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Imagine All The People...

Free to come in the church
Imagine there's no steep steps,
No long and weary climb
For those with worn out knees...
Imagine all our old friends
Worshipping as they please... Yoo-ooo! (*apologies to John Lennon*)

As Jennifer Spencer and John Schumacher sang "Imagine" so beautifully in church last Sunday, I indulged in my recurrent favorite UU church imagining. That is, our church-- fully accessible. How can this be done? The Accessibility Committee has been working hard for almost a year on this question.

We've seriously considered stair lifts, folding lifts, ramps, elevators and combinations thereof. We've brainstormed with each other and many of you -- and also architects, engineers, elevator salesmen, excavators, builders, fundraising experts, and members of other churches. We have a rough vision we believe is not only good, but possible. Now we need to hire an architect we trust, experienced in historic and religious work, to tell us if our vision really is the best option and what it will cost. We have one such architect in mind. With the help of the Board of Trustees input, questions and cautions we are figuring out how to best proceed. Stay tuned for updates!

So, take a mental seat on your favorite worn-down sanctuary pew cushion, and imagine along with us. First, look forward and to the right and zap away that big white, "closet" structure that hulks on the side of the stage.

Doesn't our sanctuary look more simple, graceful and balanced now? Now, visualize an elegant wide door in that revealed section of front wall. Beside the door, to the left,

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...you can call me...

Every so often someone says to me, "Oh, I was going to call you but I know how busy you are." Or "Oh, I thought about it but I didn't want to bother you." Please know that you and your calls are my highest

From the Minister

priority. If you ever think you'd like to talk to me, please just pick up the phone. If I can't talk to you at a particular time, I'll call you back as soon as I'm able. You can leave a confidential message any time at my church study number, 781/784-9460; I'm the only person who checks that line, a few times a day. And if a matter is particularly urgent please call me at home, 781/440-0807.

What are some times when you might want to call the minister?
When you, a friend or family member is in trouble and you need someone to think with you about where to get help.

When you get a scary diagnosis.

When you're a teenager and your parents are driving you crazy.

When you're middle age and your parents are driving you crazy.

When it seems like your middle age kids must be on glue.

When someone you love is in jail.

When you think you might have an addiction.

When you find out you're unexpectedly pregnant.

When you're going through the in vitro process and it's wearing you down emotionally and financially.

When life has lost its meaning.

When you want a reality check.

When you want to talk about life, or death, or any of the stuff that happens in between.

When your beloved pet dies and you want a memorial service for him.

When you just had an operation and you're desperate for someone to bring you Chinese from Alice's.

When you've had a change in your physical, emotional, cognitive or spiritual life and want to talk about it.

When something in your life is amazing and wonderful and you can't tell anyone because they'll think you're bragging.

When the universe hands you yet another lemon but the lemonade stand is closed.

I can't fix things that are not going well in your life, but I can listen and help you figure out what you want to do. I can help you think about what for you is holy and what you might need in order to be whole. I can laugh and cry and hand you tissues...and if you want, together we can light a candle, read a poem or say a prayer. (Or not!)

Namaste,

Deborah

Mission, Vision, Values

To paraphrased Abraham Lincoln, "If we could more clearly know who we are and what we are here for, then we could better judge what to do and how to do it." So what have we found out from you that might help the congregation plan what to do and how to do it?

In essence: "We gather as a liberal religious community, embracing rather than fearing differences, to support one another in our quest for spiritual growth, learning, and service to the world." This statement is posted on the large entry hall bulletin board with plenty of paper and markers for you to make comments and suggestions. Please stop by to add your thoughts and read those of others, in a sort of visual dialogue.

Of course we learned much more than those few general words can convey. For instance, we're definitely in the right Association - our Unitarian Universalist principles and polity imbue the way we think and the things we value. But each UU church also has its own personality, too, its own particular set of emphases within that shared core of principles and values, and we're no exception.

Who are we? Free thinkers of various persuasions and interests, bound together in a covenantal community that accepts and supports us.

What do we value most deeply? Openness, tolerance and embracing of diversity. Caring for the greater good, willingness to act for justice, engagement in the community and larger world. Caring for our congregation's children and youth and helping them learn. Mindfulness, thoughtfulness, spiritual and intellectual depth and balance; "growing our souls," as several of you said.

What is our vision for this church going forward? More openness and outreach, removing barriers, making our church a more welcoming place. More visible presence and active involvement in our communities; getting our light out from under the bushel. More opportunities for spiritual growth, reflection and learning, for adults as well as children. More people, and at the same time closer fellowship, with many small groups that serve as homes within the larger whole. A church filled with vibrant, dynamic activity, but also with intentionally quiet times and spaces.

Is there clear unanimity? No - after all, we're free-thinking Unitarian Universalists, and wherever there are two UUs there are probably three opinions. But there is surprising congruence, a sense of directional flow.

What do we do with this understanding of ourselves, our values, our aspirations? With the Board's leadership, we'll continue to develop it, act on it, use it to help shape our goals and choices as a congregation. We'll refine and adopt a mission

statement. And we'll keep talking, because it's good to be in conversations about things that matter with people we care about.

The Futures Task Force

Gary Webber, Laura Raymond,
Beth McGregor, Deborah Cayer

March 6 is "Bring a Friend" Sunday

Many of us tell our friends about a good restaurant, movie or book, but what do we tell them about a good congregation? Do you know someone in search of a spiritual home? Most visitors come through the door by invitation.

Inviting friends introduces them to the freedom of our liberal religious faith. It is a message many are eager to hear.

On March 6 we will hold a Bring a Friend Sunday as part of a Ballou Channing District event. Research shows that over 80% of people visit a house of worship because they were personally asked.

How can you participate? It's easy; just think of a neighbor or friend who might enjoy our community. Bring their name and address to church on February 27. That morning postcards will be available for you to write an invitation.

We'll mail cards from church on Monday. Then come and help welcome visitors on March 6.

Celebrating Our Whole Lives!

From the Department of Celebrating What We Do Well:

Let's hear it for comprehensive sexuality education! This June's General Assembly will celebrate the Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality curriculum for five wonderful years of sharing an uplifting, positive, and honest message about sexuality.

Our congregation has offered OWL three times in those five years. Together with the Canton church, members of our church have taught and facilitated this year-long exploration of sexuality for youth in grades 7-9.

OWL has touched so many lives. At our preliminary OWL meeting last fall, I was struck by web of interconnection between Canton and Sharon congregants. Some of the teachers had been parents of previous participants. Some of the parents of current participants were former OWL teachers; some of them had taught the children of the current teachers. Some other parents were alumni of About Your Sexuality (AYS). All these people had a deep appreciation of the openness, honesty, and directness of the OWL curriculum.

Now it's time to celebrate and share. What has OWL meant to you? What difference has it made in your life? Youth participants, parents, teachers – all are welcome to share their stories in a web publication of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Send your submission (as short or as long as you like) to owl@uua.org by April 15, 2005.

Senior Youth Group Calendar

Feb. 27: We are going to the Soulful Sundown service at the Franklin church. We're planning to meet at the church at 4:45 and carpool there (we expect to return around 8). Ask your parents if they are interested in going; it's an open all ages event and we need drivers. Donations of \$5 are suggested, but you don't need to bring any money if you can't.

March 6: Practice/tryout meeting for planning our "Whamcake! Breakfast." Anyone who has a waffle iron should bring it. Erin is bringing vegan batter, and there is batter mix at the church. We may have some sort of group discussion while eating.

March 13: We will be planning for our youth-led church service. The topic is "Growing Up" - bring some sort of story, poem, reading, music, or whatever else you can find that relates to growing up.

March 20: We are planning to go out and do some sort of activity such as billiards or bowling.

March 27: No meeting - Easter Sunday

April 3: "Whamcake! Breakfast". We'll meet at the church around 7am and start preparing/cooking.

more next month...

MainSpring House Update

Many thanks to the many church members and friends who have been contributing "lunch fixings" for MainSpring House. With your help every month, our Preschool-3rd Grade children have been making 80 bag lunches (complete with decorated bags) for residents of MainSpring House.

Needed for Sunday, March 6, are: 1 large jar grape jelly, 8 long loaves of whole wheat bread (Shaw's brand works very well), 19 snack-size bags of chips, 24 juice boxes, and 80 pieces of fresh fruit.

Please contact Louise Marcoux to let her know what you plan to bring so that she can coordinate donations: 781/784-3652 or DRE@uusharon.org.



Stone Soup - Pledging Time

Thanks...

As we prepare for this year's canvass, we are thankful for all we do together - our children's Religious Education program, our commitment as a Welcoming Congregation, our small group dialogues this Fall that helped us identify our core values, the many opportunities for intergenerational activities, adult programs, the support and encouragement we may have found - or offered - in times of hardship and, of course, our meaningful Sunday services. Think of the many ways our church is important in your family's life.

Our giving provides us the opportunity to work with others towards mutual goals of peace and justice. And the Unitarian Universalist Association speaks for us nationally and internationally to promote civil rights, personal freedom, and religious tolerance and cooperation. Individually, we can make only a slight contribution; but as a denomination, we speak a clear message to a troubled world.

Giving....

In a religious context, *stewardship* is the management of the congregation's affairs. We give money not to build churches, but to transform lives - our own and others. Members and friends exercise stewardship in two ways. First, we contribute our time and talents, serving on committees, teaching religious education, organizing social justice projects, leading adult discussions, pitching in on Work Sundays - too many ways to list, but all vital.

Equally as important, we pledge our financial support. Pledge income constitutes 75% of the budget we approve in June. It pays salaries for our Minister, Director of Religious Education, Music Director, Administrative Assistant and custodian. It pays to light and heat the building, for snow removal, for maintaining our historic building, for supplies for the office, RE classes, coffee...and on and on.

On three dates in March, we will gather in the spirit of fellowship and stewardship to think about why we give and the importance of the church in our lives. Last year we called it Just Desserts and had small group discussions that were really terrific. This year we are calling it Stone Soup, serving soup and dessert, and new questions for dialogue.

Please check your calendar to see which date your family can join us: Friday, March 18, Saturday, March 19 from 7 to 8:30 pm or Sunday, March 20 from Noon to 1:30. Don't miss this opportunity to take part in our community affairs - whether you have been with us as a member for 40 + years or have just discovered us and want to learn more, all are welcome. Child care will be provided. A canvasser will call to ask which evening your family can attend.

We hope you will join us to celebrate our religious commitment, and then to give - thankfully.

For information, call Ellen Schoenfeld-Beeks or Tom Yeransian, Canvass Co-Chairs.

First Friday Marches In

Come unwind with church friends at First Friday on March 4 from 6 - 8:30pm. Arrive at this informal meal as your schedule permits and enjoy a relaxed, end-of-the-week communal meal in the vestry.

No sign-up or reservation is needed - just bring food to share (main dish, salad, vegetable or dessert) and your family's choice of beverage. Without any planning, we enjoy a delicious, varied menu. Clean-up is fast and easy, and we're all home early.

Parents: child care is not provided, so please bring a quiet activity for your children.

Imagine All the People...

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notice a window that had been walled up is now uncovered. Light is filtering through it from a space beyond.

Get up and walk toward the door. Your feet are walking on a level smooth floor all the way, for that side of the stage has been cut down, and the new floor boards match the old. When you get to the door, feel how sturdy it is, but how gently and quietly it starts to open. Maybe you'll notice a four foot wide section of flooring that runs from the left of the doors and alongside the front wall of the church. It slopes almost imperceptibly up the eighteen inches from sanctuary floor to stage level. You think "Someone in a wheelchair could get to the center of the stage easily."

Step outside. Only, it's not outside any more. You're in a sunny, simple space, about twenty feet wide and thirty feet long. You're standing in the middle of a broad corridor that runs alongside the wall of the church you just passed through. You can see this corridor is like the bottom line of an "L", as the left end meets another longer corridor that runs along the line of the RE wing. Take a few steps and turn to start walking down the longer corridor.

Wow – there's an elevator there on the right! Push the button. When the doors open, check and notice it stops on three levels, and that it has doors both front and rear. Don't take a ride in it just yet, though. Go beyond the elevator and pause at the top of a roomy stairway leading six feet down to the ground level of our new "Main Entrance" area.

From the top of stairs you can see everything easily, for the architect has left much of the upper level space open, and the open space ties into and becomes part of the new "Main Entrance." You're impressed by the way the whole structure has a simple, gracious look and feel of the historical original church. Yet, you clearly see this new space is a more inviting, more functional entry for all of us.

Walk down the stairs to the ground level. Consider continuing down the adjoining stairway. At its foot you can see a corridor with children's art on the wall, and you know it must lead left to the vestry. But instead, stand in the sunny ground level area, near the bright new elevator doors, and look around. Notice the wide double doors to the outside, with windows beside. Looking through, you notice the parking area seems more spacious—has it been expanded along the back edge of the property? Appreciate the way the design flows, and welcomes and facilitates entry for all.

Imagine, too, what else may be possible. Maybe you would like a cloakroom at the end of the upper hall? Storage alongside the lower hall? Did we make sure to incorporate the door to the boiler room? Where's that space for the door that may someday lead into new classroom or other needed space? (The architect has made sure this accessibility structure won't interfere with such a later expansion – he has worked with us on a vision of what it might be and how it would fit in.) Could an accessible bathroom be added later? How about a "noisy baby" nook, where parents could go with children and still hear and see the service?

Finish your imaginary trip by summoning the elevator. Step in the front door, push the up button, and seconds later step out into the upper hallway. Before you reenter the sanctuary, pause. Think, "This was worth it." It was worth the time, the energy, the careful consensus building, the planning, and the incorporation of everyone's vision. It was worth my donation of money, or time, or labor to the Capital Campaign that raised the new money we needed. Accessibility was long overdue in our church, but it is finally here. We enter together here now, all of us.

Imagine all the people....



Alliance Supports Guatemalan Women's Health Initiative

Guatemala is one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere. A civil war left the country devastated, with over 200,000 people dead or missing. The country has also seen recent rapid population growth, with an average of over 5 children per family. Indigenous families, which make up around half of the population, have over 7 living children per family. The infant mortality is the second worst in the western hemisphere, beat only by Haiti. 44 of every 1,000 infants die before their first birthday, as compared to 6 in the United States.

Elizabeth Schoenfeld is in Guatemala working to improve healthcare for Guatemalan women. Guatemalan husbands often reject family planning, equating it with adultery. Also, Guatemalan women do not get Pap smears with any regularity; many die of cervical cancer.

The Unitarian Church of Sharon women's group, The Goodwill Alliance, voted at its February meeting to support Guatemalan women in obtaining contraception and to help prevent cervical cancer by providing funding for pap smears. We'll be selling baked goods after Sunday services in April. Your donations will go towards supporting these women.

Anyone interested in helping to coordinate the sale and in baking, please contact Ellen Schoenfeld-Beeks or Melissa Mills.

Shall We Dance?

Belle of the Ball is a program to match gently-used prom dresses with high school juniors and seniors who might not otherwise be able to afford them.

If you have a dress to donate (no more than three years old), bring it to Anton's Cleaners or Curves in Sharon. Anton's will clean the dresses and make them available to girls, by referral, at no charge.

Across the Miles

Katharine Panessidi writes from New York: Did you know that every three minutes, another woman in the US is diagnosed with breast cancer? I didn't, and I was so shocked that I've committed to doing something about it.

I'll spend the weekend of October 1 and 2 walking, along with thousands of other people, in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer (I'll go 26 miles, maybe 39!).

The Avon Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity (IRS tax-exempt number 13-6128447) whose mission is to provide access to care and to work toward finding a cure. It supports medical research, clinical care, support services, educational and advocacy seminars and community-based non-profit early detection breast health programs.

I must raise at least \$1,800 to participate, but I'm setting my goal even higher; I plan to raise at least \$2,500. Please help to support me and the breast cancer cause by making a contribution to my efforts. You can make your donation online at www.avonwalk.org; click on "donate," then "donate to a specific walker," then "new york 2005," and then type in Katharine Panessidi.

If you prefer, please send checks payable to Avon Foundation to me, K. Panessidi, c/o Bell, 90 Gold Street, Apt. 26H, New York, NY 10036. If you have any questions, send an EMail to me at kitkat1281@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Across the Street

For many years, our congregation has supported the work of the Sharon/Stoughton Food Pantry. While it's easy to remember others during the holiday season, the need is no less now. Please bring in canned goods (tuna, meat, vegetables, soup) - no glass, no perishables, no cereals and grains, no personal care items - and leave them in the basket near the vestry door.

Partner Church News: We're Part of a Movement

As partners of a small congregation in Gyulakuta, Romania, we're one of about 200 UU congregations (one of 10 in our district) with an international relationship with another Unitarian church. Most of them, like ours, are in Transylvania, where Unitarianism started, but some are in other eastern European countries, India and the Philippines.

Our partnership began in 1992, led by Rev. Pat Bowen, who began correspondence with their minister, Rev. Sandor Kovacs, and by Beverly Wilkins, who had visited churches in Transylvania and seen their difficult conditions as a persecuted minority in a country blighted by years of Communist dictatorship. In the late 1980's the Transylvanian Unitarians requested the UUA to help create congregational partnerships (which had begun in the 1920's but lapsed in the Depression and World War II), and we were among the churches to respond. We raised funds (rolling huge piles of coins) and pooled them with those of two other churches served by our partner minister, and together were able to bring our partner minister for a visit in 1993.

Our support and contact lagged when Rev. Kovacs left

those churches and Gyulakuta had no minister, but picked up again when Rev. Erika Demeter became their minister and Beth and Amanda McGregor were able to visit the congregation in 2002. At their request, we help support their minister's transportation; our latest endeavor in that field was to join with the other U.S. partners of the churches served by Erika and her husband Levente Lazar to help their churches purchase a "new" car, a 2001 Opel.

Still, our contact and support remains intermittent and superficial, and our Partner Church account is down to \$24. There are many factors in the stronger partnerships of churches like Franklin and Bridgewater, but the biggest single one is personal contact. People have met each other face to face, talked (even if through an interpreter), seen each other's homelands and lives. That's why the UU Partner Church Council organizes regularly scheduled trips, including a summer youth tour, and helps congregations organize small van trips. You can see information about these on the Partner Church bulletin board or at home on www.uupcc.org.

Maybe it's time to hit the road on a Unitarian journey.

Calendar

Events take place **at church** unless otherwise noted. Event times are "**pm**" unless otherwise noted. Choir rehearses Weds. at 7pm and Sun. at 9am. Services and child care begin at 10:15am Sundays.

F Mar 4	First Friday Potluck 6-8 (flow)	Sa Mar. 19	Stone Soup (Canvass) 7-8:30 SCMA Concert
Su Mar 6	Welcoming Cong. Wkshp 12-2:30 Senior Youth Group 5:30-7:30	Su Mar. 20	Stone Soup (Canvass) 12-2 Welcoming Cong. Wkshp 12-2:30 Senior Youth Group 5:30-7:30
M Mar 7	Women's Support Group 7:30	M Mar. 21	Women's Support Group 7:30
W Mar 9	Board of Trustees 7:15	Th Mar. 24	Men's Group 8
Th Mar 10	Men's Group 8	Su Mar. 27	Senior Youth Group 5:30-7:30
Su Mar 13	Welcoming Cong. Wkshp 12-2:30 Senior Youth Group 5:30-7:30	F Apr. 1	First Friday Potluck 6-8 (flow)
F Mar. 18	Stone Soup (Canvass) 7-8:30	F Apr. 3	Whamcake! Breakfast ??am Details Next Month

Adult Education

A Conversation on Thoreau's Walden

In March, days/times tbd

Rev. Barry Andrews writes, "More than anything else, the Transcendentalists tried to achieve a balance in their lives between work and leisure, nature and civilization, society and solitude, spiritual aspirations and moral behavior. They did so on the basis of a this-worldly form of spirituality characterized by a reverence for nature, an organic world-view, a sense of the miraculous, an optimism about human potential, a search for what is universal in religion and personal experience, a strong ethical sensibility, and an encouragement of the individual in his or her own religious quest."

In this course we'll read chapters of Walden and consider questions: How do we spend our lives? How do we wake up? How do we grow? How then shall we live? Learning will be in the form of conversation, in the spirit of the Transcendentalists. Participants will need a copy of Walden by Henry David Thoreau; other brief readings will be provided. Sign up on the Vestry Bulletin Board.

Language of Reverence

In April, day/time tbd

A couple of years ago, David Bumbaugh, a humanist UU minister and professor at Meadville-Lombard Theological School said (in essence) that UUs will miss out on a good deal of life's experience if we don't have a language with which to talk about the human experience of transcendence. His ideas were picked up by Rev. Bill Sinkford, UUA President, Professors Sharon Welch and Thandeka, and others who have written extensively in response; five of their essays have been gathered into a slim, readable volume called "Language of Reverence." In April we'll use the essays to have our own conversation about this interesting and important topic. Participants will need a copy of Language of Reverence which is available through the UUA Bookstore (617-742-2100 x102). Questions? contact Rev. Deborah Cayer.

Help Wanted

Going to General Assembly (GA)?

Interested in representing The Unitarian Church of Sharon as a delegate?

If so, be sure to let the Board know, so you can be considered for certification (we can have only a limited number of delegates).

Act now, before someone else beats you to it!

What's IT All About?

The IT Committee is seeking software, hardware, and/or network savvy individuals to join the team in our efforts to support the church staff with their use of technology. Do you know how to troubleshoot a sluggishly performing PC? Can you install software applications? Are you familiar with the use of applications like Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher or even non-Microsoft products like Quicken? Have you ever installed or removed a graphics adapter, internal modem or hard drive? Do you know what a router is and whether those blinking lights are a good thing or bad thing?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, we have an incredible opportunity for you. Step up to the challenge! Help us to support our almost-21st-Century office! Yes, we even have a network - two PCs that are actually connected and share a printer, files and access to the Internet! Let us exploit your know-how and in return you will receive the best compensation available.... an ever grateful minister, DRE and church administrator, not to mention a relieved IT Committee Chair.

Growth opportunities abound! You could even be asked to chair the committee in the not-too-distant future! Youth are encouraged to apply!

Interested parties, please contact Julie Armstrong or send email to IT@uusharon.org.

What's New in the UU World

UUA Receives "Peace and Justice" Award

The Unitarian Universalist Association was honored as the first recipient of the new "Peace and Justice" award for "outstanding leadership in helping gay and lesbian couples attain and preserve their civil right to marry" given by the Religious Coalition for the Freedom to Marry (RCFM). The award, to be granted annually, was accepted by UUA president the Rev. William G. Sinkford at the RCFM's anniversary celebration on Thursday, February 10th in the Great Hall of the Massachusetts State House.

Workshops/Meetings

Unity Church in North Easton will host the 6th Annual BCD Music Conference on March 5 (9am-2:30pm). This conference is not just for music and choir directors, it's for anyone who likes church music. Workshops will cover topics including small(er) choirs and world music. Register online at www.bcd.uua.org, ask at the church office for a registration form, or call 401/789-0996.

Getting Comfortable with Creating and Leading Worship, a workshop for lay leaders, will be held on Saturday, March 5 (9am-12pm) at the First Universalist Society in Franklin. Led by Ministerial Intern Joanne Giannino, participants will consider topics including what is worship? what makes it work? working with music, poetry, sacred texts, and other resources; challenges; and more. To register contact claire_mallette@yahoo.com

The BCD's Spring Conference and Annual Meeting will be held on April 23 at First Parish Norwell. The theme is Stewardship: Care of Our Faith Tradition – Deepening our faith tradition and growing our spirituality. The Rev. Alice Blair Wesley will be the keynote speaker.

See reverse for "Conflict for Cowards" registration form.

Get Out of Town

Five Alaska UU fellowships invite UUs from "outside" to our UU June and July eco-spiritual/intercultural programs. Stay in UU homes and enjoy discussions and dinners with Alaska UUs. See whales, sea otters, sea lions, seals, bears, moose, caribou, wolves, Dall sheep, puffins, eagle, etc. in the wild from the Arctic Ocean to the Inside Passage in the south. Visit Denali's Mt. McKinley and Kenai's fjords and glaciers. See totem poles, native arts, dancing, story-telling. Rev. Dick & Mary Weston-Jones, leaders. Visit www.wuurld.org, EMail dick@wuurld.org, or phone toll-free 1-888-998-8753 for a brochure. Reservations due April 1.

Ferry Beach is accepting registrations for its upcoming summer conferences ranging from work weeks to GA Away from GA to Eco-Living, RE and more. Register and pay in full before April 1, 2005 to will receive 5% off of the total cost of your conference. For more information, call 207-282-4489 or go to www.ferrybeach.org.

If you've ever wanted to visit Niagara Falls or if it's already one of your favorite places, UU Niagara Experience (July 17-20) is a chance to experience the wonder of Niagara Falls, plus some great educational opportunities, in the company of UUs from around the country. You'll encounter the Falls up close from every perspective, even safely riding beneath a tethered balloon. Spend four days exploring the rich history and natural wonders around the Falls. For info visit www.uunex.net/, EMail info@uunex.net or call 716/791-4453.

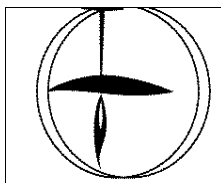


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MARCH SERVICES

SERVICES AND CHILD CARE BEGIN AT 10:15 A.M. JOIN US!

March 6

Finding Our Way

How might Unitarian Universalism help someone get through a day, a week, a year, a life? Today would be a good day to invite a friend or neighbor to church to hear about the essentials of UUism. Rev. Deborah Cayer, worship leader.

March 13

Sermon on the Amount

Unitarian Universalist congregations are self-supporting; we raise our yearly funding for ourselves from ourselves. The church obviously benefits from this, and as members and friends we do as well. Hmm...is there any other way the giver might benefit from the act of giving? Rev. Cayer, worship leader.

March 20

Curiosity

Melissa Leonard will lead this service

March 27

Easter

Rev. Deborah Cayer , worship leader.

