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September Services



September 11 Peace Communion

A Family-friendly Intergenerational Service

To commemorate the 10th Anniversary of 9/11, our Annual Water Communion Sunday will be devoted to seeking, creating and being Peace. We will pour our waters into the communal bowl as a symbol of universal oneness and peace.

Remember to bring water to the service.

September 18

Setting Goals as a Spiritual Practice – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

Setting personal and community goals can be an empowering and clarifying practice, allowing us to take responsibility for our lives and our actions.

September 25

Getting Religion As Unitarian Universalists: Reflections on General Assembly 2011

– *Rev. Betty Kornitzer, John Glasheen & Larry Kelland*

At General Assembly, Rev. Galen Guengerich of All Souls Church in New York said, “The liberal tradition in theology insists that religion is not mainly a set of beliefs; it is a way of life.” We will explore what it means to be a UU who has “got religion.”

Congregational Forum 11:30 -12:30: What is Our UU Identity: UU Theology from GA 2011

October 2

Being Community as Unitarian Universalists – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

This morning we will focus on human connection as a powerful tool in all aspects of community life. *After the service, the UUCSC Small Group Ministry facilitators will lead a practice Small Group session for those who are interested in learning about Small Group Ministry. Sign up for a Small Group will be available.*



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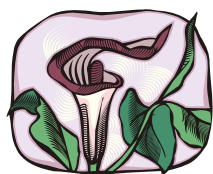
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*A note about office hours: I am usually in my study during the posted office hours, but other
scheduled activities sometimes call me away. If you'd like to stop by, it's a good idea to call the
minister's study phone (284-3321) to confirm that I am in. I am also available at many other times
by appointment.*



The Minister's Message

By Rev. Betty Kornitzer

“A Peace Communion on September 11? What about a Water Communion?”

September 11 is our ingathering Sunday service. At UUCSC, ingathering is almost synonymous with Water Communion Sunday. As in past years, we've all been gathering water from various summer outings to share on “opening day.” This year, however, is a little different. This year September 11th marks the 10th anniversary of 9/11, a day that changed the way we live and move and have our being in the world.

I believe it is important for UUCSC to find a distinctively Unitarian Universalist way to recognize and honor this important anniversary. The late Unitarian Universalist minister Rev. Forrest Church edited a book responding to the terror of 9/11 called *Restoring Faith: America's Religious Leaders Answer Terror With Hope*. I believe the truest hope for our world lies in creating peace. Hence I have decided that on 9/11/11, we will celebrate a “Peace Communion” at our ingathering service. This will be a positive and uplifting time. Bring your water, please. We will mingle our waters as part of our Peace Communion. This is an *intergenerational* service, and we've planned it be family friendly, with special roles for the children.

Peace and compassion are vital UU principles, as expressed in the Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking, ratified at the 2010 UUA General Assembly. The Statement affirms our belief in the transforming power of Love. It reads in part:

We believe all people share a moral responsibility to create peace. Mindful of both our rich heritage and our past failures to prevent war, and enriched by our present diversity of experience and perspective, we commit ourselves to a radically inclusive and transformative approach to peace. Our commitment to creating peace calls us to the work of peace building, peacemaking and peacekeeping.

While rituals such as Water Communion are a vital part of congregational life, we are also called to respond to evens in the wider community. After the service, all will be invited to sign a Charter of Compassion as a way of Peace Making. Our Universalist faith in the oneness of the whole human family teaches us that peace is necessary; our Unitarian faith in the sacred potential of each person teaches us that peace is possible. Our Peace Communion affirms our theological roots. I hope you will join us.

Blessings, Peace and Love,

Betty

We now have an office manager!

In June, the Personnel Committee was charged with hiring the church's first office manager. We are happy to report that Kathleen Carland, a Narragansett resident and former Director of Senior and Human Services for the Town of North Kingstown, has been hired to fill this position and began work on August 24th.

The office is now staffed Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please stop by and introduce yourself to Kathleen. She looks forward to meeting members of the congregation and working with us as we move into another exciting year in the life of our congregation.

A special thanks goes out to members of the selection committee—Sandy Ketrow, Mary Finnegan, Nancy Rose, Charlie Donnelly, Betty Kornitzer, and Carolyn Hurdis.

Our relationship with Welcome House

The UUCSC has had a long relationship with Welcome House, South Kingstown's homeless shelter and our neighbor in Peace Dale. We have shared the contributions in our collection plate, we have raised money in the annual Good Friday Walk for Shelter, and we have collected and distributed tooth brushes, toothpaste, and other personal care items to Welcome House residents.



For a number of years, we also have been one of the local congregations who prepare a monthly meal for Welcome House. On the second Wednesday of each month, we provide a salad, an entree, and a dessert for twenty people. Members and friends sign up

to take responsibility for all or part of a meal. Sometimes two families get together and prepare it. Our youth groups also have cooked the meal and delivered it. Those of us with limited cooking skills have delivered the ingredients to Welcome House and the residents have prepared the meal. It's up to you to choose what works for you. We do ask that you make sure the meal arrives at Welcome House by 5 p.m.

The dates for the rest of 2011 are Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the sheet in the Community Room. For questions about this project, please contact Gerre Alderwick. — Gerre Alderwick

A Note from Winnie Bennis

My thanks to all of you who sent cards and notes to me on my 90th birthday. I love you all.

— Winnie

Autumn Plant Sale is September 25th

UUCSC's autumn plant sale, our very popular fun(d)raiser, will take place before and after the Sunday service on September 25th.

Gardeners are requested to look around the yard and see what needs to be thinned and shared at that time. Cuttings from leggy house plants can be potted now for others to enjoy. Need pots? Want to help that day? Call Helene Gersuny.



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 will continue offering pastoral care; the lay team will supplement 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. The PAT is different from the Caring Connection, chaired by Judi Marcy, which offers support and provides meals, rides to church, and other help.

Members of the Lay Pastoral Associates Team are Cindy Berry, Val Follett, Penny Hall, Pat O'Reilly and Lynda Wells. Call Rev. Betty (284-3321) with your pastoral concerns. She will speak with you and make a referral to the PAT when appropriate.



The Music Corner

by Mike Galib, Music Director

Considering I didn't get to see any of you this summer, I managed to get in a solid, healthy dose of Unitarian Universalism on several stops along the way. I first stopped by the local UU church in Middlebury, Vermont, to see what the hullabaloo was all about. There was the standard chalice lighting, a wonderful guest minister speaking on Buddhist traditions, and a warm sense of community.

Next was the Washington D.C. All Souls megachurch. Well, not quite mega, but being located in the heart of the nation's capital, it certainly appeared as such to a music director from Peace Dale, Rhode Island. It was a vibrant community, with an absolutely wonderful music program, complete with an organ prelude, a summer choir to serenade us with a gospel piece written by our recent guest musician, Jeannie Gagné, and some very entertaining music which you'll likely be hearing in short order at UUCSC. I coincidentally found myself sitting next to a recent Brown graduate who had just moved down there, and a plenteous assortment of young gay couples was simply wonderful to witness as our state goes through its own travails to achieve marriage equality.

The final stop was Nashville, Tennessee, where, in

the parking lot of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville, my two friends and I were quickly targeted as the obvious newcomers in this tightknit community, and a grand tour we were given. Delighted was everyone when word was passed of my Unitarian musical involvement up north, and even more delighted was I to meet Jason Shelton, the music director at the church, whom many of you know on account of singing along at UUCSC every week. He's written several pieces in the teal hymnal that have become staples across the country, including 'Standing of the Side of Love,' 'The Fire of Commitment,' and 'There is More Love Somewhere.' Their pianist had the week off, so he slipped me a note during the service to see if I wanted to play alongside him on guitar, or if I just wanted to "sit put and be on vacation." I opted for the former, and we joined together for hymn 1021, 'Lean On Me,' to finish up the service.

I hope y'all are as excited as I uhm to get the choir back to Sunday mornin' services (I may or may not have picked up a slight Southern drawl while down in Nashville) so we can do all this wonderful music together. The Music Committee has some treats up its sleeve for the fall, and it'll be great to let the sweet June days melt into the autumn leaves and rejoin everyone once again.

Will you host a Dining for Dollar\$ dinner?

It's time to start thinking about our Fall-Winter edition of Dining For Dollars, our major fun & fundraising event at UUCSC. For those of you new to our congregation, this event allows folks to bid on places at the table for some great gastronomic events. The Fall-Winter auction will take place mid-October, so I need to hear from folks who would be willing to serve as hosts.

Consider hosting a pizza and movie night, a day trip to a favorite location with deli sandwiches, a dinner for some new friends with Thai take-out, or getting together with a friend to host an evening with comfort food cuisine. How about a chocolate lovers' movie night or a murder mystery game night? Is poker your game? Why not host a poker night with dinner buffet and snacks? For vegetarians, how about hosting a gourmet vegetarian extravaganza?

Just use your imagination and plan an event. If you'd love to participate but you're not sure how, contact me immediately—time is running out! You must act right away to be included in this great way to have your cake and eat it too! – Nancy Rose





MONEY MATTERS

The monthly column from the Finance Committee

Because I am a former teacher, September always feels like the beginning of a new year to me. This is true for our Finance Committee as well. We are looking at our financial situation with fresh eyes and great enthusiasm.

As you heard at the annual congregational meeting this past June, we face a challenging financial picture. This wonderful new home of ours has a few major repairs that must be attended to this year. The cost to us will be in the vicinity of \$20,000. In order to pay for the work, we are dipping into the Land & Building Fund. This fund has been providing the income necessary to balance our budget at the end of each fiscal year. In addition to the Land & Building Fund, we also have a trust fund started with a \$75,000 gift we received in 2007. Both these funds have provided the limited time income necessary for our operating expenses since we bought the building. They are exactly that—*limited time* income sources. The trust fund runs out in two years. With our added expense for repairs this year, we estimate that we will use the balance of the Land & Building Fund by June of 2013.

So we have this coming year, until June 2013, to develop and implement a plan to increase income to cover our costs without the use of these two supplemental funds. It will be a challenge, but this Congregation has always been up for a challenge—all we have to hear is, “It can’t be done.” We have proved the experts wrong every time. This is another of these moments to shine and to change the direction toward fiscal health.

Both the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee will be working together during the coming months to arrive at a viable plan. We do this together. We all will have a part in the solution. Everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
Aline Couture, Finance Chair

The Caring Connection

The Caring Connection will meet on Thursday, September 22 at 10:15 a.m. at Lily Pads.

We lend a helping hand to members and friends of the congregation who need temporary assistance with life's little tasks. We welcome to new members. If you would like to know more about what the Caring Connection does, please get in touch with Judi Marcy.



Green Sanctuary team news

The UUCSC Green Sanctuary project is moving forward! We now have canvas bags and mugs featuring our logo available for purchase. Bags are \$20, mugs are \$10. They will be available after services. Speak to a Green Task Force member. Support the Green Sanctuary and show your pride in the green ambitions of UUCSC.



On September 17, the Green Task Force and Green Sanctuary teams are hosting a Fall Harvest and Local Food Banquet. The fun begins at 6 p.m. Bring a home-made main dish, side dish, dessert, or beverage (no alcohol, please). We are hoping for a little live music, so bring an instrument, a tune and your sweet birdlike voice, as there just could be a microphone or two. Upon hearing about the event, an enthusiastic local posted this on Facebook: “Hurray for local foods celebrations! We'll be there ready to indulge in decadent delicious delicacies of harvest excellence.”

With October comes an Environmental Film Series, curated by Iris Donnelly and the Green Task Force. Mark your calendars. The three films are:

Oct. 14 – *Carbon Nation*

Oct. 28 – *Total Denial*

Nov. 4 – *The Power of Community*

Descriptions of these films will be sent out by e-mail. There are trailers on YouTube. Discussions will follow the screenings. Hope to see you there.

– David Floyd



Religious Education News and Events

By Debby Hedison, Director of Religious Education

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

Aloha! I hope everyone is having a beautiful summer.

Maybe the last thing on your mind is September and religious education programming, but I am in full swing planning and scheduling. Families will soon be receiving a packet from me containing a registration form, a copy of our behavioral guidelines, the 2011-12 RE brochure, youth group literature, photo release form, and a sign-up listing of all the classes offered for the year. I ask that all children and youth be registered this year by October 15 to insure a safe experience. *Note: If you are not a parent in our program but would like to be on this mailing list, please contact me at Debbymay@verizon.net or call at 401-884-6657.*

Volunteering for RE isn't just for parents of the children! We welcome everyone to participate and enjoy spending time with our wonderful children and youth. Below is our calendar for this year and a website to visit showing the curricula we have chosen.

Can't wait to see everyone!

Namaste,
Debby

Sunday School Curricula & Calendar 2011-2012

A New Unitarian Universalist Online Lifespan Curriculum: Tapestry of Faith is a new series of programs and resources for all ages that nurture Unitarian Universalist identity, spiritual growth, a transforming faith, and vital communities of justice and love. These resources are being developed out of a broad series of conversations that articulated a future direction for Unitarian Universalist religious growth and learning and denomination-wide focus groups that helped shape a program that would offer a variety of resources—downloadable, printed, viewable, interactive, and more—a religious growth and learning program for the twenty-first century. Go to: <http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith>

Curricula

Early Elementary (K-2): Moral Tales
Upper Elementary (3-5): Toolbox of Faith
Junior Youth (6-8): Heeding the Call

Calendar

Sept. 18 – Ingathering of all teachers for the year to meet and covenant with the classes

SESSION 1

Sept. 25 - Oct. 23: Famous UUs (a special program created by the RE Committee)

Oct. 30 - Costume Intergenerational Service

SESSION 2

Nov. 6 - Nov. 13: Community Service Project

Nov. 20 - Thanksgiving Intergenerational Service

Nov. 27 - Dec. 11 - Classes

Dec. 18 - Holiday Intergenerational Service

SESSION 3

Jan. 1 - Feb. 26

SESSION 4

March 4 - April 29

April 8 - Easter Intergenerational Service

SESSION 5

May 6 - June 24

June 17 - Flower Communion Intergenerational Service

Welcome House needs our help

Because of limited attendance at our Social Justice Council meeting on August 16, most of the planned discussion was deferred to the next meeting on Wednesday, October 12.

We did decide that Welcome House should receive the proceeds from the Share the Plate program in September because of the their financial crisis. We received this message from Clay Berry, Welcome House Board President:

With all my heart I wish it didn't have to come to this, but I am writing to make an emergency plea for help. Welcome House of South County is facing a short-term financial crisis that could do serious harm to the agency. . . The long term financial picture for the agency actually looks rather good. However, both state and federal funds have been delayed and private donations have been down for a while. With the economy in such poor condition, and with the costs of maintaining the agency always on the rise, a perfect storm of sorts has hit the agency . . . Your support for the work we do in this community has been invaluable in the past, and critical now. Please consider making an emergency donation so that the work we can continue unhindered.

Linda Barden, Welcome House director, told us she prefers to receive help in September. So that is our recommendation.

— John Glasheen

Small Group Ministry at UUCSC

Come to the October 2nd Sunday service and attend the sample Small Group workshop after the service.

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 between six and 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 address 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.

How does Small Group Ministry work? Groups of six to ten people covenant 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” at the beginning during which participants can 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 choices. Some recent topics include aging, approval, atheism, caring, change, democracy, forgiveness, friendship, ‘Is anything sacred?’, living simply, longing, and perfection.

How do you join a Small Group? We form new Small Groups in October and February. At those times there is an orientation workshop (this year it's October 2) for interested congregants, and an opportunity to sign up to join a group. You can join a Small Group at any time by speaking with Rev. Betty Kornitzer, who will explain the program and assign you to a group. Call her at 284-3321, the minister’s study, to make arrangements.

Thinking about our UU identity in theological terms and reflecting on the 2011 General Assembly

Larry Kelland gave us a good report on the 2011 UUA General Assembly in the July-August issue of *The South County Unitarian Universalist*. I would like to emphasize newer directions and policies that may challenge and inspire our congregational culture.

Before the 2010 General Assembly, the UUA Trustees decided as a protest of Arizona's anti-illegal immigration law to join the boycott of Arizona and move the 2012 GA away from Phoenix, where it had been scheduled to take place. But newly-elected UUA President Rev. Peter Morales inspired and persuaded the delegates to go to Phoenix and conduct a "Protest General Assembly," collaborating with local groups to discuss and act on immigration, racial, and economic justice issues.

At the 2011 General Assembly, the theme continued to be change, on both the national and the congregational levels. At his workshop, Rev. Morales invoked three imperatives:

We must get religion; we must practice commonality, not just spiri-

tuality.

We must trust our leaders as acts of love.

We must cross borders of class and culture.



Other speakers repeated these themes. Rev. Galen Guengerich said, "Our purpose is to awaken our sense of the sacred and renew our resolve to transform ourselves and our world. The liberal tradition in theology insists that religion is not mainly a set of beliefs; it is a way of life. Religion is the collection of external forms that constitute this way of life: sacred spaces where we find refuge, music to gladden our spirit, stories to restore our courage, symbols to remind us of commitments we have made and daily rituals that renew our resolve. In this sense, if we are to be truly spiritual as individuals, we must become reli-

gious."

Professor Karen Armstrong, presenting the annual Ware Lecture, said, "And yet it seems to me quite clear that unless we now learn to implement the Golden Rule globally so that we treat all peoples, all nations, as we would wish to be treated ourselves, we're not going to have a viable world. This is the task of our time, to build a global community where people of all persuasions can live together in harmony and respect."

To emphasize the importance of this theme, Rev. Betty Kornitzer plans a collaborative sermon on General Assembly for September 25. A forum called "What is our UU identity: UU Theology from GA 2011," immediately after the service from 11:30 to 12:30, will reinforce that effort. Some reading material related to the topic will be distributed to everyone in the congregation before September 25.

This is an exciting opportunity to share thinking about our UU identity in theological terms!

— John Glasheen

Need a little help from your friends?

The Agape Fund allows the minister to confidentially assist members and friends of UUCSC with basic sustenance needs such as food and shelter. The fund is collected from the congregation's generous contributions at our Christmas Eve service each year. It is available to those who could use a little help from their friends to meet their basic needs.

Please call Betty at her study (284-3321) if you'd like to talk confidentially about receiving assistance from the Agape Fund.



The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on Monday, September 26th. The book selection is a biography of Frederick Law Olmsted, *Genius of Place*, by Justin Martin. Olmsted, the landscape architect whose most famous creation is New York's Central Park, was a Unitarian. For further information, please call Helene Gersuny. All are welcome.

One Year On: Reflections on ‘Music at Lily Pads’

Our September 10th concert marks the one-year anniversary of the Music at Lily Pads concert series. It seems a good time to look at the series evolution, direction, and how its objectives relate to UUCSC’s mission.

Last year, in a brainstorming session after service, several people shared ideas about how the church might increase revenues during these tenuous times. We discussed using the sanctuary as other Unitarian congregations use theirs, for special concerts and other coffeehouse programs. The idea of using the sanctuary as a performance space was not new, as Harry Buffum and Nick Smith already had been producing marvelous local events at Lily Pads and at UUCSC’s former residence. What was new was the idea of bringing in national talent, and continuing with innovative local programs. We contacted various national booking agencies, and tested the waters with a Rhode Island-based show featuring Brown Bird and Fly Around. Everyone had a great time, and we learned a lot. We bought used PA equipment and presented our first show featuring out-of-state talent, Anais Mitchell and Horse Feathers, in November.

Our successes include the sellout show with The Low Anthem and Joe Fletcher in January, our wonderful local shows with Nick Smith and The Repercussions, and our potluck dinner concerts with Saddle Up the Chicken, the KC Moaners, and Jim Page and Joyce Katzberg. The latter represented a great collaboration between the Social Events committee and Common Ground. Red Molly in April was a very special night. Many members and friends of UUCSC attend this event. Vance Gilbert in June was a great evening artistically, but was not exactly a box-office smash. Finally, our children’s concert in August with Justin Roberts was our first attempt at working with local business underwriting and the distribution of free tickets to the Jonnycake Center and South County Community Action. It was another amazing night, with more than one hundred children and parents in attendance. Debby Hedison played a huge part in making this event the success that it was, along with tireless volunteers and committee members like Lisa McHenry and Tina Toomey.

Our Social Events committee is extremely dedi-

cated. It would be impossible to produce these shows without the help of Tina, Lisa, Eileen DeMaio, Pete Burton, Gabrielle Torphy, Elise Bender and Keith Ward. Harry and Ali Buffum leave the committee now after many years of service, but will remain “friends of the Social Events Committee.” We can’t thank them enough for everything they’ve done and continue to do

for UUCSC. And thanks to our dear friend Myron Waldman for his ideas and guidance.

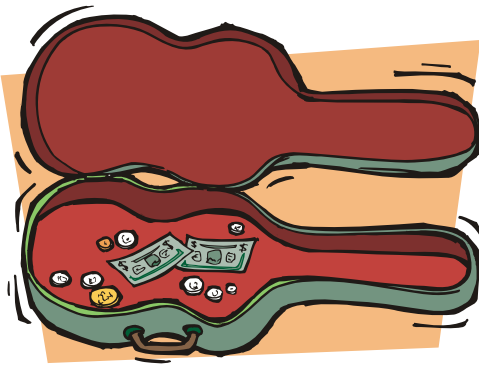
This year, we have incredible shows lined up for every month beginning in September, with three bookings already for next year. The Narragansett Times had a very positive article about the series, and we were mentioned recently on the South Kingstown Patch website. Artists continually

remark about how special our sanctuary is as a performance space, and our audiences rave about the concert experiences we are offering, the intimacy of the space, the acoustics, the genuine community feeling that is present on concert nights.

All this being said, it is a consistent fact that UUCSC members don’t turn out in force for these concerts. This has always surprised us, as this is a project created by members to raise revenue for UUCSC, as well as an outreach to the community. We felt that if we offer diverse, superior events in our beloved space, members and friends would support the series and help to turn “break-even” shows into shows that generate modest revenue. While it is a great privilege for us to produce these concerts in our very own sanctuary, the work involved is substantial. It is not exaggerating to say that the support of the membership is important to the success of this series. So even if the artists we are offering are unfamiliar to you, our high standards should be obvious by now. Please support UUCSC and this series with your attendance at one—or many—of these concerts, and tell your friends and family. This will make it possible for us to continue creating a unique and wonderful performance venue which, if you hadn’t noticed, was something entirely lacking in our area. We are also always looking for new volunteers and committee members.

Thanks to those of you who continue to support us, and we look forward to seeing all of you at a show sometime soon.

– David Floyd for the Social Events Committee



Antje Duvekot and Hanneke Cassel appear on September 10th

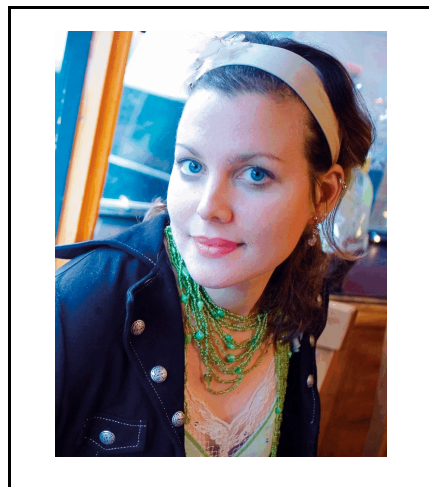
The latest show in our Music at Lily Pads series features an acclaimed singer-songwriter and a show-stopping fiddle player on the same bill.

Antje Duvekot has won some of the top songwriting awards, including the grand prize in the John Lennon Songwriting Competition, the prestigious Kerrville, Texas “Best New Folk Award,” and the Boston Music Award for “Outstanding Folk Act.”

Neil Dorfsman, the producer of Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and Sting, says, “When I first heard Antje I knew I was witnessing something very special. She creates an entire detailed world in verse, and takes you there with beautiful and understated melody. Her songs are stunning paintings of color and shade and always generate the heat and light that real art should. In an unpoetic and ‘in your face’ world, she is lyrical and subtle.”



Hanneke Cassel



Antje Duvekot

Antje's latest disc is “The Near Demise of the High Wire Dancer.”

To find out more about her and to listen to her perform, please visit her website at <http://www.antjeduvekot.com/>.

The Boston Globe describes Hanneke Cassel's fiddle playing as “exuberant and rhythmic, somehow both wild and innocent, delivered with captivating melodic clarity and an irresistible playfulness.” Such charismatic fiddling has brought the native Oregonian many honors and awards, including 1997 U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion.

Hanneke's most recent disc is called “For Reasons Unseen.” For this show, she will be joined by cellist Ari Friedman and guitarist Christopher Lewis. Visit <http://hannekecassel.com/press.html> to learn more about her.

Tickets are \$18 in advance and are available at Sweet Cakes, the Alternative Food Co-op and Looney Tunes II in Wakefield, and online at BrownPaperTickets.com. For more information, call 789-3680 or visit our website at www.musicatlilypads.org

The UUCSC Wellness Team can help you heal faster

Our Wellness Team offers a technique that helps people prepare for surgery, heal faster and use less pain medication. This mind-body-spirit method is also used successfully to lessen the side effects of chemotherapy, radiation, and the challenges of acute and long-term health issues. Many congregants have used this program with success. Current members of the Wellness Team are Sarah Bell, Paulette Chamberas, Lindsey Crowninshield, Iris Donnelly, Val Follett, Lynda Wells and me. If you would like to learn more about the Wellness Team, please call me at 284-3321. – Rev. Betty Kornitzer



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“Virtue can only flourish among equals.”

– Mary Wollstonecraft

Mary Wollstonecraft (1759-1797), British writer, philosopher, advocate of women's rights, and Unitarian, died 214 years ago this month. Best known as author of *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, she died at 38 after giving birth to her daughter Mary (wife of Percy Bysshe Shelley and author of *Frankenstein*).