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November Services

SERVICES ARE ON SUNDAYS AT 10 A.M.



November 4

Beauty, Gentility and Tranquility in Community
– Marie Younkin-Waldman

Marie will talk about these topics that are important to her, using some examples from her public access television show "Tea with Marie."

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS – SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK!

After the Service from 11:15 to Noon: What is the UUCSC Wellness Ministry and How Can It Help Me? Information, brochures, and a question and answer session.

November 11

Of Veterans and Heroes, of War and Peace – Rev. Betty Kornitzer
Today we recognize our veterans. We will also take a deep look at the nature of war and the possibilities for peace.

November 18

Five Kernels to Remind Us of Our Bounty in the Midst of World Hunger
– Rev. Betty Kornitzer, Pam Santos and the RE Children and Youth
Our All Generations Thanksgiving Service.

Children and adults are invited to bring seasonal fruits and vegetables, which we will donate to Welcome House. We will distribute Guest at Your Table boxes at this service.

November 25

The Art of Shepherding Souls – Rich Evans and Rev. Brenna Evans
Rich Evans is a member of UUCSC. His wife, Rev. Brenna Evans, is a charismatic evangelical Pentecostal minister ordained at Iglesia Evangelica Emanuel in Johnston who spent 15 years doing missionary and humanitarian work in Costa Rica and Mexico. During this service they will discuss gratitude and generosity from their different religious perspectives.



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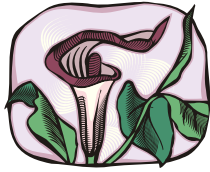
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Office Hours: For the most part I will be in my study during these posted office hours, though other
scheduled activities sometimes call me away. If you'd like to stop by, it's a good idea to call the
minister's study phone, (284-3321) to confirm that I am in. I am also available
at many other times by appointment.



The Minister's Message

By Rev. Betty Kornitzer

Meaning Making

I am a reader of poetry. In fact, I receive three poems every day online. I read these poems as part of my morning ritual. They awaken my spirit, sometimes with beauty, sometimes with a disarming revelation. When I read this poem, it made me think about “Who We Are and Why We are Here,” words I speak at the chalice lighting almost every Sunday.

Rereading Frost

by Linda Pastan

Sometimes I think all the best poems
have been written already,
and no one has time to read them,
so why try to write more?

At other times though,
I remember how one flower
in a meadow already full of flowers
somehow adds to the general fireworks effect

as you get to the top of a hill
in Colorado, say, in high summer
and just look down at all that brimming color.
I also try to convince myself

that the smallest note of the smallest
instrument in the band,
the triangle for instance,
is important to the conductor

who stands there, pointing his finger
in the direction of the percussions,
demanding that one silvery ping.
And I decide not to stop trying,

at least not for a while, though in truth
I'd rather just sit here reading
how someone else has been acquainted
with the night already, and perfectly.

I believe we are here on this planet— and specifically at UUCSC — to acknowledge our personal uniqueness and to make meaning of our lives. Faith, I have said, is all about meaning making. Unless we can find some meaning to our lives, the days can seem dull and even painful. Viktor Frankl wrote extensively about this topic, especially in his work *Man's Search for Meaning*. A holocaust and concentration camp survivor, Frankl discovered that even under the most horrendous of conditions, the human spirit can survive. Frankl believed that the search for meaning is the primary motivational force in human beings.

The poem “Rereading Frost” is poignant for me. It reminds me of the simple yet powerful obstacles we can create to our personal search for meaning. The obstacle of “comparison” is so toxic; it minimizes the importance of our unique qualities and converts our search for meaning to a slide into low self-esteem.

At UUCSC we do affirm the inherent dignity and worth of every person— you and me included. Each life has meaning and our congregation is a good place to connect with meaning in our lives. I suggest we each find a role or a niche for ourselves within the congregation and give ourselves to it. That is part of the search. Friends, I may not be a great Robert Frost, but I am actually the best Betty Kornitzer anywhere.

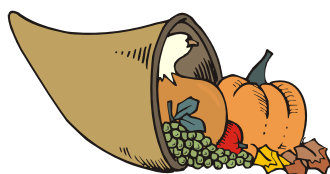
Blessings, Peace and Love,

Betty

The President's Letter

Probably by the time you read this, the election will over and we'll have either a new president or we will have reelected President Obama. Regardless of who will be occupying the White House, our work on issues of social justice will still be necessary. There will still be detentions of undocumented immigrants. There will still be huge numbers of incarcerated youths (mostly people of color) who will have no future when they are finally released from prison. There will still be states that have enacted legislation denying Gays and Lesbians the right to marry the person they love. There will still be people who believe our country

should be a theocracy even as we continue to be in conflict with countries that are. There will still be crushing poverty, racism, sexism, homophobia and gender inequity. There will still be folks who think their way is the only way and want everyone else to accept their beliefs, values and truths.



And, by the time you read this, we will be moving into the American holiday of Thanksgiving. Hopefully

we will be mindful of the blessings, the abundance, the resources, the privilege of our lives and hold gratitude for being part of a "beloved community" such as UUCSC. As I gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, I will be mindful, for the first time, of the Doctrine of Discovery that led to the colonization of this country and decimation of its indigenous people. And I will be grateful that my congregation, my faith community, has the courage and commitment to look at the wrongs and work to make them right.

Blessed Be,
Nancy Rose

Planning has started for Rev. Betty's sabbatical in February and March

During the past several years, I twice postponed taking four months of earned sabbatical leave in order to serve temporary and extraordinary needs of the congregation. Last spring, the UUCSC Board agreed to grant me two months of that sabbatical leave during the 2012-2013 church year. I will be taking that leave in February and March of 2013. In December, we will have a congregation-wide informational meeting where we will discuss any questions or concerns you might have about the sabbatical period.

Sabbatical is a unique time of empowerment and growth for a congregation, and it can be a productive and creative time. A Sabbatical Committee has formed and has started planning. The committee will address all areas of congregational life. Worship services, pastoral care, and emergency pastoral coverage will be pre-arranged. A comprehensive sabbatical booklet will be printed that carefully articulates the plans for this leave time. I anticipate sabbatical will be a time of development for us all. You have good, strong leadership, a committed Board, and plenty of heart. We can all do this well and make it work— of this I am certain. – *Rev. Betty*

How to reduce your carbon footprint

As we all well know, global warming is a result of excess carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases being emitted into the atmosphere from anthropogenic (man-made) sources.

Each American household contributes an average of 55,000 pounds of carbon dioxide per year to the earth's atmosphere. All American households combined generate about 8% of the total carbon dioxide emissions in the world, and we contribute another 17% indirectly through our purchases. In contrast, a German household

generates about 27,000 pounds of carbon dioxide per year and a Swedish household about 15,000 pounds of carbon dioxide per year.

There are steps we can take in our households to reduce our carbon footprint. If



you're interested in finding out more about how to reduce your carbon footprint, please read *Low Carbon Diet— A 30-Day Program to Lose 5,000 Pounds*, by David Gershon.

It's available in the UUCSC Library in the Green Task Force (GTF) Section!

– *Melissa Hughes, UUCSC Green Task Force*



The Music Corner

by Mike Galib, Music Director

This month marks the music program's grand tradition, standing for a solid two years now, of putting on an Autumn Evening of Choral Music. The concert, on Saturday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. (note the early start time), once again features the Brown University Madrigal Singers, or "BUMS" as they're affectionately known, with the UUCSC Choir opening up the concert.

Donation requested is \$12, and tickets can be had in advance by talking to your local Choir members or myself. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door. The proceeds go directly to supporting the music program at UUCSC, and as

it's our only concert of the year, we hope every one of you and your friends can make it!

I'd also like to put out the call to musicians in the UUCSC community looking to participate in worship services, but who don't sing in the Choir. Please find the Offertory sign-up sheet in the music room (up the altar and to the right) where you can put your contact information down, and I will be in touch to schedule you to perform during an Offertory. This is a way for talented musicians in our midst who are not members of the Choir to participate in the musical side of worship.

See everyone on Saturday, November 17th!

Are You Curious about Unitarian Universalism?

Rev. Betty and the Membership Committee are offering our one-hour Path to Membership classes, as we do each Spring and Fall, for people who want to learn more about UU theology, UU history and how this congregation functions. One of the three sessions took place in October; two are in November. Child care is available if you let us know.

You can attend the classes even if you don't plan to become a member. But the classes are highly recommended for those who do wish to join our congregation.

Any questions? Please speak to a member of the Membership Committee (Linda Dupuis, Val Follett, Joan Ray or Jenny Watson) or to Rev. Betty.

The UUCSC Path to Membership

Sunday, Nov. 11 at 11:30 – UU theology.

Sunday, Nov. 18 at 11:30 – How our congregation functions.

Sunday, Dec. 2 – New Member Sunday, for those who wish to join the congregation in a ceremony during the church service.

The UU Legislative Ministry-RI endorses Question 7

On election day, November 6th, Rhode Islanders will have the opportunity to vote YES on Question 7, a bond issue that will raise \$25 million for construction of homes for families struggling to make ends meet, seniors, veterans, and the unemployed or those who are working but have had their hours reduced.



Every dollar from the Housing Bond is expected to create an additional six dollars in private investment for a total investment of \$150 million in affordable housing. It will finance both rental and homeowner property. It will also create jobs in the construction industry, which has had a 20 to 30 percent unemployment rate in recent years. Homes that are affordable for Rhode Island's workforce are essential for growing a stronger economy. The Steering Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry-RI unanimously endorsed Question 7. Please consider following this lead. You will help families, workers, and the economy. Vote early and often! – John Glasheen

It's time to welcome a 'Guest at Your Table'!

We will open our annual Guest at Your Table drive on Sunday, November 18 during our All Generations Thanksgiving Service. Let's all bring home our Guest at Your Table boxes and Stories of Hope booklets and place them where we regularly gather, so our families and friends can learn about real people who are succeeding in their struggles for justice. The Stories of Hope will help everyone learn how the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee partners with human rights organizations in the United States and around the world to advance our common goals for justice. The stories introduce particularly innovative leaders such as Chavannes Jean-Baptiste, who organized the Papaye Peasant Movement in Haiti. They are building sustainable recovery and

sharing what they have learned with others.

Another story highlights the work of Elaine Miller-Karas and Laurie Leitch, founders of the Trauma Resource Institute. They adapted a clinical model for treating trauma into a community model that



transcends barriers of language and culture and can be used to heal large numbers of people in the wake of natural disasters and other traumatic events.

Consider learning about each of these innovative partners as part of a weekly practice. Read through one of the stories and discuss its meaning and how we each can help.

Let's share our blessings with our "guests" to ensure that UUSC and people like Chavannes, Elaine and Laurie can continue their important work. Thanks to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, N.Y., gifts of \$100 or more will be matched dollar-for-dollar, doubling the impact of our support!

If you are not at the service on November 18 to pick up your Guest at Your Table materials, please contact Gerre Alderwick to obtain them. The boxes will be collected on January 6, 2013.

— Gerre Alderwick

Advocates for peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

On Sunday, November 18, after coffee hour, the Adult Education Committee will offer a program about the work of J Street, an American Jewish organization advocating for a negotiated two-state resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The program includes a brief video of Israeli author and journalist Amos Oz, a short presentation by J Street RI co-chair Judy Kaye about the group's mission and activities, and an audience discussion of how faith-based communities can work together to promote a just peace, acknowledging that the issue is extremely sensitive



and emotionally charged for many American Jews.

As a progressive Jewish voice, J Street stands for the proposition that being pro-peace is essential to, and not inconsistent with, being pro-Israel. During this election season, it is critical to make candidates and the public aware that most American Jews do not support the status quo and reject the hawkish approach characteristic of the conventional Israel lobby.

J Street R.I. has sponsored a number of public events at the Jewish Community Center and area synagogues featuring American, Israeli, and Palestinian policy experts and peace activists. Judy Kaye is the co-founder of J Street RI and helped run its predecessor organization, the R.I. Chapter of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom (Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace).

The Lunch Bunch expects an electrifying meeting on November 19

The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on Monday, November 19 to discuss *Tesla: Man Out of Time*, by Margaret Cheney, available in local libraries. This is a biography of Nicola Tesla, a genius in the field of electrical engineering (he made alternating current, a gift we take for granted) about whose many discoveries we wanted to learn more. All are welcome. — Helene Gersuny





Religious Education News and Events

By Pam Santos, Director of Religious Education

*Child, you are beautiful.
Child, you are strong,
Wonderful to be with.
Carry us along.
Child, hear our loving song.*

To hear the entire congregation sing these words to your child is a powerful experience indeed. These are the words we sing to each child during our Child Dedication Ceremony.

Unitarian Universalist child dedications are beautiful and meaningful ceremonies in which we welcome children as individuals into our congregations. As a loving community, we commit to the nurturing and spiritual support of each of our children. The minister blesses the child, and as a congregation, we express our commitment with responsive reading and song. Although parents often choose to dedicate their children as babies or toddlers, the ceremony is equally powerful for older children and teens.

Six years ago, my husband and I chose to have our children dedicated at the UUCSC in a Child Dedication Ceremony. We felt a profound sense of acceptance, of support for our children, and of support for ourselves as parents.

On November 18, Reverend Betty will offer a Child Dedication during our All Generations Thanksgiving Service. Please consider participating in this moving ceremony. If you have questions about UU Child Dedication, or would like to have your child dedicated, please contact me.

Important dates:

Friday, Nov. 2 – The Junior Youth Group meets from 4 to 6 p.m. at Michael Mutschler's home.

Sunday, Nov. 4 – Service Sunday. Children begin downstairs.

Sunday, Nov. 18 – All Generations Thanksgiving Service and Child Dedication.

The Agape Fund

In the New Testament, "agape" refers to God's fatherly love for all humans, as well as their reciprocal love for God, a concept that necessarily extends to love for all of one's fellow humans. To early Christians, the word meant both a rite and a meal of fellowship to which the poor were invited. Some scholars believe agape referred to a fellowship meal held in imitation of gatherings attended by Jesus and his disciples.

The UUCSC's Agape Fund was created to provide confidential help to members and friends of the congregation who are having difficulty meeting the cost of basic needs such as food, shelter, and heat. The basis of the fund is the collection taken at the annual Christmas Eve service. Rev. Betty Kornitzer administers this fund. If you need a little help, please call Betty at her study (284-3321).



What Moves Us: Unitarian Universalist Theology

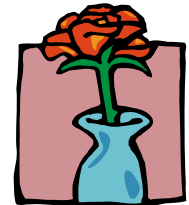
"What Moves Us" is a program that explores the life experiences of historic and contemporary Unitarian Universalist theologians. These workshops offer participants a chance to engage with and bring their personal experiences to bear on the questions explored by each theologian in turn. The program was created by Rev. Dr. Thandeka, an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister and theologian.

On Saturday, November 10 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Rev. Betty will offer a workshop on George de Benneville (1703-1793) and his Liberal Theology of Boundless Universal Love. Today, de Benneville is recognized as one of the spiritual forebears of the Universalist Church of America. He preached the restoration of all human beings "without exception" and built religious communities united by fellowship and action rather than by church doctrine and creed.

The Lay Pastoral Associates Team

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. Rev. Betty continues to offer pastoral care and the lay Pastoral Associates Team supplements her work, thus 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 Pastoral Care Team are Penny Hall, Randi Marten, Mary Morrissey, Pat O'Reilly, Jenny Watson and Lynda Wells. Call Rev. Betty (284-3321) with your pastoral concerns. She will speak with you and make referrals to the PAT when appropriate. More information, and a brochure, are available at church and on the UUCSC website.



The PAT is distinct from the Caring Connection, chaired by Judi Marcy. The Caring Connection offers support and provides meals, rides to church, and helps those without transportation get to the supermarket, bank, or medical appointment. Their caring outreach is a mainstay of congregational life at UUCSC. Please contact Judi for more information.

I'll be direct about this . . .

Are you in our in-house (no photographs) directory? Would you like to be? Please fill out a directory registration form. The forms are in the blue binder in the Community Room on Sunday mornings. You also should fill out one of these forms if you need to correct some information in the current directory. We hope to have a new directory printed in December. Please do your part . . . we don't want anyone to be left out.

— Val Follett, Membership Chair

Learn about our Wellness Ministry

Come to a brief presentation about UUCSC's Wellness Ministry in the Library on Sunday, November 4 at 11:15.

Our Wellness Team offers a technique to help people prepare for

surgery, heal faster and use less pain medication. This mind-body-spirit technique is also used successfully in decreasing the side effects of chemotherapy and radiation, and the challenges of acute and long-term health issues and anxieties. Substantial clinical research by major hospitals has validated the method we use.



Sarah Bell, Paulette Chamberas, Lindsey Crowninshield, Val Follett, Lynda Wells and Rev. Betty are the members of the Wellness Team. We want to reach out to members and friends of UUCSC who would benefit from experiencing this proven process.

— Rev. Betty Kornitzer

Come to UUCSC on Saturday, November 17th for the GRAND SHARE!

We have gifts for you . . . and coffee and treats and (maybe) music!

Some say 'tis better to give than to receive, but I have to admit it feels pretty darned great to get something beautiful or useful for free! And if there weren't any receivers, nobody could be a giver. This leads to a reminder to come soak up the joy of the UUCSC Grand Share on Saturday, November 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Look around your home. Do you have anything in pristine condition that is no longer sparking your delight? Perhaps a popcorn popper or a bread making machine that seemed like a good idea at the time, but has only been used once (and is impeccably clean)? Clothing (without even the tiniest stain or tear) that might no longer fit or doesn't feel like "you" anymore? Jewelry, wall decor, tools in excellent condition— bring it on down! Out with the no-longer-inspiring-me . . . in with the "Hey, I could use that" or the "That's pretty, I love it!"

Bring as much as you want. But this is *not* trash as

treasure— this is trading treasures. Think of it as sustainable shopping. Take as much as you want— holidays are coming up. And if you can't bear to part with any of your possessions, well, come on down anyway! Maybe you'll find something you need or something new that will give you pleasure.

You may deliver your items on November 11, the Sunday before the Grand Share, or you can deliver them before 10:30 the day of the event. The UUCSC will not put on a book sale this year, so if you are finished with a good book, feel free to bring that, too. (As a matter of fact, an idea floated to put up a give-a-book, borrow-a-book shelf in the community room.)

Tracy Hart is the contact for this event. Call her with any questions or suggestions. All items that don't find a new home on November 17 will be donated to the Jonnycake Center or to Big Sisters of Rhode Island.

Hope to see you there! – Tracy Hart



Clear Heart Sangha

Clear Heart Sangha is a meditation group in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hahn, a Vietnamese Buddhist monk. The Sangha is led by dharma teacher Joanne Friday. This month, it will meet on Sunday, November 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome; no previous meditation experience is necessary.

Our Meditation Group

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

A gentle reminder about fragrances

Several members and friends of our congregation experience allergic reactions (some of them severe) to fragrances worn by others at our Sunday services. To insure inclusion and the comfort of all, we request that you consider refraining from wearing fragrance to worship services. Thank you for your consideration.

What a nag!

PUH-LEEEEEEESE . . . make a habit of taking your Order of Worship with you after the service each Sunday. You can read it at home, or you can recycle it on the way out the door. And, if we

use the soft-cover teal hymnals, please carry them to the back of the Sanctuary at the end of the service so we can put them away on the shelf of the coat closet. We'd much rather be visiting with you than putting hymnals away. Thanks from the Membership Committee.

THIS MONTH'S FLOWERS

The design team of Roni Meyer and Patience Peck created the floral designs at the front of the church. They are entitled "Spirits Gamboling in the Leaves."

“Called out into the great, open, windy world”

Rev. Dr. Jack Mendelsohn 1918-2012

When the Rev. Dr. Jack Mendelsohn accepted the Unitarian Universalist Association’s Distinguished Service Award in 1997, he chose the occasion to critique the oft-quoted claim by Theodore Parker (later picked up by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.) that ‘the arc of the universe is long but it bends toward justice.’ “Nothing is settled!” Jack exclaimed. “Nothing! If—if!—it is to bend toward justice, it will be human hands that do the bending, and those hands can be our hands.”

In the world of Unitarian Universalism, Jack Mendelsohn, who died October 11, 2012, at the age of 94, singularly exemplified the possibility and power of human agency to make a difference. He is significantly responsible for making Unitarian Universalism what so many of us assume it of course is, but which Unitarian Universalism wasn’t always: a public ministry, ever committed to freedom, justice, human rights, and the spirit of democracy.

In print, in the pulpit, around the world, and on the front lines of every progressive cause, Mendelsohn made Unitarian Universalism something meaningful, exciting, attractive, and important, a vital and vigorous approach to life that makes a difference.

Born in Cambridge, Mass. in 1918 to professional pianist Anna Torrey and Jack Mendelsohn Sr., a music publisher, he regarded his mother with deepest affection. He said, “It was difficult for me to think of God as being other than a woman, like my mother.” When he was eight, he was deeply affected by his mother’s death from peritonitis.

After education at Boston University and Harvard Divinity School, he

served congregations in Brewster, Mass. (where he also played semi-pro baseball in the Cape Cod League); Chicago (at Beverly Unitarian Church, where he was ordained in 1945) and Rockford, Ill.; Indianapolis; the Arlington Street Church in Boston; First Unitarian Church in Chicago; and finally First Parish in Bedford, Mass., where he was named minister emeritus in 1988.



In his ten-year ministry in Boston, beginning in 1959, Mendelsohn transformed the liberal but stodgy Arlington Street congregation by welcoming artists, young people, and Boston’s new black leadership.

Thinking that Jack was too informal a name, a Beacon Hill Brahmin parishioner once offered to pay the legal expenses for him to change his name from “Jack” to “John.” He declined; the name on his birth certificate was “Jacob.”

A confidant of public figures such as Adlai Stevenson, Saul Alinsky, Kurt Vonnegut, Robert Kennedy, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Mendelsohn was an engaged, public, and controversial minister who confronted every establishment of racism, sexism, and injustice. With King, he marched in Selma, Alabama, in 1965, where one of his Arlington Street parishioners, the Rev. James Reeb, was murdered.

A defining moment for Mendelsohn and for Unitarian Universalism occurred at the UUA’s General Assembly in Boston in 1969. When the

demands of African Americans and their allies were spurned, Mendelsohn led a walkout of several hundred delegates. He participated in but also documented the civil rights movement. He wrote *The Martyrs: Sixteen Who Gave Their Lives for Racial Justice* in 1966, one year after Reeb and another Unitarian Universalist, Viola Liuzzo, were murdered in Alabama. Later, he was CEO of the Civil Rights Project, which produced the PBS civil rights documentary *Eyes on the Prize* with Blackside, Inc., led by his friend, filmmaker Henry Hampton.

The Rev. William G. Sinkford, a former student of Mendelsohn’s who became the first African-American president of the UUA, says, “Jack’s death leaves an empty place in my heart and in the heart of our Unitarian Universalist faith. Jack was one of the premier faith voices for justice for decades. From racial justice to the empowerment of women and the work for BGLT rights, Jack was there. He managed the delicate balance of providing leadership while at the same time supporting and following the leadership of others, especially those on the margins. In our work to stand on the side of love, we would do well to remember how Jack stood and how he walked with others toward the Beloved Community.

“He will be remembered most, I expect, for his justice work,” Sinkford says. “I remember most, however, his tender heart, his willingness to ask for and offer forgiveness, and his amazing ability to use our past and his past to point the way to a better tomorrow. I miss him so.”

— Adapted from an article by John E. Gibbons in *UUWorld*.

Friday, November 9th

Kaki King with special guest Lady Lamb the Beekeeper

Hailed by Rolling Stone as “a genre unto herself,” Kaki King is a true iconoclast, a visionary musician-artist whose singular work rightly stands out among the easily formatted. Over her decade-long career, the Brooklyn-based guitarist and composer has recorded five extraordinarily diverse and distinctive LPs, performed with such icons as Foo Fighters, Timbaland, and The Mountain Goats, contributed to a variety of film and TV soundtracks, and played to ever-growing audiences on innumerable world tours. Beginning with ‘Everybody Loves You’ in 2002, King has expanded and reconceived the role of the solo instrumental artist. Her new instrumental album, ‘Glow,’ was released in October to rave reviews.



Lady Lamb the Beekeeper

Khaki King’s special guest is Lady Lamb the Beekeeper, the stage name of Aly Spaltro. A Brunswick, Maine native, she was named Folk Artist of the Year by the Boston Music Awards in 2010.



Kaki King

Doors open at 7 p.m; music begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, 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.

Coming Saturday, December 1st from Quebec: Genticorum

This Quebec group has become a fixture on the international world, trad, folk and Celtic music circuit. The trio’s four albums met with critical acclaim in Canada, the United States and Great Britain. Known for its energy and its stage presence (and often mistaken for a larger ensemble), Genticorum has given more than 800 concerts in no fewer than fifteen countries.

We are pleased to have South County’s own Devin Stimson opening for Genticorum.

Fans of world-class traditional music (and music lovers in general), do not miss this show!

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Amos Bronson Alcott (November 29, 1799–March 4, 1888), educator, philosopher, utopian, and visionary, ran the progressive Temple School in Boston, founded the Fruitlands community in Harvard, Mass., and with Ralph Waldo Emerson was a founding member of the Transcendental Club.

Although he belonged to no church, Alcott was influential both in the Transcendentalist wing of Unitarianism and in the Free Religion movement that followed. His wife, Unitarian Abigail May Alcott (1800-1877), was an abolitionist, women's rights activist, and pioneer social worker. Author Louisa May Alcott was their daughter.

Bronson Alcott was born 213 years ago this month.