

The Gateway

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Services at 10 am in Sanctuary

July 5 “CELEBRATING AFRO-LATINO DANCE AND CULTURE”

Julia Rodriguez

Buen Aché, a small Afro-Latino dance company based in Charleston, represents the African contribution to Latino culture, music, and dance. Their choreo-drama pieces are combined with more traditional dances to create a rich body of work that not only entertains and enlightens, but also tells a story of culture and history through dance. *Buen = good, Aché = the life force emoting from all created things.*

July 12 “CEREMONIES OF FIRE”

Priscilla Shumway & Bernadette Victor

What do the Mayans, the Aztecs, the Cheyennes, the Hindus, the Catholics, and the Unitarians all have in common? Sounds like a punch line waiting to happen. Explore the use of fire in religious traditions as we consecrate our own new Burning Bowl in the Churchyard. Whether as a cleansing ritual, a way of letting go of unwanted emotions, or in cremation ceremonies, fire has been used for thousands of years.

July 19 “GOD MUST BE PROUD OF ATHEISTS”

Rev. Bill Harris

Having the courage to move beyond traditional theism opens us to a far deeper and richer sense of the presence of God and to a feeling of peace with great loving mystery in and around. Acts 17:22-28.

July 26 “THE SOUNDS OF FAITH”

Lisa LoVullo, Emelle Wade, Claire Law, Michele Insinger, Jenna Farnham & Claudia Updike

Music is an important part of many faith traditions. This service will explore the musical heritage and sounds of sacred music in Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Judaism and Native American Spirituality.

August 2 “VOICES FROM THE MARGINS: LESSONS FROM WOMEN IN OUR TRADITION OF TODAY”

Rev. Nancy Pellegrini

Be prepared for guest appearances by Rachel from the Hebrew Bible and 19th-century Unitarian feminist Margaret Fuller. Join Community Minister Reverend Nancy Pellegrini to explore how these women challenged the oppressive cultures of their times and how their stories inspire us today.

August 9 “A SIMPLE ACT WITH PROFOUND MEANING”

Carol Oates

What does it mean to be a member of the Unitarian Church in Charleston? Why is membership important? Membership Coordinator Carol Oates will explore the reasons which draw people to membership in this congregation and how one might embrace the identity of being a Unitarian Universalist.

August 16 “TIS A GIFT TO BE SIMPLE: A QUAKER-STYLE SERVICE”

Lisa Thomson Ross

This will include an introduction about how Quaker services are typically conducted, as well as a brief look at the role of Quakerism in the lives of the Grimke sisters, Angelina and Sarah, both in Charleston and Philadelphia.

August 23 “AUGUST AMBLINGS”

Rev. Danny Reed

Rev. Dan can't possibly know in June what might need to be said in August. Why, anything could happen. And it probably will. Join the minister as he shares his annual summer sermon.

August 30 “ARCHETYPES AND PERSONAL GROWTH”

Carol Coronis

Archetypes, as described by psychiatrist Carl Jung, are character traits that underlie much of our behavior. Carol Coronis, a life coach and teacher, will describe the major archetypes and explains how one's discovery of these personal traits can lead to emotional and spiritual growth.

**The Rev. Danny R. Reed,
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August 23**

Among Our Family & Friends



Greetings to all UCC Family and Friends, near and far, in this hot and troublesome summer.

As reported in the last Gateway, longtime member and dedicated RE volunteer Gale Simmons was hospitalized at Roper. She is in room 3913 and expects to be there another week. Gale would enjoy having visitors.

And as a follow-up to Mary Taylor's illness reported last month, Rob, Mary and Kiri Taylor are spending the summer in Beaufort, TX while Mary is in treatment for cancer. The Taylors and their doctors at MD Anderson are optimistic that Mary's treatment protocol of chemo and radiation will result in Mary being cured. Email to Mary can be addressed to marygtaylor25@gmail.com and snail-mail to Mary Taylor, c/o Joseph Scott, 6175 Pansy Blvd, Beaumont, TX 77706.

Jeff Nichols died in June from complications following an injury he sustained earlier this year. A service honoring him took place in mid-June. Jeff was a longtime member of our church, a quiet and gentle man who taught at Trident Tech for many years. He leaves son Dylan, a rising junior at Winthrop College who was active in our RE program and Dylan's Mom, Robin.

Sue Findlay tells of the celebration of her Mom's (Patricia Reeder) ninetieth birthday with family and friends that included a sing-along of folk music she used to love. How nice.

Many will remember longtime member Gerry Cassidy now living in Texas. Her family reports that Gerry recently had a stroke. Gerry is at home now and doing better. Gerry particularly enjoys receiving phone calls and can be reached at 512-633-8299.

We are cooking up something special for the
SEPTEMBER 13 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
and hope you will be there!

Let us know if you can help with SET UP, COOKING, SERVING OR CLEAN UP. There will be a sign up at the Welcome Table in Gage Hall; you can contact Judy Manning at jpfm@bellsouth.net, or you can look for the online sign up in your upcoming weekly Gateway Updates.





The Eden Keepers

*"Who loves a garden still his Eden keeps."
-- Amos Bronson Alcott*

It seems that the mid-week forecast for the weekend is a stab in the dark. For our June work party the forecast on Wednesday was for rain on Saturday. Well, guess what! Saturday was another beautiful day, enjoyed by 15 Eden Keepers: Stan Boyer, Zack Ayres, Adrienne Floyd, Cris Sumpter, Robbie Furtwangler, Bob Jontos, Deborah Casavant, Karen Ruef, Tom Hartry, Ed Stephens, Sarah Cothran, Fran Ennis, Karen Del Porto, Laura Moses and Richard Moss.

It was a busy weekend, what with the rummage sale, Spoleto and more going on, so several of our workers were not able to stay for our delicious repast.

If you go to the Open Space at the back of the churchyard, you will see that the two large stones on either side of the steps are missing. No, they have not been stolen. They were cut too short and the installers tried to fill in the gaps with makeshift repairs—which didn't work. The company has removed these stones and is having new ones cut and inscribed. They should be back in place by the end of the summer.

Also in the Open Space are some new plantings and a Burning Bowl. Contrary to many fears and speculations, this bowl will not hold a bonfire or charcoal for grilling, and will not pose a danger to surrounding plants. The bowl is for people to use a small piece of paper to write something in their life they want to banish. They then set fire to the paper and drop it in the bowl. As the fire consumes the paper, the people visualize the removal of that entity from their life. This can be done individually, in a group, or as part of a ceremony or ritual.

The bowl is supported by several objects from our sanctuary and churchyard. The bricks around the base are from the churchyard's stock of old bricks, probably made by slaves. The brown sandstone base is a curbstone which once was in or around our churchyard, and the pedestal or crocket is a part of one of the spires which fell off during the earthquake. The oval bowl is new, purchased from Hyam's Garden Center and colored to blend with the weathered tones of the crocket.

Since we do not work on major holidays, the next work party will be on July 11th, from 8 to 11, followed by our covered dish lunch. Newcomers are always welcome at our work parties and lunches. Bring whatever garden tools you have, gloves, bug repellent, water to drink while working, and a dish to share. I might add that former Eden Keepers, whom we haven't seen for awhile, would be very welcome, too.

As there will not be an August Gateway, please mark your calendars for the August work party on August 1st. Y'all come!

The July Churchyard Committee meeting will be held during the July 11 work party. The August 10th meeting will be at 5:30 in Gage Hall. Interested Eden Keepers are welcome to attend.

Submitted by Fran Ennis

Calling All Crafters and Would –Be Crafters!

The Alliance is holding a second crafting party this summer to create lovely items to be sold at the Alliance Bazaar in December. Funds raised will be used for Gage Hall improvements. You do not have to be an Alliance member to participate. The crafting party will be held at 6 pm on **July 15** in Gage Hall. Bring your glue gun. A light supper will be served. Please RSVP to dboyer@luc.edu at least 2 days before the party.

Whether or not you can participate in the crafting party, we also need donations of supplies. If you have shells, clean pine cones, ribbons, small ornaments, beads, holiday-themed fabric, etc., please contact the office. Thanks for your help.

Submitted by Diane Boyer



Books & Coffee

The Books and Coffee group will suspend our get-togethers during the summer, as many group members leave town this time of year. We have chosen a fiction book to read over the summer, the Pulitzer-Prize winning novel *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr. We will meet in the fall on Sunday, September 13, to discuss this novel and to kick off the coming year's activities. Several books have been suggested, including *Carrying the Flag* by Gordon Rhea, local author, church member, lawyer, and sometime book group member. For further information, please contact Jo Anne Simson, 843-795-4166.

Submitted by Jo Anne Simson

Let's Do Lunch!

Tuesday, July 14 at **12:30 pm**

Let's do lunch is a monthly luncheon that is open to women and men in our church. It's a time for socializing and catching up with our fellow UU's. Lunch will be at Nirlep Indian Restaurant located at 908 Savannah Hwy, Charleston (West Ashley) 843-763-9923. Please let me know if you are going to join us no later than Wednesday, July 7th so I can make our reservation.

Susan Hartry 843-225-1439 or by email: [**hartry.susan@gmail.com**](mailto:hartry.susan@gmail.com)

Submitted by Susan Hartry

Energy Use: How Do We Measure Up?

Our Church joined the Charleston Green Business Challenge in Fall 2014. As a participant in this Challenge, we have conducted assessments of the Church's water, energy and lighting systems. The Green Sanctuary Committee wanted to share our preliminary findings in hopes that the congregation can help us figure out some mysteries and make suggestions to improve our use of resources.

Water

Challenge: To establish a water consumption baseline to use as a starting point for reducing usage. The church has four accounts with Charleston Water Systems, listed below with their respective 2014 usage (in gallons):

- 1) Annex/Apartment: 40,326
- 2) Church: 24,362
- 3) Gage Hall: 61,845
- 4) Churchyard: 51,513

We are still trying to determine how the water account associated with the Church had such a high consumption in 2014. Do you have answers to some of these questions? We'd love to get your input to ensure our baseline is as accurate as possible. Please e-mail Jonathan Lamb (weatherfeller@gmail.com) with any suggestions or questions.

Energy

Challenge: To log and evaluate past and current energy consumption data. John Preston reviewed the Church's SCE&G bills for gas and electric service and collaborated with Joe McCormack to evaluate usage. They discovered some fine points in the operation of the HVAC system that should save money in the upcoming year. The study was done before start-up of the Sanctuary air conditioning system, so data will need to be further evaluated for the current year. Some questions and comments from this exercise are:

- 1) Provide additional training for Sexton on operating the Sanctuary HVAC system using its computer interface and to determine if the fan/coil units can be controlled individually.
- 2) Investigate the SCE&G monthly charge of \$48 for "overhead flood lighting" to understand if it is appropriate.
- 3) After a summer's worth of AC operating expense for the Sanctuary, we can explore switching to another available SCE&G rate structure. There is a potential of saving an additional 15%.
- 4) Do further review of operations for Gage Hall and the Annex.

Do you have any ideas about how we can improve our energy usage? Please e-mail Laura Moses (lauramoses@yahoo.com) with any suggestions or questions.

Lighting

Challenge: Danny challenged the Green Sanctuary Committee to make recommendations about converting Gage Hall chandelier bulbs from incandescent to LED (Light-Emitting Diode). We have installed some 'trial' bulbs to check the quality of light and interface with dimmers. In May, we were able to get a free lighting assessment by David Friedland of SC Energy Solutions. He provided thorough reports on Gage Hall, the Sanctuary and the Annex. Based on his recommendations, we could achieve the following savings and payback periods by switching to LED lighting:

- 1) Gage Hall: \$2828 annual savings; 0.5 year payback period.
- 2) Sanctuary: \$167 annual savings; 1.5 year payback period
- 3) Annex: \$230 annual savings; 1.5 year payback period

Do you have any ideas about how we can improve our lighting usage? Please e-mail Nina Fair (ninafair@bellsouth.net) with any suggestions or questions.

Submitted by Nina Fair

Alliance Rummage Sale Success

Once again, our June Rummage Sale was very successful. We had lots of great items for sale and the weather cooperated as well. Thanks to all the Alliance Members and Friends who helped on Friday and/or Saturday. What a great team: Stan Boyer, Sally Flynn, Susan Garrison, Barbara Goldberg, Roy Hiller, Toni Johnson, Dottie Klintworth, Judy Manning, Will Moredock, Susan Robinson, Ellie Setser, JoAnne Simson, Claudia and Ron Updike . The Alliance is grateful for your support, fellowship and hard work.

Please note, the next rummage sale will be in the fall. We will let you know that date and well as the Holiday Bazaar dates!

Submitted by Sue Prazak and Susan Hartry

Caring Committee

JOIN OUR CARING COMMITTEE NETWORK

You are invited to join the Caring Committee of the Unitarian Church as a network volunteer. Under Kay Haun's leadership, this committee's mission is to offer aid and support to our membership as they experience the hiccups in life, which may require a visit, a strong arm, a note of comfort, a meal during a time of crisis, a ride to the doctor or to a church activity, a phone call, or guidance toward long-term solutions.

All of us find ourselves needing a little help from our friends at some point, and your Caring Committee finds ways and means to put together a team of helpers adapted to each situation. Area Leaders Mary Ann Terry, Mary Ann Hughston, Marcia Castano, Myrtle Staples-Bennett, Mela Khedouri, and Rhoda Sterling will get in touch with their network volunteers when somebody needs a bit of help. Men, women, old, young—want to help out? Here's your chance!

If you have not yet joined the team, please contact Kay at 843 819 7128 or haukay@homesc.com or contact Sandra Selvitelli, Church Administrator, or Carol Oates, Membership Coordinator.

We need and welcome your help. Thank you!

Submitted by Kay Haun

Membership Happenings

Pathfinders Class for Newcomers: July 19, 11:30 – 12:30, upstairs in Gage Hall

Pathways, for those interested in pursuing Membership: October 4, 11, 18, 12:15 – 2:00, Charleston Day School

For more information or to sign up, please contact Carol Oates, Membership Coordinator at

membership@charlestonuu.org

Submitted by Carol Oates

The Mountain

About The Mountain:

Founded in 1979 by Unitarian Universalists, The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center is a nonprofit, year-round retreat center and summer camp **open to all**. The Mountain is located in Highlands, NC and is approximately a two hour drive from Atlanta, GA, Greenville, SC and Asheville, NC. Visit our website, mountaincenters.org, to learn more.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA) : July 5 - 10 The Mountain is proud to host LREDA for a week-long session. Learn more about the program from LREDA.

***Youth are housed with parent/guardian. The Mountain will provide daytime programming for youth middle-school aged and younger. ***

Health and Wellness Retreat: July 21 - 24 This weekday retreat is designed by longtime yoga teacher and life skills retreat leader Cathy Woods. She has created a program where you can spend quality time with yourself and like-minded individuals all coming together with intention of self-care and renewal.

Family Camp: July 26 - August 2 A camp for families and friends of all ages to come together for traditional Mountain Camp activities. Parents, children, grandparents are all welcome for this inter-generational camp experience.

***Youth attending Family Camp are housed and under supervision of parent/guardian. ***

Southern UU Leadership Experience (SUULE): August 23 - 28 This week-long intensive leadership training opportunity will allow current and future congregational leaders to deepen their understanding of congregational leadership and to develop their abilities with other UU Leaders.

LGBTQ+ Youth Workshop: September 11 - 13 This weekend is geared for LGBTQ+ identifying high school youth. It will be full of fun, fellowship, learning, and self-expression. More details coming soon!

Southern UU Fall Institute (SUUFI): October 4 - 9 We have a great new program planned again for our 4th Fall Institute! Come enjoy SUUFI's blend of personal growth and fun, inspiration and relaxation, community and space. Our 2015 program will test your mind and your experiential skills, yet we trust you'll learn and leave with new options and commitment. Ahh, the color and coolness of fall in the WNC mountains, at our unique UU place, elevated 4200' in early October. Please join others of diverse thinking who want a positive week of "being", learning, and connecting.

Our 2015 journey together on SpaceShip SUUFI with you and 60-80 others teams up 2 talented navigators: A storyteller versed in UU Buckminster Fuller's constructs of the earth/universe and a UU minister to help us soar within ourselves, learning about other "ins and outs" of the world. SUUFI blends hands-on and experiential modes, producing fun and renewal with personal growth. View the flyer schedule and program details on our website:

www.mountaincenters.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Love The Mountain? Do you want your congregation to love The Mountain as much as you do? Many UU Congregations have established a **Mountain Mover Sunday** where the proceeds of "Passing of the Offering Plate" go to The Mountain - your retreat and learning center in Highlands, NC. Call me to talk about this special way of giving, Huldah at [828-526-5838 Ext. 254](tel:828-526-5838).

July 2015

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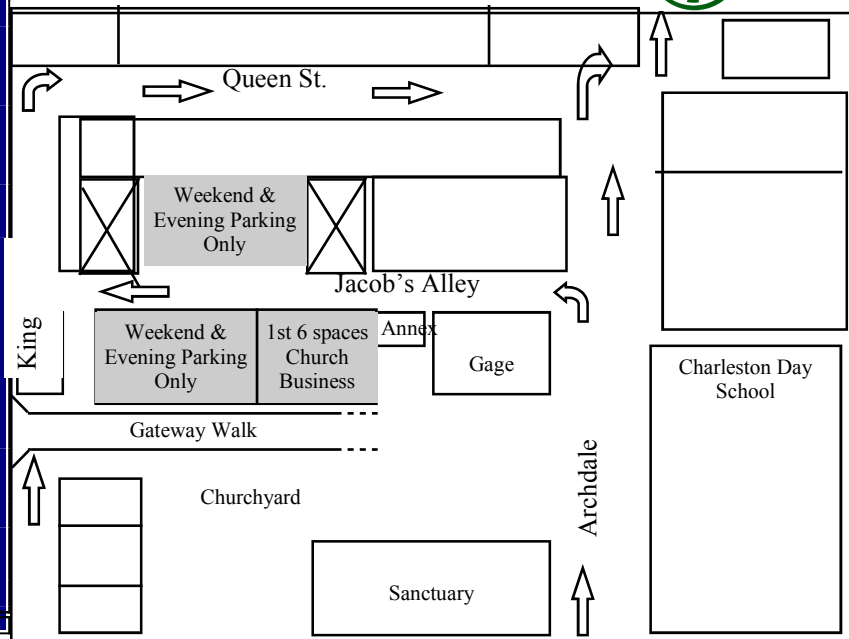
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