

# THE TIMES

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH  
OF GREATER LYNN



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## The Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn

### *Mission Statement*

Inspired by meaningful worship, religious education and fellowship, we are a welcoming congregation committed to spiritual growth and diversity, social justice, and serving the greater community.

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### **GENEROSITY AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE**

I became a Unitarian Universalist when I was in the 9th grade and the first Religious Education I ever received was in my church's Coming of Age classes that year. In many ways that class was very much like the New UU classes we offer here for new members – including at the end an invitation to join the church. Over that first year I had fallen in love with the church and it was an easy decision to join.

Not long after I signed the membership book I received a letter and a pledge card from the canvass committee. And soon after that I got a phone call from one of the committee members. They welcomed me into church membership and explained that part of membership was helping to support the church financially. This was the first time in my life that I was ever asked to give money to something, besides “buying” something for myself.

I was a newspaper delivery boy at the time and so had discretionary money of my own to spend. I told the canvass volunteer that I would pledge \$25. Now, I belonged to a big church at the time and I doubt my \$25 even covered the expenses of one coffee hour. However, I remember very clearly that the next day I went to the bank, drew out the \$25 from my savings account, put the money in an envelope with the pledge card and put that envelope in the collection plate the very next Sunday.

It was a tremendous experience. I had just given to something that was beyond my own self-interest. It was not a new tape by my favorite rock band (back when you still listened to music on tape) or getting a hamburger at the local fast food joint. It was much more fulfilling than that because now I felt more connected to the church community that I was a part of. My little \$25 was joining with all those other pledges to help build that beautiful community that had begun to mean so much to me.

Ever since that first pledge I have started to think of my financial contribution in ecological terms. The amount that I give is very much like drops of rain. Depending on my financial reality, sometimes my drops of rain are larger and sometimes they are smaller. However, they always join with all the other raindrops of different sizes and help water and nourish the church community. All our contributions come together and help keep our community alive and thriving.

In March you will get a chance to once again (or maybe for the first time) add your raindrops to the financial life of this church community. We will be talking about the legacy of generosity that has been the history of this church and asking you to help continue this legacy. We will also be talking about our church's vision of ministry and how you can help make that vision possible. So keep your eyes and ears open in the coming days and weeks as we join together to continue the life of our community of faith.

Jesse Jaeger, Membership/Volunteer Coordinator

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### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME SUNDAY, MARCH 14**



**SET CLOCKS AHEAD  
ONE HOUR  
SATURDAY EVENING  
BEFORE BEDTIME**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:00 A.M.

Reverend Vann Knight, Parish Minister  
Reverend Jeanne Nieuwejaar, Consulting Minister  
Frances C. Fitch, Director of Music  
Nami Hamada and Laura Hargrove, Organists  
Jesse Jaeger, Membership/Volunteer Coordinator

We offer childcare for our infants through preschool children with Louise Gallo and Jayne Leahy. Following the service, all are welcome to join us for Fellowship Hour the Parish Hall.

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

These themes reflect the rich tapestry of our worship.

March 7	Parish Minister <b>As One Who Can Give</b>
March 14	Parish Minister <b>Why and How To Read Sacred Texts</b>
March 21	Jeanne Nieuwejaar, MRE <b>The Gift of Faith</b> <b>Special Collection: Project COPE Women's Residential Program</b>
March 28	Frances Fitch, Director of Music <b>Music Sunday (Palm Sunday)</b>

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## DO YOU HAVE A CAR?

We on the Membership Ministry Team have become aware of the need of a few of our members and friends for a ride to church on occasion. That being said we would ask any who have the inclination and time to e-mail Jesse Jaeger at [jjeager@uucgl.org](mailto:jjeager@uucgl.org) or call him at 781-595-8836 ext. 24 and leave your information with him. We will then match up people with cars with those who need assistance. Thank you for your interest in helping with this need.

Tom Lunt, Co- Chair, Membership Ministry Team

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*The only rational way of educating  
is to be an example.*

ALBERT EINSTEIN

## SPECIAL COLLECTION SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010

The Social Concerns Ministry Team has chosen a very special recipient for the March collection, **Project COPE's Women's Residential Program**. **Project COPE, Inc.** is a non-profit organization established in 1970 to provide services to individuals who abuse drugs and alcohol. Since that time **Project COPE's** role has expanded to include services for the mentally retarded, developing a network of home care services, and offering management consulting services to other organizations through Occupational Consultation Services. Project COPE seeks to help people achieve their fullest potential in medical, social, educational and emotional dimensions.

**The Women's Residential Program** is a unique inpatient program, serving as a home for recovery and, ultimately, a haven of hope, which combines individual and group counseling for substance abuse, vocational planning and guidance on becoming a better parent. This particular program was started in 1985 and has served hundreds of women ages 17 and older who are substance-abusing as well as many who are pregnant or post-partum. The program incorporates in-depth house groups centered on mother and child, counseling, alcohol and drug education, job training and planning, A.A. and N.A. meetings, as well as recreational activities to provide structure and encourage individual responsibility.

*"I see them walk in like broken little girls and walk out as responsible self-respecting grown women,"* said counselor Christine Leavitt. *"It's like watching miracles on North Common Street."*

Please give generously. All contributions will be matched by the Social Concerns Ministry Team up to a total of \$1000. Make your checks payable to **Project COPE, Inc.** and put "**Women's Residential Program**" in the lower-left hand memo line of your check. Thank you!

Mary Best, Social Concerns Ministry Team

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## PAPERLESS SUNDAYS

Being conscious of both the environment and the budget, the church is going to designate one Sunday a month for the rest of this fiscal year as a paperless Sunday. To save trees and money, the following Sundays will have no Order of Service: March 21, April 25, May 23, and June 27.

## IT'S EASY TO HELP THE SWAMPSCOTT INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

It's our church's turn to collect groceries for the Swampscott Interfaith Food Pantry. There are currently 31 elderly and/or disabled individuals from Swampscott requesting this assistance. You can help by picking up a shopping bag and grocery list in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, March 28**. Just purchase everything on the list and in the sizes specified, and be sure to write your name on the bag that you return. Bring back your groceries by **Sunday, April 11**, and we'll do the rest. Emmanuela Minnefield, Barbara Helinski, and Mary and Steve Speropolous will be glad to answer any questions you might have. Happy Shopping!

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## CSA WINTER/SPRING SHARE IS COMING!

Do you long for **fresh organic produce** year-round? Do you want to **support local and small farms**? Are you interested in **reducing your carbon footprint**? Then the Enterprise Farm Winter Share is for you. In keeping with the UUA focus on ethical eating and the leadership of our own Green Sanctuary on food production and distribution issues, the UUCGL is hosting a winter share program. **Beginning Tuesday, March 2, and continuing through May 11**, we will be a pickup location for a weekly share of fruits and veggies from the Massachusetts Enterprise Farm and partner certified organic farms along the East Coast.

They are still accepting members for the winter/spring share. You can learn more about this program, the pricing, and what is in a share by checking the Enterprise Farm Web site at <http://enterpriseproduce.com/farmshare/whats-in-a-share.htm>. A sampling from a recent share included onions, cabbages, Swiss chard, baby arugula, carrots, potatoes, strawberries and blueberries. Pickups will be on Tuesdays, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Bon appetit!

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*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,  
committed citizens can change the world;  
indeed it's the only thing that ever has.*

MARGARET MEAD

## MAUNDY THURSDAY Candlelight Supper and Worship

On Thursday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, we will have a candlelight supper and worship that focuses on the last few hours in the life of Jesus.

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter. It celebrates Jesus' institution of the Eucharist or Holy Communion at the Last Supper. The word "Maundy" comes from a Latin word meaning "mandate," which refers to the new commandment Jesus gave his disciples that night:

*I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.*

Our candlelight supper will be reflective of the Last Supper with Holy Communion being the final part of our meal. In addition to Communion, our worship will include gospel readings, beautiful anthems, solos, and hymns.

All are invited, and reservations are not required. So if you decide at the last minute to come, please do so.

However, because we are buying food, it would help us to know about how many meals to prepare. Therefore, there is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall, or you can call the Parish Minister.

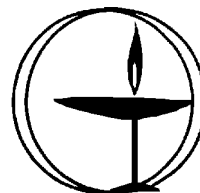
Plan to Come!  
*Maundy Thursday  
Candlelight Supper and Worship  
Thursday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m.  
in the Parish Hall.*

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## MONTHLY BOOK GROUP



Monthly book group meetings are on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. one block from church at Mary O'Connell's house. Please join us as your schedule permits, for one meeting or every month. For more information contact Mary O'Connell.



## WHAT IS A CHORAL SCHOLAR?

I have been pleased to hear, in the past couple of years, that some of you have chosen to attend UUCGL because of the quality of the music we do. That makes your team of music professionals very happy! We all work hard to provide nourishing and inspiring music for Sunday worship services that is also challenging and satisfying for the choir. Worship is our primary focus, although we are involved in many other activities such as the recent fundraising concert, music projects for youth, and Adult RE programs.

We are Nami Hamada and Laura Hargrove, Organists, Dan Meyers and Bobbie Hill, Choral Scholars, and myself, Frances Fitch, Director of Music and player of organ, harpsichord and piano. Let me explain a little bit about us and about our roles as they have evolved, particularly the Choral Scholars.

The term Choral Scholar is one that comes from the English Cathedral tradition and could be translated as Music Intern. In some churches, this position is sometimes called Section Leader or Soloist, but my concept of what Choral Scholars do goes beyond the role of leading the singers in each section (Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass) and singing occasional solos.

In a choir of volunteers, a trained musician with a strong voice, good sight-reading skills, a good heart and diplomatic ways can anchor the group. They make it possible to learn and sing repertoire at a very different level than if that person were not there. They provide access for the choir and congregation to a huge body of choral music from all traditions and parts of the world. Without them, there would be more pressure on each volunteer choir member, and the musical possibilities would narrow considerably.

In our choir, Dan and Bobbie may appear to be just two more enthusiastic choir members, but they are much more than that. They are teachers, cheerleaders and role models for the volunteers who give so much to the church through their participation in choir. The support they offer is essential.

Dan first came to UUCGL while pursuing a Masters Degree in Early Music at the Longy School of Music. He is an extremely versatile musician, playing recorder at the virtuoso level, as well as playing Uilleann pipes, percussion, trombone/sackbut and singing. He is a good and experienced teacher, and has been honing his conducting skills while with us. Dan is also a gourmet chef. He is a native of Washington State and lives in Somerville, where he works with Cambridge Local First.

Bobbie received her BA in Vocal Performance from the University of New Hampshire and now performs with several high-level choral groups in Boston and studies singing at Longy. She is a software quality assurance engineer (and wearer of many other hats) at The Broad Institute in Cambridge, in the Cancer Informatics group. She met Dan while they were both performing in the Christmas Revels. Their apartment in Somerville is filled with esoteric kitchen gadgets, and their freezer with lobster stock.

Nami came to the United States from Japan with the goal of becoming a pipe organ builder. The President of C.B. Fisk Organbuilders counseled that she first become a proficient organist, which she did by earning a degree in Organ Performance from New England Conservatory. Nami is now a voicer at C.B. Fisk, working her artistry and expertise with the hundreds of pipes in each organ to make them all sound their best in the space where the new organ is to live. In order to accommodate her travel schedule (see voices on site all over the world), Nami plays for us once a month. A Tokyo native, Nami now lives in Ipswich with her partner, two cats and a rabbit.

Laura studied organ in Gloucester with Barbara Bruns and Gretchen Longwell-Cooley and went on to study music history and performance at the Hartt School of Music in Connecticut. She teaches English Literature and Public Speaking at North Reading High School, and has previously taught music, drama, and debate in Manchester-by-the-Sea. She lives in Salem with her dog.

I came to UUCGL in 2002, thus starting the fourth long-term church position of my career and the first in a UU church. I have many years of experience as a performer and teacher, touring and recording artist and even Academic Dean. My other part-time job is at the Longy School of Music in Cambridge. I grew up in Nahant and now live in Gloucester with my husband and 24-year-old son.

We are all deeply committed to the music ministry of UUCGL and are grateful for the warmth and welcome of this community. Thank you all so much!

Frances Fitch, Director of Music

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*If a bird sings among your branches,  
be not too ready to tame it.*

HENRI FREDERIC AMIEL

## LEARNING AND PREPARING

Dear Members and Friends,

If you have been part of our congregation for more than a few years, you may have noticed that we have had a high rate of turnover in our Director of Lifespan Religious Education (DLRE) position. Since 1997, we have had six persons serve as our professional religious educator. Since three were interims, we planned for their terms to be limited to one or two years. However, we did hire three to serve as our permanent religious educator, and none remained for more than two years.

Following the resignation of our last religious educator, Vann, in consultation with the RE community, the Personnel Committee and the Board, made several key decisions to help us understand what might have contributed to these short tenures and to begin some significant work before we begin the process of hiring our next religious educator. He commissioned the Rev. Tracey Robinson Harris to assess factors that may have contributed to this instability. (See below for a bit about Tracey's background). At the November Board of Trustees meeting, he recommended members to the RE Visioning Task Force along with the group's charge, which the Board approved. He also hired the Rev. Jeanne Nieuwejaar as our interim Religious Educator for January 2010-June 2011 so that she could help all of us explore our vision for RE, bring stability to the program, and work with all of us as we prepare to welcome our next religious educator.

Between November 16 and December 14, 2009, Tracey interviewed 18 people who have or are playing key roles in our religious education program including religious educators, chairs of the religious education committee and ministers. She sent me her written report in mid-January which I, in turn, shared with Vann, Jeanne, Jesse Jaeger, Elizabeth Muller, members of the Board, the RE Visioning Task Force, and the RE Curriculum Ministry Team. This group then met with Tracey on January 25 to talk with her about her findings and recommendations.

Tracey concluded that the persons hired to fill the permanent position each left for very different reasons. She did not discover any apparent connections between/among the reasons or circumstances for the departures, however, she did note some significant institutional habits that impacted and influenced each departure. She believed that these habits, unless addressed, will continue to impact the role, responsibilities and success of future Religious Educators. In her words, they are:

1. The past - understanding your complex and powerful congregational story, making a place for it in the life of the congregation so that it informs and guides but does not pre-determine or limit
2. Silos - how structures limit possibilities for successful and satisfying ministries and how things might be different
3. Structures for staff success - developing and nurturing a staff team for long term successful ministry
4. Money - what to make of the generosity of past generations and what it means for UUCGL today

Tracey concluded her full report with the following: "I believe that UUCGL begins this new decade with an opportunity to become a stronger and more influential voice for Unitarian Universalism in the community and to continue to nurture and support members and friends as they deepen their spiritual lives and sense of connection to one another and to their chosen faith."

I think it's fair to say that the Board, and those that attended the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, share her optimism about the next stage of religious education in our congregation. I also attended the February 6 religious education retreat, sponsored by the RE Visioning Team, and my own sense of excitement for the future of religious education was reinforced during that morning's conversations and explorations.

If you would like a copy of Tracey's report, please contact Vann, Jeanne, Elizabeth Muller, or me. Vann, Jeanne and I welcome your observations and would be happy to discuss the report with you and the current work that is being done to build on our congregation's religious education legacy. I hope you'll take advantage of this invitation.

*About Tracey: The Rev. Dr. Tracey Robinson-Harris is a Minister of Religious Education. She is currently serving as a UUA consultant for the Office of Ethics in Congregational Life and for the JUUST Change Consultancy (an anti racism, anti oppression, multiculturalism resource). She was the Director for Congregational Services at the UUA, a position she held from July 1, 2002 until June 30, 2009. She joined the UUA staff in November of 1995, when she accepted the position of Deputy Director for Congregational, District and Extension Services.*

Claudia Luck, President



## **"Songs of the Spirit"** an adult education program

*The ways to open ourselves to the presence of the spirit within us and beyond us are many. This three-session program, led by Jeanne Nieuwejaar, will begin with an introduction to the practice of centering prayer. Grounded in that ancient way of prayer, we will move on to reflect on the power of selected spiritual practices, and, we will explore ways to live those practices in our personal lives.*

The three practices selected for exploration in this short program are:

*Sabbath*

*Hospitality*

*Sacred Reading*

*In the weeks between our meetings participants will be expected to engage in some fashion with each of these practices, and to share their experiences with the group.*

We will meet on Sunday afternoons

March 28, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

April 11 and 25 – 12:00 – 2:00

To register, please be in touch with Jeanne. Her email is [mre@uugcl.org](mailto:mre@uugcl.org).

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## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

### **VISIONING TASK FORCE**

The Religious Education Visioning Task Force is very grateful for your generous response to our initiatives – grateful to all those who attended our retreat, who contributed to our Fellowship Hour Conversations, and who have responded to our questionnaire. All of your hopes, dreams and reflections will be woven into a vision statement and a mission statement, drafts of which will be available at the church in late March, printed in next month's newsletter, and distributed in other ways as well. In early April there will be an opportunity for open conversation about those draft statements.

As Carl Sandburg said,  
"Nothing happens unless first we dream."

## **IN THE ROTATION PROGRAM . . .**

**Children in grades 1 – 6** have just completed a month of programming focused on *Ethical Eating*, learning through stories, games, puppet play, mindful eating, writing graces, and more. Mary Kiene-Gualtieri and Toni Bandrowicz created this very thoughtful and engaging material. In March the theme will be *Listening and Learning*, created primarily by Martha Curry, with activities designed to deepen the quality of listening to one another, to the sounds of our world, and to the wisdom within each one of us. In this questioning faith of ours, the listening skill is an important one to develop.

## **AND BEYOND . . .**

Pre-schoolers made Valentines in February, hosted a busy Valentine's Day party for their parents. In March they will be celebrating spring by learning about pussy willows and in other ways.

The Neighboring Faiths group visited the Christian Science Church in February and watched a video about the Muslim pilgrimage of Hajj, preparing for a wider exploration of the Muslim faith in the weeks ahead.

## **SUMMER CAMPS**

'Tis the season for summer planning. If you are thinking of attending a conference at one of our Unitarian Universalist conference centers, we may be able to help with a little scholarship support. Funds are very limited, but there is a bit in that piggybank. Contact Jeanne Nieuwejaar if you would like to apply for such assistance.

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

A short adult program, *Songs of the Spirit*, is described in this newsletter. But this is just a little offering. Many of you have expressed interest in a renewal of adult education programming. To that end there will be an open conversation with Jeanne Nieuwejaar, Minister of Religious Education, on Sunday, March 14 at 11:45 a.m.. This will not be a planning session, but an opportunity for the sharing of interests and ideas, laying the groundwork for future programming.

## HAIKU

written about children of the church by teachers at the  
January 31 Training Program

*Shy, quiet, holding back  
Hesitant but reaching out  
Blossoming each week*

*Brilliant lonely child –  
A gem in darkness out there  
Hold her here in love*

*Broad smile, wild curly locks  
Larger than life itself  
Life dreams within her*

*In winter of nine  
He seemed a hyperactive one  
He needed movement*

*Living in turmoil  
Child of constant winter storms  
Step forward towards spring*

*Jumping, laughing  
Hair shining in the sun  
Where are you going now?*

*Waking up early  
I want to call a friend to play  
Must go to church now*

*Thoughtful and vocal is he  
Like bright sun coaxing blooms from buds  
Class is better with him*

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## DAVID TUMULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Nominations are now being accepted for the David Tumulty Scholarship. This scholarship, established in memory of David Tumulty by his parents John and Carol Tumulty, is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior who best demonstrates a humanitarian spirit. First preference is given to youth of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn, but selection is not limited to young persons connected to the church.

Any student wishing to be considered for this scholarship should submit a brief letter to the church office, Attn: John & Carol Tumulty, Grants Committee. Nominations are also encouraged on behalf of students. Please submit nominations as soon as possible, as May 3 is this year's deadline. Presentation of the award will be made on RE Sunday.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

### Frozen Pickles Secret Pen Pals Begin!

The fun began on Sunday, February 28, when the first mail was delivered and picked up at the pickle barrel by these Secret Pen Pal pairs.

#### Adults & Teens

Felice & Seastar 88  
Trillium & Love 2  
Flatlander & Dark Lord the 3rd  
Mermatron & Cat  
HH & One Who Doesn't Play Violin  
Arwen & Glitter  
D-Detto & Shatterer of Worlds  
Rosebud & Canada-Man  
Jeshua ben Joseph & Mooseman

Who are these people secretly putting mail in the pickle barrel? And why did they choose these names? We'll never tell, but we'll all find out on March 21 at the Frozen Pickles Pen Pal Luncheon.

Angie Kern & Patti Pendexter,  
Not So Secret Pickles Advisors



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## FROZEN PICKLES SECRET PEN PAL LUNCHEON SUNDAY, MARCH 21 NOON - 2:00 P.M.

**IDENTITIES WILL BE REVEALED!**

**Luncheon  
followed by a  
Project to Benefit the People of Haiti**

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Are you in need of scholarship help for next year? Application forms for U UWGL Scholarships are now available in the church office. These should be completed and left in the U UWGL mail slot in the foyer, or mailed to the church, no later than April 30.

## LYNN INITIATIVE UPDATES

The Lynn Initiative continues to offer a variety of volunteer opportunities working with the polite and enthusiastic children and teens at the Lynn Boys and Girls Club.

With Student Chaplain Anne Principe as leader, we have five rotating teams who prepare and enjoy Wednesday evening meals with the club teens. This requires thoughtful, dedicated adults who want to develop genuine relationships with these young people. So far the teen response has been enthusiastic and all our volunteers have found this to be rewarding. If you are interested in helping one Wednesday or more each month, please contact Anne or the Lynn Initiative Co-Chair Mary Best.

One Tuesday afternoon a month we lead about 40 children 8-10 years old in a craft project, along with games and music. It gives children a chance to get some individual attention, which they truly appreciate. If you can help with this effort contact Mary Best.

One Wednesday evening a month we suspend our teen meal program and go all-out with a Family Night dinner and conversation for upwards of 40 parents, children and teens from 6-7:30 p.m. This involves some cooking at our church, transporting food to the Boys and Girls Club and serving food and circulating like good hosts and hostesses. Desserts are always welcome and can be left at the church for us to bring with us if you can't participate. Contact Mary Best or Co-Chair Jack Butterworth if you want to help with this.

Mary Best and Jack Butterworth

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### ANNUAL INDOOR YARD SALE! Saturday, March 27, 2010 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Get a head start on your spring cleaning and start collecting articles for the Annual Indoor Yard Sale. You can start bringing your items in on Sunday, March 20. Please place your items on the stage in the Parish Hall.

Anyone interested in helping can contact Emmanuela Minnefield.

Emmanuela Minnefield, Co-President UUWGL

## BUDGET CONVERSATIONS

Thank you to everyone who submitted budget requests and accompanying narratives. We are in the process of preparing the draft budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 and want your input. We have already begun conversations with parishioners to discuss the priorities of the next fiscal year, how they are in alignment with our Vision of Ministry, and how the necessary cuts will affect our programming. Your input is important in these discussions as we work together to prepare the draft budget.

Our next meeting to get input from the congregation is **Wednesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m.** Groups that need funding, and anyone in the congregation, are encouraged to gather to discuss the budget. It is the hope that this process of coming together and listening to one another's plans—in light of our financial limits—will build community, understanding, and cooperation.

The staff will take this input and develop a draft budget. At this point there will be two more opportunities to come together to discuss the draft budget : **Saturday, March 13, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and Monday evening, March 15, from 7:30-9:00 p.m.** Please try to attend one of these meetings.

Elizabeth Muller, Church Administrator

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### UUCGL BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2009-2010

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## **The Unitarian Universalist Church WELCOMES YOU**

In the fellowship of this congregation, dedicated to freedom of religious thought, we covenant together to engage in the unceasing search for truth, the establishment of justice and the nurture of the life of the spirit.

This congregation has roots in the First Church of Christ of Lynn, organized in 1632. In 1822, a group of liberals withdrew to form the Second Congregational Society. Its first building was dedicated on South Common Street in 1832, and its second at the corner of Atlantic and Baltimore Streets in 1910. The congregation was renamed the Unitarian Church of Lynn in 1919.

The First Universalist Society, located in Lynn, was organized in 1833. Its first building was dedicated on Union Street in 1835 and its second on Nahant Street in 1873.

The Swampscott Universalist Church was organized in 1889, and its building on Burrill Street was dedicated in 1891.

Between 1964 and 1966 these three churches merged to form what is now the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn. Of the original Lynn churches, the Baltimore Street meetinghouse was sold in 1971, and then on January 7, 1976, the Nahant Street meetinghouse burned. During the time of relocation, the Burrill Street (Swampscott) meetinghouse and the building next door were used for worship, meeting and office space.

On March 22, 1981, our present meetinghouse, on seven and a half acres of wooded land in Swampscott, was dedicated.

We welcome your participation in the life of this congregation. If you would like to have a conversation with the minister, please call him directly.

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### **WELCOMING CONGREGATION**

As a diverse, liberal religious community, we affirm that every person is unique and has the potential for good. In this spirit, we welcome persons of every sexual orientation, race, nationality, ability, age, gender, and gender identity to participate fully in all aspects of our church.

## **ABOUT MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this congregation is both simple and difficult. It is simple because we have no set creed but maintain an open door to all people of goodwill. It is difficult because of the diverse nature of our congregation. Unlike some religious communities, we are not brought together by a common set of beliefs. Rather, we are united by our common commitment to religious freedom. For us, ultimate religious authority is internal, not external. It is vested in reason and conscience and expressed in a free and responsible spiritual community.

Within the guiding principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn has set forth its own statement of purpose: Inspired by meaningful worship, religious education and fellowship, we are a welcoming congregation committed to spiritual growth and diversity, social justice, and serving the greater community.

Before becoming a member of this congregation, you are encouraged to become acquainted with our Unitarian Universalist principles, the history of the denomination, our organizational structure, and the ways we worship and support each other. When you feel ready to become a member, please fill out an application and place it in the offering plate during the service or mail it to the church, attention Parish Minister. Your name will be submitted to the Membership Committee for ratification. Upon ratification, you will be invited to sign the Membership Book and extended the right hand of fellowship.

Welcome!

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### **Our Principles and Purposes . . .**

We, the 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.

# MARCH 2010

## Monday, 1

- UUWGL, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Room
- Covenant Group, 2:15 p.m., Fellowship Room
- Hospice Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary
- Chamber Music, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall
- Lynn Initiative, 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Room

## Tuesday, 2

- OBNS Extra Extra, 12:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Knitting Group, 7:00 p.m., classroom
- Membership, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Room
- Moran Group, 7:30 p.m., Lower Level, Room 9
- Concert Singers, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

## Wednesday, 3

- Covenant Group, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Room
- Budget Conversation, 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Room

## Thursday, 4

- OBNS Extra Extra, 12:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Staff Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Fellowship Room
- Curriculum, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Room
- Choir, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

## Sunday, 7

- R.E. Class, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Room
- Vision of Ministry Conversation, 11:30 a.m., P.H.
- R.E. Vision Task Force, 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Room

## Monday, 8

- Chamber Music, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall
- Properties, 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Room
- Season Symphony, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

## Tuesday, 9

- OBNS Extra Extra, 12:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Moran Group, 7:30 p.m., Lower Level, Room 9
- Concert Singers, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall
- Social Concerns, 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Room

## Wednesday, 10

- Music, 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Room

## Thursday, 11

- OBNS Extra Extra, 12:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Handbells, 4:45 p.m., Sanctuary
- Global Congregation, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Room
- Choir, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Governance, 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Room

## Friday, 12

- YRUU, evening

## Saturday, 13

- Budget Conversation, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Room

## Sunday, 14 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

- R.E. Class, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Room
- Adult R.E. Conversation, 11:30 a.m., Lower Level
- Conversation with the Minister, 11:30 a.m., F.R.
- Nominating, 11:30 a.m., Lower Level
- Drum Circle, 1:30 p.m., Sanctuary

## Monday, 15

- Covenant Group, 2:15 p.m., Fellowship Room
- Hospice Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary
- Chamber Music, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall
- Budget Conversation, 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Room

## Tuesday, 16

- OBNS Extra Extra, 12:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Knitting Group, 7:00 p.m., classroom
- Moran Group, 7:30 p.m., Lower Level, Room 9
- Concert Singers, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

## Wednesday, 17

- UUWGL, 1:00 p.m., Parish Hall/Kitchen
- Covenant Group, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Room

## Thursday, 18

- OBNS Extra Extra, 12:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Staff Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Fellowship Room
- Choir, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

## Sunday, 21

- R.E. Class, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Room
- Pickles Pen Pal Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Lower Level/10
- Dreams Workshop, 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Room
- R.E. Vision Task Force, 4:30 p.m., classroom

## Monday, 22

- Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Room
- Chamber Music, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall
- Season Symphony, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

## Tuesday, 23

- Yard Sale Setup all week
- OBNS Extra Extra, 12:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Moran Group, 7:30 p.m., Lower Level, Room 9
- Concert Singers, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

## Wednesday, 24

- Ocean Breeze School Closed

## Thursday, 25

- OBNS Extra Extra, 12:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Staff Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Fellowship Room
- Choir, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

## Saturday, 27

- Indoor Yard Sale, 9:00a.m.—2:00 p.m.

## Sunday, 28 - Music Sunday

- Songs of the Spirit, 1:00 p.m., Fellowship Room
- Drum Circle, 1:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Dreams Workshop, 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Room

## Monday, 29

- Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Room
- Chamber Music, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

## Tuesday, 30

- OBNS Extra Extra, 12:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Moran Group, 7:30 p.m., Lower Level, Room 9
- Concert Singers, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

**GREEN CORNER**  
**Ethical Eating – Animal Rights**

At the same time that supply chains distance us further and further from the sources of our food, agricultural methods have become increasingly intensive for the animals entangled in them. Once raised on farms by people who cared for their welfare, animals now are treated as commodities managed in facilities the industry calls “Confined Animal Feeding Operations” (CAFOs), or “factory farms.” The goals of efficiency and profit dictate the textures of their lives and deaths, yet all the while, from birth to slaughter, these beings suffer egregiously.

At the heart of the impulse we call religious is the desire to lessen suffering and to extend justice and compassion. Increasingly, religious faiths and denominations are considering what this means in relation to non-human animals. Like many UUs, they are striving to articulate and practice interspecies ethics. Some UUs are reducing their meat consumption; some are shifting to alternate sources for their animal products; some are shifting to entirely-plant based diets; some are choosing to maintain their existing eating patterns.

If you’re interested in learning more, pick up copies of Michael Pollan’s “*An Animal’s Place*” from the November 10, 2002 New York Times Magazine and B.R. Meyer’s “*Hard to Swallow*” from Atlantic Monthly, September 2007 which can be found on the Green Sanctuary/7<sup>th</sup> Principle Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall. These two short articles with different perspectives will lead to a deeper understanding of the issues of ethical eating. There’s also an extended reading list.

**ETHICAL EATING BOOK CLUB**

The Green Sanctuary Ministry Team invites you to join the “Ethical Eating” Book Club. We’ll next be reading Raj Patel’s “*Stuffed and Starved: The Hidden Battle for the World Food System.*” We’re scheduled to discuss the book on March 5th at 7:00 pm, meeting at a parishioner’s house for a potluck. If you’re interested, let Toni Bandrowicz know.

**EASTER PLANTS**

Easter is April 4, which will be here before we know it. It’s time to start thinking about ordering plants in memory or honor of a loved one, to beautify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

The plant is yours to keep, or you may prefer that it be taken to a shut-in. Please enclose payment and return to Sue Murray on Sundays, or to the church office by March 29, 2009.

PLANT(S) IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:  
 (please print)

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Donors:

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I wish to pick up my plant(s) after the service:

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

We are offering the following selections:

White Lily \$7.50 \_\_\_\_

Oriental Pink Lily \$9.50 \_\_\_\_

Daffodils \$8.75 \_\_\_\_

Azalea \$14 \_\_\_\_  
 red, white, pink, purple



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Tulip \$6.75 \_\_\_\_  
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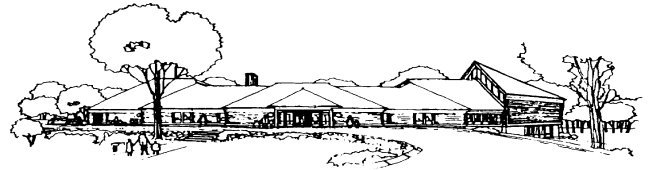
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**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**  
**8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**TUESDAYS — OFFICE CLOSED**

**Please leave a phone message  
or email the person you wish to contact.**

**REMINDER: THE TIMES  
MONTHLY SCHEDULE**

(EMAILS should be sent to akern@uucgl.org)

The standing deadline for submissions for the monthly publication of THE TIMES is 9:00 a.m. the 18th of each month. This will allow time for the newsletter to be compiled, printed, mailed and delivered, as well as posted on our website, by the first of each month. With the exception of July and August, we will put time-sensitive late-breaking important news in the Sunday Announcements, which will also be included in a weekly email.

All teams and individuals responsible for newsletter submissions should start thinking ahead and plan accordingly.

**NEXT TIMES DEADLINES**

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March 18              April 2010

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