

Universalist Anchor



June 2006

CELEBRATION OF FATHERS JUNE 18, 2006

One of the ways we will celebrate Father's Day on June 18th (besides pinning a rose on each Father's lapel!), is that our Youth will read what they have written about some of Jesus' parables. The writing will be in their own words and reflect their own ideas. This is not easy task, but on which they took seriously and have worked on diligently. Their interpretation should be exciting and give us a 21st Century insight to these stories. Our Youth are crucial for our future. Let's cheer them on.

POTLUCK PICNIC ON JUNE 10, 2006

Join UNMC members and friends plus members of JPD Interweave for a potluck picnic on the front lawn of the church, starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 10. If you can help set up or clean up, please contact Sue Mosher at (703) 237-2149 or sue@turtleflock.com. Otherwise, just plan to come and bring a dish to share.

JPD Interweave is the local Joseph Priestly District group associated with the national Interweave organization (<http://www.qrd.org/qrd/www/orgs/uua/uu-interweave.html>), a UUA affiliate group "working to end oppression based on sexual orientation and gender identity," and will have a presence in the annual Capital Pride parade that makes its way through Dupont Circle, kicking off at 6:30 that evening.

Mt.Vernon Unitarian Church Choir June 4, 2006

MVUC- The Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church choir, under the direction of former

U- UNMC Music Director, Michael O'Brien, will join the UNMC choir on

S- Sunday, June 4, 2006, in the singing of the Johann Albrecht Berger

I- (1736-1809), Te Deum in D. The combined choirs sang this piece at

UNMC- Mt. Vernon on May 14th. The piece is in three movements, a bright opening in praise of God, a slow, short middle movement asking God to "help your servants", and a return to the initial theme, but this time, developing into a fugue asking for mercy upon us.

June Worship & Activity Schedule at UNMC

Sunday, June 4th

11:00 a.m. Perry King, Preaching
Celebrating Clara Burton's life.

Saturday, June 10th

6:00 p.m. Cook-out at church
Sue Mosher in charge

Sunday, June 11th

11:00 a.m. Sermon: "Images And The Spirit"
Jim Morgan, Preaching

Wednesday, June 14th

7:00 p.m. Study Group: "Genesis"

Sunday, June 18th- Father's Day

11:00am Sermon: "Cat's In The Cradle"
Jim Morgan, Preaching
Young people participating

June Worship & Activity Schedule

Sunday, June 25th-

11:00a.m. Sermon: "The Scandal of Humankind"

Jim Morgan, Preaching

UUCF Revival In New York City

This year's Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship Revival will take place in New York City Nov. 2-5, 2006, at the Fourth Universalist Society (<http://www.4thu.org/>), across from Central Park, with the theme "God's Reviving Grace." The historic church is located at 76th St. and Central Park West, close to the Museum of Natural History and many other New York City attractions.

The Friday keynote speaker will be the Rev. Jim Mulholland, co-author of two popular books on universal salvation, *If Grace Is True* and *If God Is Love*; he will also present a workshop on the parallel paths of Quakerism and Universalism. Saturday's keynote speaker will be the Rev. Gary Dorrien, the new Niehbur Professor of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary and author of the acclaimed series on *The Making of American Liberal Theology*.

The UUCF has reduced the usual registration fee and is providing a wide list of lodging options (from seminary lodging to bed and breakfasts and various hotels and other venues) to help as many people as possible to attend. The full early registration fee for Thursday, Nov. 2 through Sun., Nov. 5 is \$100 including a catered dinner. One-day registration for either Friday or Saturday will be available for \$50. The cost of full registrations made after Oct. 2 will be \$150. Complete schedule, registration, and lodging information is available at the UUCF web site at <http://www.uuchristian.org/2006/register-now-uucf-revival-2006-news/>.

Revival weekend in New York City is also the weekend of the New York Marathon so you may want to book your lodging as soon as possible.

The Pastor's Ponderings

In the Church's list of priorities, Father's Day has not been assigned a very conspicuous place in her calendar. Relegated to an inferior position and often elbowed out by Mother's Day, it has struggled to survive. Given our concern for gender-inclusive language, the need to understand God in different terms than our forebearers, as well as the "standby role" which fathers have been assigned in childhood, it does not seem surprising. Women now have children without the benefit of a father-with-a-face and raise them without the contributions that fathers make to the child-raising process.

My own father never was a factor in my childhood story. I was raised by a sister, a mother and a grandmother and as a result have "holes" in my social development. I am often reminded of them, even now, and so wish I had had a loving, caring father. In a sense I have searched for one my entire life. Perhaps that is the reason a "heavenly father" is so huge in my spiritual journey. It was for Jesus. The impressions Joseph made on his early years never left him and I'm sure shaped, enriched and deepened his special insights.

Clara Barton's Day

Sunday, June 4, 2006

We will honor health care workers and nurses in our own congregation on Sunday June 4 at our Clara Barton Day Service. Clara was affiliated with The Church of our Fathers in Washington DC, the congregation that later became Universalist National Memorial Church and identified herself as a Universalist. She is best known for her work in the Civil War as a battlefield nurse and founder of the American Red Cross but also played an important role in accounting for missing persons after the War. She also served as a nurse in the Franco-Prussian War and was a major advocate for the US to sign the Geneva Convention. Later she participated in several disaster relief efforts including the major flood at Galveston TX. Perry King LICSW, UNMC deacon and medical social worker will be preaching a biographical sermon on this remarkable woman from our Universalist Heritage.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FEEDING THE HUNGRY

UNMC serves as a storage center and gathering point for the community program, Food For All. This program delivers food to poverty stricken members of the D.C. community, who tend to be elderly, disabled, or single mothers with young children.

Every Saturday morning at about 9 am, volunteers gather at UNMC to assist with a variety of tasks, including assembling boxes, organizing food products, and packing boxes with well-balanced food selections. At about 10 am, volunteers with vehicles deliver boxes to the program's participants. Most delivery routes take about two hours. Drivers often pair with others who assist with directions and deliveries.

If you would like to help, you can meet other volunteers in back of UNMC at 9-9:30 am on any Saturday morning. No particular time commitment is required. You can come once, or you can come every Saturday. You can limit your involvement to packing boxes, or you can also assist with food deliveries.

This is fun and fulfilling work, with a great group of people who care deeply for their community. If you think you might enjoy it, please join the Food For All team one Saturday, and give it a try!

Chancel Flowers For June

Mary Simmons, Chair

June 4: Flowers today are given in honor of Al Templeton on his Birthday Day, by Mary Templeton

June 18: Open

June 25: Flowers today are given in loving memory of her parents Charles Williams and Virginia Pfiefer Thompson, by Amy Thompson-Tipton.

New Book Christian Voices In Unitarian Universalism

The UUA has just published a new book that asks (among other questions), "Can Jesus' message speak across the millennia to contemporary non-Christian Unitarian Universalists? The 15 stories from lay and clergy were collected for "Christian Voices in Unitarian Universalism" by the Rev. Kathleen Rolenz, who also edits the Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship Good News newsletter. Essays and authors:

"A Bible-Thumping, Trinitarian, Charismatic, Born-Again Jesus Freak" by Rachel Nguyen

"Walking the Walk" by Rev. Anita Farber-Robertson

"God Is Not Through With Me Yet" by Rev. Terry Mark Burke

"A Pathway Home" by Robert Fabre

"The Pilgrimage of a UU Catholic" by Peter A. Huff

"In God's House There Are Many Rooms" by Rev. Scotty McLennan

Learning to Love the Questions" by Cricket Potter

"Pain, Psalm, Prayer, and a Promise" by Rev. Ron Robinson

"A 3-D Jesus" by Rev. Kathleen Rolenz

"A Mad Mix of Dedicated People" by John Simcox

"The Advocate" by Carol Stamatakis

"Why I Left Unitarian Universalism" by Kay Achar

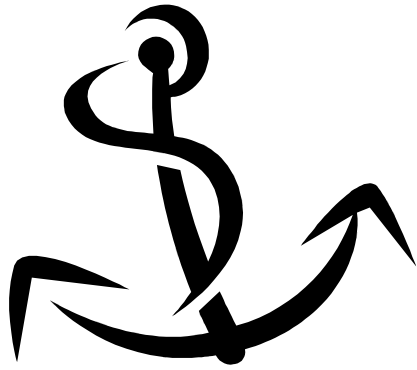
"An Old Friend" by Rev. Erik Walker Wikstrom

"I Am Convicted" by Rev. Victoria Weinstein

"To Keep One's Soul" by Rev. Marjorie Bowers-Wheatley

You can order copies the book from Skinner House Books

<http://www.uua.org/skinner/6141.html>.



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