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*Building a welcoming and affirming religious community
To Liberate and Cultivate the Human Spirit*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 AM ONE SERVICE ONLY
SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND NURSERY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 6:00 - 9:00 PM MEETING WITH REVEREND SUSAN SMITH.
CONGREGATION WELCOME AT THIS MEETING. JOIN US FOR PIZZA AT 6:00 PM.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 9:00 - 3:00, MEETING WITH REVEREND SUSAN SMITH FOR
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, COMMITTEE ON MINISTRIES, COMMITTEE
CHAIRS, AND OTHER LEADERS. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 REVEREND PHILIP DOUGLAS "SHREWD MANAGERS"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON / CANVASS KICKOFF
BRING A POTLUCK DISH AND STAY FOR LUNCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 RUMMAGE SALE AT THE CHURCH

"BELOVED COMMUNITY"

*The spiritual community freely gathers to live out a shared ministry.
Every human being is sacred and is called to the tasks and joys of love.
We do not limit the truth of God (even to the word "God"),
but live in openness and belief in human freedom and dignity.
We celebrate the gift of life, and join in taking on the sufferings of a fragile world.
We are this generation's bearers of an eternal message that truth
must grow, enlarge, and glow in creative freedom.
Revelation has not been sealed. It is lived anew in every heart,
including your own. And through our transformed hearts, awakened souls
and acts of love emerges the Beloved Community.*

SAND AND FOAM

BELOVED CONGREGATION,

October marks the beginning of the annual canvass, the time we set aside to ask all of our members and friends to take a serious look at their financial support of the church and to make a commitment to a level of giving that is sustainable to both the giver and the church. I am also writing this at an extraordinary time in the life of our national financial infrastructure. Today, I am hopeful that the markets and the legislature and the administration can find a way out of the credit crisis that is causing the failure of so many well-known financial institutions. Perhaps all will be on the road to recovery by the time you read this.

It reminds me of a mini-lecture given by one of my finance professors back in the 80's when I was a student at MBA school. "Here is your lecture on ethics," he said. "If you find a loophole that allows you to make money, by all means use it. Because, the market will respond to close it and you would have been a fool not to have exploited it to its fullest."

That professor (and many of the students) had a reverent faith in the market to do anything, and the result was always good. Because, as they said, greed is good. In the seminary, we would have called that idolatry. And we would have been right. There is a story in one of the gospels, Matthew, I think, in which Jesus and his disciples receive criticism for walking through fields of grain and plucking the stalks and eating the grain on the Sabbath. Harvesting and winnowing on the Lord's day is a big no-no. Jesus replies, "The Sabbath was made for people, and not people for the Sabbath."

That's the way I feel about this market worship. The market was made for people and not vice versa.

I wouldn't go so far as to say greed is good, but greed certainly is. That is, it's a force of nature. So is gravity. But when gravity and a river combine to make Niagara Falls, electricity is not magically produced: rather, it takes a lot of thought and planning and engineering and careful operation to make hydroelectric energy. The good human comes not from worshiping gravity, but by understanding it in a useful way.

I hope all of our financial futures are stable. Please join me and Susan in supporting the work of the church.

LOVE AND WARM THOUGHTS, PHIL



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER 1	DAVID BARTLETT
OCTOBER 14	JOHN LATIMER
OCTOBER 15	PAT HUDSON
OCTOBER 17	JERRY JONES
OCTOBER 25	ELLEN MURRY



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER 5	MARGARET LUCERO AND ROBERT ALLEN
OCTOBER 23	PAUL AND KIM BISSELL
OCTOBER 28	LAUREN CANTATORE-CAUSEY AND MICHAEL CAUSEY

☆☆☆ ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAY'S, ANNIVERSARIES ☆☆☆

If you have an announcement for the newsletter, or would like your birthday date and an anniversary listed, please email **DEBBIE NEWPORT AT KNDCCCTEX@YAHOO.COM**

U2C3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**TUESDAY, OCT 7, 7:00 PM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
CONTACT MARGARET LUCERO**

**MONDAY, OCT 13, 7:00-8:30 PM HUMANIST ENRICHMENT GROUP MEETING
CONTACT MIKE REED AT 857-8631 OR MREED127@STX.RR.COM**

TUESDAY, OCT 14, 7:00 PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING CONTACT KIRK NEWPORT

SATURDAY, OCT 18, 8:00AM -2:00PM CHURCH GARAGE SALE

**SUNDAY, OCT 26, 11:00 -12:00 DAY OF THE DEAD/DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
SUNDAY, OCT 26, 5:00PM DAY OF THE DEAD/DIA DE LOS MUERTOS EVENTS**

MONDAY, OCT 27, 7:00P -8:30P HUMANIST ENRICHMENT GROUP MEETING

FRIDAY, OCT 31, 6:00P -9:00P STEWARDSHIP/CANVASS CELEBRATION

HALLOWEEN PARTY

POETRY REFLECTIONS

OCTOBER'S PARTY

*"October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band."*

- GEORGE COOPER

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CONGREGATIONAL LIFE(MEMBERSHIP) JESSICA LATIMER
SOCIAL ACTION COMMUNITY- OUTREACH COLIN SYKES

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

DEAR UU CHURCH FRIENDS,

As we move into the Fall Stewardship Campaign, you'll be hearing a lot of discussion about the importance of financial stewardship as it relates to the life and mission of our community.

Stewardship can also include non-monetary contributions and I would like to encourage our community to think of our contributions to the U2C3 in even broader terms. More specifically, if you have specific skills, interests, ideas for community activities or just time to help out with week to week functions at the church, this is a great time to get involved!

I'm not always sure if it's a good thing or a bad thing, but as President I've come to appreciate the reality that this church really does belong to us! We organize the Sunday services, rehearse music during the week, hold enrichment groups, clean the building, cut the grass, plan RE lessons, staff the Nursery, operate the AV system, feed the homeless, pick up trash at the beach and make coffee.

There's more, but you get the idea. It's impressive how much we actually do!

There are many ways in which to become involved and I hope that you'll think of the U2C3 as a place where your talents, interests and energies are all welcome!

KIRK NEWPORT
BOARD PRESIDENT

RECONNECTIONS: YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Fall is officially upon us and with it the official startup of our Religious Education year. We have introduced the Tapestry of Faith curriculum, which according to the UUA website is designed to "nurture Unitarian Universalist identity, spiritual growth, a transforming faith, and vital communities of justice and love." Our teachers and curriculum for this year are: MARLET DATH - 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS "WONDERFUL WELCOME"; LAUREN CANTATORE-CAUSEY AND JIM FUGATE, 5 - 9 YEAR OLDS "MORAL TALES"; SUELLEN ABAJAN, LINDA FOSS, HARLEY DOERFLER - 10-12 YEAR OLDS "AMAZING GRACE"; MICHAEL CAUSEY, VINCE MOSCARELLO, BOB MURRY - 13-17 YEAR OLDS "FAMILIES: A PHOTO DOCUMENTARY PROJECT." We still need two teachers for the 5-9 year old age group. Please consider this opportunity to work with our youth!

I'd like to suggest some points to ponder as we begin this year: There are several components to an effective Religious Education Program. A comfortable space is important, and while we're a little cramped, we've made our space inviting. Teachers and curriculum are two integral parts of the program. The spiritual well-being of your children is so important to these members, and they have given up attending the Sunday service in order to teach. They have also spent many hours preparing multiple programs for your children.

What's the last component in a successful program? Your children. Many of you are very conscientious each week in bringing your children to us, and we have seen an increase in attendance. We realize that there are weeks when people are sick, on vacation or children are with other family members. However, as REBECCA KELLEY-MORGAN, of First Unitarian, Exeter, NH wrote: "Churchgoing is a habit, and it is up to you to decide how important a habit it is to cultivate for you and for your family. In JEANNE NIEUWEJAAR'S slender book, 'The Gift of Faith', she recounts an article that appeared in the Boston Globe. A local rabbi was making the case for regular participation in temple services and Hebrew school. The following comment was said to parents in a community where sports and theatrical events interrupted the religious life of their families. The rabbi asked a group of parents, "How many of you want your children to grow up to be professional soccer players?" No hands were raised. He continued, "How many of you want your children to grow up to be observant Jews?" All the hands were raised. "Then, he said, Think about the priorities you place on your children's time. Think about what you're really saying to them."

We are grateful that we have been entrusted with this vital mission and look forward to a rewarding year!

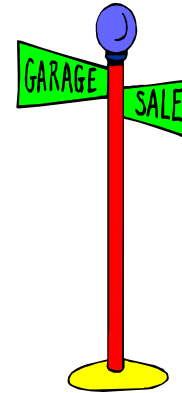
PEACE, FROM LAUREN CANTATORE-CAUSEY, DRE

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE 101 MEETING ON OCTOBER 25

Congregational Life 101 will be at the church on October 25 from 10am till noon. This class will be given by Reverend Douglas and the Membership Committee. It is designed for people wishing to join the Church. If you are interested in joining, this class is for you.

PLEASE CALL 993-6013, JESSICA LATIMER FOR MORE DETAILS.

RUMMAGE SALE, OCTOBER 18



This is our big fund raiser for the church, on Saturday, October 18. Please donate your time to help the day of the sale and / or by bringing your items to the church for this sale. We need everybody's help. We will have the sign up sheets on October 5. Please bring your items to church on October 12. We need people to price on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9 to 12 at the church. We will also have a coffee, and pastry window, the day of the sale, Saturday, October 18. If you would like to volunteer to bake scones, muffins, or cookies, let one of the co-chairs know. The co-chairs for this event are **JEAN EVANS, EVELYN BOOKOUT 887-7514, AND JESSICA LATIMER 993-6013.**

WOMEN'S GROUP

Women's Group will meet this month on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 7:00 PM, IN THE RESTAURANT, GREEN PAPAYA, LOCATED AT 4455 SPID.** We are also trying really hard to get car-pools from the different areas of town, so check with JESSICA LATIMER for more details. This is an informal group of women from the church that gather for fellowship. **CONTACT JESSICA LATIMER AT 993-6013.**

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, AT HIGH NOON,** in the restaurant **ICHIBAN, LOCATED AT 1933 SPID.** Join in this fellowship, welcome to all men. For more information, please call **JIM HILL AT 887-4828 OR EMAIL AT HILL4056@SBCGLOBAL.NET.**