

Universalist Anchor



From the heart(land)...

Some of my time away was spent at a monastery in Sand Spring, Oklahoma. Actually, it used to be run by the Benedictine nuns, but was sold to a group of locals who are making the “Forrest of Peace” into an ashram and eclectic, contemplative retreat.

Three times a day, six o’clock in the morning, noon, and at six o’clock in the evening, they “sit” for thirty minutes and then have a standard liturgy of native American, Buddhist, and Christian readings. Three days was not long enough, but by the last day, I was beginning to let go of my busy world here and thinking about replenishing and nurturing my spirit.

Then I had three days at the Christian Universalist Association’s first annual conference and three days with one of my spiritual advisers/life coach. In-between I had 5 wonderful days with my nephew Darin and his young family which includes Kelly, his wife, and Jared, 8, and Vanessa, 6.

All in all, I had a great time, and will begin a summer of planning with the worship committee and our new interim music director Darryl Winston. I am grateful for our collaborative ministry.

See you in church, *Pastor Lillie*

New “Anchor Production Team”

Responsibility for putting together the Anchor has shifted from UNMC Office Manager Marguerite to a team consisting of Jan-Christine Johnson, Richard Russo, and José Luis Sánchez. You may continue to send contributions to office @universalist.org and Marguerite will forward the material to the APT.

Please feel free to contact us with ideas you might have for the Anchor, including items you’d like to see in the newsletter. Remember, this is *your* newsletter, a place to express the community of worshippers that makes up UNMC.

Sunday Services for July

Summer hours — services begin at 10:30a.m.!

July 6, 10:30 a.m. worship: Rev. Henley will be preaching a homily, “Love God, Love Each Other.” Since becoming your minister, I have discovered more about **Universalism** than I ever learned in seminary. I’ll share some of my thoughts about the all-encompassing love I am learning about.

July 13, 10:30 a.m. worship: Rev. Henley will preach on “Sex, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.” The cultural views and practices regarding sex have swung on a pendulum since – forever! A big subject for a short homily.

July 20, 10:30 a.m. worship: What does *friendship* mean and how many friends do we really need? Rev. Henley “Will Your Friends Fit in a Phone Booth?”

July 27, 10:30 a.m. worship: A homily on “Coping with Mental Illness.” Mental health issues have always been with us. Many of Jesus miracles of healing those with “demons” are believed to have been healings of mental illness. What happens when someone we love is diagnosed?

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW TO...

BE A GREETER/USHER on Sundays. Call Ron Eanes.

PROVIDE HOSPITALITY after church, call Jennifer Sandberg.

GIVE CHANCEL FLOWERS in memory or in honor of someone? Call Mary Templeton, our flower coordinator.

HAVE SOMETHING APPEAR IN THE NEWSLETTER
Contact a member of the new Anchor Production Team (Jan-Christine Johnson, Richard Russo, or José Luis Sánchez).

JOIN THE CHURCH, or participate in a “Newcomer Class,” or attend a *Fireside Chat*, talk to or email Rev. Henley.

All contact information is in the UNMC membership directory. Call the church office for contact information and/or a directory.

Vespers at UNMC?

July 2, 6:00p.m. Vespers? Isn't that what you say someone has when they are flustered? No, child, that's "vapors"! You Southerners know what I mean.

Vespers is one of the very ancient eight Daily Offices, a short prayer service said during a specific time of day. The eight services, beginning at midnight are recited every three hours: Matins, Lauds, Prime, Terce, Sext, None, Vespers, and Complin. Many traditionally-liturgical Protestant churches have kept three: Prime, known as Morning Prayer; Vespers, late afternoon prayer; and Complin, known as Evening Prayer. The Universalist Church of America's 1894 Prayer Book did, in fact, also contain these three.

Modern Humanist Unitarians would cringe at most phrases, and they probably do not know that the famous Unitarian church in Boston, King's Chapel, has a prayer book that was modified from the Church of England.

Our Vespers has the specific intent of World Peace. It is composed of three Responsive Readings from our church's red hymnal *Hymns of the Spirit*. We have added a candle lighting ceremony and the open recitation of interfaith prayers for peace. Peace Vespers is at 6 PM on the first Wednesday of the month. See Marti or contact him at arthur.martinson@verizon.net

Children/Youth Religious Education

The religious education (R.E.) year concluded on May 18th with its final lesson. The new year will begin in September and will combine a new curriculum with community service activities. Anyone wanting to volunteer to be Youth Group facilitator, please contact Pastor Lillie.

For the summer services, the nursery will continue to be open. Children first grade and above will remain in the sanctuary with their parents.

Sharing Our Plate

Each month we share 10% of our free-will plate collection with a non-profit organization that works in our neighborhood and gives to those in need. For July, the share-the-plate recipient is S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat).

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 2, 6:00 p.m. "Pray for Peace"
Deacon Marti Martinson will hold his monthly prayer service.

Saturday, July 5, 8:00 p.m., at UNMC
Marina V. concert and CD signing.

Saturday, July 21, 2:30 p.m. Church kitchen:
Leland Place ministry

Sunday, July 27, 9:30 a.m. Covenant/Prayer
study group in the second floor study.

Sunday, July 27, 12:00 p.m. After hospitality there will be a second chance to participate in the June 1 class on "Universalism in the Gospels and Teachings of Jesus," Second floor study.

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CONCERT & CD SIGNING

Saturday, July 5 at 8pm

@ The Universalist National Memorial Church

1810 Sixteenth Street NW Washington DC 20009

details at www.universalist.org

Free admission - voluntary donations of \$10

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Leland Place

The third Saturday of the month is a special day for UNMC and the men of Leland House of SOME (So Others Might Eat), the transition home for those recovering from addiction and re-entering the job force.

The normal procedure is that volunteers meet at the church around 2:30 PM, start preparing a magnificent, sumptuous, delectable (and any other adjective one could think of) meal, take it there around 5 PM, and share supper and conversation with the men.

Stews, jambalayas, casseroles, meat loaf, baked chicken, and vegetables (our mothers taught us well!) are the normal fare, but the June 21st meal was a first: a BBQ! Mike and Alex Dillon, Jan-Christine Johnson, Judy Burns, Angela Khaminwa, and Marti Martinson grilled up burgers, chicken and dogs, and had the required fixins: tater salad and beans. Hand-made cookie & ice-cream sandwiches (mmmmm) and lemony tea rounded off a perfect gathering on a perfect day. OK, the shade trees helped a little.

Kudos to the men of Leland Place: two homeless passers-by were gratefully given something to eat!

Our next dinner is **Saturday July 19**. Volunteers gather in the church kitchen at 2:30 p.m., carpool to Leland, on North Capitol Street, and share the meal with the men at about 5 p.m. Please RSVP to the office at 202-387-3411.

Volunteers divide the cost of the meal, usually \$15 to \$25 per volunteer. Those who would like to donate time, and not money, may do so by contacting Pastor Lillie or Dave Skidmore. Can't make it to a dinner? Those who would like to donate money to the Leland program by using one of the specially marked envelopes in the pews.



In Sympathy

The deacons of Universalist National Memorial Church join David Burton; his wife, Nancy; his children, Lee and Rebecca; and the rest of the Burton family in mourning the death of David's father, John Paul Burton, who passed away June 21 after a long illness.



Chancel Flowers
Mary Templeton, Coordinator

July 6 -- Chancel flowers are given by Jorn and Louise Dakin in loving memory of Helen and A. T. Liu, and Mel and Ande Dakin.

July 13 -- Chancel flowers are given by Mary S. and Al Templeton in loving memory of Beth Templeton Leach, Al's sister.

July 20 -- Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Seymour Fogwell by Esther and Hope Fogwell.

July 27 -- Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of his parents, Charles and Helon Pearce, by their son James and family.

If you would like to donate flowers for Sunday morning's service, please call the office at 202-387-3411.

Adult Religious Education in July

Sunday, July 13, 9:30 a.m. A Christian *Course in Miracles* taught by William Spruiell. 2nd floor study.

Sunday, July 27, 9:30 a.m. The Christian Prayer/Spirituality Covenant Group will meet in the second floor study. The discussion will be on Lectio Divina.

Sunday, July 27, 12:00 p.m. After hospitality there will be a second chance to participate in the June 1 class on "Universalism in the Gospels and Teachings of Jesus," Second floor study.

Growth and Outreach at UNMC

The **Welcome & Membership Committee** had talked with guests at hospitality in the last month to encourage interest in membership in UNMC for the June recognition ceremony. Five new members joined. Our Sunday neighborhood outreach to canines & their owners with a waterbowl & dog biscuits on the front pavement has been well received.

We've also had the old outdoor building sign lighted to promote UNMC activities & special events. The Building & Grounds Committee has met with us to discuss banner vandalism and new banners to be mounted on the building and on DC street lights. We're in the process of getting estimates now. We're also obtaining information about directional signs for UNMC to be mounted on street poles from the DC government. In addition, we're planning to distribute our tri-fold welcome brochure to neighborhood apartment buildings for their bulletin boards.

—Ron Eanes

New Members! Curtis Bachoo (l), Eric Stetson (r)



Website Ministry

There is a website ministry forming. They will meet on July 12 at 3:00 p.m. at Christine Maly's home. Members are on the Welcome and Membership committee. They will review our current web site, establish goals for our website, seek input from members and friends, and then implement changes as needed. Anyone interested in being part of the task force should email or call Christine Maly who is listed in the church directory.

Six New Members

At the last service of the church year, June 8, the congregation welcomed five new UNMC members—Curtis Bachoo, Jan-Christine Johnson, Jeff Kellum, Eric Stetson, and Ben Van Dyne. Be sure to greet them with your congratulations.

It may be a while, though, before you see Ben, who graduated last year from the University of Virginia. He is working in Lexington, Kentucky, as a community organizer, but he promises to visit Washington when he can and preach for us again. The two sermons that he preached at UNMC in 2004 and 2005 are available on the church web site; just search for *Ben Van Dyne sermon*.

Sabine Danoffre has also joined the church and will be recognized at a future new member service. All the new members will be working on a project together.

New Directory Available

A new church directory with an updated list of church leaders and committees, plus contact information for all the new members and friends, was distributed last month. It has a red cover to distinguish it from earlier editions. If you would like your copy mailed to you, please contact the church office. Also, send any correction and updates to the church office for inclusion in the next edition.

—Sue Mosher

Escape to Vermont?

September 26 – 28, 2008

Fourteenth Annual B&B Weekend offered by the UU Church of Rutland, VT. Enjoy the beauty of Vermont, UU hospitality, and a choice of guided activities: hiking, kayaking, bicycling, antiques/arts, cider making historic tour, soaring tour, touring historic sites and quaint towns, and much more. Registration by August 1, \$250 (single) and \$450 (double). After August 1, \$300 (single) and \$500 (double). For more information contact uufoliagevermont@yahoo.com or (802) 353-7969.

www.rutlanduu.org



Joey Baker, Annie Trimber, and Joe Lawson



José Luis Sánchez

UNMusic Notes

Pictured left are UNMC music-makers on the go, baritone Joey Baker, flutist Annie Trimber, and their mentor, Metropolitan Opera-bound Joe Lawson, UNMC's 2007-08 Music Director.

Joey Baker is attending the six-week Tanglewood Summer Music Program in Massachusetts. In addition to voice training, he will be taking courses in music theory, music history, sight-singing, foreign language diction, movement, and acting. Annie will be attending Tanglewood's two week Flute Workshop under the direction of Doriot Anthony Dwyer. She will then be going to Europe with the Virginia Ambassadors of Music, for two weeks in July.

Alto Martina Wheeler will be singing the role of *Ruth* in a Kentucky production of Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. Locally, she will sing in Haydn's *Creation* with Choralis, while auditioning singers for her professional children's choir in Falls Church, VA.

Tenor José Luis Sánchez is *ANCHOR*-ing with Jan Christine Johnson and Richard Russo. He will be holding the UNMC vocal fort during July while preparing a shared recital for October called *Jewish Musical Imprints Across the Atlantic, from Sephardic Songs to Broadway Hits!*

The August issue of ANCHOR will include a profile on incoming UNMC Music Director Darryl Winston.

Capital Fringe Festival 2008

UNMC's Perkins Hall will be one of the venues for Capital Fringe Festival, an annual performing arts festival in Washington, DC featuring more than 500 performances in several venues around Washington, DC. UNMC will host over 30 performances! The Capital Fringe Festival introduces new, unjuried, independent, risk-taking, non-traditional performances including theater, dance, music, poetry, puppetry and more. Tickets are \$15 per performance. For schedule, performance synopses and tickets, go online to <http://www.capitalfringe.org>

Ball and Chain (Journeymen Theater Ensemble)

Break Even (Truffle Pigs)

City Folk (ATL—A Theater Company)

Ethan Now (XL Theatre Company)

Eugenio (Seventh Street Playhouse)

InstaPlay (5-6-7-8)

The Girl in the Iron Mask (Georgetown Theater Company)

