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March Services

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES ARE AT 10 A.M.

March 3

Truth – *Deanna Camputaro*

Does truth exist? Or is it in the heart of the beholder? Accompanied by select members of her Human Creativity traveling performance troupe, Deanna will bring us a lively service that ponders these questions and relates them to our daily lives.

March 10

Eve's Side of the Story – *Rev. Amy Freedman*

Finally, Eve will offer her side of the story! What happened in the Garden of Eden? Are there any lessons to be learned? If she had it to live over, would she bite the apple? You won't want to miss this dramatic retelling that speaks directly to women and men today. *Reverend Freedman formerly was minister at Channing Memorial Church in Newport.*

March 17

Pobody's Nerfect – *The Senior Youth Group*

Our young people will lead us in an exploration of imperfection and forgiveness.

March 24

Robert Frost: The Immortal Yankee – *Rev. Jan Knost*

We invite you to spend some time learning something of this incredible American poet.

What was his background? What were his successes? His fears and fantasies?

It's a lovely journey of recollection and surprise.

Reverend Knost is a retired Unitarian Universalist minister who lives in Charlestown.

March 31

Our Multigenerational Easter Service

The Easter Narrative: Arise & Rejoice

– *Rev. Betty Kornitzer, Pam Santos & UUCSC Children & Youth*

Through story, song and homily we will move through the Easter story together.

The transformed life will be our theme.

April 7

Strength, Fortitude, Durability and Love – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

Today we recognize the emblems of our Unitarian Universalist faith. UUCSC embodies these emblems with dignity and grace. We reflect on our role as a congregation in the liberal religious tradition.



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REV. BETTY KORNITZER IS ON SABBATICAL LEAVE IN MARCH



The Minister's Message

By Rev. Betty Kornitzer

The Road

Arlene Gay Levine

Here is the road: the light
comes and goes then returns again.
Be gentle with your fellow travelers
as they move through the world of stone and stars
whirling with you yet every one alone.
The road waits.
Do not ask questions but when it invites you
to dance at daybreak, say yes.
Each step is the journey; a single note the song.

Good Friends,

On March 31st I will return from a two-month sabbatical. This has been a time of reflection and renewal. I am most grateful for this opportunity. The road awaits as we move through congregational life together, through this "world of stone and stars."

In our remaining time together may we be gentle with one another yet rigorous as standard bearers of our faith. In the past two months we have all learned a good deal about ourselves and about UUCSC. May we be strengthened by our experience and move forward on the road with confidence.

I send you all my love, and will see you on March 31st, Easter Sunday.

Blessings, Peace and Love,

Betty

A note from the Administrator

The office is open two additional hours each week through March 31: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Information on how the congregation operates during Rev. Betty's sabbatical is included in the Sabbatical Handbook, in hard copy in the office or on our website at <http://www.uusouthcountyrri.org/>. Please note that if you would like to get in touch with pastoral care contact Randi Marten, her correct cell phone number is 524-5991.

– *Kathy Carland, Office Administrator*

The President's letter

It's March, the month of the Spring Equinox, the ever-lengthening days, and the gradual returning of the light. Of course, there is also winter weather, which keeps us mindful that we live in the Northeast with its changing seasons, winter being one of the most beautiful and glorious but also most challenging.

I am writing this missive having just arrived in Florida where I'll enjoy sunshine, walks on the beach, frolicking in the waves, reading, and "hanging out." As I was watching the weather tonight, I saw that a big storm is working its way across the country and will arrive in New England this weekend.

Our two recent church closings have presented challenges for those of us responsible for making this tough decision. During the blizzard, we had much difficulty with communication, as many of us lost our electricity and so were unable to post information electronically. And even if we did, there was no way to know who had access to TV and radio messages or e-mails. Thanks to congregation vice president Steve Harrison, who did not lose his electricity. Because of Steve, e-mails could go out and announcements could go out—but we know that many of you weren't able to receive this information.

In the future, if you're unsure of what's happening with UUCSC Sunday services, let me recommend the following:

First, consider your safety and the safety of others. Travel on the roads to attend services is not essential.

Second, if you call a board

member to find out if a service is cancelled (we recommend this if you don't receive an e-mail or don't have electricity) keep in mind that if you call a land line and the call goes right to voice mail, the service to that line probably is out, so try a cell phone number.



Third, if you feel the cancellation notice was made too soon, remember that both Pam Santos, religious education director, and Mike Galib, music director, must be notified by 8 a.m.

And lastly, if other churches in our vicinity have closed, chances are we will too, and if the governor declares a state of emergency, we will definitely be closed.

As always, many folks have once again responded to the call to serve. Three extremely capable and experienced women, Linda Whyte Burrell, Kathy Swink and Aline Couture, have agreed to serve on the very important Stewardship Committee and will organize the annual face-to-face canvas with all our members and friends.

The amazing Helene Gersuny, who has organized summer worship services, prepared worship leaders and services during Betty's sabbatical, and chaired the important Worship Committee, is looking for someone willing to take over for her, as well as others willing to serve on this

committee.

The entire Green Task Force—under the leadership of David Floyd, with much input from Rich Evans, Lisa Petrie, John Glasheen, Jean Bowen, and several others—deserves our gratitude for their work toward our congregation's Green Sanctuary accreditation by the UUA. This is quite an accomplishment. I think we're the only faith community to be designated as such here in South County, and possibly state-wide. This undertaking took lots of work, diligence, and documentation and we should be very proud of ourselves. Plans are under way to celebrate this honor. More information will follow.

And, once again, it's time to think about our Spring edition of Dining For Dollars! Just because I'm on my vacation doesn't mean I won't be undertaking this effort to raise funds for UUCSC. I have my computer and cell phone with me so if you've been thinking about offering an event, please let me know pronto. In the past, auction preparation has taken place from Mexico and other vacation spots—so just because you don't see me, it doesn't mean you're off the hook!

Please be in touch as soon as possible, because the auction will take place in April and there's a lot of work that needs to be done to make it happen. Our last auction brought in bids of more than \$5,000.00!

That's it for this month. Betty will be returning in time for Easter, and the congregation is in good hands.

*Blessed Be,
Nancy*

South County UUs join thousands in D.C. for ‘Forward on Climate’ rally and march

Eleven members and friends of UUCSC took part in the ‘Forward on Climate’ rally in Washington, D.C. on February 17. The rally, said to be the largest climate rally ever held in Washington, drew a crowd estimated at more than 35,000. After the rally on the National Mall, thousands marched to the White House to urge President Obama to reject the proposed Keystone XL pipeline.



Front row: Lisa McHenry, Jan Creamer. Back row: Lisa Petrie, Sue Strakosch, Ron Creamer, Michael Teodros.

Some of us from UUCSC, including Ann Nichols, Rosemary Galiani, and Patricia Moreau, traveled to the capital in a bus trip organized by Abel Collins, program manager for the Rhode Island chapter of the Sierra Club. Others, including Lisa McHenry, John Glasheen, Susan Strakosch, Jan and Ron Creamer, Michael Teodros, and Lisa Petrie,

drove to Washington.

Speakers at the rally included Rhode Island Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse as well as author and 350.org founder Bill McKibben, Sierra Club president Michael Brune, and civil rights and environmental activist Van Jones.

The speeches were inspiring (when we could hear them), but even more inspiring was the crowd itself— it was a sea of thousands and thousands of people. We met people from Michigan, Wisconsin, Florida, Arizona, and California, as well as people from nearby states like Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Our ‘Standing on the Side of Love’ tee shirts sparked a lot of questions and positive comments, and helped us connect with Unitarian Universalists from other parts of the country.

Although the air was cold, the sun was shining and everyone seemed in high spirits. As we marched to the White House, we chatted, chanted, and sang songs. Jan Creamer got our little group going on “This Land is Your Land,” the people around us took it up, and soon we heard it rippling back to us from somewhere way ahead. Just like the song, the tremendous energy of the crowd— the love, the outrage, the hope, the determination to preserve a livable world for our children— seemed to be flowing out from each of us to all the others and back again.

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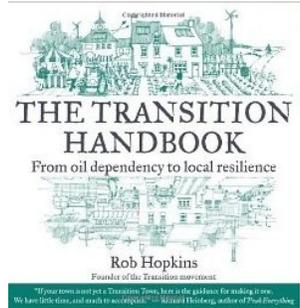
Abel Collins helps carry the Rhode Island flag.

What will happen when the world runs out of oil?

We live in a world that depends on oil. What will happen when we run out?

Rob Hopkins, co-founder of the Transition Network, has been trying to answer that question for a long time. He believes the inevitable changes in our climate and our petroleum supply can have a happy ending—one in which people will transform their communities into places that grow more of their own food, generate their own power, and build their own homes with local materials.

More than thirty towns in the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand are now “transition towns.” In *The Transition Handbook: From Oil Dependency to Local Resilience*, Hopkins, a teacher of permaculture and natural building methods, explains how local communities can transform themselves from oil-dependent and stressed to empowered and self-reliant.



This guide gives people the tools they need to start a Transition Initiative in their own communities and harness the potential for “the greatest economic, social and cultural renaissance we have ever seen.”

You can find the book in the Green Task Force (GTF) section in the UUCSC Library.

– Melissa Hughes, UUCSC Green Task Force

We had a very successful Guest at Your Table campaign!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2012 Guest At Your Table campaign. Rev. Betty, Pam Santos, Jeff Berry, Sally Barney and our Senior Youth Group were outstanding. This year’s contributions total \$1,886.98. This includes two contributions that were made online as well as the money collected in the ‘Guest’ Boxes. Good job, one and all. – Gerre Alderwick

Next month, we’re going electronic

Next month, we will begin to deliver our newsletter electronically. However, please note that individuals will always be able to choose to receive this monthly publication on paper. To continue to receive a newsletter by mail, please contact Kathy Carland, Office Administrator, by March 15 at uucscri@yahoo.com, or 783-4170. Do you know someone without a computer who could be affected by this change? Please ask him or her to contact Kathy. Thank you!

South County UUs attend ‘Forward on Climate’ rally

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“Yesterday was historic, as many thousands thronged the streets of Washington, D.C. to



Patricia Moreau

witness the birth of a movement to fight global warming,” according to the February 18 issue of the Rhode Island Sierra Club’s “CoolCATs Weekly.”

A movement *is* being born— not just a local or national movement, but a global movement. Our task now is to grow the

movement, to bring its momentum home to our communities, and to bring its energy and urgency to bear on decision-makers at the local, national, and international levels.

We’ll be in touch in the coming months about what comes next and how you can get involved.

In the meantime, if you haven’t already, please call President Obama at 202-456-1111 and ask him to reject the Keystone XL Pipeline and begin taking urgent action to stop climate change.

– Lisa Petrie, for the Green Task Force/Climate Rally Group



Religious Education News and Events **By Pam Santos, Director of Religious Education**

A Sunday Morning Downstairs

The energy downstairs on Sunday mornings is dynamic! While the adults smile and cheerfully sing the children and youth downstairs, often there is little thought to what is next for the younger members of our congregation. For the children, the fun is just beginning!

As the kids march downstairs, chatting with their church friends, they are greeted by their teachers who welcome them into their classrooms. We have three classrooms downstairs, one for kindergarten through second graders, one for third, fourth, and fifth graders, and one for our middle school friends.

The sun shines through the windows like a greenhouse, warming the children as well as the little marigold seeds planted weeks ago. Looking around their rooms, kids see photos of themselves grinning on a welcoming bulletin board. Colorful creations from past lessons grace the classroom walls and shelves. A hand made Noah’s Ark, a basket of thought-provoking quotations, banners representing saints, a poster of our seven UU principles, a menorah . . . so much to see!

In each of the classrooms the children gather around their own centering area and light a chalice with opening words. Together with their teachers, they share joys and concerns. Here it is safe, here they are welcome. They are creating community with each other as their parents are doing upstairs.

After a story, song, or meditation, the children enjoy the activity of creation. With glue and glitter, or pencil and pen, the lesson of the week allows each child to express herself or himself while learning. Lessons build upon each other, creating a path of exploration and understanding.

Before we know it, we can hear the shuffle of chairs upstairs and the muted tune of “Carry the Flame of Peace and Love”. We know that it is time to gather for our own closing as well. Soon we see parents peeking through the door and children happy to share their experiences.

Spending time with the children of this congregation is a blessing to be shared. If you have any interest in learning more about our Religious Education program, or how you can get involved, please contact me and I will be happy to show you around. The energy of children can fill you with appreciation, wonder, and hope. Come see for yourself!

Coming Events in Religious Education

March 3

Children are invited to start upstairs to watch Human Creativity dance.
Service Sunday – Making soup for Welcome House
Birthday Celebration for young and old during coffee hour

March 31

Multigenerational Easter Service.
Easter Egg Hunt after the service.

April 7

Service Sunday – Build our own backyard garden!

March 17

Youth Service featuring our Senior High School teens

We are now an accredited Green Sanctuary congregation!

The Green Sanctuary Task Force is proud to announce that in early February, the Unitarian Universalist Association notified UUCSC that we are now an accredited Green Sanctuary congregation.

This historic and noteworthy designation is recognition of our commitment to living our principles and values as a community that advocates for sustainability and environmental justice.

Environmentalism and sustainable living have been important to many of our members throughout UUCSC's history, and the Green Task Force has worked to keep these issues at the forefront. The Social Action Committee, our Small Groups, and the children in the religious education program have worked on energy conservation projects, helped to facilitate an energy audit,



and advocated in Rhode Island to promote clean air and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In partnership with others, we have developed a community garden and we have sponsored a number of forums on environmental issues.

Our 15-page application for

Green Sanctuary accreditation highlights a new curriculum, "The Spiritual Nature of Sustainable Living," that will be offered this year.



We also reported our collaboration with environmental and social justice organizations including The Center for Biological Diversity, the Rhode Island Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Occupy movement, and Witness for Peace. Our activism has included political engagement with Rhode Island Interfaith Power and Light and our leadership in the Rhode Island U.U. Legislative Ministry's advocacy for marriage equality. The Green Sanctuary notification specifically mentioned our longstanding relationship with Welcome House, the homeless shelter in Peace Dale.

The Green Task Force has initiated a number of new projects during the past year and a half. David Floyd, chairperson of the Green Task Force, reported to the UUA that "Members of our committee truly exemplify the admonition to 'think globally, act locally.'"

The UUA's Green Sanctuary Program provides a framework for congregations to begin specific projects and activities that lead to recognition as a Green Sanctuary. The program invites congregations to explore what it means to live today in a religious community on an imperiled Earth. A Green Sanctuary congregation lives out its commitment to the Earth by developing sustainable lifestyles for its members individually and as a faith community.

The Green Sanctuary program invites congregations to build awareness of the significance and complexity of environmental issues, encourage personal lifestyle changes, engage in community action on environmental issues, strengthen the connection between spiritual practice and Earth consciousness, and work



to heal environmental injustices.

Our Green Task Force accepted that challenge, and worked together to develop a candidacy application and later the accreditation application that has just been approved.

— Jean N. Bowen



The Music Corner

by Mike Galib, Music Director

While it may seem like the music program just had a concert in the fall, the Music Committee and I have made the exciting (funny, the things that become exciting . . .) decision to move our annual concert to the spring.

Not only does the new schedule reduce the chance of a weather postponement, but our intrepid and hardworking choir will no longer have to spend all of November preparing for the concert immediately followed by all of December preparing for Christmas!

And so I invite everyone to a fantastic concert on Sunday, April 28, at 2:00pm, in the UUCSC sanctuary. The concert features the Chamber Choir of the Rhode Island Children's Chorus, fresh off their performance at Harvard last month, led by their founding conductor and the Music Director-elect of the Providence Singers, Dr. Christine Noel.

The group consists of the most advanced high school and middle school singers in the Children's Chorus organization, and I can assure you, with firsthand experience as their pianist, that you've never heard "children" sing as well as this. As usual, the UUCSC Choir will start things out with a few renditions of our own.

Watch and listen for forthcoming ticket information as tickets go on sale for \$12 apiece in the latter half of March. Every single dime helps the music program to purchase music for the UUCSC Choir, and to allow for musical guests like those we had at our Christmas Eve service.

Help the music program pack the house on April 28 by spreading the word to friends, and see you there!

A Gathering of Men

A new men's group, called A Gathering of Men, will meet for the first time this month. The purpose of the group is to create a supportive masculine environment where men can discuss what it means to be a man in our world.

The introductory meeting is on Sunday, March 3, at 1:00 p.m. The second meeting is on Sunday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m. The group will meet twice a month. All men 18 and older are welcome.

Mike Burt, who has been an active friend of the congregation since last fall, is the group's organizer. Mike is experienced in leading groups such as these. He is a co-founder of the Granite Men's Gathering, a twice-yearly meeting for men in the mountains of New Hampshire.

If you are interested in taking part in this gathering, Mike would like you to remember that:

- Masculinity does not require you to deny deep feelings. Men have the right to express all their feelings, but in our society, this takes courage and the support of others.
- Men have the right to sometimes be wrong, irresponsible, unpredictable, silly, inconsistent, afraid, indecisive, experimental, insecure, visionary, lustful, lazy, fat, bald, old, playful, fierce, sad, irreverent, magical, wild, impractical, unconventional, as well as other things we're not supposed to be in a culture that circumscribes our lives with rigid rules.

For more information about the Gathering of Men, please contact Mike Burt.



U.N. tackles gay ‘conversion therapy’ for the first time

A panel of mental health experts, human rights advocates, religious leaders and a former patient gathered Thursday at the United Nations Church Center to discuss a controversial therapy that claims to “cure” gay people and make them straight. Although such practices have been around for decades, the concept has come under increased scrutiny over the last five years as lawsuits and litigation attempt to curb the “conversion therapy” and the mainstream mental health profession renounces it.

The panel is the first at the U.N. to directly address this so-called therapy, sometimes referred to as sexual orientation change efforts. Those who organized the event said they hoped it would be the first of many similar conversations, and part of a larger push from the U.N. to address gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights.

The panel was organized by Bruce Knotts, the director of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office, and Mordechai Levovitz, the LGBT advocacy coordinator there, both of whom are openly gay, and have had brushes with conversion therapy.

For Knotts it happened in the late 80s, when he was working as a U.S. diplomat, and the Department of State sent him to a psychologist “who was supposed to make me straight,” Knotts told the audience. “I was with him three times a week for a year, and I didn't notice any difference at all.”

When Levovitz was 18, he

reached out to an organization called Jews Offering New Alternatives To Healing (or JONAH), a counseling center that is now the target of a first-of-its-kind consumer fraud lawsuit. After two two-hour conversations, Levovitz decided the center wasn't for him. “I could tell right away that he was a snake oil salesman,” he said. “But many of my friends did go, and some of my friends were very damaged and traumatized by it, and some of them weren't.”

In addition to the New Jersey lawsuit, groundbreaking legislation passed last year in California banning licensed practitioners from performing the therapy on minors. But even as other states are considering similar legislation, a California court temporarily blocked the law after two lawsuits filed by Christian legal organizations took aim at it, arguing the law is unconstitutional.

*This article was posted
Feb. 1, 2013 by Lila
Shapiro, a blogger for the
Huffington Post
(www.huffingtonpost.com)*

Despite the increased scrutiny on this controversial therapy, there are no rigorous scientific studies that analyze it, and no reliable statistics that show how harmful, or helpful it can be. Anecdotal evidence on both sides abound. Chaim Levin, a plaintiff in the lawsuit against JONAH,

described how “degraded and violated” he felt during and after his years of conversion therapy.

After Levin spoke, a letter was read from an ex-gay man who wrote that the therapy “saved my life.” “Let's make sexual orientation change efforts better and more responsible, but please don't eliminate it,” wrote the man, who asked that his name be withheld.

Mainstream mental health organizations, from the American Psychological Association — where a 2009 task force found the practice to be both harmful and ineffective—to the World Health Organization, have said there is no evidence that the practice works and have concluded that it may lead to depression, anxiety and even suicide. Meanwhile, the dwindling pool of supporters, nearly all connected with religious organizations, insist that change is possible for some people, and that those people who do wish to change should not be denied the opportunity.

Those gathered at the U.N. on Thursday were careful to stress that the point of the meeting was not a debate over the effectiveness of these “conversion” practices. “The other side tries to present it as if it's a debate,” Jack Drescher, a psychoanalyst and a member of the American Psychiatric Association, told the crowd. But, Drescher added, there is no longer any real debate about this therapy among mental health professionals. The debate now, he said, is not clinical, but cultural.



Take a mindful journey to India with fellow UUs

Take a mindful journey with Unitarian Universalists to India on Nov. 5-18, 2013. We will visit the renowned Golden Temple in the Punjab and experience the incredible Pushkar Camel Fair. We'll stay in small Heritage Hotels and two nights in a tented camp. Rev. Wayne Walder, a U.U. minister, will accompany us. Taking a mindful journey is about being alive in the moment, being wide-awake, being present. No better place to do that than India! Visit <http://www.nuuc.ca/UnitarianJourneys.htm> for more information.

– Beverly Carr, Neighbourhood UU Congregation, Toronto, Canada

MUSIC AT LILY PADS

Saturday, March 16th

The Stray Birds and Three Tall Pines

Music at Lily Pads is happy to offer another special co-bill featuring Boston's 'The Stray Birds' and Rhode Island's 'Three Tall Pines.' This is fine American music with beautiful songs, accomplished musicianship and honest love of tradition.

When 'The Stray Birds' take the stage, the spotlight falls on three voices raised in harmony above the raw resonance of wood and strings. It is a sound drawn from the richness of American folk music traditions, spun with a stirring subtlety and grace. From bustling street corners to silent halls, their performances speak to an uncompromising reverence for songs.

"Five stars." – John Starling, Founding Member of The Seldom Scene



'Three Tall Pines' plays bluegrass and Americana from the heart of New England. The group's timeless originals and interpretations of traditional songs persuade listeners that bygone eras were just a short while ago. Impressive instrumentalists in their own right, they transcend their diverse musical backgrounds to achieve soulful harmonies and sensitive performances that draw audiences in and leave plenty of space for the story to shine through. Recent awards include the 2011 Bluegrass Band of the Year by the Motif Arts Magazine and first place in the Ossipee Valley Bluegrass Festival competition.

This will be a beautiful night of traditional American acoustic music, not to be missed.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the music begins at 7:30.

Tickets are \$15 advance, \$17 at the door, and are on sale at Sweet Cakes Bakery in Peace Dale, the Alternative Food Co-op and Looney Tunes II in Wakefield, and online at BrownPaperTickets.com

For more information, visit Music at Lily Pads on Facebook, or our website at www.musicatlilypads.org

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“The truth is that there is nothing noble in being superior to somebody else. The only real nobility is in being superior to your former self.”

– *Whitney M. Young, Jr. (1921-1971)*

Whitney M. Young, Jr., who died 42 years ago this month, was executive director and later president of the National Urban League. During his tenure, he expanded the number of employees from 38 to 1,600 and increased the annual budget from \$325,000 to \$6.1 million. He used his many connections to tap founding sources such as the Rockefeller family. But to gain and keep the respect of both prominent whites and radical blacks required a constant balancing act. At the age of 50, while swimming in Lagos, Nigeria during a conference for back leaders, he suffered a heart attack and died.

Hundreds of schools, including high schools in Chicago and Cleveland, are named for him. His birthplace in Shelby County, Kentucky is a National Historic Landmark and the site of a museum dedicated to his life and achievements.

Whitney Young and his wife Margaret were members of Unitarian congregations in Atlanta and White Plains, N.Y.