



The Choice Flame



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We are going to have an advent wreath in our sanctuary this year. Inspired by the wisdom of the Christian tradition, we will light one candle each of the four Sundays before Christmas. This will be a chance for us to prepare together, a chance for us to practice together the discipline of expectant waiting.

I am looking forward to this chance to practice with you because waiting isn't my strongest suit. I am often more drawn to the doing than I am toward the being. I like to be busy, active and engaged. When I sense a possibility over the far horizon I like to move toward it with deliberate steps. When I want to make something happen I pursue my goals with determination (with a healthy dose of stubbornness, some might say). This sense of agency often serves me well. But sometimes it doesn't serve me at all. Sometimes busy-ness is just a distraction from the reality that there is nothing I can do to hasten a process, answer a question or realize a dream. Sometimes the thing required is not the doing, but the being. In those times I remember again how hard it can be to simply wait.

Rainer Maria Rilke addresses this challenge in his fourth letter to a young poet. Perhaps you have seen these words before: "Have patience with everything that is unsolved in your heart and try to cherish the questions themselves, like closed rooms and like books written in a very strange tongue. Do not search now for the answers which cannot be given you because you could not live them. It is a matter of living everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, one distant day live right into the answer." I take comfort in this advice because its truth resonates within me. Sometimes the way forward lies not in striving but rather in surrendering.

Advent reminds us to surrender to the present moment, to set aside all the busy-ness for a time and to wait together in stillness. Advent invites us to be, to wait in expectation. The word advent comes from the Latin, *adventus*, which literally means coming. Most Christians understand advent as a time of waiting for the coming of the Savior. Whether or not we believe in the possibility of a Savior, maybe we can believe in the possibility that we may yet be transformed in ways we cannot transform ourselves. There is possibility in our midwinter holidays and holy days. And so I invite you: open, soften, still, be. Open up. Soften your gaze. Still your thoughts. Simply be. Come to church this advent season and we will practice together.

Peace,

Melissa

P.S. Speaking of waiting . . . after reflecting upon our two congregational conversations about covenant and the feedback received after each of those sessions, the Master Plan committee has decided that the time is not right to present another draft covenant to the congregation. We believe that the congregation will be better served by moving forward with our process, focusing next on mission and then in the spring on vision. After we have engaged the questions of mission and vision we will return to covenant. By then we will have greater clarity about who we are and what we dream, which will in turn help us understand what it is we want and need to promise. More information about this decision and about the congregational conversations on mission will be available at the December congregational meeting and in the January newsletter.

December Sermons

December 9 *Getting down off the Hook*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Lori McGee

Many of us are touched by addictions, either personally or in our circle of family and friends. Our service this morning will explore the landscape of addiction and recovery. If you are in recovery and would be willing to share some of what you have discovered about the spiritual dimension of recovery, Melissa would like to hear from you. You can call or email her with her your thoughts by December 4.

December 16 *There Is Joy in the Being*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Kristofer Sperry

Days are short now and so very full. This morning we will orient our hearts and minds to the joy we can find in simply being present.

December 23 *A Christmas Epiphany*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer, Worship Associate Marion Yeagler and children and youth of our church

We all know how the story goes and every year it is the same. But what happens when the stranger arrives making us just a little uncomfortable? Children and youth of the church will help us discover again the surprising epiphany of the Christmas story – there is always room.

December 24 *Christmas Eve Candlelight Services*

6:30 pm A special family friendly service of lessons and carols to welcome the spirit of Christmas into the world. Led by Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Director of Religious Education Diana Van Winkle

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December 30 *Remembrance*

Susan Goekler, with many contributors in person and recorded

Remembering some of those who have died in the past year and their influence on us, individually and collectively, acknowledges their contributions as it raises awareness of how we are living our lives today. It raises the questions: Who are we influencing? Toward what end?



Message from the Moderator

“... make a list of all the things you’re grateful for, people say make a list, the beginning of a grateful story, it’s the opening act of loving more and more...”

– Hal Walker and Margot Milcetic

I write this column a few days before Thanksgiving, half-way through my term as Moderator. This seems like a good time to pause and express gratitude for the wonderful things at our church. A partial list (I apologize, I know I will miss some important things) might include:

-the “feed the soul” experiences so many of us have routinely when we attend Sunday morning service or small group ministry or adult education offerings.

-our staff. Melissa’s thoughtful and reverent services. Hal’s inspiring musical gifts. Diana’s warm and engaging presence in our RE program. Judy’s care and talents in keeping the church office flowing smoothly. Pam’s

friendly and welcoming presence and attention to our old building.

-our hospitality. Church membership recently exceeded 200 members, due in no small part to the efforts of our energetic Membership committee and efforts by many members to make our church a welcoming place.

-our growing religious education (RE) program with its staff of dedicated volunteer teachers and the newly reorganized RE Committee.

-the careful financial stewardship of our Finance, Fundraising, and Canvass committees. They have worked diligently this year to bring greater stability to our church finances.

-our culture of care and concern for members as well as those beyond our doorstep. This work is carried out not

More Bang for Your Acme Buck

The Social Justice Committee and Acme Bucks are partnering in a new anti-hunger initiative to help food pantries in Portage County. In addition to the current \$25 and \$100 Acme cards, a new \$10 denomination has been added for sale and donation to Kent Social Services. KSS will distribute your donated cards to county food pantries in greatest need.

As always, UUCK receives 5% of the card value and you, generous UU, feel wonderful in knowing you have helped a hungry family. Gift cards will allow clients and food pantries the opportunity to buy perishable food items such as produce, dairy and meat items.

Please stop by the Acme Bucks table during coffee hour, say hello to Esther and Pat then buy a card to donate. Your hungry neighbors thank you for caring.

Elaine Bowen



**The March Hare,
aka Ted Voneida,
hops in at the
Service Auction**

Message

continued

only by our formal Pastoral Care and Social Justice Committees but also through the many caring individual actions of our members.

-my Board colleagues, who work very hard on behalf of the church, and still manage to keep their sense of humor and sanity! I appreciate their wisdom and their commitment to the church.

-all the other members and friends of the church who quietly carry out the work of the church, without recognition. You angels know who you are— thank you for all you do!

In peace and fellowship, *Kathy Kerns, Moderator*

Nominee for New Finance Trustee

In October, Beth Wills, Trustee for Finance, resigned from her position. We would like to thank Beth for all of her efforts on behalf of this church. Beth was a dedicated member of the board for 3 years.

The nominating committee has completed a search and has named a candidate to be placed on the slate for the congregation's approval. The nominating committee's candidate for Trustee for Finance is Bob Erdman, who has accepted the nomination. In accordance with the bylaws of the church, there will be an election to vote on this candidate, which will be held on December 16th between services as part of the congregational voting meeting. It is necessary to have a quorum at the meeting, so please plan to attend. The 2008 budget and the election for Trustee for Finance are the items on the agenda for that meeting.

Please note: Active members who provide a written statement to the Moderator prior to the meeting stating that they are unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting may submit an absentee ballot to the Moderator. Such ballot must present the member's position clearly enough that the Moderator can interpret the member's intent at the time of the vote. Absentee ballots are not counted in determining a quorum.

Church Library Open

The church library next to the sanctuary is now open and new books will be added to the collection regularly so you should stop by frequently to check on the books we have. This month we want to give some information about checking out books from the library. In each book is a card with the information about the book. Just add your name, phone and the date and place it in the green card file in alphabetic order by the author of the book. The books are due in two weeks, but may be renewed with one of the volunteers. Books you are returning are placed on the top shelf of the bookcase under the window. The library will be open during coffee hour and for a half hour after the second service. If you would be interested in volunteering to keep the library open, contact Martha Kluth.

We hope to publish short book reviews in future newsletter issues.

We want to thank Melissa Carvill-Ziemer, Pam Whittington, Judy Brannan, Hal Walker, and John Kluth for their help and suggestions in setting up the library.
Library Task Force

CUUPS Winter Solstice Celebration

The Kent Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans would like to invite you to attend our Winter Solstice Service on December 21, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. here at the church. Please plan on joining us for a very special Yule Ritual followed by light refreshments and fellowship in Fessenden Hall.

CUUPS Prep / Planning meeting

The CUUPS group will be meeting on December 3 and December 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the church to prepare our Winter Solstice Celebration and to work on our schedule for the coming year. CUUPS is open to all who are interested in exploring earth based religions, and we welcome anyone interested in joining our group. Please contact Beth Straubhaar if you would like to be put on our mailing list.

**The church office
will be closed December 25
through January 1**



**Jan Noden,
happy with the response to her
opening at North Water Street Gallery
last month.**

Teaching as a Spiritual Art

December marks the beginning of a time of year in some churches known as advent. The season of advent is about **preparing, making way**. I find it interesting that during what has become one of the most hectic seasons of our calendar year, as well as a time that people feel lonely and isolated, advent exists. We have Christmas pageants, RE lessons, coffee chats, congregational meetings, cookie baking, and an elf workshop to name but a few of our opportunities. So it is that this column reflects a time of preparing, making a way for spiritual growth in the midst of our activities and opportunities. Dr Barry Andrews, MRE, has been involved in religious education for over 20 years and wrote the following seven principles of teaching as a spiritual act of religious education.

Seven Principles of Teaching as a Spiritual Act

1. Respect the children - be the companions of their thoughts; let them find us so true to our own selves, that they will be true to theirs.
2. Be true to yourself - by being exposed to a variety of adults, children and youth learn more about the possibilities of being human. Embody our faith, be an example, speak from the heart.
3. Promote community - as we provide a place for children and youth, we are developing a valuable sense of community for ourselves -- for all.
4. Make it sacred - people come to develop a spiritual presence in their lives, spirituality has many facets, including social outreach and teaching. Live from the UU principles with the intention of connecting with the other.
5. Cultivate your soul - we can only give out of the fullness of the soul, never out of emptiness. . . rediscover the sense of wonder.
6. Grow in your faith - do that which enriches you, workshops, books, Adult RE, rituals, mentoring.
7. Put down roots - make your voice be heard and be an advocate for the children and youth.

The entire community benefits.

Celebrate yourselves. Be bold. Enjoy. Enrich. Share with others. You are a part of our community. Take time to prepare yourself and make way for endless opportunities.

*In Peace and Joy - Diana Van Winkle, Director of
Religious Education*



Guest at Your Table

As we sit down with our families and friends for meals this holiday season, let's be sure to make a place for a guest at our table. That guest may be a child starving in Darfur, or a family struggling to rebuild their lives in New Orleans. Our guest may be children in Ecuador who have contracted hepatitis from contaminated water. Our guest may be a teenage worker in Nairobi seeking help to return to school, or a member of the U.S. military speaking out against the war in Iraq. You can bring hope and support to the guest at your table by donating to UUSC, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, in this year's Guest at Your Table program.

Participating is easy. You take home a Guest at Your Table box, provided by the church, and put it at your table during each meal between now and December 23rd. At each meal, be sure to donate some money to your guest by putting money into the box. On December 23rd, bring your box back to the church. You should count the money in the box, and convert your cash donations into a check written to UUSC. Check off “membership” on the coupon on the box and include that coupon in your mailing. Send your check, with Guest at Your Table in the memo line, along with your name and address and your coupon to UUSC Guest at Your Table, P.O. Box 845259, Boston, MA, 02284. These donations will count toward your UUSC membership, which costs \$40 a year for regular members, \$10 for youth, and \$20 for seniors. If you make a donation of \$100 or more, it will be matched by Shelter Rock Congregation.

Our generous donations to the Guest at Your Table program over the years have enabled many people to tell stories of hope. There is the story of Mary, a sixteen-year-old



Tai chi --

- a non-impact "meditation in motion." Although you can study it for a lifetime, by coming you do not make a commitment for any number of sessions -- come when you can. You are welcome to start any Monday night. Wear loose fitting clothing, as it is participatory. Questions? Contact Susan Goekler, certified tai chi instructor with the Tai Chi Association of Atlanta, GA 330-633-1846 or sgoekler@neo.rr.com.

7:00 Advanced

7:30 Intermediate

8:00 Beginner

living in a slum in Nairobi, Kenya. Mary was an achiever who made it through the eighth grade and passed the entrance exam for high school. Then her mother died, and Mary was forced to leave school and go to work to support her family. One day a woman from the local Rock Women's Group noticed Mary's absence from school. She went looking for Mary and found her at work. The Rock Women's Group is a UUSC partner in Nairobi, supported by our donations. The group arranged for Mary to attend high school in the evenings. Thanks to the support of the Rock Women's Group and UUSC, Mary now has a chance at a better life.

Together we enable more people to tell stories of hope like Mary's. Our support for the Guest at Your Table program will fund the important social justice work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee all over the world. This year UUSC is focusing on four areas of special concern: rebuilding New Orleans after Katrina, giving all people the right to clean water, strengthening the rights of child laborers, and defending the right of those in the U.S. military to speak for peace and justice. Since 1975, UUSC has been partnering with local organizations around the world to work for human rights, peace, and social justice.

Last year, our congregation won the UUSC Creating Justice Award by recruiting 25% of our congregation as UUSC members. We hope to boost our membership this year through our Guest at Your Table donations and win the UUSC Vision of Justice Award for congregations with 50% membership in UUSC. Also, if we raise at least \$5,000 from our congregation in this year's Guest at Your Table program, we will be listed as an Honor Congregation in the *UU World* magazine. Donating to Guest at Your Table is a great way for all of us to put our UU faith into action. You can pick up a box any Sunday during coffee hour downstairs in the church. Please see Vivien Sandlund, our UUSC local representative, or Mac and Susan Goekler if you have questions.

Vivien Sandlund, Local Representative to UUSC

Fellowship Between Christmas Eve Services

Whether you plan to attend the family-friendly service at 6:30 or the more adult focused service at 8:30, plan to come for fellowship between the two services. We will have some cookies and some family-friendly activities.

Jim Scott, Trustee for Fellowship

New Member News

Please welcome our latest new members - look for their pictures on the new member bulletin board.

Gingr Vaughan
Heidi Emhoff
Elizabeth Wagoner
Jon Wheatley
Kristen Cimera
Rob Cimera
Julie Lineburgh
Meg Fambrough
Jen Ressler
Sarah Jordan
Mark DeBruen
Anita Blumenfeld

- and our 200th member -
Bruce Richards

Kay Clatterbuck



Bruce Richards

Congregation Chat and Meeting

The Board welcomes the congregation to participate in the next "Coffee Chat with the Board" session on December 2nd at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. There is no formal agenda; bring your kudos, comments and questions! See you there!

There will be a Congregational discussion meeting on December 9th at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We will be discussing the church budget.



"Souper" Bowl Sunday is Coming

The UUCK 4th annual "Soup"er Bowl is coming on Sunday, February 3 before, during and after services. Team UUCK takes on Team County Hunger in a full contact collection of cans - lots of cans of hearty soups, stew & chili for Kent Social Services. Last year, we scored 125 cans and once again, Coach Bowen ups the ante. Let's go for 150 this year!!! I know this team can do it. An empty soup pot will also be on the table to receive your cash & coin donations.

Questions??? Contact Elaine Bowen.

Giving from the Heart

The Social Justice Committee has been very busy lately on a lot of fronts. Not least of these has been in coordinating special offerings for causes of significance and value to the members of our congregation.

The October special collection for the Animal Protective League brought in \$450 -- plus some needed supplies for the shelter. The November collection for Freedom House, a local emergency shelter for homeless veterans operated by Family and Community Services of Portage County, coincided with our observation of Veterans Day. This collection brought in \$1470, including matching funds.

As the days get shorter and our thoughts turn to the holidays, the SJC has been focusing on ways to help the less fortunate in our community to get through this time of special need. One program that will be starting soon involves the marriage of our Acme Bucks program with sustained support for local charities involved with the collection and distribution of food. Kent Social Services has been making special appeals for donations recently and members of the committee stay abreast of the status of other similarly worthy organizations in our area. The new program will encourage Acme Bucks participants to purchase extra cards (in small denominations) for distribution through local food banks. The idea is to build a sustained pattern of giving that will last beyond the holidays. Look for details in the Thread from the Web or ask about it at the Acme Bucks table at coffee hour.

The holidays are a time of distress for some of us. Lately fashioned as "Seasonal Affective Disorder", this darkest time of the year may come with a sadness born of family relationship baggage, financial pressures and unrealistic material and social expectations. The regular special collection for December, in conjunction with a service on addiction and recovery, will benefit Kent's Town Hall II, which offers counsel and support for our friends and neighbors who turn to mood-altering substances for solace.

The Christmas Eve service will include an extra special offering for the Emergency Energy Conservation Fund of the Community Action Council of Portage County. This fund helps lower income families with fuel assistance when they have heating emergencies. Our church was instrumental in the establishment of this fund and the committee felt it was important that we continue to support it.

We can rightly be proud of our generosity and be grateful for the opportunity to act in concert in a way that materially advances our shared values of justice and dignity for our fellow citizens.

Bret Orsburn, Trustee for Outreach to the Wider World

We're in the Money

As the year winds to a close I am happy to report that the church is on solid financial ground. Fundraising for the year was above forecast, as are pledges and plate offerings. The work of the church is possible because of the generosity of our wonderful congregation. I look forward to the exciting things we will accomplish together next year! For those of you who would like to learn more about church finances, copies of the monthly financial reports are attached to the Board minutes. You can also contact me if you have any questions about how bills are paid.

Beth Straubhaar, Treasurer

Weekly Meditation

Meditation Group: Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm in Fessenden Hall.

Boost your meditative practice by sitting with supportive community for shared practice! We will check in briefly, share a reading, meditate for 20 - 30 minutes, and close with a brief sharing. Although this is not a "class", beginners are welcome and will receive some suggestions for meditation at the start of the meeting.

Contacts: Trish McLoughlin, Susanna Smart, Dianne Linehan, Hal Walker.

Bring: Items for your comfort (blanket, pillow), and your Beginner's Mind. (Your choice to sit in chair or on floor, or to recline.)

Sacred Circle

Sacred Circle 10:45- 11:00AM in the Nursery: Between services on Sundays, you are invited to join in Sacred Circle.

Susanna, from the Pastoral Associates, will guide this short and sweet Circle. We'll stand holding hands, creating Sacred Space for ourselves and each other to speak from the heart. As desired, you may light a candle and voice a prayer, hope, or request for spiritual support. *Affirmation: May these power-packed moments fill you up for the rest of the week! In an atmosphere of affirmation and love, we let our prayers be heard, lifted, and released.*

Calling All Bibliophiles

That's "Booklover" with a capital B! The annual book sale is coming, the book sale is coming - on March 8, 2008. Please start cleaning off your bookshelves and setting aside donations. We'll let you know when to bring them in. No encyclopedias or texts, please. Dealers are welcome and encouraged. Proceeds will benefit both the church and a literacy program in Portage County.

Volunteers will be needed for sorting, set-up and selling - the call will go out in February. Contact Elaine Bowen with any questions.

Minister's Discretionary Fund

The Minister's Discretionary Fund allows our minister to assist people in immediate need of funds for personal reasons (for example, medicine, food, utility). The fund is down to \$100 with winter upon us and there are people in need.

Please consider a directed donation to the MDF. Make checks payable to "UU Church of Kent" with "Minister's Fund" on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Youth Group Elf Workshop

Need an afternoon to get some last minute shopping done, or maybe just relax without the kids? The Kent UU Senior High Youth Group will be hosting an Elf Workshop on December 8, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Parents can drop their children off at the church for an afternoon of fun holiday activities for a nominal fee of just \$10.00 per family. Parents need to register for the event by emailing Beth Straubhaar by December 5. Sign up sheets will be available at Coffee Hour on December 2.



Adult Religious Education

The Adult Religious Exploration’s new series for December will be “Creating Sacred Spaces and Family Celebrations”. This series will explore a variety of ways to create sacred spaces in your home and we will also discuss ways of making meaningful family celebrations that aren’t the usual, but as unique as each individual’s own spiritual path. Come join us Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Eldredge Annex.

Creating Sacred Spaces and Family Celebrations

November 25 – Introduction

December 2 – Holidays

December 9 – Rites of Passage

December 16 – Everyday Sacred Spaces



Volunteers Needed - Help Your Friends and the Environment

For over a year, a handful of us UUs have been volunteering second Wednesdays of each month at the County Clothing Center in Ravenna. We work from 10AM to 2PM, alongside volunteers from Immaculate Conception Church in Ravenna. Our church has been asked if we could also provide volunteers on the fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The Center takes in about 30 TONS a month of clothing, shoes, bedding, household goods, and toys and offers them free of charge to all comers. The operation also provides a major recycling opportunity, and keeps tons of usable items out of landfills.

Volunteers sort donations, discard soiled or damaged items, put clothes on hangers and assist customers and donors. There are also opportunities to volunteer on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8PM.

Interested? contact Caroline Arnold.

Sermons and Minutes Available

Some of Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer's past sermons are available in the Founders’ Lounge for \$1.00 each. Your donation can be placed in the black lockbox, also in the lounge.

You can listen to and download selected past services for free at the church website, www.kentuu.org.

The Board meeting minutes are available for review in the Founders’ Lounge.

Want Support? Pastoral Associates

Listening from the Heart: You may remember hearing about the Pastoral Associates in our Church. Maybe you considered receiving their support at some time. The team of Pastoral Associates is available to listen to what is important to you and close to your heart. You can speak to Melissa, Jane Krimmer or any of the Pastoral Associates if you would like to know more. We invite you to meet with us for respectful attention, to share some part of your joys or sorrows that is important to you, to experience the shift within that happens when you say what is so. We are often available for spontaneous and brief support on a Sunday morning. Just ask! Each Pastoral Associate brings unique gifts to the practice of Presence and Listening.

Susanna Smart offers listening with the option for hands-on supportive presence to deepen the quieting and compassion that allows us to listen to the Truth within. She brings years of experience and a lifetime of delight to this art of listening with heart, mind, and touch. If you would like to discuss the possibility of receiving this kind of care with Susanna, you may speak with her directly, with Jane Krimmer, the Pastoral Associates Coordinator, or with Melissa Carvill-Ziemer, our minister.



Sarah Jackson
selling Bonnie’s bread
at the Kent Farm Market

December Church Events

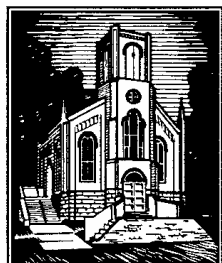
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Tai Chi: 7:00 Advanced, 7:30 Intermediate, 8:00 Beginner - Yoga and Tai Chi are held in Fessenden Hall
 *EA- Eldredge Annex; FH- Fessenden Hall; FL- Founders' Lounge; L- Library; S-Sanctuary; N- Nursery
 Calendar does not reflect changes or additions after November 22

A complete and up-to-date church calendar can be viewed at <http://www.localendar.com/public/uukent>
 or through a link on our website at www.uukent.org.

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Call the office to cancel your *Chalice Flame*

Book Group

We will not have a meeting in December, 2007.

We will meet on January 8 at 7 pm at the home of Pat Pownall. Our selection will be *Luncheon of the Boating Party* by Susan Vreeland. This is a novel based on the painting of the same name by August Renoir.

On February 12 we will meet at 7 pm at Kathie Slater's. We will read *Here If You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup. The author of this memoir is a Unitarian-Universalist minister serving as chaplain for the Maine Warden Service handling outdoor emergencies.

Martha Kluth

Out to Lunch Bunch

The Out To Lunch Bunch will not brunch in December.

Celtic Clán

12/3 7:30pm to 8:45pm- Practice in Sanctuary
12/10 7pm Longmeadow- Nursing Home Ravenna
12/17 7pm- Tower 43 Kent
12/24 No practice
12/31 No practice



Th-th-that's all, folks !
(the March Hare exits)