will come to UUCSC. Of course, we will still have “fun raiser” events that bring us all great joy but no monetary benefit . . . as it should be!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! This is the first formal announcement about our Fall Raffle. Authorization to hold the raffle was granted to us by the charitable gaming unit of the Rhode Island State Police on April 29. We will begin selling 200 tickets on August 1 for a money prize of \$10,000. The drawing will be on October 23rd at noon at our church. Think of friends, family members, co-workers, neighbors, business owners you deal with who might want to participate. Think of the people who, in the past, have asked you to buy a ticket for some event or benefit. If \$100 is a bit high, perhaps they can find one or two or three other people to share in one ticket. The odds are great— one chance in two hundred! Well . . . you get the “pitch.” This raffle will allow us to raise \$10,000 for UUCSC and give away \$10,000 to the lucky winner . . . you?

More details will follow. Stay tuned.

– Aline Couture, Finance Committee Chair



## A very successful Spring Plant Sale!

Many thanks to all who participated in our annual Spring Plant Sale by sharing their garden goodies, buying some more goodies, and helping to set up, price, sell, give advice, take down, etc. etc. We made more than \$900! Looking forward to our autumn rerun in late September. – Helene Gersuny

## This year we'll have a growth consultant

Many of you know that earlier this year, I received a Westwood Grant for “entrepreneurial ministry” through the UUA. I decided that hiring an experienced congregational consultant would be a great use of these funds. My vision is to get professional guidance in creating systems and structures that will help UUCSC operate smoothly in this time of wonderful growth.

The UUCSC Board agreed with my idea. During the coming year, we will be working with Peter Bowden, a seasoned and effective congregational consultant. This consultation work will have no cost to UUCSC. Peter and I have had initial planning meetings with congregational leaders. You will all meet him in the fall. He wants to hear from you.

Peter Bowden is the Ballou Channing District's growth consultant. A lifelong Unitarian Universalist, Peter has been a lay leader in different congregations for more than twenty years and has served as a UUA staff member, district consultant, and an independent consultant working with UU congregations on emerging ministries. Peter has led trainings for the UUA, the Ballou Channing District, at Star Island, at Ferry Beach, and most recently nationally through our district's new growth webinar series.

The Ballou Channing District recruited Peter to serve as a part-time consultant and to offer freelance services such as retreat facilitation, guest speaking, training and direct consultations. I know we our beloved community will benefit from working with Peter. – Rev. Betty

## Social Action Committee meets on June 9th

The Social Action Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 9th at 7 p.m. in the Nursery at Lily Pads. Everyone is invited to attend and learn more about what the committee does. On the agenda will be the Gay Pride March on June 19, among other committee activities.



## ***Religious Education News and Events***

***By Debby Hedison, Director of Religious Education***

*“...go with Wisdom, go with Wonder...”*

*“I'd like to share with you something my father suggested to my mother back when they first got engaged to be married. As they thought ahead to their future together, he turned and said to her, ‘Let's make sure to keep it light.’”*

*– An excerpt from my brother Tom Pellegrino's eulogy to my father*

*“Keep it light.” (I love that.)*

*When you hear that, the first thing likely to come to your mind is humor. To be sure, humor was part of it. My father had an extraordinary, if not entirely sophisticated, sense of humor. It was the great paradox of this man. To the outside observer, he was an elegant man, a reserved man. In conversation, he could sweep you away with his knowledge of subjects ranging from metaphysics to American history to Eastern mysticism. At home, he was a man whose love for all things silly and sophomoric came to light. He loved provoking a laugh in his children or grandchildren . . . and laugh we did.*

*But when my Mom and Dad spoke about keeping things light, what they were really talking about was prioritizing what really matters in life. My father realized that life is challenging, and yet so many of the things that we worry about on a weekly, daily or hourly basis really do not warrant the level of attention we pay them.*

*Keep it light. Pay attention to the things that really matter.*

*Our time together in worship, in service to others and in educational pursuits as a congregation can benefit from my Dad's rule of thumb, “keep it light.” Have fun. Play, dance, sing and laugh for all you're worth! I know those of us who work in the Religious Education program experience this in our work and play with the children and youth.*

*Keep it light . . . and remember what's important!*

*Betty and I had a discussion just the other day about being the light . . . the love and the light . . . how much easier it all is when we decide to just have fun with this thing called life. And at our most recent RE Committee meeting we were extremely productive AND we never stopped laughing. It is so very good.*

*If you need a private instructor to help you along in your pursuit of love, fun and light, I encourage you to join us in the nursery, Sunday school classroom or youth room—for the most experienced and effective teachers of such things are our children and youth. I mean this with all my heart. And they won't charge you a nickel. They'll just be happy to have you with them in their classroom each Sunday for one session (only about seven Sundays), or to have you there to play in the nursery or to give your time to explore and grow in youth programming.*

*I won't say that volunteering in RE doesn't require planning, energy and time. What I'm saying is you'll be glad you made the investment. You will be well trained, given all resources available, and supported by the RE Committee and seasoned volunteers.*

*Please consider joining our team of volunteers or our RE Committee where the benefits are intangible, the fun is great, laughter flows and the pay is the golden light we receive and we give to the children and youth.*

*Thank you to all the givers and receivers of golden light in our programming this year!*

*Love, Debby*

*Please remember to fill out your Religious Education survey. Hard copies are available in the community room by the Lily Pads banner or I can email you one at your request.*

# We Welcome New Members

Here are the new members we welcomed into our congregation on April 25, and how each one feels about becoming a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County.



*"I feel blessed to join a community that provides me with time and space to reflect on important issues and learn about opportunities for social action."*

- Donna Caldwell

*"I wish to join this wonderfully loving congregation because my membership will enable me to continue on my own spiritual path with support and guidance to work with my religious community to promote social justice, a sustainable lifestyle and world peace."*

- Gail Ruth Mathews



*"I gave up on 'organized' religion many years ago. Not sure when I first learned about UU, but I thought about it for a few years before finally deciding to attend. This church has exceeded my expectations. It is a congregation of warm, welcoming, progressive, caring people. Just the spiritual community I have been searching for."*

- Michael Kelly



*"... 'To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.' The words of covenant spoken here are very powerful. The power, however, lies not so much within the words as within the truth behind them. Love really is the spirit of this congregation. I felt this truth from the moment I stepped through the doors for the very first time. And yes, as we say in our Call to Worship, it is truly a blessing to be here now, together. For that I am very grateful to all of you."*

- Mary Pinch

*"I'm joining this church because it provides a wonderful community in which to explore questions about God and meaning while constantly reminding and challenging me to live according to my values and providing opportunities to do so in concert with others as well as individually."*

- Lisa Petrie



*"Before last November I had no idea what a UU was. Today I feel like I've always belonged here."*

- Patrick Tierney

Patrick, Laurie, and son Christian

*"The first time I read the Seven Principles of the UU faith, they resonated with my own values, and I knew I had found a place that would become important to my growth as a person. This is my spiritual home, and I'm grateful for the inspiration and challenge I've found here, and for the fellowship of this faith community. It really is a blessing to be here now, together."*

- Joan Youngken



*"I am so happy to join this congregation because I've found it to be filled with people with similar values to my own and I feel very comfortable here."*

- Laurie Houle

*"There is a Chinese proverb that goes, 'If you cannot find it in yourself, where will you go for it?' My answer is Unitarian Universalism. I need to find the door back to myself."*

- Kathy Kaufman



*'Love alone is capable of uniting living beings in such a way as to complete and fulfill them, for it alone takes them and joins them by what is deepest in themselves.'*

- Teilhard de Chardin

- AJ Bothun



*I'm standing on the side of love."*

- Ann Marie Denelle



## How should we manage our growth?

The new UUCSC Task Force on Managing Growth, which currently consists of five people (Charlie Donnelly, John Glasheen, Steve Harrison, Nick Smith, and Kathy Swink), sponsored the first congregation-wide growth discussion after the service on Sunday, May 2nd. While opinions vary (of course, we're UU's) as to how we should manage our wonderful surge in growth, it seems we all agree that open dialog and planning are the key to finding solutions.

The general reaction to adding a second service has not met with overwhelming enthusiasm. This is completely understandable. It would represent another major change so soon after we have made the move to our new home. Many of us feel we need to go slowly, plan, and not make any radical changes right now. I believe the task force members share these feelings.

However, we also realize that if we decide to grow as a congregation we must start planning how to manage this growth. Remember that we cannot exceed our legal occupancy limit of 183 people in the Sanctuary. As attendance approaches that number, some people who can't find a parking space or a seat during worship probably will not come back.

The task force will meet over the summer to study ways to accommodate the increasing number of people attending Sunday worship. I see this as a three-part task:

1. Finding short-term solutions that do not make major changes in our existing programs and procedures. Some of the short term suggestions made at the meeting were to promote carpooling and look into parking at near by locations, ask families with children to sit in the front, have children sit on pillows on the floor, and having an audio and/or video link in the Community Room for overflow seating.
2. Formulating plans to change existing programs and procedures in the near future, such as adding a second service.
3. Making long-term plans that would be major changes to the organization, such as physical additions to our space.

We have accomplished a lot in the past two years. We were able to do this because we have a strong sense of community that includes an active belief in our Seven Principles. As chair of the task force, I am looking forward to a robust and spirited discussion within our faith community as we share our diverse opinions on how to manage our growing membership. I believe that how we deal with each other in solving problems is as important as the solution itself.

Below is a summary of the comments from the meeting. (An asterisk indicates more than one similar comment.) If you have any additional thoughts or suggestions, please e-mail them to Steve Harrison. All comments will be shared openly with the congregation. If you would like to serve on the task force, we welcome your participation.

– Steve Harrison, chair



Two services not a foregone conclusion – Children can sit at front during the beginning of the service \*\* – Financial concerns; we need new member commitment \* – New usher system seems to be working well – Two services to build membership, then transition to larger space – More special events to build sense of community – Two services seems premature – We have strong sense of community; too early for two services; we need time to acclimate to our new home first. \*\*\* – Fear two services will cause loss of feeling of community – Promote car-pooling to alleviate crowded parking lot – Start planning two services now but make no decision now; plan for physical expansion as part of a five-year plan – Have pillows for children to sit on at beginning of service – Determine issues, set target dates, and proceed step by step; financial deficit now but plan to break even in five years – Children drive parents' choices – Have separate childrens' coffee hour – Two services will strain human resources – Not an issue of "if," an issue of "when;" need to plan – Need creative solutions; now five services of eighteen are reaching capacity – Have trial run of two services only on days when high attendance expected – Membership growth is 8% per year, less than expected; crowding not an issue – Parking solved with good carpool system, Green Task Force can help. Park and ride and walk from nearby location? – Retrain people to move to front and sit next to "strangers" – More involvement with children; change seating location after they leave for RE – Prefer slow change after much deliberation \* – Have Sunday afternoon service – Keep flexible, try changes – Don't want to lose some of the parts of worship service if one is different – Keep one service – Add seating in community room with audio and possibly TV monitor.

## We need your help to find new tenants!

As many of you may know, our congregation's property includes 1145 square feet of office space on the second floor of our unit. We have been very fortunate to have had the East Coast Greenway Alliance as tenants, but the Greenway is relocating its offices to New York City. We are now actively searching for new tenants, and welcome any suggestions or referrals from our members.

As you come into the lobby, you've probably noticed the stairway on the left. That stairway leads to our office space. The door at the top of the stairs opens into a space measuring 10' x 7.5' that could be used as a waiting room or conference room. There are 5 offices. Four offices have a beautiful view of Peace Dale Pond (one is 11' x 8' and the other three are 7.5' x 7.5'). There is also a large interior space that is 16' x 7.5', two storage rooms and a small bathroom.



The rent is \$1,150 per month for the entire space and includes all utilities. We also can consider renting individual offices. At this time, we rent one office and some storage space to the Greenway for \$300 per month. Wireless Internet is available.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in the entire space or an individual office, please contact Will Bender or Jean Burke.

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## Spiritual Deepening: a powerful experience

The first year of our Spiritual Deepening Program was a powerful experience for the many who attended the nine monthly meetings. This series of monthly workshops invited participants to explore new ways of living authentically from the center of our beings, where peace and wisdom reside. We are planning a new Spiritual Deepening series for the coming year.



I want to thank Christine Phoenix Green for co-facilitating, and taking the lead in offering these workshops. We are greatly blessed by Christine's gift and her generosity in sharing them with our faith community. You may not be aware of her background, it is amazing. Christine is a practicing Spiritual Director

and Dreamguide, Retreat/ Workshop Facilitator, Astrologer, and an Intuitive Guidance Counselor...so that is why Christine is so gifted in her work. Thank you, Christine.

- Rev. Betty.

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## Thanks to all for the evaluation!

Thanks to all who participated in the Five-Year Evaluation of our Shared Ministry, and to the former members of the Committee on Ministry who helped to facilitate the Cottage Meetings. The input we received was invaluable, and will help this congregation as we work together to meet our challenges.

We finished compiling the results and sent everyone our report as an attachment to a congregational email on May 7, in the interest of saving both money and the environment. Please read it. For those who do not receive email, we have made a few paper copies. Let one of us know if you need one. – *The Committee on Ministry*

(*Nancy Dean, Jean Burke, and Penny Hall*)



## An Invitation

Mary Finnegan and Russell Stokes would like to invite our friends at UUCSC to join us for our wedding ceremony on July 24th at 10 a.m. in the church Sanctuary.

We are not accepting gifts and we will not be having a reception, but we would love to share this important ceremony with any members of the congregation who would like to join us.

## Four weeks is just not long enough!

If you want to be sure the entire South County community knows about the church-related event you're planning, you need to give the information to Myron Waldman, Publicity Committee chair, at least five weeks in advance. He will put together a press release for distribution to local newspapers and other media outlets. If you go to this address on the internet—<http://tinyurl.com/UUpublicity> form – you will find a form to fill out. Type in the requested information, hit the "send" button, and your information will be delivered directly to Myron.



### Publicity Chair needs help!

Are you in your late teens or twenties and familiar with social networking sites like Facebook? Do you know how to manipulate digital graphics? Would you like to help promote our promising new 'Music at Lily Pads' series and other exciting events? Please e-mail Myron and let him know.

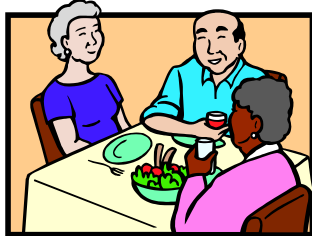
## Dining for Dollars a huge success!

Our Dining for Dollars fundraiser on two Sundays in May was a huge success, netting us more than \$7,300.

The hosts who volunteered to put on some pretty exciting events deserve a big “thank you.” But the bid booklet designed and compiled by Louise McLeod really made the event happen. She did an amazing job of providing the information needed to make the bidding fun and easy. A special thanks has to go to Mark King of the Neighborhood UU Church in Pasadena, California for creating the program and manual, and spending innumerable hours to teach me how to put together and execute the event. He will be joining us in August and we’ll give him a big “shout-out” then.

For those of you who might want to host an event, our next Dining for Dollars will be in November, so it’s not too soon to start thinking about what kind of dinner you might want to host and to reserve your date. We expect a large response for our second round!

– Nancy Rose, Chairperson



The LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Monday, June 14th and Monday, June 28th to discuss Jazz by Toni Morrison. The book is available through R.I. Interlibrary Loan. All are welcome!

– Helene Gersuny

## Help us carry the UUCSC Banner!

March with us on June 19th in the RI Gay Pride Illuminated Parade. We will be carrying the fantastic UUCSC Banner created by our Senior Youth Group. We hope to be marching with fellow UU members from Bell Street Chapel of Providence, First Unitarian of Providence, and Channing Memorial of Newport. Please bring a flashlight and noisemaker if you have one.



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Last year’s marchers raved about how excited the spectators were to see a church group marching for equal rights. We will be carpooling— leaving from the Lily Pads parking lot on June 19th at 5 p.m. For more information call Charlie Donnelly or Jean Burke.

## THE NEWSLETTER’S VACATION

*The South County Unitarian Universalist* appears once during the summer.

The deadline for submissions for the July-August issue is **Tuesday, July 6th.**

## Wondering where to sit?

Please help us fill the sanctuary more efficiently on Sunday mornings by sitting up front or choosing to sit closer to the walls on each side of the room so that later arrivals may be seated more easily. Our congregation is known for its warmth and friendliness. Please help us make easy seating a part of our welcoming culture.



– Thanks from the Membership Committee

*We only have a limited number of chairs with arms. During services, please reserve them for those of us who may require some extra support.* – Thanks from the Worship Committee

## A very big turnover . . .

The facilities committee is undergoing a complete turnover in membership. New volunteers are needed immediately, to team up and assure this beautiful property receives the care it deserves. So, friends . . . if you’ve been looking for a place to channel your



creative energies and organizational skills, or you just want to help out, now’s the time to step up to the challenge and join this committee! You are needed here!

The Facilities Committee has four areas of focus: cleaning, maintenance and repairs, small improvement projects, and aesthetics. There are lots of people willing to help with specific projects. We just need a committee of three or four people to oversee the projects and coordinate volunteers.

Please contact Sally Barney if you are interested.

*The June meeting of the Caring Connection will be on Thursday, June 24 at 10:15 a.m. at Lily Pads.*



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*“The most important thing to teach your children is that the sun does not rise and set. It is the Earth that revolves around the sun. Then teach them the concepts of North, South, East and West, and that they relate to where they happen to be on the planet’s surface at that time. Everything else will follow.”*

*– R. Buckminster Fuller (1895–1983), architect, author, designer, inventor, and futurist.*

*The grandson of Unitarian minister Arthur Buckminster Fuller and the grandnephew of the Transcendentalist Margaret Fuller, “Bucky” Fuller was a lifelong Unitarian. He published more than thirty books, inventing and popularizing terms such as “Spaceship Earth,” ephemeralization, and synergetics. Among his many architectural designs, the best known is the geodesic dome.*