



UNITARIAN COASTAL FELLOWSHIP
A Unitarian Universalist Church

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: The Unitarian Coastal Fellowship: building a community that fosters free religious inquiry and universal social justice.

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION: We are an intentionally diverse community welcoming of and enriched by people of varying cultures, economic and ethnic backgrounds; by people of varying sexual orientations, gender identities and family compositions; by people of all races, ages and beliefs.

July 2011

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

July 31: **Does God Have Meaning For Unitarian Universalists?** Rev. Joan Gelbein, retired Minister Emerita, Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, VA and currently a member of the Unitarian Universalist Peace Fellowship in Raleigh, NC, asks this question, "Does God Have Meaning?" Or, maybe it should be put instead "Does The Idea of God Have Meaning?" Here is a snapshot of two of the ways we U U's approach this question, because it isn't in our nature, of course, to supply an indelible answer.

Joan was scheduled to preach in Jan, and got snowbound. We promise her no snow this time.

August 7: **Islam in America.** This Sunday falls in the second week of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Let us take time this morning to consider the diversity of Muslim communities in America. Are there ways in which we can contribute to lessening the fear and misunderstanding that Islam seems to arouse in Americans?

August 14: **Building a Vocal Community:** Our service today will be filled with music as Karen Baggott and Rev. Sally bring back echoes from the Unitarian Universalist Musicians' Network Conference, held in Arlington, Virginia July 27-31. We will share some of what we heard and saw, some of what we sang and played. We know that music can help to build community—let music bring our hearts, our spirits, and our voices together!

August 21: **Out of the Box: "Evil."** This morning is an "Out of the Box" service. The topic—"Evil"—was chosen from among the suggestions that congregants placed in the

"Out of the Box Box" in the social hall. The message in this service will be an unrehearsed, un-researched conversation among a group of congregants who have agreed to reflect together on their own beliefs, experiences, and ideas about evil in the world and in human nature. Together, we will witness, explore, learn, worship—and be surprised.

August 28: **Waters of Ministry 2011.** In our service on June 12, you were invited to collect samples of water connected with "moments of ministry" that caught you during this summer. Today is the day for us to bring our samples of water together to create our congregational "waters of ministry" for the coming year. And most important, today is the day to bring the story of one particularly powerful "moment of ministry" from your summer to share. Together, our stories weave a living tapestry of ministry that serves us all, and the world around us.

AUGUST REFLECTIONS FROM SALLY

Are you looking for "something more" from your association with our Fellowship? Are you hungry for deeper connections with the people you meet here? Are you yearning for a sense of intimacy and trust with others? Searching for ways of feeling more integrated into this liberal religious community?

I believe that many of us are in search of just this kind of depth and connection. This fall, under the auspices of the Membership Committee, a response is taking shape.

A planning team is beginning to lay the groundwork for a network of small groups at UCF. These groups will meet monthly for a shared meal (with casual conversation during the meal) followed by a focused, facilitated conversation on a monthly theme. The groups will be diverse in terms of geography, age, family composition, and length of association with UCF. Every group will be child-friendly. The six to eight members in each group will be drawn from among those UCF members and friends who have volunteered to participate. Each group will be convened by a host, and members will make a 6-12 month commitment to participate, so that there is enough time to develop trust, depth, and intimacy. As you can see, these groups will complement our Care Circles, but will not substitute for or replace the good work that Care Circles do in strengthening neighborhood identity.

Do these small groups sound intriguing to you? Our service on September 11 will introduce the idea in more detail. In the meantime, if you know you are interested in participating as a group member or as a host, sign-up sheets will be posted in the Social Hall beginning in mid-August. The planning group includes Debra Guthrie, Penny Hooper, Ann Odell, and me—and we welcome your questions, comments, or suggestions. E-mail us, call us, sign up, or grab us at coffee hour—we want to hear from you!

Yours in faith, in depth, in connection,

Sally

UCF GROUPS

These UCF Groups meet regularly and are open to anyone interested. All meet at UCF unless otherwise noted.

Suggestions for new groups are always welcomed

Womens' Group: 2nd Wed. at 12:00—Ann Odell (726-3648)

Book Group: 2nd Mon. at 5:00—Ted Odell (726-3648)

Meditation: Every Wed. at 5:00—Happy Ewbank (727-9233) or Ann Rivers (240-1914)

Caregivers Support Group: 4th Wed. at 3:00—Rev. Sally White (240-2283)

PFLAG: 2nd Wed. at 7:00—Ann Rivers (240-1914)

Spanish Conversation: Every Tues. at 11:30—Ted Odell (726-3648)

Movie Night: 1st Fri. at 7:30—Dwight Rettie (247-7156)

Drum Group: 4th Mon. at 7 00—Ann Odell (726-3648)

Creativity Group: 3rd Wed. at 10:30—Mardi Barber (808-2386)

Lunch Bunch: Every Sun. at 12

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 9 (instead of on its usual day) **this month only**.

CAREGIVERS GROUP

Carteret Care Partners sponsors a monthly Caregivers' Group for those who are caring for loved ones in times of chronic or acute illness or injury. The two monthly meetings offer Caregivers an opportunity to share questions, worries, frustrations and triumphs. In each meeting we address concerns that Caregivers bring and share mutual support, caring and resources. If you are caring for a loved one, please join us. Informal activities will be available for care recipients during the meetings.

The group will not meet on Wednesday, August 10 at Grace Presbyterian Church in Beaufort, and on Wednesday August 24 at UCF.

Caregivers and care recipients of all types are encouraged to participate in the program. If you would like to participate in the group, or if you would like more information, please contact Rev. LaVera Parato at gracepresbychurch@embarqmail.com or 252-728-7057, or Rev. Sally White at ucfminister@starfishnet.com or (252) 622-1978.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Our Women's Group will gather for lunch and fellowship on Wednesday, August 10 at 12:00. Please bring your own lunch and beverage. All UCF women members, friends and guests are very welcome. Our discussion topic for the day will be, "How are you coping with the heat? Where did you grow up and what were the seasons like there? Any special memories that are summer related? Contact Ann Odell at 726-3648 or ttodell2@clis.com if you have questions.

COME SING WITH OUR CHOIR

Our UCF choir will resume choir practice again on Sunday, August 14 at 9:15 and we will sing for our Water Service on August 28. All UCF members and friends who enjoy singing are invited to join us. There is no audition, you do not need to know how to read music and you will never have to sing by yourself if you do not want to. Our rehearsals begin promptly at 9:15 and while I understand that everyone cannot attend every week, I do hope all singers will make a commitment to be there most of the time. If you oversleep and miss choir practice on a day we are scheduled to sing for the service I request that you do not sing that day. Sometimes changes are made and it's

best if everyone planning to sing for the service is there for the rehearsal. That's our only rule and I do follow it.

If you think you might enjoy singing with us, please come give it a try. If you decide it's not for you, you are under no obligation to stay. If you have questions please feel free to contact me, Ann Odell at 726-3648 or ttodell2@clis.com.

GREETERS

The greeting task is very important because greeters are the first people that an arriving person meets when coming to our church. We want everyone to feel that they are very welcome and that we care about them. This is true for old and new members and friends, and it is especially true for those who have come for the first time. So give everyone a joyful welcome. If you don't recognize someone, ask them if this is the first time they have been to UCF. If so, ask them to fill in the Guest Book. We like to send a welcoming letter to newcomers, but we can't without an address. If there are children, tell their parents about our programs for the children—Sunday School or our accommodations for the youngest youth. If there is an opportunity, introduce them to another person. After the service you may be able to encourage them to go to the Social Room for coffee and conversation. You may also be able to introduce them to others at that time.

A big thank you to all of you who have agreed to be greeters and know that it is considered a very important task.

JULY'S 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION

July has a 5th Sunday, and like all months with a 5th Sunday, the non pledge collection plate offerings will go to an organization specified by our Social Outreach group.

This month's offerings will go Family Promise of Carteret County.

AT LAST—A HOMELESS SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES!

Family Promise of Carteret County is a new community-wide program developed to provide temporary housing for homeless women and families. On June 21 Family Promise had a meet-and-greet and work day at the new Day Center where up to 14 guests will go after spending the night at one of 13 Host Churches. At the Day Center a simple breakfast will be served and box lunches will be prepared. Kids will meet the school bus and adults will receive assistance with job searches and other services.

Items needed to open the Day Center include:

For the kitchen: Dishes, glasses, eating utensils, dishpan and drain, dish towels, dish soap, a few reusable lunch boxes, sandwich bags.

To help plant flowers outside in large pots: Garden hose, watering wan, watering can, mulch, potting soil.

Toys and books for toddlers and kids.

These items do not need to be new, and kitchen items do not need to match. If you can help provide any of these, bring them to church July 3 & 10, or arrange to get them to Miriam Green.

Also in the social hall is a signup sheet if you are interested in getting involved in this exciting new program.

Joan Cantor, Family Promise director, has agreed to spend some time with us after our Sunday service on July 17. This is a good way to learn the status and ask any questions we might have.

July has a 5th Sunday, and the non pledge collection plate dollars will go to help with the large startup costs of Family Promise.

MEN'S SHELTER DINNER

The following cooks have been faithful to our Hope Mission commitment by preparing the fourth Saturday meal for the past three months: Ann Rivers, Verne Reintjes, Donna Crosby, Pat Harms, Barb Thomas, and Jane Hines.

HONEY FOR SALE

In 2009, UCF announced the formation of Sister Cities San Ramon, Nicaragua—Morehead City and Beaufort. This is a part of several groups supporting San Ramon as they build a sustainable economic community. Wildflower honey from San Ramon is available for sale in the social hall. The proceeds go to many valuable projects including clean water, schools, and health care.

RELIEF FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

Many of you are aware of the devastation in Eastern North Carolina from the many tornados the weekend of April 16, 2011. East of Raleigh, in addition to the tragic loss of life, over 6,000 homes were damaged or destroyed. In order to help those people to recover, UCF is planning to send \$400 from the Social Outreach budget. We are planning to send those dollars, plus additional contributions from the congregation to the Colerain Baptist church in Bertie

County. Colerain is a small town of less than 300 people, and they were devastated by the storms. Of course, everyone at UCF is welcome to make contributions through your favorite charity. If you would like to learn more or if you would like to add to the \$400, contact Miriam Green at 726-3583 or mwgreen@mindspring.com.

There are probably many things UCF can do to help in their recovery in addition to sending money. Think about how you might help.

COASTAL CREATIVITY CIRCLE

The Coastal Creativity Circle will take the summer off, and re-gather on Wednesday, September 21.

MOVIE NIGHT FOR AUGUST

The movie for Friday night August 5 will be a Masterpiece-Classical written, produced, and directed by The Archers (Michael Powell and Emeric Pressberger,), *A Matter of Life and Death*. The film was released in 1946 in the U.S. with the title *Stairway to Heaven*. I am sure there were interesting reasons for the name change. It is the story of an English bomber pilot (David Niven) alone in his doomed plane after having ordered his crew to bail out. He is raised by an American girl named June (Kim Hunter) who is monitoring returning aircraft. Niven explains that he too plans to jump out of the plane, but he has no parachute—it was destroyed. He does not want to burn with the plane. June and he fall in love during that radio transmission—believed by both of them to be their one and last conversation. But he survives the fall, thereby upsetting the order of things. He is brought to trial to convince him he should volunteer to keep his appointment. The film is shot in both black and white and Technicolor. The movie runs 104 minutes and is closed captioned in this restored version. Rated PG.

UU FAMILY FESTIVAL

Join the UU Family Festival at Lake Logan Episcopal Center (www.lakelogan.org) 30 minutes from Asheville—I-40W-Exit 37—August 11-14, 2011

Entertainment by: Sheila Kay Adams

Adults: 4 Days-3 Nights-\$270/Person
3 Days-2 Nights = \$198/Person
Youth: (3-13) 4 Days-3 Nights = \$51
3 Days-2 Nights = \$34
Youth: (14-18) 4 Days-3 Nights = \$102
3 Days-2 Nights = \$68
(Total Cost Includes Lodging-Meals-Entertainment)

Swimming; Boating (Sailing; Jon Boats; Kayaks—Life Jackets and Boats Provided); Fishing (Catch & Release- NC License Required-Available Nearby); Lighted Tennis Courts; Basketball; Foosball; Ping Pong; Pool; Cards & Games; Frisbee Golf; Reading; Relaxing; Meditation.

Make checks payable to LLEC

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NEWS OF UU'S FOR JULY 2011

Rick and Georgie Searles traveled to a family reunion in CA with his sisters. They are returning to CA to see Georgie's family in later July.

Sandi Sox is so grateful and thankful for many things.

Mardi Barber is concerned about a good friend in MI.

Karen Baggott is looking forward to going to the musician's network meeting in VA with Rev. Sally.

Pat and Ron Harms enjoyed the visit with their Conn. family.

Pat Curley and family survived all the guests for their daughter's wedding, which was beautiful.

Tracy Rogers remembered Kaitlin Culpepper, who died recently, tragically.

Connie Brown is at Harborview after a fall. She wishes she could return to her apartment in the Towers.

Pat Osborne just celebrated her 86th birthday.

Claire Brothers-Thorne is concerned about the plans for the PCS Phosphate expansion. Glad for all of us to be involved to try to protect our environment.

Donna Crosby is grateful for her church.

Claire Doyle celebrated her 68th birthday.

Love and sympathy to Brad, Gwen, Summer Rich at the death of Brad's mother.

Brooke and Aria introduced their special friend, Jana. They all helped us sing "This Little Light of Mine"

Debra Guthrie recently enjoyed some "me time" with family.

Debra Guthrie congratulated all the same-sex couples in New York City who are getting married this weekend thanks to the gay marriage law passed in New York State.

Happy Ewbank at ewbank@embarqmail.com

Lee Horne dropped a stone for all the members of the military who can't live with the things they have seen and done and have taken their own lives.

Emily Fontenoy was inducted into the Honor Club at the North Carolina 4H Congress. This is an honor achieved by very few. Congratulations, Emily!

Julianne Fontenoy is celebrating that she feels better and her hematocrit is above 30.

Martha Naset dropped a stone for those who are dealing with aging parents, especially Donna Crosby. She also announced that her daughter, Rebecca, is on the cover of the current NC Coast magazine.

Brad Rich's mother passed away recently at the age of 83. He and Gwen each dropped a stone for her and Gwen dropped a stone of concern for her friends who just lost two family members.

Lees Hardy and Sandi Sox expressed concern and sympathy for the people of Norway in the wake of the tragic massacre that occurred there. Lees said she is happy to have UCF which is walking in a positive direction.

Ann Odell dropped a stone of concern for her 29 year old nephew, Chris, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Claire Doyle is concerned for her friend, Mary Ellen Box who has a degenerative spine disease. She asked that everyone keep her in their thoughts.

Ann Rivers shared a joy and continued concern for Connie Brown. She is hoping to go back to her apartment at the end of this coming week.

Sandi Sox is joyful and relieved that her husband, Gerald and his son Max have arrived safely in California.

Landon Owen dropped four stones: first, in hopes that our government will get on the ball and save our country; second, for all out troops at home and worldwide; third, a joy that he and Grace celebrated their 80th birthdays last month and had all their family there to celebrate with them; and fourth, a concern for dear friends Bill and Sherry Swayze—Sherry is in the last stages of cancer of the brain.

Craig Hassler dropped a stone for the light of God in each of us and encouraged everyone to divest themselves of any stock holdings in PCS Phosphate.

Claire Brothers-Thorne is uplifted by the community response to the feeling of our rights being violated with the sulfur plant proposal.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 11:30 Spanish Conversation	3 5:00 Meditation	4 5:30 Finance Committee	5 7:30 Movie Night, <i>A Matter of Life and Death.</i>	6
7 No Choir Practice 10:30 Service	8 5:00 Book Group	9 11:30 Spanish Conversation 5:45 Worship Committee	10 5:00 Meditation 7:00 PFLAG	11 5:30 Leadership Council	12	13
14 Choir Practice 9:15 10:30 Service	15	16 11:30 Spanish Conversation	17 12:00 Women's Group 5:00 Meditation 6:00 Board of Trustees	18	19	20
21 Choir Practice 9:15 10:30 Service	22	23 11:30 Spanish Conversation	24 5:00 Meditation	25	26	27 Men's Shelter Dinner - deliver to Social Hall by 5:30
28 Choir Practice 9:15 10:30 Service	29 No Drum Circle	30 11:30 Spanish Conversation	31 5:00 Meditation			

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