

Community Church News ❖ Oct 2014

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Sunday Services – 9:00am & 10:45am

Oct 5 “What If Nobody Forgave?” Rev. Thom Belote *Multigenerational Service*

Join our all ages worshipping community for a service on the art of forgiveness. We will look at how we might practice forgiveness in our lives and together we will learn about the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur.

Oct 12 “Turnings: A Celebration of Autumn” Rev. Thom Belote

With special music from our choir, we’ll welcome in the spirit of the season with song, poetry, ritual, and a reflection on the turnings in our own lives.

Oct 19 “Second Star To The Right” Rev. Holly Lux-Sullivan, guest minister

When we’re particularly fortunate, our careers are also a calling -- what we felt pulled to do in, and for, the world. The Rev. Holly Lux-Sullivan will explore calling as both vocation and extracurricular activity, as it were, and help us remember how to follow our bliss. Our guest preacher is a Unitarian Universalist community minister serving as a hospice chaplain in Alamance County.

Oct 26 “Zombie Theology” Rev. Thom Belote

As we draw closer to Halloween, we’ll evoke the scary side of this season with an exploration of the recent rise (no pun intended) of interest in Zombies in popular culture. From George Romero to *Shaun of the Dead* to *World War Z* to *The Walking Dead*, we’ll discover what we can learn from zombies and what our theology says about the dead rising to walk the earth. This is a great Sunday to invite a friend to church.



On My Mind & In My Heart...

On a Saturday in mid-September a group of 35 church leaders gathered for a ministerial start-up workshop. This group included the current board, several recent past-Presidents, and the chairs of many church committees. The workshop was facilitated by Kathy McGowan, a Congregational Life Specialist with the Southeast Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

The UUA offers and strongly encourages start-up workshops at the beginning of every new ministry. They are an opportunity for the new minister and the congregation’s lay leaders to be in dialogue about expectations, dreams, and visions. In preparation for the meeting we reviewed the timeline of our church history that was created during Gary Kowalski’s interim ministry. We also looked at the history of the church as written by minister emeritus Charlie Kast. (Both the timeline and history are available on the church website.)

Several things became clear to me during this workshop and were reflected back to the group by Kathy McGowan.

- Our church has a deep pool of committed leaders. There are lots of different people serving in a leadership capacity who make this church strong. Anyone considering stepping into a leadership role for the first time will find herself or himself surrounded by a lot of awesome people.
- Our church is in great shape organizationally with strong structures and systems in place. We’re in a great position to be able to realize the goals and dreams in our strategic plan as well as other dreams that may come up for us along the way.
- Our church has the capacity to be a “resource church,” a congregation that other UUs turn to for advice and wisdom about strong programs. We have a lot to offer our fellow Unitarian Universalists.

Can you tell I came away from this weekend even more excited to be your minister?

On another note, please consider saving the date of Saturday, January 17, 2015. That afternoon we’ll be holding a
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special worship service and gathering to install me as your minister. Installations are special worship services and they are a lot of fun. They are held at some point during a new minister's first year, sometimes in the fall, sometimes in the spring, and sometimes in-between. My clergy colleagues come from near and far to help us celebrate. Our special guest that Saturday will be my colleague Jake Morrill, minister at the UU Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. More information and announcements about the installation will be shared later this Fall.

See you in Church!

- Rev. Thom

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

FALL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

If you have not registered your child yet, you can register on-line or after services. Here is a link to register for our exciting Fall Program:

<http://www.c3huu.org/registration.html>



MUSICAL NOTES by Glenn

It's a new church year, and a great opportunity for you to explore your creative side and come join one of the choirs or musical groups at the Community Church. Here's what we have to offer:

- Community Church Choir, which meets every Wednesday evening to rehearse, and sings at services twice a month.
- Community Church Singers, which meets every other Sunday after the 2nd service and sings at service once a month.
- Children's Choir, which meet every other Saturday morning and sings at all Multi-Generational services.
- Youth Music Ensemble, which aims to involve Middle and High Schoolers not just as singers, but as instrumentalists, arrangers and composers, too.
- UUKes, which meets every other Monday and performs for special events.

There are no auditions for any of our music groups. For more information contact me at <music@c3huu.org> or catch me after a service.

WELCOMING MINISTRIES

Help Us Be a Truly Welcoming Congregation:

An exciting thing has been happening at Community Church: each Sunday our Visitor Tables have become abuzz with activity as new people enter our doors in increasing numbers, bringing with them their curiosity about who we are and, most importantly, a deep desire to know whether they'll be able to find spiritual community here.

This is where you're greatly needed.

We're looking to grow a Welcoming Associates program, a critical mass of people specifically committed to interacting with new visitors on Sunday morning, both at the Visitor Table in the Commons before services and in the Jones Building after services. We'd like a cross-section of people, representative of the variety we have here at Community Church.

What does it involve?

- No meetings!
- One training session
- A commitment to host at the Visitor areas 4 times during the year
- When you're not hosting, a willingness to be an ambassador, aware of newcomers and practicing radical hospitality in welcoming them. We'll show you how.

That's it. Really. A simple job, but perhaps one of the most critically important roles on Sunday morning. Think for a moment: What is it that you'd like people to see, to feel or experience when they enter our doors those first few times they come here?

I invite you to become a Welcoming Associate so that together we might create that.

Please contact me at c3hmembership@gmail.com or call [919-942-2050](tel:919-942-2050)

Jacqueline Brett, Director of Welcoming Ministries

Newcomer Orientation – Sunday, October 5, 12 noon:

If you're new or simply feel like you're new, join Rev. Thom Belote, Jacqueline Brett - Director of Welcoming Ministries, and several Community Church members for light refreshments and a brief orientation that'll include important facts about UU values, the history and mission of this church, and how to connect here. Attendance at a Newcomer Orientation is a first step on the Path to Membership if you've been thinking about joining the fellowship here. Join us in the Commons area right outside the Sanctuary after the second service. Childcare is available. Please RSVP at c3hmembership@gmail.com or call: 919-942-2050.

GOVERNMENT MATTERS

ANNUAL SURVEY SUMMARY FROM STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT TEAM:

In August, the Strategy Management team (SMT) conducted the annual survey following the end of the first year of the Strategic Plan. We were looking for input from the congregation about the Church's strengths and areas for improvement. There were also some questions from the Communications Team as well as from SEA (Spiritual Exploration for Adults). The SMT would like to thank the 66 people who completed the survey. A summary and the results can be found on the church website at <http://www.c3huu.org/our-strategic-plan.html>.



CARING MINISTRY

Our ministry provides visits and emotional support to members who are hospitalized or homebound, lends out Caring Quilts to members to provide comfort and symbolize the support of our community, and assists members in finding resources and support services in times of critical need. If you have any caring needs, please contact Ivy Brezina, Caring Ministry Coordinator at caring@c3huu.org or (415)663-8703. You can also let us know about a caring concern by filling out a Joys and Sorrows card in the Commons. Cards are on the right side on a table as you enter the sanctuary.

Can you offer a ride to our elder members? The Caring Ministry is looking for volunteers to bring members to church who are no longer driving. We have a few ladies at Carol Woods who would like to come to church occasionally. Please contact Ivy Brezina, Caring Ministry Coordinator.

Spiritual Explorations (SEA)

The Art of Living Foundation's Swami Pragyapad will be at The Community Church on Tuesday Oct. 7 for a talk on The Secret of Happiness. This will be held from 7 until 8:30pm in the sanctuary. Ancient knowledge and a practical application of meditation will be shared focusing on remaining centered and joyful on an everyday basis.



SHARE THE PLATE

SHARE THE PLATE DEADLINE SUNDAY, OCT 26 FOR REQUESTS JANUARY-JUNE, 2015.

The Share the Plate Steering Committee accepts nominations for non-profit causes that are consistent with the mission of The Community Church twice a year. The deadline for the next submission is October 26. E-mail applications to either Barb Chapman at barbchapman@bellsouth.net or stp@c3huu.org. Current nomination forms can be found on the church website at <http://www.c3huu.org/share-the-plate.html>. Committee members are Jill Baker, Barb Chapman, Jena Kaizen, John Leopold, Jane Provan, Bill Rote, and Susan Spalt.

STP – OCT 5: EL CENTRO HISPANO

El Centro Hispano (ECH) founded in 1992, is a grassroots community-based organization dedicated to strengthening the Latino community and improving the quality of life for Latino residents in Durham, Carrboro, Chapel Hill and the surrounding areas.

From 2000 to 2010, the North Carolina Latino population grew by 111%. Similarly, the Orange County Latino population grew by 108.9%.

In July 2010, ECH opened its first satellite office in Carrboro at the request of Orange County leaders. ECH has replicated and adapted many of the programs that have been most successful and needed in Durham County for the Orange County Latino population.

ECH has also begun to work with local partners and town officials in the development of a workers' center for day laborers and domestic workers

STP – OCT 19: IFC (INTER-FAITH COUNCIL)

IFC (Inter-faith Council) will have a Share the Plate on Oct.19th. The Community Church is one of the founders of IFC and has continued giving support both in volunteering and financial contributions. The agency relies heavily on churches in Orange County to provide for those in need. One area is providing food items for The Food Pantry. Needed items are: soap, tuna, chicken Noodle soup, canned fruit, mac and cheese, spaghetti sauce and pork and beans. The men and women's shelter are in need of underwear and socks. Put on your Calendar for Tues. Nov.11th when restaurants will give 10% of their proceeds to IFC.

STP – OCT 26: UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS FOR JUSTICE IN THE MIDDLE EAST (UUJME); COALITION FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE (CPWJ):

On October 26, two days before UN Day, the Peace and Justice Committee has chosen for Share The Plate two groups advocating justice and security for all people of Israel and Palestine.

Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East

((www.uujme.org), works within the UU community to affirm the equality, dignity, freedom, and security of all peoples involved.



UUJME partners with other organizations, including Jewish Voice for Peace, Friends of Sabeel, the UU Service Committee.

UUJME's principal activities are educational, including programs at General Assembly, support of local UU congregation social action committees, and sponsorship of trips to Israel/Palestine. We encourage members of our congregation to take the next **UUJME** trip in July and offer a stipend for one college student and one adult wishing to go.

The Coalition for Peace with Justice (www.peace-with-justice.org),

an ecumenical interfaith network, based in the Triangle, with participants from across NC and the US, is dedicated to education, advocacy, and non-violence. **CPWJ** offers a variety of activities that include educational and cultural programs, travel, dialogue groups, and peace vigils.



We hope you will consider a generous gift to this STP collection to further the work of peace in this troubled area.

WITHIN THESE WALLS

SANCTUARY ART ~ Through OCT 26:

The art in the sanctuary from September 14 through October 26 (with a reception on October 12) is a collaboration by Barbara Tyroler and Sandy Milroy.



Barbara Tyroler is a fine art image-maker using photography in collaborative multi-media art projects that address social and cultural issues. She has an M.F.A. in digital art and an M.Ed. in education. She currently teaches an independent masters level photography class and offers workshops with Duke's Center for Documentary Studies. She administers the FRANK gallery's non-profit programs through the Community Outreach Gallery and is founder of the Triangle Photography Consortium.



Sandy Milroy currently works in the mediums of collage and acrylic painting. She uses handmade papers, paint, and micro-pens to achieve intricate compositions, abstract or derived from nature. Sandy has a B.A. degree in art history. After moving to North Carolina, she began weaving and studied at the Penland, Arrowmont, and Haystack craft schools. In the

1970s she lived in Zambia, Scotland and England. After returning to Chapel Hill in 1981, she completed graduate studies in the textile design program at NC State University and produced fine scale tapestry pins and wall pieces. She is a member of the Orange County Artist Guild. She is also a member artist at the FRANK Gallery in Chapel Hill.

The Collaboration: Initially photographed by Barbara during a nine-day visit to Beijing, these portraits present a glimpse into the internal landscape of the subjects, seen from a foreigner's perspective, within the backdrop of Beijing's rapidly changing external landscape.

Beijing Impressions, a 2 Person Multi-media Collaboration, pushes the work a step further into abstraction.

Using Barbara's original work from her Beijing Impressions portrait series, the artists then selected complementary work from Sandy's collections as source material to create new work that reinterpreted and recombined original imagery of both artists. With attention to modifications of composition, light, tonality, mood shift, and layering, Sandy expanded Barbara's photographs with handmade, hand-painted papers to create more complex collages; while Barbara re-photographed and reused some of Sandy's collages to provide more intricate photo composites.

OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO SAN RAMON, NICARAGUA FOR ADULTS AND YOUTHS.

On Sunday **October 26** you have an opportunity to learn about a unique travel experience that will take place March 1-8, 2015 in San Ramon, Nicaragua. This is a trip to remember for a lifetime. Sister Communities of San Ramon, Nicaragua built the foundation for cultural immersion ecotours 16 years ago to help stimulate the local economy by giving people the opportunity to start small businesses that provide services to ecotour groups. The impact has been immensely positive both for visiting groups as well as for micro-entrepreneurs in San Ramon. The World Tourism Organization declared this tourism project a model for Sustainable Tourism to End Poverty (STEP) in 2005. Learn more about the trip Sunday, October 26 at 12:15 PM in the Straley Room from trip leader Lonna Harkrader <lonnaharkrader@gmail.com>, [919 489-1656](tel:9194891656). Mary Hulett who went on this trip with her granddaughter and is planning to take this trip with her grandson will attend. The \$1,200 cost includes all in-country transportation, wonderful home stays, a stay at international award winning Finca Esperanza Verde Ec lodge and Organic Coffee Farm, and many fascinating and fun activities and performances.

OUTDOOR CONNECTIONS IN OCTOBER:

Pisgah Inn, "Peak of the Parkway" at the peak of autumn. **Oct. 17 - 19**, Outdoor Connections. It does not, in our beautiful state, get any more gorgeous than this. Starting from 5,000 feet we can work down, if needed, to find the best of fall leaves and falling water at the area's 100+ waterfalls. Limited rooms available (we have to reserve them a year to the day in advance). More info or reservations: chandler-dorfman@mindspring.com

ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH CAMPING TRIP:

October 17th-19th at Falls Lake. Everyone welcome. Join us for fun, fellowship, worship, and a campfire! Register by September 21st. For more info: <http://tinyurl.com/C3H-camping>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

The Tony and Pulitzer Prize winning play adapted from the book will be performed at church Nov 14-16. The play is directed by Marni Goldshlag and includes a cast and crew of church people of all ages working together to share this poignant story of adolescence and resilient humanity.

ANNE FRANK MULTIGENERATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

We will be discussing the beloved book *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* edited by Otto Frank after the 2nd service on **October 26th**. Lunch will be provided and childcare for younger children. If you don't have the book, we can sell you one for \$8. Check with a member of the Faith in Action Team after services.

COMMUNITY DINNERS

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on the first Fridays of the month for fun and fellowship. We meet in the Jones Building at 6:00 to share a meal. \$2/person covers the main dish and dessert. Please also bring a side dish (salad, vegetable, bread, fruit, etc.) All are welcome!

October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th
January 2nd
February 6th
March 6th
April 3rd
May 1st

qUUIlters MEET ON OCT 4TH:

qUUIlters meet on the first Saturday of each month from 9-11am. Whether you are new to quilting or you have a lifetime of quilting experience to share, please come join our group. We'd love to have you. For more information, contact Becky Waibel, [919-933-9041](tel:919-933-9041).

COVENANT GROUPS

Covenant Groups will start in October. Sign ups are taking place now after services at the Covenant Group tables. Check the church website for more details about Covenant Groups and times available. <http://www.c3huu.org/covenant-groups.html>.



SOLAR PANEL UPDATE

By now you have noticed the 100 beautiful, shiny, black solar panels on the roof of the Jones Building. We are still waiting for final approval to be followed by completion of wiring, inspections contract and meter installation by Duke Energy. We are hopeful that we can "throw the switch" and start sending power to the grid by mid-November. SUN@c3huu.org



ECO's Environmental COrner:

Puzzled by what plastics go where? ECO researched guidelines for recycling plastics in Orange, Chatham and Durham counties to help solve some of the mystery. Drop by tabling Oct. 5 for information and examples, and to share any remaining questions. Updates will be on ECO's website soon.

First Sunday Recyclables for Oct. 5 are eyeglasses (*non and prescription, lenses, sunglasses, cases*); batteries (*AAA - D, button, rechargeable*); natural corks and plastic pencils, pens, markers, and tape cores.

Your ideas for green actions on your leaves are inspiring. If you missed this opportunity, your ideas are welcome via email through October. ECO is categorizing them for future use. They and the church's past green actions are posted on the website.

Thanks, too, to all of you who spoke at public hearings and/or submitted specific comments to strengthen the draft regulations for **fracking in NC!**

Website: c3huu.org/eco Email: ECO@c3huu.org

UU CONNECTIONS

UU WOMENSPIRIT EVENT (Oct 15-19):

Open to **all** women, regardless of affiliation or spiritual path, 18 years and older to join us for an inclusive spiritual retreat in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains at The Mountain Retreat Center in Highlands, NC. Come experience daily workshops and worship opportunities, a Labyrinth Walk, Stargazing, Sacred Circle Dancing, and more. Information: <http://www.uuwomenspirit.org>.

EVENTS AT THE MOUNTAIN RETREAT CENTER:

Southern UU Fall Institute: October 6-10 SUUFI welcomes you for its 3rd year, featuring Rev. Amy Carol Webb of Miami bringing her Music, Wisdom and Ministry to "The LIFE in Your Years!!"

Do you hear The Mountain calling you...? You are invited! Please register for this wonderful week of warm fellowship, cool weather, stimulating presentations and wholesome re-connection with nature and yourself. Go to mountaincenters.org to register and find out more.

Thanksgiving: November 26-30 Start a new Thanksgiving tradition at The Mountain. Take part in a relaxed environment with evening programs, programming for children, and Sunday morning worship service. Thanksgiving dinner will be delicious. The best part: you don't have to cook or clean! Go to mountaincenters.org to register and find out more.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! November Newsletter Submissions need to be in by Oct 19th!!!

*** Submit articles to c3hoffice@gmail.com. Please remember the new 150 word limit for submissions.

*** If you would like to learn more about joining the Community Church of Chapel Hill, please contact our Director of Welcoming Ministries, Jacqueline Brett by calling the office (919) 942-2050, emailing c3hmembership@gmail.com, or find her at one of our Sunday services. Whether you are brand new or a long time attendee, and whatever your beliefs or background, we welcome you to our community of friendship and ideals.



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