



SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MAY

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GREEN SANCTUARY

UUA President Rev. Peter Morales has appointed a President's Advisory Council on Ethical Eating. This demonstrates a commitment on the part of the UUA to follow through with that Statement of Conscience. The topic of food seems to be everywhere. If you've been in the market you may have seen an increase in "CSAs," "farmers markets," "organic gardens," "community gardens," "sustainable gardens" etc. If you've been to a store you may have noticed the increase of "sustainable," "organic," "green," "natural," "GMO-free," etc products. There is a whole list of issues that impact the World's Food Economy. Check out the Ethical Eating website on UUA.org to learn more about the community flowing from this creation and the continued dedication to this important subject.

May 6: "The Interconnected Web of Shifting Global Power" – Sunday Forum Team
"No man is an Island, entire of itself . . . any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind; And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee." [John Donne, *Meditation XVII*, English clergyman & poet (1572 - 1631)]
Paddy Ashdown, British legislator and diplomat, claims that we are living in a moment in history where power is changing in ways it never has before. It has become apparent that now, more than ever, countries and people are intimately locked together, giving meaning to the meditation quoted above.

UUPF Choir, Cindy Bizzell director

May 13:
8:30-10:00 – Sunday Forum - Bill Moyers interviews Barry Lopez
10:30-11:30 – "The Boundaries of Holiness"
– Dr. Margarita Suarez, Meredith College
If the Book of Leviticus reminds us throughout

its pages that we should be holy as God is holy, there must be a way to reach holiness. Is holiness to be set apart from the world, where we ignore the things of the world and focus on spirituality? Should holiness be thought of as a pure, unbounded state of sinlessness? Is the idea of holiness being connected to God indefinable? We will explore the religious idea of holiness.

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May 20 "How Does Your Garden Grow?"
– Rev. Margaret L. Beard
Congregations have many similarities to gardens: both are living organic systems. What do they grow and how do they grow it? What might be your role in the garden?

May 27:
8:30-10:00 – Sunday Forum - Allan de Botton
10:30-11:30 – "TBD (Memorial Day)"
– Danny Gotham, guitarist and member of Community Church of Chapel hill, UU
& Rev. Joan Gelbein, retired

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*An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy.
~Rudyard Kipling*



HELP TO DEFEAT AMENDMENT ONE

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh, like Unitarian Universalist PEACE Fellowship, made a commitment to fight discrimination like Amendment One. They are in the final Get Out the Vote stretch to get supporters out to vote against. PEACE's Social Action Committee encourages you to participate in their efforts.

How can you best help now?



1. Vote early until May 5th yourself. To find early voting locations and times in Wake County, go here (<http://www.wakegov.com/elections/earlyvoting/default.htm>). For outside Wake County, go here (http://www.app.sboe.state.nc.us/webapps/OS_sites/).



2. Make calls at UUPF's fun and easy phone banks, which are now Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-9pm (with free food and training) until May 7th.

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FIRST EVER EASTER EGG HUNT AT PEACE FELLOWSHIP!



Easter was a blast, especially for the youth, at PEACE Fellowship this year. The weather was spectacular for egg hunting. Members and Friends hid eggs in the back of the Fellowship property and let the children loose

there. Little costumed bunnies and well-dressed juniors gleefully scoured the area for every last egg. Some were better at finding than others, but a good time was had by all.

The hunt was preceded by a service put on with youth participation, including songs about bunnies and a lovely story by one of our new members,



while Rev. Joan (retired) eased us UUs into Easter. The Program Council also provided egg salad sandwiches for lunch, making a truly lovely Time Together for the month of April. See below for May's Time Together.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

Vonnie, Steve, Abe and Walter

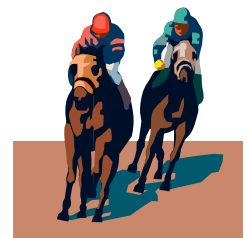
...for their hard work in keeping our fellowship building clean. Way to go, guys! It's deeply appreciated!

TOGETHER TIME IS DERBY TIME!

Brush up on your race track terminology and locate your stable colors. On **Friday, May 11**, we'll be celebrating the Kentucky Derby with our own UUPF Derby event!

Potluck dinner starts at **6:00pm**. The sign-up sheet is in the hall. Dinner will

be followed by an interactive DVD Derby game complete with UUPF fun money (featuring faces of fellowship members) and betting. Everybody gets a stake and the DVD game is suitable for all ages. Come and join the fun!



ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS. . .

- The Choir wants everyone to know that you are welcome to sit in the Sanctuary if practice is in session before the service on Sunday morning. You do not have to stand in the lobby. They ask only that you enjoy the music and please respect their need to practice. Thank you.
- The Membership and Caring Committee needs your help. It's down to three members, and they can't even cover greeting duties for every Sunday. If you can help out the committee or even greet one Sunday a month (without joining the committee), please contact Corina, Karen or Chris S.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

*Tom H.
Mel G.
Bill P.
Elizabeth N.*



↑ If your name isn't here and it should be, then we may not have your birthday on file! Email the month/day only to uupfellowship@yahoo.com ATTN: Newsletter

Peace

SUNDAY FORUM TOPICS

Education

Action

Community

Environment

PEACE



The Program Council, in conjunction with the Sunday Services Committee, invites everyone to attend a conversation/discussion program on Sunday mornings before the worship service. The next *Forum* will be on Sunday, May 6th, but will take place during the service. **DON'T COME IN EARLY FOR FORUM ON MAY 6TH.** The sessions are scheduled on the second and fourth Sundays of each month (except for this May - see below schedule for dates). A continental breakfast is served starting at 8:30am. No homework required.

May 13: Bill Moyers interviews author Barry Lopez

Acclaimed author Barry Lopez joins Bill Moyers to discuss nature, spirit and the human condition. Lopez is an essayist, author and short-story writer, whose many books include *ARCTIC DREAMS*, winner of the National Book Award and *OF WOLVES AND MEN*, a National Book Award finalist.

May 27: "A Kinder, Gentler Philosophy of Success."

Alain de Botton examines our ideas of success and failure – and questions the assumptions underlying these two judgments. Is success always earned? Is failure? He makes an eloquent, witty case to move beyond snobbery to find true pleasure in our work.

June 10: "If I should have a daughter..."

Spoken word poet, Sarah Kay, tells the story of her metamorphosis – from a wide-eyed teenager soaking in verse at New York's Bowery Poetry Club to a teacher connecting kids with the power of self-expression through Project V.O.I.C.E.

June 24: "Life's Third Act"

Within this generation, an extra 30 years have been added to our life expectancy – and these years aren't just a footnote or a pathology. Jane Fonda asks how we can think about this new phase of our lives.

SENDING ENCOURAGEMENT TO...

*John K.
Lorna N.
Tony & Mimi's Family
Judy D.
Loretta & Don's Family*

Change is inevitable in a progressive society. Change is constant.

~Benjamin Disraeli, 1867

UU LIVING LEGACY CIVIL RIGHTS BUS TRIP



The next UU Living Legacy Civil Rights Pilgrimage is scheduled for October 6-13, 2012, and registration is now open. This unique bus trip is much more than a Civil Rights history tour through Alabama and Mississippi. Travelers will be visiting historic sites and meeting veterans of the Civil Rights Movement, and will also be spending time together and with guests exploring what racism, white privilege, and barriers to equality look like today in Southern towns we visit—and in our own hometowns.

Beyond experiencing first-hand the civil rights legacy, the goal is to develop commitment, vision and mechanisms within our group to work on issues of race, injustice and inequality that still bedevil our congregations and our society. The Living Legacy Pilgrimage is hosted and organized by the Reverend Gordon Gibson and Judy Gibson; the Reverend Hope Johnson; the Reverend James Hobart; Janice Marie Johnson; Annette Marquis; and Donna Sequeira, and co-sponsored by the Southeast District of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

For more information and to register, please visit www.uulivinglegacy.org. Don't miss your chance to be on the bus! Register early – costs are discounted for those who register before May 15th.



Look to This Day



SUUSI 2012

Radford, Virginia July 15-21
Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute

SOUTHEAST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SUMMER INSTITUTE

Looking for a great, affordable value for your whole family, with lots of adventures and filled with friends? Then come to SUUSI! **July 15-21 in Radford, Virginia.** "Look to This Day!" is this year's theme.

SUUSI is a vacation week to grow, relax, play and connect. Many experience the workshops, expeditions into the Appalachians, music, and the relaxed conversations with new friends as a welcome time of recharge and re-creation before returning to hectic lives a week later. They discover new interests, new ideas, and new friends in an environment that is safe and family-oriented, but also offers opportunities to stretch and accept new challenges. You'll be welcomed warmly and invited into our community.

To register, and for more information, please visit www.suusi.org.

HOW TO PROMOTE JUSTICE GA



General Assembly (GA) 2012 will be a gathering with multiple ways of engaging in justice work for people of all ages. Joining with the people of Arizona, we will worship, witness, learn and work together. We will leave General Assembly grounded in our faith, energized for justice and with resources to bring this work home to our congregations.

A tentative business schedule has been posted on the GA site. Early registration expired April 30. Adult Wed.–Sun. (full-time) rate is \$365 as of May 1st. One day admission is \$145 as of May 1st. Youth rates are \$220 full-time as of May 1st. One day Youth is \$90 as of May 1st. Reduced rates are available for certain categories of attendees.

For more info, visit www.uua.org/ga/index.shtml

Where: Phoenix Convention Center, 100 North 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ ,85004

When: June 20-24, 2012

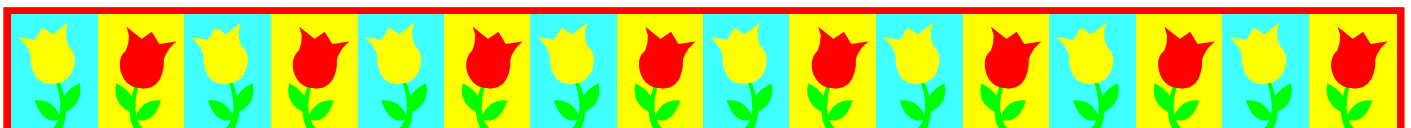
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UUFR will also be having Phone Banks on:

- Sunday, May 6th, from (free lunch at UUFR after coffee hour ends ~ 12:30pm) 1-3:30pm, 3:30-6pm and 6 to 8:30pm;
- Monday, May 7th, from 8-10:30am, 10:30am-1pm, 1-3:30pm and 6-8:30pm;
- Tuesday, May 8th, from 8-10:30am, 10:30am-1pm, 1-3:30pm, 3:30-6pm and 6-7:30pm

Bring your laptop and cell phone and appetite! Please consider taking either May 7th or 8th off of work. For information on phone banks and to sign up, go here (<http://tinyurl.com/cmyeuf8>). To sign up now, go here (<http://tinyurl.com/chq6hm2>).

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UU PEACE FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION

SUNDAY SERVICES CALENDAR

FORUMS 8:30 AM; SERVICES 10:30 AM -- 4104 WATKINS ROAD

MAY		
6	WEB OF SHIFTING GLOBAL POWER	Sunday Forum Group
13	THE BOUNDARIES OF HOLINESS	Dr. Margarita Suarez, Meredith College
20	HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW	Rev. Margaret L. Beard
27	TBD	Rev. Joan Gelbein and Danny Gotham
JUNE		
3	Beloved Community - Healthy Congregation Committee	
10	Appreciation Ceremony and Congregational Meeting - UUPF Officers	
17	Flower Communion - Rev. Joan Gelbein, retired	
24	Annual YRE Service	

The mission of the Unitarian Universalist PEACE Fellowship is to create a supportive, welcoming, democratic religious community, transparent and member driven, with a free and open pulpit that incorporates a balance of theologies, philosophies and aesthetics in its programming and is a positive source of social action in the larger community.

The difference we each make today counts in all our tomorrows

If you are attending UU PEACE Fellowship on a regular basis and you are considering membership, please contact: uupfellowship@yahoo.com attn: Membership



If you are a Member of UUPF and would like a Caring call, please contact: uupfellowship@yahoo.com attn: Caring Committee

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COORDINATING COUNCIL	1ST SUNDAY	11:45 AM	Susan Holahan
CHOIR REHEARSAL	SEE EVENTS CALENDAR	7:00 PM	Cindy Bizzell
FINANCE	3RD TUES.	7:00 PM	Cindy Thomas
HEALTHY CONGREGATION	VARIES	VARIES	Vonnie Hicks, Walter Wiebe
MEMBERSHIP	VARIES	VARIES	Karen Wiebe
SOCIAL ACTION	1ST TUES.	7:00 PM	Meady Thomas
SUNDAY SERVICES	2ND MON.	7:30 PM	Joan Gelbein
PROGRAMS	4TH FRI.	10:00 AM	Carole Stephens
CONTACT CHAIRPERSON FOR THESE COMMITTEE SCHEDULES:			
YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Jenn Greenleaf & Raven Hardy		BUILDING AND GROUNDS Steve McDaniel	
COMMUNICATIONS Susan Holahan			

UUPF NEWSLETTER is published monthly Sept–June for members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist PEACE Fellowship. The newsletter is distributed by email. Those not having email can pick up a copy in the lobby of the church, after the first Sunday of each month. The deadline to submit material for the newsletter is the 24th of each month, unless specifically designated otherwise. The editors reserve the right to edit material based on timeliness and space.

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The Inukshuk is a symbol of the human spirit. In the Inukshuk, each stone is a separate entity. But each supports, and is supported by the one above and the one below it. No one piece is any more or less important than another. The Inukshuk reminds us of our interdependent responsibilities to invest our efforts today to direct a better way for all of us tomorrow.



Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

The Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association

Member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association covenant to affirm and promote

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.