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October Services



October 3

Our First Principle: Standing on the Side of Love – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*
Our faith has an amazing history of standing in solidarity with marginalized peoples.
At the heart of our programming, our work in the community, and our lives
is always our core belief in the inherent dignity and worth of all.

*After the service: a 45-minute presentation by Peter Bowden, our AMAZING UU consultant.
We promise you'll be out by noon. Don't miss this energizing presentation.*

October 10

The End of the Oil Age and the Community Imperative – *David Floyd*
An unprecedented change is taking place, a transition never before seen in human history, with the bulk of
humanity remaining blissfully ignorant. What is this change, and what is this congregation doing about it?

October 17

Ecclesiastes – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*
Is there really a time to every purpose under heaven? Sometimes it sure doesn't look that way.
We'll discuss Ecclesiastes, time, and modern life.

October 24

What is Faith? – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*
I often refer to UUCSC as a "community of faith." Recently, a congregant told me
she doesn't really know what faith means. I thought we should talk about that together.

October 31

The Day of the Dead – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*
Our departed forbears and loved ones remain a palpable presence in our lives. Today, we will recall
and honor those who have gone before us. All are invited to bring a photo or memento of a close person
or pet who has died. These mementos will be placed on the Altar of Memory. (They will be returned to you.)
Together we will create a stirring service of remembrance.

November 7

The Second Principle: Justice, Equity and Compassion in Human Relations – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*



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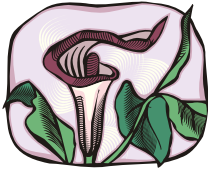
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sexual orientation, age, or national origin.***



The Minister's Message

By Rev. Betty Kornitzer

A Community within a Community within a Community . . .

Every once in a while—quiet often, actually—I step back and marvel at what we've got at UUCSC. We've got community: a safe, active, diverse, loving, committed community. I was raised in Manhattan, the proverbial concrete jungle; I don't take community for granted. Community. I believe that connection is vital to the experience of being human; it's part of who we are. In the past couple of weeks I've heard so many stories about how this community has come through for each other. We're amazing.

The great realization is that we are a community within a community, within a community. We are nestled in South County, that mythical county that doesn't really exist. South County is the gem of Rhode Island, the state whose motto is one word: Hope. And the beat goes on—we are part of this nation, this planet, and the universe.

As UUCSC's focus and mission expand outward, let us always remember that it begins with connection. It is connection that empowers us to be heard, to make a difference in the healing of the world. May it be so. May the words of the poet Marge Piercy inspire and remind us of our great strength and from whence it comes.

The Low Road

by Marge Piercy

*Alone, you can fight,
you can refuse, you can
take what revenge you can
but they roll over you.*

*But two people fighting
back to back can cut through
a mob, a snake-dancing file
can break a cordon, an army
can meet an army.*

*Two people can keep each other
sane, can give support, conviction,
love, massage, hope, sex.
Three people are a delegation,
a committee, a wedge. With four
you can play bridge and start
an organization. With six*

*you can rent a whole house,
eat pie for dinner with no
seconds, and hold a fund raising party.
A dozen makes a demonstration.
A hundred fill a hall.
A thousand have solidarity
and your own newsletter;
ten thousand, power and your own paper;
a hundred thousand, your own media;
ten million, your own country.*

*It goes on one at a time,
It starts when you care
to act, it starts when you do
it again after they said no,
it starts when you say We
and know who you mean, and each
day you mean one more.*

May we at UUCSC remember always who we are as Unitarian Universalists and why we are here. There is an inner mission and there is an outer mission. We need community for both.

Blessings, Peace and Love,

Betty

The President's Letter

Things are happening at the UUCSC. You may have noticed that the front of our building is looking particularly beautiful. Thanks to a group of volunteers who met on a recent Saturday morning, we now have grass. The work crew included Ed Burrell, MJ (Linda and Ed Burrell's grandson), Chris DePaola, John Glasheen, Tracy Hart, Will Bender, Melissa Hughes, and Harry Buffum. Also, Ed Burrell did the prep work on the area before the Saturday work party. What a team!

Recently we had a terrific musical event in our sanctuary. On September 11, two phenomenal bands, 'Brown Bird' and 'Fly Around,' played to a full house. About one third of the crowd was members or friends of the UUCSC—the rest were people from the community. The event was sponsored by the Social Events

Committee. Harry Buffum, a member of the committee, sent this description:

"Our primary goal is to reach out to the community and bring people together through music, dance and art-related events. Raising some funds for the church, while not our primary goal, is a nice by-product. Current members of the Social Events Committee are Eileen DeMaio, Harry and Ali Buffum, Elise Bender, and David Floyd. We don't have an official chairperson at this point.

Others who have helped out with past projects include Heather Williams, Mary Finnegan, Nick Smith, Lisa McHenry, Myron Waldman and, well . . . a lot more. But we could really use a longer list of people we could call on for short term help with logistics when we put on an event. Any help we can get with moving a few chairs,

baking a few brownies, putting up a few posters, etc. would be much appreciated. We'd love to have more people on the committee, too. We are especially eager to find more folks interested in helping out with our events. We meet once a month."

Another opportunity to help out is coming on Friday, November 12. Two musical acts, Anais Mitchell and 'Horse Feathers,' will be the featured performers.

Also, an art show with the theme connected to our First Principal—the inherent worth and dignity of every person—will take place on October 8th. Pam Santos has been working very hard organizing this event.

We are fortunate to have such a vibrant congregation! – Charlie Donnelly

– Charlie Donnelly

Imagine a day when everyone in the world can eat!

Saturday, October 16 is World Food Day. Our congregation will participate in the "Everybody Eats" challenge, in which restaurants and community kitchens throughout the world will be asked to offer at least one free food item to anyone who walks through the door. The Hunger Free Task Force of South County, of which UUCSC is a founding member, is sponsoring the effort locally.

From 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. we will offer baked goods and beverages to anyone who comes to our door. From 11:30 to 1, we will also offer foods such as pizza and soup with bread.

We are seeking volunteers to bake, make soup, host and serve, and make a sign for our street entrance. If you are interested, contact Rich Evans. – Rich Evans



A different approach

On Sunday, October 3rd, after the Service, we will be joined by Peter Bowden, a Unitarian Universalist consultant specializing in keeping congregations energized, engaging and fun.

UUCSC is growing and that creates opportunities and challenges, one being the need for more volunteers. Peter says, "Growing congregations fall into the trap of begging for help and trying to recruit people for committees. That's the opposite of what they should doing."

Peter will share a different approach, one we think you'll love. We can't wait!



The Music Corner

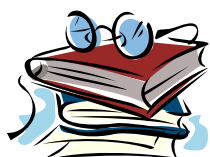
by Mike Galib, Music Director

On occasion creative minds go kaput, so in lieu of a full-fledged article, I would like to invite interested congregants to come see what a choir rehearsal is all about.

Our tenors and basses are sometimes lonely, so

men are especially encouraged to check it out! Rehearsals are every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Hope to see some new faces there in the coming weeks.



UUCSC BOOK AND BAKE SALE

Saturday, October 23 • 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lily Pads

\$10,000 Lottery drawing at noon

Free coffee!



We need your donations! We will take adult and children's books, videos, puzzles, CDs, computer games, and DVDs. (Please, no magazines, condensed books, dictionaries, or textbooks.) You can bring your donations to Virginia Carter or Cindy Berry.

Please sign up with Cindy or Virginia to donate baked goods for our sale. We plan to sell individual items like cookies and brownies to go with the coffee, and plates of cookies, brownies or bars, cakes, muffins, bread, or whatever your favorite baked item is.

It would be nice to have a couple of volunteers to help set up (starting at 7:30 a.m.) and to help take down (after 1 p.m.).

Please invite your friends and neighbors! Speak to Cindy Berry or Virginia Carter for more information.

Spiritual Deepening: A Continuing Series for Unfolding a Soulful Life

This monthly series for experiencing and deepening our spiritual lives, facilitated by Christine Phoenix-Green and Rev. Betty Kornitzer, meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will explore new ways of living authentically from the center of our depths, where peace and wisdom reside.

At this first session of the year, we will begin by engaging the question, "What is Spiritual Deepening?" We will reflect on Spiritual Deepening words and the inward journey some of us experienced together last year.

Our topic on October 20th will be "The Practice of Sabbath," and our topic on November 17th will be "Gratitude." All are welcome. Pre-registration is very helpful (though not required) for preparation. To pre-register, contact Christine Phoenix-Green.

Our Wellness Team . . .

. . . offers a technique that helps people prepare for surgery, heal faster and use less pain medication. This mind-body-spirit technique is also used successfully in lessening the side effects of chemotherapy, radiation, and the challenges of acute and long-term health issues. The method we use is validated by substantial clinical research done in major hospitals including the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and Kaiser Permanente in California. Members of the Wellness Team— Sarah Bell, Paulette Chamberas, Lindsey Crowninshield, Iris Donnelly, Val Follett, Julie Hopkins-DeSantis, Mary Morrissey, Lynda Wells and Rev. Betty— want to reach out to UUCSC members and friends who would benefit from this proven process. It takes about an hour, and is empowering and effective. The Caring Connection can refer people to the Wellness Team, or you can request a session yourself by contacting the Team Coordinator, Lynda Wells.



MONEY MATTERS

The monthly column from the Finance Committee

Strategic plan

As part of our planning for the future, the Finance Committee has been working on a five-year projected budget for our Congregation. Since we have been in our own space for more than a year now, we can look back at our expenses as a guide for many of our future expenses. Once we have completed our projections we will pass them by our other Committees for their wisdom and input. We will take their recommendations seriously. The deciding factor will be our financial ability to make any or all of the recommendations a reality. Our goal, as your Finance Committee, is to offer a balanced budget for each of the next five years.

Many thanks

A word of deep gratitude to all of you who have been buying lottery tickets, selling them to friends and relatives, and posting flyers around town! It is a joint effort by all of our members and friends . . . one that pays us back a hundredfold. With the money we raise we will be able to do more community outreach and programs for our youth and adults (to name just a few things). Your enthusiasm and support for the lottery is greatly appreciated! We are confident that with your spirited help we will have raised the \$20,000 goal by the time you read this! Stay tuned for the winner.

– Aline Couture, Finance Committee Chair

Path to Membership classes this fall

For all those considering membership in the UUCSC, or those who just want to learn more about our faith and our congregation and meet other people in a smaller setting, dates for the Path to Membership classes are:

Friday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. – Pot luck dinner for all (self-described) newcomers.

Sunday, Oct. 24, after the Service – UU history

Sunday, Nov. 7, after the Service – UU theology

Sunday, Nov. 21, after the Service – the workings of our congregation

Sunday, Dec. 5 – New Member ceremony during the Service.

The classes are open to all and are especially recommended for anyone considering joining the congregation. If you have questions, please speak to Barbara Pagh or Val Follett.

Rev. Betty's Sabbatical

It's hard to believe, but I am now enjoying my seventh year as your minister, and it's sabbatical time. I have accrued five months of sabbatical leave according to the terms of my Letter of Agreement with UUCSC.

Because of the many positive changes that have been happening in the life of our beloved community, the Board and I have agreed that I will divide the sabbatical between 2011 and 2012.

In 2011, I will take one month of sabbatical leave, in January. The remaining four months of sabbatical will be taken during 2012.



This schedule reflects what we believe is in the best interests of UUCSC.

Sabbatical is a time of empowerment and growth for congregations. It can be a productive and creative time in the life of the congregation. The Sabbatical Planning Committee has begun to address how the sabbatical will affect all aspect of congregational life. Worship services, pastoral care, and emergency pastoral coverage will be pre-arranged.

A comprehensive Sabbatical Booklet will be available that carefully articulates all of the arrangements for this leave time. I anticipate sabbatical will be a time of development for us all. – Rev. Betty

Meditation at UUCSC

Our Meditation Group meets in the sanctuary every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. We practice sitting and walking meditation and share a reading and time of discussion. All are welcome; no meditation experience is necessary.



Religious Education News and Events

By Debby Hedison, Director of Religious Education

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

Lucy Van Pelt (dressed as a witch):

"A person should choose a costume that contrasts her own personality."

- from *It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!* by Charles Schultz

Halloween is upon us and this year it falls on a Sunday! All (adults too) are encouraged to come dressed up in costume. I've already got my costume . . .

Some Important Notes:

- ☛ Babies and toddlers should begin *upstairs* with their families at the beginning of service and then proceed downstairs with the Sunday school groups.
- ☛ The children and youth begin and stay *downstairs* on the first Sunday of each month. This is a time of all-ages worship for the elementary-age classes.
- ☛ Please encourage your child to leave toys behind when entering the classrooms.

Adopt-A-Box is back! We have more than 20 boxes filled with about 10 books each and they are waiting for someone to take them home. Once you take a box home, there are clear and easy instructions to follow. Basically, you are asked to peruse the books, place a library card on the inside cover, and write a brief description of each book. Everything you need is inside the box. The goal is to get all our wonderful books and resources on the RE Library shelves and create a comprehensive list of each book and its topic. The list will be available to families and teachers to use. Look for boxes tied with an orange string on the RE Table in the Community Room!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SAFETY NOTICES

If there is not a paid caregiver attending the church nursery, please feel free to stay and watch your child.

Please keep the door to the nursery closed! Do not leave dirty diapers in the trash can.

If there is only one caregiver available, a parent may be asked to stay with his or her little one in the nursery.

Due to allergies, please, no food in the Nursery or classrooms!

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult when they are using the church playground equipment and when they are by the pond.

Please be sure to sign your child out of the nursery and elementary classrooms directly after the service.

RE Wish List of Supplies:

Can you donate any of the following?

*Hand sanitizer • Facial tissue • Kid-appropriate CDs • Meditation instrumental CDs • CD players
Scrapbook papers for greeting card projects • Diapers (various sizes, for emergencies) • Baby wipes
Anything that could be used in a chalice-making project*

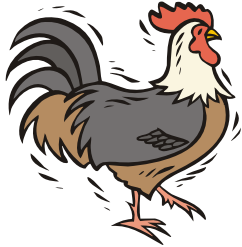
And finally . . . we still have great need for volunteer teachers and holiday helpers. Please contact Debby if you can help!

Thank you My Friends!
Happy Autumn!

Music at Lily Pads is off to a great start

Our congregation's live music series began in fine fashion with a standing-room-only show on Sept. 11 featuring 'Brown Bird' and 'Fly Around.' Many thanks to the Social Events Committee and the volunteers who baked, took tickets, and helped with setup and cleanup.

There's much more to come. Just look at what we have in store for the coming months:



On **Friday, Oct. 22**, we'll feature a potluck dinner and cabaret seating for local favorite ***Saddle Up the Chicken***. Tickets are \$6. Bring a dish (main dish or dessert) or beverage to share. Dinner is at 6:30. The show begins at 7:30 with a short open mic session featuring the first six acts who sign up that evening. Seating is limited; reservations for UUCSC members begins Oct. 1 and remaining tickets will be available to the public beginning Oct. 10. Contact Eileen DeMaio, Harry Buffum, or David Floyd for reservations.

On **Friday, Nov. 12**, we'll enjoy a very special evening with the wondrous singer-songwriter **Anais Mitchell** and KRS recording artists ***Horse Feathers***, from Portland, Oregon. Tickets are \$15 and go on sale Oct. 9; "will call" is available for UUCSC members. Do not miss this!

On **Wednesday, Dec. 1**, we are proud to present Nonesuch recording artists ***The Low Anthem***, fresh from an East Coast tour with Emmylou Harris and a European tour during the summer. The members of the Providence-based group play more than a dozen instruments, including banjo, E flat horn, clarinet, oboe, acoustic guitar, harmonica, pump organ, zither, Tibetan singing bowls, harmonium, and upright bass. The *New York Times* said, "The quieter the music gets . . . the more it inhabits its own otherworldly place, where ghosts and angels hover just out of view." Opening will be the great 'Joe Fletcher and the Wrong Reasons.' Tickets are \$12 and will go on sale Oct. 22. Plan to get yours early. Doors will open at 7 p.m., and the music will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Coming in January—**Nick Smith** and his band!

— David Floyd

A "First Principle" Art Show

Please join the many talented artists in our congregation, as well as artists from our extended community, on Friday, October 8 for an art show dedicated to our First Principle, the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

We welcome exhibitors from the LaPlante Center, Welcome House, Scallop Shell Nursing Home, the Adult Correctional Institutions, the Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County, and South Shore Mental Health Center.

The artists' work will be on display from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Lily Pads. Light refreshments will be served.

This evening will be a powerful example of how our congregation is able to reach out to the community, share our values, and welcome all. We hope to see you there.

— Pam Santos



Will you help us achieve our goal?

The Committee on Ministry is charged with supporting and nurturing our shared ministry. We try to do that in several important ways, including providing feedback to the Minister, facilitating congregation-wide communication, and listening for issues of concern that need to be addressed by our Minister or through our shared ministry.

But we cannot succeed without hearing from you. This year, the members of the Committee on Ministry are Linda Whyte Burrell, Lindsey Crowninshield, and Jean Burke. Please share with any one of them any concern you may have. Learning about an issue that troubles even one of our members or friends is vital to our work. Of course, we are also delighted to hear about the joys that have come from our shared ministry. Our success depends on good, open communication with you.

Common Ground welcomes your participation

Common Ground is the subcommittee of Social Action that works against racism and supports the rich diversity of our world. We try to educate ourselves about the history and legacy of racism, the struggle for racial justice, and the role of racism today through discussions, reading and films. This fall we will also attend the URI honors colloquium on race, held on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in Edwards Auditorium and open to the public.

On Friday, October 1 we will conduct a discussion about the implications of the recent increase in anti-Muslim feeling. How do you feel about this? What does it mean for our country?

How can we help to lessen tension and increase mutual understanding? Please join us at Lily Pads at 7 p.m. to explore this important issue.

Community outreach is also one of our goals. This year we will resume collecting new or lightly used household goods for refugee families in Rhode Island. We work under the guidance of the International Institute in Providence, which helps families find housing and jobs and provides language and other transitional education. Please bring household goods such as kitchen and eating utensils, sheets, and towels to the basket in the Community Room.

The International Institute also offers the opportunity to sponsor a refugee family. As a sponsor, our congregation would help the family adjust to life in the United States. If we are going to participate in this program, we need someone to organize it. Are you that person? If you are interested in finding out more about this, please let us know!

Each year Common Ground offers a Sunday service called Journey Toward Wholeness that focuses on some aspect of our ongoing efforts to grow in awareness and overcome racism. Would you like to be involved in planning and putting on this service in the spring? Do you have ideas for music, a speaker, a reading, or some other contribution? If you do, or if you are interested in any of our activities, please come to our meetings or contact Penny Hall. We'd love to have you in Common Ground!

– Penny Hall



UUA president Rev. Dana McLean Greeley (second from right) and other members of the clergy marched for voting rights in Selma, Aabama in 1965.



The Calendar Keeper

Mary Pinch is the new Keeper of the UUCSC Calendar. She is the person to get in touch with if you would like to reserve a room at Lily

Pads, and if you would like to make sure your meeting or event appears on the monthly calendar included in every issue of the *South County Unitarian Universalist*.

What every committee chair should know

Myron Waldman will prepare and distribute publicity about your church event designed to interest and attract people from outside our church community.

But he needs five weeks' notice! If you don't give him enough time, he can't do an effective job!

Please make sure everybody knows what you are doing. Contact Myron!

Food Sovereignty and Social Justice

On Wednesday, October 13, Witness for Peace New England presents Kiado Cruz, a community organizer from Oaxaca, Mexico. Cruz represents RASA (La Red Autónoma por la Soberanía Alimentaria—The Autonomous Network for Food Sovereignty). He will speak about sustainable agriculture in Oaxaca City and the organizing there that centers on safe, abundant, and local food for all.



Cruz will visit community gardens in our area and speak with the local press. His talk on October 13 will explain how the creation of local food systems and local economies is taking place south of our border as a response to the global food system that has created widespread hunger in Mexico. Cruz also will field questions about education reform, immigration reform, and promoting fair and just international trade, both in Latin America and in the U.S.

The talk is co-sponsored by the community of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Kingston and the membership of UUCSC. The talk is at 7 p.m., and a potluck dinner will take place before the talk at 6 p.m. Please come break bread with our Oaxacan friend, support his work, listen and learn. We hope to see you there!

— David Floyd

More Dining for Dollars!

Last Spring, our congregation hosted the first ever Dining for Dollars silent auction and raised more than \$7,000. Now we're offering our "second semester" of this popular event. Bidding for the Fall-Winter semester of Dining for Dollars will begin after the service on Sunday, October 24th.



Members and friends of the congregation volunteer to host a wide variety of dinners, tea parties, and other food-oriented social events. Seats at the event are sold to the highest bidders by silent auction. Each seat is auctioned individually, so every event includes a mix of people. It's a great opportunity to get to know others in the congregation.

You can decide which events you would like to host or bid on by looking through the Bid Booklet, which will be available starting Sunday, October 10th. Bidding opens on Sunday, October 24 and closes on Sunday, October 31st after the service.

A seat at one of these dinners would make a terrific holiday gift or a gift for a birthday or anniversary. The events also would also be a great opportunity for a group of friends who just can't seem to find the time to connect to get together.

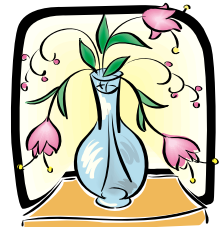
Plan to help the congregation meet its financial goals while enjoying a tax-deductible evening of great food and great company! — Nancy Rose

Lovers of beauty and flowers, your attention please!

How many of you enjoy looking at the lovely flower arrangements in the alcoves of the sanctuary while you are sitting in church, and miss them when there's nothing there? We have been fortunate to have Jan Hensle create so many of them; Nancy Dean and Marie Younkin-Waldman also have provided a few. It's fun and creative!

Now Nancy, Jan and Marie are working together to make sure that we have flower arrangements most of the time. We are looking for volunteers who enjoy creating (or buying) lovely seasonal arrangements to beautify our place of worship and add some color to the sanctuary.

You might also want to contribute flowers in memory of or in honor of someone close to you. If we have that information a few weeks ahead of time, we can include it in the order of worship. It's a nice tradition.



If flowers are your thing and you want to help participate in a small yet meaningful way to this congregation, please see Marie Younkin-Waldman at coffee hour.

— Marie Younkin-Waldman, Jan Hensle, and Nancy Dean

Don't Be Left Out....

We're working on a new UUCSC directory, and we want to be sure that everyone who wants to be in it is successful in getting there. So please fill out a directory registry form, found in the navy blue directory registry binder on the R.E. table in the Community Room each Sunday. Mary Pinch will collect the forms and put together a new in-house directory for us this fall.

The Facilities Committee re-energized and ready to go!

Great News! Our Facilities Committee is re-energized and re-organized and ready to receive your ideas, suggestions, and help on many different kinds of projects concerning our building and grounds.

We will soon have an excellent Building Use Manual to refer to for answers to questions about the physical plant, plans for ongoing projects, and simply who to call for what. Please continue to refer all of your questions, concerns and suggestions about our building and grounds to any of the Facilities Committee members: Sally Barney, Ed Burrell, Tina Cantor Toomey, Chris DePaola, Trish Moreau. They will make sure to pass your thoughts on to the right people.



Please stop by the Facilities Committee Board in the Community Room to sign up for various interest groups and volunteer opportunities. There will always be something to do for this, our collectively-owned Spiritual Home.

– Sally Barney

Social Justice news

The Social Justice Council will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

This organizational meeting will focus on:

1. Articulating and elaborating program operations for effectiveness and impact
2. Developing an education program, including sermons, on the elements of our social action program and its theological basis
3. How we can encourage the congregation to become spiritually mature—to have the courage to act on our principles as an act of a faith community rather than individually.
4. Promoting actions to follow from programs, education, and development activities
5. Increasing awareness of UUA as a denomination,

including its development, programs and its growth policy.

6. Discussing the effectiveness of recent activities and programs

To further a denominational perspective and to increase focus on UUA actions and activities, an educational program with UU World as the source will begin on Monday, October 18th in the Community Room. All members and friends are invited to a potluck dinner and discussion. This meeting will take place about five weeks after the fall edition of UU World is published. We will prioritize our interest in the articles and discussion will focus on the topics of greatest interest.

For more information, contact John Glasheen.

– John Glasheen

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Ballou Channing District Fall Conference

“Becoming a Culturally Dynamic Religion”
Saturday, October 30, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
First Parish, Duxbury, Mass.
Join Betty! For registration, go to
<http://bcduuafall2010.eventbrite.com/>



We bring in a salad, an entrée and a dessert on the second Wednesday of each month to Welcome House. In lieu of the dish, you may bring in the fixings for your part of the meal, and the chef de jour will take it from there. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Community Room or speak with Gerre Alderwick.

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*And still, some say
death raises up
gathers the soul strong-limbed
above the common tide
to catch a glimpse
(over world's wailing wall)
of an exultant countryside.*

from *After Grief*, by Dorothy Livesay

Dorothy Livesay (1909-1996), a Unitarian, was one of the leading Canadian poets of the Twentieth Century. She was born 101 years ago this month.