



# The Chalice Flame



The Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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*Our church is a journey, not a destination. On this journey, we covenant to provide and sustain an environment for ourselves and our children that encourages spiritual freedom, friendship, and mutual support, acceptance and respect for all creation. Our mission, following the tradition of our religious liberal heritage, is to create a caring community, to witness for social action and bring about a better world.*

That is the current mission statement of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent. Does this statement resonate with you? Does it inspire you? Do you believe there is anything else that should be said about our purpose as a congregation? When you read these words do you get a clear image of what matters to us? Can you tell from our mission statement why we continue to exist as a religious community in Kent, Ohio? It is said of mission statements that they should be short enough to memorize, powerful enough to internalize and clear enough to understand no matter your age. Does our statement reflect that wisdom?

In order to engage these questions, we will be conducting two all congregation conversations on the mission of our church. The first session will be held on January 27 and the second will be on February 24. Both sessions will be held after the second service. More information about the details can be found inside your newsletter. Your ideas and observations are critical for the success of this endeavor. I hope that you will be able to participate in both sessions, but if that is not possible for you please come to one of the sessions. The outcome of our efforts is important. But even more important is the quality of our process and the depth of our engagement with critical questions about our identity and our purpose. I am confident that this work will strengthen us and I encourage you to make these conversations a priority in your involvement with congregational life.

This is a year of discernment for our church. We began with conversations about covenant – conversations about how we want to be together. We turn now to mission – why we exist. In the spring we will direct our attention to vision – where we see ourselves going in the next five to ten years. It is a good time to be doing this work. The congregation is vibrant and growing in many ways. The future holds great promise for this church. Now is the time to chart the course. I hope you will be a part of the process.

In faith,

*Melissa*



## January Sermons

January 6 *Breakfast With The Enemy*

Tom Beck, with Elaine Bowen and Alan Coker

What happens when a liberal is seated across the breakfast table from a conservative and the conversation turns to politics and religion? Everybody can imagine what DOES happen ... but in this Message we'll investigate what SHOULD happen.

January 13 *Depression and the Soul*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen

Millions of people struggle with depression. Many of us have become familiar with the medical and psychological approaches to understanding and treating depression. This morning we will explore depression through the lens of spirituality and the language of the soul.

January 20 *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Ted Voneida

It is known now as the Black Empowerment Controversy. In the 1970's Unitarian Universalists struggled mightily to understand what racial justice means in practice. Today we will look back at our history as we consider what the future demands if we are to become an anti-racist, multi-cultural association.

January 27 *A Wide and Welcoming Tent*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Christie Anderson

What is unique about what we have to offer in religious life today? Our service this morning will explore questions of Unitarian Universalist identity and purpose. This afternoon we begin the first of two all congregation conversations about our mission as a faith community.

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## Message from the Moderator

In this column, I want to discuss some of the changes our church is experiencing in connection with our substantial growth in membership the last few years. After having approximately 120 - 160 members for several years, over the last two years we have grown to over 200 members. As a result we have transitioned from being a Pastoral church (75 to 150 members) to a Program church (175 to 700 members).

Authors who have studied church growth note the transition from Pastoral to Program size is a particularly difficult one for churches to make. As UU minister Robert Latham notes, one key difference is how decision making is done. In the Pastoral Congregation, people all tend to know one another and there is a strong feeling of community. There is a tendency to assume that everyone should have a say in all decisions, which should be made by consensus. The exception is that the pastor is often at the center of decisions and is granted special influence in decision making. In Program churches, where all members do not know one another, there is still a feeling of community, although it is achieved through participation in small fellowship groups and church programs and through a sense of shared mission. Although the congregation as a whole

retains authority over church matters, and the Board is expected to maintain broad oversight, decision making is delegated and shared much more widely. As Latham puts it, "The processes of decision making spread out in a complex web of authority".

This spread of decision making is by necessity. In the Program church, there are many more decisions that need to be made, and without delegation, decision making would be too slow and unwieldy or too burdensome for the minister. While the congregation makes some decisions (e.g., approval of the church budget), more rapid decision making occurs as committees and the Board act on most matters. Latham notes that the shift does raise an issue of trust: members have to trust others to make key decisions and to accept those decisions. Latham suggests that questions of trust can be especially salient in UU churches where there is often suspicion about the role of authority figures. He suggests trust can be built in the congregation by having the church mission and policies guide decision making. The Board sets policies for the church, while members define the church mission and have freedom to carry out church business within the parameters of the policies.

*"Message" continued* →

### Update and Invitation from the Master Plan Committee

The purpose of Master Plan Committee (MPC) is to prepare and update the vision, mission, and long range plan of the church. It was decided last year that it would be best if future plans for growth were tied to church mission and vision. Therefore, the focus of the MPC for this current 2007-08 church year is to work on discerning a church covenant, mission and vision which will serve as a foundation for moving into strategic planning.

Covenant = a statement of how we want to be together.

Mission = What is our purpose? Why do we exist? What would we hope our church is known for?

Vision = Where are we going? Where do we want to be 5 years from now?

During the Fall we focused on covenant, holding two meetings: October 14 and November 11. Over 40 congregants attended the October 14 meeting; at conclusion we had 8 ideas of draft covenants and lists of 5 most important values. Members of the MPC, along with Kim Marfy of the Committee on Ministry and Rev. Melissa Carville-Ziemer met to review all of this and write a draft covenant. Feedback was solicited via the November newsletter and the weekly Thread from the Web. Additionally, at the November 11 meeting, participants provided feedback on the draft covenant.

Based on feedback received, it is the consensus of the MPC at this point that individuals have different concepts of covenant -- some prefer a general, brief, more poetic statement whereas others are looking for more specific

behavioral prescriptions. It also appears that there may be some lack of clarity or comprehension about what a covenant is and what purpose it serves. We have concluded that we have taken the process as far as we can for now. The draft covenant is still a work in progress and we are hopeful that as we move through the process of mission renewal and visioning the content and form for the covenant will emerge. We will proceed with the mission renewal process beginning in January and will wait to see what sort of energy and ideas arise around the draft covenant. We believe it is important for the congregation to feel ownership of the covenanting process and product.

MPC wants to emphasize that the covenant-mission-vision work we are undertaking is foundational to any long range planning that is to occur. We also want to express our hope that the process and product should derive from a strengths-based (appreciative inquiry) perspective rather than a problem-focused, solution-oriented perspective. Our goal is to have covenant, mission and vision ready for congregational approval at the annual meeting in May.

#### The invitation:

Please join us on the following dates. There will be a potluck at 12:30, with meetings from 1:15-3:00.

Mission Renewal: **January 27**

Mission Renewal: **February 24**

Vision: **March 9**

Vision: **April 13**

*Rhonda Richardson*

### Message, continued

Our church will be working on renewal of our mission this month. Our mission statement will help guide several important decisions we will have to make in the near future (direction for church programs and staffing, expansion of our church facility). I strongly encourage all members to participate in this work. In faith and fellowship,

*Kathy Kerns*

P.S. - I have only touched on some of the points from Latham's excellent book, which I recommend to all church leaders. It is called Moving On From Church Folly Lane. Copies are available through the church library.)

### Living By Heart: An invitation from your minister

Are you interested in deepening your spiritual life? Would you like to explore a uniquely Unitarian Universalist spiritual practice? Living By Heart is a devotional practice based on the lifelong meditative practices of the Rev. Harry Scholefield. It incorporates many practices, but features attentive sitting and learning poetry and words of wisdom by heart.

I will be leading a Living By Heart group which will meet once per month over the course of the next year. The monthly meeting day will be determined with the group. If you are interested and would like more information, I will be holding an open introductory session on Tuesday evening, January 22 from 7:00 to 8:30 in the Founders Lounge. This session is designed to help you determine whether this path might be a good fit for you. If you cannot attend that session and want more information, please let me know.

*Melissa Carville-Ziemer*

## Meet the New Trustee for Finance

Hi! I'm Bob Erdman. You just elected me Trustee for Finance. I thought I should let you know a little bit about the guy you elected.

I was married at West Shore UU Church in Rocky River, in 1964, and was divorced 14 years later. I raised 2 boys as a single Dad from the time they were ages 5 and 8. They are both married and living in California now. My daughter, who was raised Quaker, lives with her husband in southern Ohio. I had a rather unusual career in that my first company after graduating from college in 1962 was also the company I retired from at the end of 2000-- Keithley Instruments in Solon Ohio. I had worldwide marketing and business management responsibilities the last half of my career there. I still do some consulting. My degrees are in Electrical Engineering and in Physics. In addition to occasionally playing piano in church, I have been in a dixieland jazz band at the Rusty Nail in Twin Lakes for over 35 years.

I first came to the UU Church of Kent in 1997. I had a back operation later that year, and the people on the pastoral care Committee took very good care of me. My good friend Esther Duncan had just retired; she drove me all over and became my retirement coach and traveling partner. Somewhere in there I was asked to Chair the Music committee. That led to also being on the Sunday Program Committee, which I now chair. I am also a co-chair of the Build Your Theology Group this year. About 5 years ago I was asked to be on the Board. I then filled an unexpired term [why does this sound familiar?] and was later elected as Assistant Moderator. That led to becoming Moderator

in 2005-6. I was on the Summer Institute [SI] Planning Committee for 3 years, becoming Chair of SI2006. In 2003, a group of us started the Men's Club, which still meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month. And after being Moderator in 2006 I started an interesting new group that discusses things we learn in one role of life that we can apply to our other lives, called Our Many Lives. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month to discuss all kinds of interesting things that are useful in our various lives. I was also asked to form the OMD Leadership Development Team that plans district UU conferences for those interested in Lay Leadership [see me on this].

Having run a 20-million dollar business for many years, and being Budget Manager of a department in industry, I felt I could handle to the job of Trustee for Finance. It looks like this too will be fun, like everything else I have been involved with in this church. One of my first tasks will be to issue Contribution Reports for 2007. By now, if you donated money to the church in 2007, you should have received a Contribution Report stating your donations during the year. These are preliminary reports, through October 31, 2007. Please review them. If you have questions, see any problems, or contributed to the church but did not get a Contribution Report, please contact me.

I look forward to working with you to keep our church financially healthy, thanks to your generous contributions. I am usually around at coffee hour, and I try to wear my nametag. Stop me and say hi; I'd like to meet you.



## "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.

## The Rap on the Wrapping

The Borders wrappers earned \$146.26! Thanks so much to each person who signed up to wrap at Border's Chapel Hill during the Christmas season. As promised, there was a lot of great conversation, some coffee drinking and a bit of wrapping too! As some will attest, it was a bit slow at first, but when the managers at Borders moved the wrapping table near to the door (where we knew it needed to be all along) business really picked up!

A huge thanks goes to Sandy Bowers, Kay Clatterbuck, Trish McLoughlin, Marion Yeagler, Linda Mishler, Kathie Slater, Heidi Schaffer, Logan Bialik, Rhonda Richardson, Laura Teagle, Diana Van Winkle, and Elaine Bowen.

## Religious Education Report

Happy New Year! I know the refrain is not a new one, yet I can't help but saying – **I can hardly believe it is 2008!**

During the past 6 months, I have been privileged to serve the UU Church of Kent. I am getting to know the kids, youth, parents, grandparents and many others. What a wonderful experience I am having! Thank you!

9:30 am Religious Education classes have explored such issues as homelessness, fall foliage, courage, famous UU's and more.

11:15 Religious Education classes have been busy with music, art projects and drama!

Middle school class completed a leaf raking project that raised money for the church auction.

Offering is a part of all youth RE classrooms. Cons have come and gone!

High School youth along with their advisors and middle school youth created a most amazing haunted house in October.

These are bits and pieces of my memories as I ponder the turning of time.

2008 promises to be great. The teachers for both first and second service RE have been wonderful as they share their time and create welcoming spaces for our youth to explore. These great teachers will continue to experience the children and youth of our congregation. Exploration, learning, singing, fun and more will continue into the New Year.

Religious Education is only successful if the adults bring our children and youth to church. Please come.

Accompanying your child to the classroom creates an opportunity for further discussion of the lesson. Come early - teachers arrive 15 minutes before class starts.

Want more information? Sign up for the RE Newsletter that goes out bi-weekly via email. Email saves the trees and allows for communication when YOU are ready to take it in! Just email the DRE at [dre-uukent@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dre-uukent@sbcglobal.net) No email? Not a problem. Let the DRE know that you wish to receive the information via US mail.

Please stay tuned for RE adventures including OWL, Hogwarts, youth chaplain training, teacher appreciation, youth Sunday and much more.

*Blessings , Diana*

## Church Library - the Next Chapter

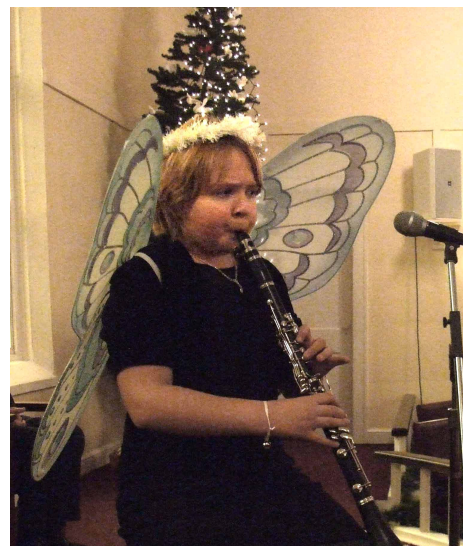
We now have a collection of BGLT books that were donated by Melissa and Ellen Carvill-Ziemer. Come in and browse them.

This month Peggy Parkinson of our Task Force has prepared a brief review of one of the titles in our church library.

Mary Oliver's "New and Selected Poems, Volume 1", is the topic of our first library book review. How suitable to start with this book! Oliver is one of the most celebrated and best-selling poets in America and a Pulitzer Prize winner.

I wanted to say that Oliver has a way with words, but my words cannot begin to describe the way I felt when I first read "Wild Geese". At that time in my life I was beginning to feel very depressed about my mother's health, as she had begun to find fault in all I did. And even though I had discussed this with friends and family, all assuring me I was a good daughter, I felt otherwise. This poem jumped out at me, and I realized both mine and my mother's humanity. Take a look at this fine book, and you may find that it resonates with your life also.

*Martha Kluth*



**Nicole Trainer performing for the Christmas Pageant December 23.**



### January Adult RE Series: Growing a Beloved Community

In the book *Growing a Beloved Community*, UU minister Tom Owen-Towle presents the theological grounding and practical guideposts for growing a Beloved Community and for measuring the strength and relevance of a congregation by examining the hallmarks of healthy congregations. According to Universalist minister Clarence Skinner (1881-1949) "The Beloved Community is not an organization of individuals seeking private and selfish security for their souls. It is a new adventure, a spontaneous fellowship of consecrated individuals seeking a new world."

As this congregation engages in the covenant, mission, and visioning process, this adult religious exploration series can help participants think through what we want to be and how we want to act in community. Those who wish to purchase the book can do so through the UUA bookstore (\$14) – [www.uua.org/bookstore](http://www.uua.org/bookstore) (800-215-9076). It is not necessary to have the book to participate in the whole series or only some sessions. All are Welcome!

- January 6 - Be Clear Who We Are (chapters 1 "Occupy Holy Ground", 7 "Look Back, Around, and Ahead", and 11 "Keep Journeying")
- January 13 - Welcome New Members & Nurture Current Members (chapters 2 "Welcome All Souls", 3 "Care for Your Own", and 9 "Practice Respect")
- January 20 - Reach Out (Chapters 5 "Encourage Unity Amidst Diversity", 6 "Balance Justice and Joy", and 8 "Spread Our Good News")
- January 27 - Commit (Chapters 4 "Give Everyone a Voice", 10 "Nurture Stewards", and 12 "Know that You are Not Alone")

### 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 with any questions.

### Forum on Health Care Financing Reform

The Social Justice Committee is hosting a forum on health care financing reform on Saturday, January 12 at 2 p.m. Johnathan Ross M.D. PhD, Associate Chairman of Internal Medicine, Outpatient Internal Medicine Clinic Medical Director, St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, Toledo, Ohio and Past President of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP) has agreed to give the keynote address. Discussants will include a patient and employer advocate and someone who will address the moral issues. Following a light supper, the film *¡Salud!*, about The Health Care System of Cuba will be shown.

We hope you will come for the entire program. However, you are welcome to come only for the forum from 2-4 or the film from 4:30 – 6, if you cannot make the entire event.

If you have questions, contact the organizing committee co-chairs Susan Goekler or Ted Voneida.



### Unitarian Universalist University

is a gathering just before General Assembly of congregational leaders of all kinds. If you want to increase your knowledge and ability to serve your congregation, UU University is for you.

Dates - Tuesday, June 24 & Wednesday, June 25 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Learn strategies and take-home skills for leading theologically diverse congregations and how congregations interact with — and — have a positive impact on a theologically diverse world. Over 450 people attended in 2007.

*Keynote Speaker* - Nick Carter, President, Andover Newton Theological School

For more info - [uuuniversity@uua.org](mailto:uuuniversity@uua.org)

### KSS Hot Meals and Pantry "Wish List"

Hunger never takes a holiday or a day off. The needs are great year round and the pantry shelves need filling on a weekly basis. YOU can help with any of the following items:

- grocery gift cards or cash/check donations
- canned tuna
- peanut butter and jelly
- macaroni & cheese mix
- meal-in-a-box
- meal-in-a-can
- pasta sauce
- canned fruit and vegetables
- potatoes (flakes and mixes)
- 100% fruit juice
- paper towels/toilet paper/napkins/soap/cleaning products/deodorant/disposable dishes and plastic silverware
- person power (volunteers)

Thank you for caring and filling our 2 baskets weekly - the oval wicker one opposite the elevator and the blue one outside the sanctuary. Your generosity helps keep people fed and is greatly appreciated.

*Elaine Bowen*

### Our Continuing Journey Toward Wholeness

Eight years ago, our previous minister, Rev. Julie-Ann and I presented an adult education series on anti-racism and anti-oppression which we called Journey Toward Wholeness. This was an engaging and enlightening program that some of you may remember attending. It seems we should revisit this subject with renewed commitment to do what we can to live in right relationship while practicing loving kindness. We can assure you this program is not about all that we've done wrong, but rather what we can learn about ourselves and our world that will allow us to move forward in a positive fashion. We will conduct this series in four one and one-half hour sessions over a period of four weeks -- Thursday nights from 7:30 pm till 9:00 pm starting January 10th in Founders' Lounge. We suggest (not required) that you read Rev. Thandeka's book "Learning To Be White" and Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley's "Soul Work". We will need at least eight members committed to this series in order to put it on. Senior High youth are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions and/or would like to attend please contact me.

Peace,

*Mac Goekler*

### "Deceptions" - a two person mystery/comedy

Friday Jan 11, 7 P.M.

The play features Ted Voneida at his best as a character who "improvises" with great calculation, and Margot Miletich who has no reason not to play along.

A second Thespian evening on March 14 at 7 P.M. will showcase Part II of "Duck Variations" and a comedy entitled "A Walk in the Woods", a discussion of nuclear disarmament between 2 diplomats. Margot and Ted did part I of "Duck Variations" two years ago.

Suggested donation (for those who didn't bid at our auction): \$15 for one play, at the door; \$25 for both presentations.

Refreshments will be served after each performance, both of which are church fundraising events.. What a deal!



**Trish McLoughlin at Celtic Clan rehearsal**

### 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.)

## Peer Chaplain Training

January 25-27, 2008  
UU Church of Kent, OH

*What's a Peer Chaplain?* Peer Chaplains are caring, understanding and compassionate listeners. They are there to offer one-on-one personal care and attention to those whose needs go beyond what the larger conference community can provide. These are not certified professionals, but every-day people with a desire to serve their fellow human beings. The chaplain is one of the most important positions at a conference or other UU community event because of the emotionally supportive and spiritually nurturing role that they play in the community as a whole.

*What's this training all about?* The training for this event will be conducted by a team of outstanding facilitators which includes youth, adults, and experienced chaplains. The programming is designed to teach basic skills necessary for effective chaplaining such as active listening and responsive awareness. In addition, the training will cover topics such as the chaplain's role in the conference community and will address issues of confidentiality and ethical chaplain behavior. Ultimately, each participant will be challenged to take an inward look into their reasons for being a chaplain as they strive to find ways of enhancing their abilities to serve others.

*Who is this training for?* It is for YOUTH (ages 14-19) who want to learn these concepts and skills, and who then may possibly act as a peer chaplain at youth conferences or Summer Institute. It is for ADVISORS (at least 25 years old) who want to support youth and who also want

to learn the skills and then possibly act as adult peer chaplains at youth cons. This training is also being offered to Young Adults (18-35) who are active within the young adult community. This training is part of Chrysalis certification.

The limit is a maximum of 50 people. Participants will be chosen for leadership ability and peer chaplaincy potential, and should come prepared for a fun, working retreat. The application form will be reviewed by the Ohio Meadville District staff who will determine the applicant's appropriateness to serve as a Peer Chaplain. *This is not a youth conference.*

*What about housing?* Participants, adult and youth, are strongly encouraged to sleep at the church. Motels are nearby and home hospitality can be made available for those who cannot stay at the church. Contact the registrar for further information. All meals during the conference will be provided at the church. Young adults will be housed in a separate sleeping area from youth.

*Deadline for Registration is January 5, but applications will be accepted beyond that date as space permits.*

Registration for the training (which includes all training materials, as well as food and accommodations for the weekend) is \$55. Participants are strongly encouraged to seek financial assistance from their congregations to cover the costs of registration and transportation.

*Questions?* Contact the OMD Youth Ministry Consultant, Erin Riffle.

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## 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*



**Tom "MadEye" Morrow, guitarist and mastermind of the 375th Annual Hogwarts Yule Ball.**



## January Church Events

<b>30</b> 9:30-11a Adult RE (EA)(p. 6) 10:45 Sacred Circle (N) 4-6 Restorative Yoga (F) 6:30 Adult Choir (S) 7-9 AA (FH)	<b>31</b> 7-8:30 Tai chi (FH)	<b>1</b> Thread/Web deadline	<b>2</b> 9:30-11a Yoga 1-3 Praxis mtg. (EA) 7-8 Meditation (FH)(p. 7)	<b>3</b> 10:15a Yoga (FH) 5:30-7 Yoga 7-9p Icon task force (EA)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
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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 December 30

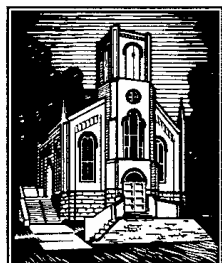
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### Book Group

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.

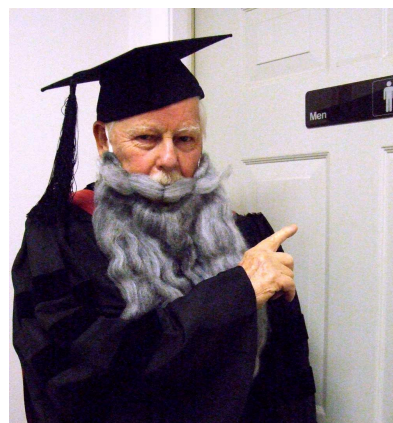
*Martha Kluth*

### Celtic Clan

1/7/08 7pm Loyalton of Ravenna  
1/14/08 7:30pm to 8:45pm practice in the sanctuary  
1/21/08 No Practice  
1/28/08 7pm Stow Glenn Assisted Living

### Out to Lunch Bunch

All are welcome to join with other UUs for a Dutch-treat lunch and lively conversation following second service at China City in University Plaza.



**Even Professor Dumbledore needs to, um,  
use the facilities once in awhile.  
Ted Voneida at the Hogwarts Yule Ball.**