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October Services



October 2

Being Community as Unitarian Universalists

– Rev. Betty Kornitzer

We will consider human connection as a powerful tool in community life.

After the service the UUCSC Small Group Ministry facilitators will lead a practice session for those interested in learning about Small Group Ministry. You may also sign up to join a Small Group.

October 9

Street Light or Roman Candle? – Joan Youngken

Some of us shine quietly and reliably, important but not always noticed. Others shine with awe-inspiring brilliance. Which kind of light are you . . . or are you both?

As a congregation, which do we need to be . . . or both?

October 16

Truth Telling and Truth Finding – Rev. Betty Kornitzer and Rod Driver

This service will lift up the essential value of Truth Telling and Truth Discernment.

We will focus on the media and truth in the public square.

October 23

American Idolatry – Amber Kelley

“They lift it to their shoulders and carry it; they set it up in its place, and there it stands. From that spot it cannot move. Though one cries out to it, it does not answer; it cannot save him from his troubles.” – Isaiah 46:7

October 30

Famous Unitarian Universalists – Debby Hedison, Rev. Betty Kornitzer & Historical Guests

Some famous Unitarian Universalists from bygone days have been visiting the children in religious education classes this fall. Today, they’ll visit with us.

November 6

The Sparks Continue to Rise Long After the Darkness Falls:

A Samhain Celebration – Laura Geoghegan Kellner

The festival of Samhain marked the beginning of the dark half of the year, when ancient Gaelic peoples throughout western Europe lit bonfires and honored departed souls. This service will honor the memory of the dead and emphasize the connection between nature and the divine.



Daylight Saving Time ends November 5th



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A note about office hours: I am usually in my study during the posted office hours, but 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

In Praise of *UU World*

Last week's Sunday message was entitled simply "Goals." In August I set goals for myself for the coming year of ministry. At its fall retreat, your Board of Directors sets goals for the congregation. This was not just a nice exercise in planning for the future. Goals are important for many reasons. They set priorities, creating focus and clarity. In short, goals increase the likelihood of success.

One of my goals for this year is to focus the ministry on increasing our understanding and awareness of our Unitarian Universalist identity. To that end I have been paying closer attention to the UUA's excellent magazine, *UU World*. All UUCSC members receive a subscription copy to this publication. (If you are a member and have not received the magazine, please let Kathy Carland, our administrator, know.) Easy access is available online at www.uuworld.org, where you can peruse the current issue, browse archives and see timely articles on fresh UU news.

I know you are busy, so why make time to read *UU World*? That's easy. This one publication can be a great vehicle to inspire you about our faith. It has worked for me. Over and over again I find myself excited by the things I learn about our UU vision and mission. In the *World* I hear many diverse UU voices, I learn more about our theology, our history, the activities and personalities of our congregations and global activities of the UUA and individual UUs. In the "Ideas" section there are book reviews, theological essays, cultural trends, blog news and so much more. Each issue includes a glossy section for families with many family-friendly short articles (the current issue has ten), games, interesting fun facts, etc. This is a great way to bring our UU identity into your home.

Friends, I believe that this year will be the beginning of intentionally strengthening our UU identity as individuals and as a congregation. I am excited about the many ways in which this shift will affect our lives, how we relate to the larger world, and how we are known in the world. I commend the *UU World* to your attention. You can expect to hear a lot about it from me in the months to come. Enjoy . . . it's great reading!

Blessings, Peace and Love,

Betty

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 are Sarah Bell, Paulette Chamberas, Lindsey Crowninshield, Iris Donnelly, Val Follett, Lynda Wells and Rev. Betty.

Our purpose is to reach out to members and friends of UUCSC who would benefit from experiencing this proven process. The process takes about one hour. It is empowering and effective. The Caring Connection can refer people to the Wellness Team, or you can request a session yourself by contacting the Wellness Team Coordinator, Lynda Wells.



The President's Letter

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. Even through the lazy, hazy days of summer the UUCSC was very active with concerts, lay-led services and other activities. It's good to be back.

Rich Evans, a board Trustee and former President, resigned from the board. Rich is a past president of our congregation. As a trustee Rich worked tirelessly to help develop the "How Do I . . ." handbook and the Policy Handbook. He also was our liaison to the Social Justice Council, Publicity, and the webmaster. We are currently looking for someone to take his place.

The Board held a retreat on Saturday, September 17. It had been scheduled for August 27 but Hurricane Irene had other ideas. It was a beautiful fall day and the thought of spending it inside was not very appealing but at the end everyone felt that the retreat was very successful.

One of the issues discussed were the church finances. Over the com-

ing months, financial information will be disseminated using a variety of methods. There will also be congregational meetings to get input, and finally a plan will be developed to make sure our beloved congregation is on solid financial ground.



We are building a bridge to secure our future and are moving from a place of generous financial help to one in which we are self-sustaining. To kick this off, one hundred percent of the board members have made a financial commitment above and beyond their 2011-2012 pledges. This is the seed money to

keep the UUCSC light shining in South County. This year is our 20th anniversary and there is no better reminder that we need to be here for future generations.

We have a new office administrator! Her name is Kathy Carland and she is a resident of Narragansett. Kathy retired as the Director of the North Kingstown Senior Center. She has already had an immediate impact in many ways, and Reverend Betty now has more time to devote to her ministry.

You will be seeing notices in the newsletter and the order of worship seeking a Facilities Committee chair. This position is critical for the upkeep of our building. We are looking for a coordinator. You don't need to have a building background—we have a very talented committee of people who know construction and have maintenance skills.

Until next time,

Charlie Donnelly

Path to Membership classes begin October 16th

As we do twice a year, Rev. Betty and the Membership Committee will offer classes for those who want to learn more about our faith and especially for those considering joining the congregation.

The classes will be held after church from 11:30 to 12:30 on three Sunday mornings this Fall downstairs in the nursery. Please let us know if you will need child care.

If you are interested, please put this schedule on your refrigerator.

<p>Oct. 16 – History of Unitarian Universalism with Rev. Betty Kornitzer</p> <p>Oct. 30 – Theology of Unitarian Universalism with Rev. Betty Kornitzer</p> <p>Nov. 13 – The Workings of Our Congregation with the Membership</p>

If you are already a UU and planning to join at



this time, you don't need to attend the first two classes unless you want to, but the third class is very important to attend. The New Member ceremony, for those who decide to join,

will take place during the service on December 4.

– Val Follett & Barbara Pagh,
Membership Committee Co-Chairs

The Agape Fund allows the minister to confidentially assist members and friends of UUCSC with basic needs such as food and shelter. The fund is made up of contributions from the congregation at our Christmas Eve service each year. Please call Rev. Betty at her study (284-3321) if you'd like to talk confidentially about receiving assistance.



The Music Corner

by Mike Galib, Music Director

There are so many exciting musical events coming up at UUCSC, it's difficult to know where to start!

First, the music program will be holding a choral concert to benefit music at UUCSC on Saturday, November 19 at 8 p.m., featuring the UUCSC Choir as the "opening act," followed by a fantastic male octet of singers from around the state that I've selected to sing just for the event. It will largely feature a cappella works, with some other surprises thrown in. General admission is \$12 at the door. Check back in next month's newsletter for more detailed repertoire and program information, but start spreading the word! It's UUCSC's first foray into "classical" concerts. The Music Committee and I are very excited about this.

Second, starting immediately, I will be offering piano lessons at UUCSC on Thursday afternoons, with an emphasis on children and beginners, though anyone is welcome. We'll begin advertising outside the church shortly, but please share this information with anyone who might be interested. You're welcome to give out my contact information found in the directory to anyone wishing to contact me. Other information and a contact form can also be found at michaelgalibpianostudio.com.

Erratum: In last month's column I said that the hymn "There is More Love Somewhere" was one of Jason Shelton's arrangements, but Helene Gersuny pointed out the mistake (thanks, Helene). The other pieces attributed to him are correct.

Meet Kathy Carland, our new administrator

Kathy Carland now sits at the desk in our previously-unoccupied office, and she is a welcome and impressive addition to UUCSC's staff. She is pleased to be associated with a congregation that consists of "committed individuals with an amazing spirit" who are "vibrant" and "caring." She has made an effort, and so far an excellent one, to learn our names.

Kathy and her husband Woody, a social worker professionally and musician on the side, moved to Rhode Island in 1970 from Montclair, New Jersey. Their children Bethany and Forrest, now grown up, were born in Rhode Island.

In 1982, after a few years being a full-time mom, Kathy became a full-time Vista Volunteer with South Kingstown Seniors Helping Others, and in 1984 rose to be appointed Director of SK SHO. In 1994, she was chosen as Director of the North Kingstown Senior Center, then located at the "Old" Beechwood House, a post she



held for 16 years.

When she arrived in North Kingstown, she found the building inadequate to accommodate the number of people needing to be served. She led a campaign to make the community aware of the need not only for more space, but also for "a positive new image of a third age center for life enrichment." The culmination of this huge effort was the passing of a bond issue

that paid for the construction, under her supervision, of the splendid "New" Beechwood House. Having achieved that important goal, retirement from a total of 28 years of full-time community service seemed like a good idea. We are fortunate that she finds part-time work equally desirable now.

Kathy enjoys walking, reading, tai chi, swimming at the Y, and creating art work (water colors, pen and ink), but her greatest enthusiasm is for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) located at URI that offers a variety of academic enrichment courses at modest cost to those aged over 50 years. Seniors, take note!

The aim of her working life has always been to approach each task, not just for the moment, but as part of her vision of the future. She feels that being UUCSC's office administrator is consistent with that goal. She finds Rev. Betty "an amazing person" and is happy to make the minister's life easier.

— Helene Gersuny



MONEY MATTERS

The monthly column from the Finance Committee

As many of you may remember, we had thought about having pavers at our front entrance that could be engraved as a Memorial Walk. This project proved to be more difficult than we had anticipated and unfortunately had to be abandoned. The memorial had two main purposes: To honor family members, friends, spouses, teachers, etc., and to produce income for the Congregation. I am happy to report that we have found an alternative that will beautify our sanctuary.

If any of you have seen the Memorial Tree in South County Hospital, you have an idea of what will be installed in the church. We call it the "Tree of Life". The Tree is a very generous gift donated by Cindy & Jeff Berry and Virginia Carter.

It will "float" on the left wall between the two windows where we line up for Joys and Concerns each Sunday. There are 145 leaves that are attached to a piece of plexiglass. These leaves can be engraved and reinstalled easily. The trunk of the Tree is made of wood.

Once the Tree is in place, there will be a pamphlet with information for anyone who wishes to have a leaf engraved. We are asking for a donation of at least \$250 per leaf. Special birthdays, births, anniversaries, in memory of loved ones, weddings . . . anyone you would like to honor . . . all will be part of this Tree of Life.

Two of our skilled craftsmen have volunteered to install the Tree, for which we are very grateful! We'll let you know who they are in the Order of Worship once the Tree is up. (A bit of mystery to keep you interested.)

This Tree is a lovely piece of sculptured art that will enrich our sanctuary with those remembered on it. It will also be a wonderful new source of income for UUCSC.

Respectfully submitted,
Aline Couture, Finance Chair

Please refrain!

Several members and visitors of UUCSC are sensitive to fragrances, and some experience serious allergic reactions to fragrances worn by others during services. To ensure the comfort of everyone who attends services, we respectfully ask that you consider not wearing fragrances to Sunday services. Thank you for your consideration.

— Rev. Betty Kornitzer and the Committee on Ministry



Small Group Ministry at UUCSC

Small Group Ministry is a way for people to build connections within our growing congregation. The groups create an environment in which we can come together to talk about the significant events of our lives and about the ideas that engage us. Groups of six to ten people are inclusive, not exclusive. They are not therapy groups, affinity groups, or study groups.

When people are asked why they come to church, the most common reasons given are to be part of a religious community, for inspiration and intellectual stimulation, to meet people and to find support for their spiritual journey. Small Group Ministry fills these needs and seeks to ad-



dress the social isolation and superficiality so characteristic of modern life. It is a response to

the deep hunger in our hearts for real connection with each other and for spiritual exploration and growth.

The group covenants to meet regularly every two weeks for an hour and a half to two hours. Each meeting begins and ends with a reading. There is a brief check-in for members to say a little about what's new or important in their lives and there's a feedback time at the end of the discussion. The main part of the meeting is a discussion of a topic selected by the group from a wide range of sources. Examples include Aging, Change, Democracy, Forgiveness, Longing, and Perfection.

How do you join a Small Group? At UUCSC, new Small Groups form in October and February. An orientation workshop is held—the next one is on October 2 after the service—and you can sign up to join a group. You can join a Small Group at any other time by speaking to Rev. Betty Kornitzer, who will explain the program and assign you to a group.



Religious Education News and Events

By Debby Hedison, Director of Religious Education

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

"I offer you peace. I offer you love. I offer you friendship. I see your beauty. I hear your need. I feel your feelings. My wisdom flows from the Highest Source. I salute that Source in you. Let us work together for unity and love."

— Mohandas Gandhi

Dearest Friends,

As we begin our church year together the beautiful words of Gandhi ring true in my heart: "Let us work for unity and love." What better gift could we possibly give to our children and youth? Please join in our program this year, in whatever capacity suits you, to create programming that supports the creation of unity and love.

We still need folks in the classrooms. We would love to have more advisers and assistants for both youth groups. We have a list of items we would love to have donated to RE. Please see the list below to see how you can support our church future!

Important Information:

October 30th will be an intergenerational service featuring our cast of famous Unitarian Universalists. These folks have been visiting all the classrooms this Fall to teach the children about a few of our famous ancestors. This service should prove to be both fun and educational for all.

November 13th will be a celebration of gospel music! There will be Sunday School downstairs but parents may wish to allow their child to be upstairs for the whole service to enjoy the music. I leave the choice up to you!

My office hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please always know I am available at any time for your communication!

Namaste!

Teaching Opportunities:

Session 2 (Nov. 6 - Dec. 18) - We need one teacher in K-2nd grade and two in the 3rd-5th grade classroom.

Session 3 (Jan. 1- Feb. 26) - We need two teachers in the 3rd-5th grade classroom.

Session 4 (March 4 - April 29) - We need two teachers in K-2nd grade, one teacher in the 3rd-5th grade and one teacher in the 6th-8th grade classroom.

Session 5 (May 6 - June 10) - We need two teachers in K-2nd grade and one teacher in the 6th-8th grade classroom.

R.E. WISH LIST

- * Kids' step stool (to reach the sink)
- * CD player
- * Iron & table top ironing board
- * Hand sanitizer
- * Costume items
- * Wooden bookshelf

- * Music CDs (all ages)
- * Bean bag chairs
- * Fabric table cloths
- * Clocks
- * Puppets
- * Large wicker baskets

Social Justice Council: Sample our interests and to explore your passions

The Social Justice Council will meet on Wednesday, October 12 at 7 p.m. Please attend to sample our interests and to explore your interests and passions. We will reformulate its directions for the future, based on the UU theology outlined in the September 25 sermon and open forum. The meeting is intended to draw new interest and passions.

The first 30 minutes will be the continued discussion:

- How do we become UUs who work for justice, not just in Arizona but wherever witness is required?
- How do we organize ourselves, since organizing is imperative if we act as a denomination and a religion for our time?

The second 30 minutes will be to outline and explain present Social Justice Council activities and functions:

- relate to Board of Directors
- UUCSC strategic plan
- long-term planning/coordination of planning and program schedules
- financial reporting
- Share the Plate recommendation to Board
- maintain contacts with UUA, UUSC, SSL and other UUs
- WITNESS as appropriate
- monitor program growth/effectiveness



- suggest additions and changes for greater impact on our culture
- ad hoc committee on Phoenix trip?
- relate all the above back to Strategic Plan and Board

Presently identified as Standing on the Side of Love activities:

- same sex marriage
- immigration?
- support Muslim connection of Common Ground
- Welcome House monthly meal, annual walk
- Amnesty International, fair trade coffee

Green Sanctuary activities:

- organize and write up proposal to Board
- write up report and submission to Green Sanctuary UUA
- coordinate/monitor program elements
 - Annual local food potluck/recruit
 - Interfaith Power and Light collaboration
 - Use/teach/program "ethical eating"
 - Plan and program Green RE
 - Carry our Green movie schedule /recruit

Common Ground activities

- Common Ground service

- develop program cooperatively with Muslim community
- program activities on racism

The third 30 minutes will be an effort to put all the plans together in what will invite ever-increasing participation from the congregation. It will also include planning the Share the Plate recipient organizations through February.

The meeting will end at 9:30 p.m. Further meetings during the year will be bi-monthly and include only those willing to serve as leaders. – *John Glasheen*



UUCSC Book and Bake Sale

Saturday, October 22 at 9 a.m.

We need your donations! We will take adult and childrens' books, 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 Berry or Charlotte MacLean to donate baked goods for our sale. We plan to sell individual items such as cookies and brownies to go with the coffee, as well as plates of cookies, brownies and bars, cakes, muffins, bread, or whatever your favorite baked item is.

We would like a few volunteers to help us set up on Friday, October 21, in the evening and to help take down after the book sale is over.

Please invite your friends!

Call or speak to Cindy Berry
or Virginia Carter for more information.

"Keep the Light Shining"

The Board of Directors has set up a special fund called "Keep the light shining at the UUCSC" to fund our future. We agreed on this as one of the ways to close the gap in our income when the Limited Time Trust runs out in a couple of years. More details will follow.

The board wants to show we are "on board," so we are contributing as a group to get things started. We have pledges of \$2,600, with more to come from each Board member. I am optimistic that we will get this started with at least \$3000. – Will Bender

On Sunday, September 11, the tenth anniversary of 9/11, 113 congregants attending the UUCSC Peace Communion signed the Charter for Compassion (<http://charterforcompassion.org/site/>), drafted by Karen Armstrong, our Ware Lecturer at the 2011 UUA General Assembly. Here is a copy. Please read it again and honor it. It is important. Thank you. – Rev. Betty Kornitzer

The Charter for Compassion

The principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the centre of our world and put another there, and to honour the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect.

It is also necessary in both public and private life to refrain consistently and empathically from inflicting pain. To act or speak violently out of spite, chauvinism, or self-interest, to impoverish, exploit or deny basic rights to anybody, and to incite hatred by denigrating others—even our enemies—is a denial of our common humanity. We acknowledge that we have failed to live compassionately and that some have even increased the sum of human misery in the name of religion.

We therefore call upon all men and women ~ to restore compassion to the centre of morality and religion ~ to return to the ancient principle that any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate ~ to ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions and cultures ~ to encourage a positive appreciation of cultural and religious diversity ~ to cultivate an informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings—even those regarded as enemies.

We urgently need to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment, and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community.

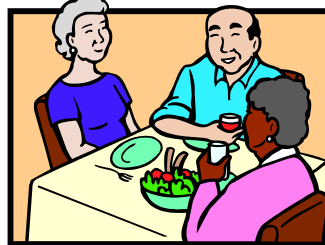
Treat Yourself at Dining for Dollars

Twice a year, UUCSC holds a fundraising auction that offers participants an opportunity to bid for places at some spectacular dining events. This year our fall auction will take place after services on two Sundays in October, for events scheduled for the fall and winter months—just when we all need a respite from the increasing cold!

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, October 9th and Sunday, October 16th. Bidding will begin in the sanctuary after the service on the 9th and close at 1 p.m. on the 16th. Bidding books will be available so you can peruse the offerings a week before the auction begins. You don't have to be present to place a bid—that can be done by e-mail or phone—but bids cannot be entered until the auction begins on October 9th. This year we have some new events and some

repeats. Those of you who have won spots in the past know that some events sell out fast!

This is a wonderful way to help our congregation raise funds and for individuals to get to know members of the congregation in a more intimate and personal way while enjoying some type of culinary delight!



Please make plans to participate. Remember, most of us have too many “things” in our lives and a place at the table of some delightful event is a great way to remember a birthday, anniversary or special day in someone’s life. And, of course, it’s also a great way to treat yourself!

– Nancy Rose

News from the Lily Pads Condo Association

As many of you know, our building is one of the 5 units of the Lily Pad Professional Condominium Association. Based on the size of our building, UUCSC is responsible for approximately 32.5% of the Association's expenses and, in any matter requiring a vote, casts 32.5% of all the votes. The other four units are owned by Bob O'Neill and Bob DonFrancesco through their respective companies. Each unit owner also owns an undivided interest the "common elements" such as the grounds and parking lot.

The Association is undertaking several projects to protect and improve our grounds.

•Removal of the Norway Maple tree in front of our building

More than a year ago, members of the Condo Board walked the property with Brian Maynard to obtain his expert advice on trimming and/or removing certain trees and shrubs. He recommended removal of the large Norway Maple that stands between the left of our building and the right of Unit C where the Education Exchange is located. According to Brian, a Norway Maple is not the right tree for that location. It has an aggressive root system that could damage the foundation of our building and Unit C. Also, because it is so large, the tree overhangs the roofs of both units, which is not good for the roof shingles, and it creates heavy shade, preventing good growth of grass and shrubs. The Association has been saving for this project and plans to have the tree taken down in the next few weeks.

•Repair of the pothole in the north driveway

The Association plans to regrade and repair the pothole at the end of the north driveway that we use to exit to North Road, where water collects and freezes, causing a dangerous icing condition in the winter.

•Plans for the coming winter

The Association is purchasing one ton of ice melt, which will be stored in covered barrels placed strategically around the property and in the garage (that is Unit E). The Association is hiring someone with a truck to sand the parking lot when necessary.

Finally, Bob DonFrancesco, the owner of Unit A (the unit to the south of our building), has make repairs to his roof to prevent water leaking into our lobby. Thanks to Ed Burrell for working with Bob on this. Bob will be keeping an eye on the situation.

– Jean E. Burke, UUCSC Condo Board Representative



Newcomer Potluck Dinner

A Newcomer Potluck Dinner will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 8 at the home of Rev. Betty Kornitzer in Narragansett.

Sponsored by the Membership Committee, this event is for all those who consider themselves newcomers, or those who would just like an opportunity to meet others in our congregation in a smaller setting, to share good food and good company.

Please bring a dish you like to make and join the fun. Printed invitations and directions to Betty's home are available from the Membership Committee on Sunday mornings. Hope to see you on October 8!
– Val Follett

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The Worship Committee encourages all to take note of the Comment Box located on the little table to the left of the sanctuary entrance. Your contributions are welcome, but only signed comments will receive our attention.

Discuss UU World

The UU World discussion group will meet on Tuesday, October 18 at 7 p.m.

Continuing its last year schedule, an ad hoc group will meet to discuss the articles in the current UU World (Vol. XXV No. 3, Fall 2011). The structure is informal; participants will outline those articles of greatest interest and discuss the basis of that interest as well as its potential meaning for this congregation and the UUA.

Given that the 2012 General Assembly in Phoenix will be held as a Justice Assembly, there may be issues of structure raised in the year's UU World of special interest.

All members should receive copies of the magazine; others may borrow copies from members or from the Membership Committee. Any questions, contact John Glasheen.



Sociable Singing

The UUSCS Sociable Singing group has started to meet again, on the first Sunday of the month right after Coffee Hour. We gather in the sanctuary from about noon to 1 p.m. to play and sing folk songs and popular tunes—strictly for the fun of it. All are invited. Bring musical instruments and song suggestions. We recommend the book "Rise Up Singing" as a good source of song lyrics. If you have a song not found in the book that you would especially like to sing, please bring about ten copies of the lyrics to pass around, and be prepared to lead the group!

The next sessions are October 2 and November 6. Check the online UUCSC calendar for last minute scheduling changes (<http://www.uusouthcountyri.org/calendar.-html>). Any questions? Contact Harry Buffum

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We are responsible for preparing the evening meal for Welcome House on Wednesday, October 12. Will you help? Sign up after church or call Gerre Alderwick.

Music at Lily Pads

Music at Lily Pads now has a website with our concert schedule. Visit www.musicatlilypads.org for the latest information about upcoming events. We will be adding content, including video links to clips from past shows. Speaking of video, we now have a YouTube channel! Visit <http://www.youtube.com/user/lilypadsmusic> to see videos of our shows, and subscribe to get word of new videos we upload.

Friday, October 7th at 7:30 p.m.

Joy Kills Sorrow and Annalivia

Joy Kills Sorrow is an incredible group of young musicians who create songs of intricate beauty fusing bluegrass, jazz, swing and pop in a completely unique way. Their new disc, "This Unknown Science," just released on September 13th, is their latest masterpiece. It equals or surpasses their last brilliant release, "Darkness Sure Becomes this City." Check them out at www.joykillsorrow.com.

One of the best of the Boston-area "new traditional" bands, Annalivia breathes new life into traditional Celtic, Cape Breton and Appalachian tunes. The group performs originals of beauty and invention. Twin fiddles, fingerstyle guitar, gorgeous vocals . . . need we say more? Visit www.annaliviamusic.com.

Tickets are \$15 advance, and are now on sale at Sweet Cakes Bakery, the Alternative Food Co-op and Looney Tunes II and online at Brown Paper Tickets. Buy early and often!

On Saturday, October 22, Music at Lily Pads presents a special songwriter showcase featuring Marc Douglass Berardo, Lara Herscovitch, Johnstone & Wolcott, Joanne Lurgio, and Billy Mitchell (Performing Host). Tickets are \$7 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the music starts at 7:30 p.m. Coming shows:

November 5 - Ellis Paul and Peyton Tochtermann • December 2 - Hoots and Hellmouth and Fly Around • January 7 - Jayme Stone and Travellin' Light • April 6 - Red Molly and Mark Erelli • May 5 - Bruce Molsky and The Honey Dewdrops

Thanks for supporting fine music at UUCSC!



Samhain Ritual on Saturday, October 29

The festival of Samhain (pronounced *sa win*), one of the cross-quarter days on the Celtic calendar, marked the beginning of the dark half of the year, when ancient Gaelic peoples in Ireland, France, Scotland and Wales lit bonfires and honored departed souls. Both Samhain and the later Christian celebration of All Souls' Day influenced modern Halloween traditions. But as a modern neo-pagan ritual, Samhain is very different from the fun and crazy night of costumes and candy that most of us experience. Samhain focuses on the memory, celebration and acknowledgment of the dead, and the turning of the wheel of the

year.

On Saturday, October 29, we will have an opportunity to explore this ancient rite practiced by a slowly re-emerging faith.



The Samhain ritual will include meditations on the coming of winter and on those who have gone before us—loved ones and distant ancestors.

Please note that the prayer ceremony itself will involve a lot of silent meditation, content that could be upsetting to children,

and quiet reflection in a darkened church building. It is strongly recommended that children under the age of eleven not attend.

The ritual will begin at 5 p.m., but there is no set ending time before 8 p.m. Participants are asked to tell the officiant if they wish to leave at any time.

Volunteers are needed to participate in the ritual and for pre-ritual set-up and post-ritual clean-up. First-timers are welcome.

Please contact Laura Geoghegan Kellner to volunteer or for more information.

— Laura Geoghegan Kellner

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*“There must be quite a few things a hot bath won't cure,
but I don't know many of them.”*

– Sylvia Plath (1932- 1963)

Born 79 years ago this month, Sylvia Plath was the first poet to win a posthumous Pulitzer Prize. She attended the Unitarian Universalist church in Wellesley Hills, Mass., where her mother taught Sunday School.