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Living is growing, learning, experimenting, discovering. How to become a real person of integrity, usefulness, tenderness and breadth of sympathy is not primarily a matter of obedience to principles . . . ; it is rather a way of life that develops through a growing understanding of our own basic needs and deepest yearnings, and the needs and yearnings of others.

Sophia Lyon Fahs

We were very close friends in middle school. We began to drift apart in high school as we were drawn in different directions. And though we went to the same college for a couple of years, we never became friends again. I spoke to her last about fifteen years ago. And then, last week, she called. There she was on my voice-mail – a friendly voice from out of the blue wondering how I am. I called her back and we spoke for a time, sketching for one another the shape of our lives.

When we got to the part about Unitarian Universalism, she confessed she didn't know a thing about it but had been interested by what she'd read when she looked me up on line. I took the invitation to say more. Inspired by a line from the Rev. Tom Chulak I closed by saying, "ours is a religion where love and justice come together." She expressed further interest. Though she wasn't raised religiously, she and her husband have been thinking they might like to find a church. The evangelist in me got excited. "There are lots of Unitarian Universalist churches near where you live. And now that you have a child, you might be especially interested in the religious education we offer. I think religious education is one of the things we do best." I went on enthusiastically describing what I consider to be the gems in our approach to religious education: an emphasis on engaging a child's own capacity for wonder and reverence, teaching that encourages and directs a child's capacity for ethical reflection, exposure to the best of the world's religions, our award winning comprehensive sexuality education series and a community of love and support that encourages the development of generosity, kindness and compassion. She thought this sounded great and said she might check us out. I hope she does.

We have something powerful, important and unique to offer to families with children. We have a way of educating religiously that engages the whole person. We have a method of religious education that engages the child both as an individual and as a part of the interdependent web of earth community. We have a vision of religious education as education for life. And we have an understanding of religious education as something we can engage in all our lives long.

In many of our congregations the Director of Religious Education job is changing to Director of Lifespan Religious Education. This addition of a single word acknowledges that we are learning and growing from birth to death. It acknowledges that adolescents and young adults and older adults and elders have unique needs in religious education. It acknowledges that the church's ministry of religious education is not just for children, but for all of us. As we go about the work of mission renewal in our congregation, I encourage you to think about the role of religious education in our mission. The second of our all-congregation conversations on mission will be Sunday afternoon, February 24. I look forward to hearing what you have to say.

In faith,

Melissa

February Sermons

February 3 *We Live on the Edge of the Miraculous*

Kathy Walker and Saul Flanner

Happy Chinese New Year! When you peer over the edge of the new year, what do you see? The miraculous or the abyss? In anticipation of the Year of the Rat, we will share their understanding and appreciation of luck and how ideas about good fortune (or as Kathy's mother insists, "blessings") shape our daily lives and personal worldviews.

February 10 *This Moment in Music*

Hal Walker

This Sunday is our annual "Music Sunday." Members of our congregation will share music and memorable moments in music.

February 17 *A Culture of Fear*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Ted Voneida

How do we distinguish between legitimate fears and marketed fears? How can we learn to see the manipulation that is creating a pervasive sense of anxiety and insecurity in our culture today? What can we do to undo the culture of fear?

February 24 *A Greater Loyalty*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Kristofer Sperry

This sermon takes the theme we began exploring last week a step farther. How can we live with a sense of security and confidence in a time like this? What does it take to live with fidelity to our greater loyalties?

Message from the Moderator

And now, time for church Jeopardy. Answer: \$10,239.66. Question: How much did members of the UU Church of Kent donate to charitable causes on Sunday mornings in 2007?

A few years ago, with the leadership of our Social Justice Committee, we began a program of taking up a special collection once a month during Sunday service. This is a concrete way members can make a difference by giving to important causes. It also provides a way for members with limited time to support activism. The Social Justice Committee chooses the charity. We have occasionally taken up other donations (e.g., to help the UU church in Findlay that was flooded). As noted above, this had led us to donate a substantial amount of money to charity in the last year.

Other churches have taken an even bigger step; they give away the entire plate collection every Sunday morning (plate = money from the offering that is not a designated pledge payment). Churches that have done this have discovered two interesting things. First, the amount of money donated in the plate rises substantially. For example, at the Second Congregational Society in Concord, NH the plate rose from \$10,000 to \$18,000 a year; at the First

Unitarian Church of Oklahoma City, from \$3000 to \$22,000; at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, from \$20,000 to \$100,000. A second interesting thing is that it appears to have no negative effect on pledge donations, and in some churches it has fostered a culture of generosity that has led to increased pledge contributions.

Not all the churches that have taken this step were wealthy; for some it was a leap of faith. As the Rev. Marcel Duhamel from the NH church reported in a UU World article, "When the leadership recommended it to the congregation at the annual meeting, it was a courageous venture. We were really struggling to make our budget. But it had no negative impact. We've had very positive reaction from the community and we're becoming known as an altruistic church. Before, we were too focused on ourselves." Ginny Gregory, past president of the Oklahoma City congregation, said, "We've quit thinking we're so poor. Every year our pledge drive just barely made it, or fell a little short. But last year we exceeded our goal and were able to give our staff eight percent raises. That felt good. We're looking at money differently. It makes us look outward more than we used to." Is it time to consider

"Message" continued

taking a similar step at our church, and give away the entire plate every week?

Of course, there are other ways for members to express their generosity. Many do so through their volunteer work at church. These efforts are a bit harder to quantify. A few years ago, when we had no organized pastoral care at church, we started a Pastoral Care Network to help members with short-term needs such as meals or transportation. The network started with 25 members and has grown to now include over 60 members. The Pastoral Associates was organized more recently to provide a supportive presence for those who might need emotional support rather than tangible assistance. Other members generously give of their time to committee work which ensures that we have a welcoming presence on Sunday morning (including coffee!), careful financial stewardship, child classes on Sunday morning and adult programming outside of Sunday morning adult worship, communication with members and the larger community, and care for the church and grounds. I consulted the church online calendar, and in the last 4 months of 2007 there were approximately 50 church meetings (I did not include meetings or events with a primarily social or spiritual focus). That's a lot of donated time!

In honor of these efforts I close with the words of Albert Schweitzer (hymnal reading # 447): "At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." Thanks to all who support the church and our broader community.

In faith and fellowship, *Kathy Kerns, Moderator*



Our Meandering Minister in February

A note about my schedule: I will be attending the Unitarian Universalist Allies for Racial Equity Conference in Memphis, TN from February 1 – 3. From February 4 – 6 I will be attending the Ohio Meadville District minister's retreat. I will not be checking email during that time, but I will be reachable by cell phone for urgent concerns.

Library Task Force Seeks Bibliophile

The Library Task Force is looking for one more person to join the committee. This person would work with the circulation of books. Contact Martha Kluth if you can help. We want to welcome Andrew Bores to the task force.

Capsule book review for this month: Growing Season: the Life of a Migrant Community. Photographs by Gary Harwood and text by David Hassler. Many of you attended the church program in the fall about the Hartville migrant workers. Someone has kindly donated the book to our church library. When Gary Harwood began taking pictures of the Mexican migrant workers, he did not know he would find such a strong tightly knit community. The first person narratives by David Hassler show the importance of the culture and the resilience of the people. This beautiful and fascinating book is currently available in the church library.

Membership News

At long last! Please be on the lookout for a new directory coming your way at the end of this month. The directories will be sent via e-mail for you to download and print out right on your own computer. There will also be paper copies available for those without access to a computer. Be watching the Thread from the Web for more details.

New U Class - New to our church? - want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and the Kent Church? An introductory class is being held on Saturday, March 1 9:00-12:00. Babysitting can be provided. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the membership bulletin board conveniently located next to the coffee pot in Fessendon Hall. You can e-mail Kay Clatterbuck with any questions.

Battery Deposit Totals

The last emptying of the recycled battery container produced 29 pounds, bringing the 2007 total to 185 pounds of recycled batteries. That is 33 more pounds than last year. Thanks for participating in this effort. If you haven't yet seen it, the battery shaped container for depositing your used batteries is across from the elevator on the lower level of the church.

Missy O'Hara

Health Care and Social Justice

Thanks to the Social Justice Committee for the Health Care Forum they put together on January 12th. And thanks to the Single Payer Action Network of Ohio (SPAN Ohio) and the Portage Democratic Coalition (PDC) for their support of the event. And thanks to the speakers and other participants. There was much food for thought.

How can it be that the wealthiest country the world has ever known is last among 19 industrialized countries studied in preventing deaths from treatable causes? The same British study that produced that sobering statistic concluded that there are over 100,000 excess deaths annually in the U.S. attributable to our failure to deliver health care to those who need it.

We are in the midst of a bankruptcy crisis. Although the sub-prime mortgage crisis may shift this balance for a time, over a recent period half of the bankruptcies in the U.S. were related to medical bills. Three quarters of those bankruptcies were people who were insured at the onset of their illness.

What do we, as Unitarian Universalists, think about this? With the first two of our seven principles we affirm and promote:

*The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.*

Can there be a greater test of those principles than that all people should have the opportunity to seek and promote their own physical well-being?

How do we, as a nation, come to find ourselves at this ideological cul-de-sac where trusted leaders can look us in the eye and tell us that we have the greatest health care system in the world? How has it come to pass that our leading national opinion leaders can pronounce that national healthcare is a fool's fantasy -- an impossible dream -- when every other great nation on Earth has it?

Perhaps our Humanist strain puts us in a better position than some to sniff out and react against the intellectual rot that surrounds this issue. But our grounding in the search for the transcendent may help us to see in this intellectual folly a sign of a deeper spiritual disease.

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

Make no mistake: To affirm and promote the democratic process is to affirm a fundamental belief that our institutions can work to promote the greater good.

"Government can do no right." "Private enterprise can do no wrong." These tropes can have no traction with people who believe as we profess to do.

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

What Peace can there be when our fellow citizens suffer? What Liberty when Life & Death are in the balance? What Justice when Profit trumps Life?

Still, we are UUs. No one can tell any of us how to feel about this issue. Only you can see the world through your eyes. But if this issue moves you, here are some starting points where you can begin -- or begin again -- to put your hand to the task:

<http://pnhp.org> - Physicians for a National Health Program
<http://www.spanohio.org> - Single-Payer Action Network Ohio

Pay particular notice to the Urgent Action Alert at the SPAN Ohio site. Governor Strickland is undertaking a major policy review of the health care issue.

And he, like so many politicians before him, is leaving the single-payer option out of the deliberations.

The most charitable interpretation one can place on this perennial paradox is that the Governor judges that he needs far more political support to do the right thing on this issue than he believes is possible. It is only We the People who can change the balance of that political calculation.

Bret Orsburn

Trustee for Outreach to the Wider World

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.

7:00 Advanced

7:30 Intermediate

8:00 Beginner

Where's Walden This Winter?

"Finding Beauty and Life in Water in Wintertime" will take place in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Saturday, February 9, 10 am to 4:00 pm, Stanford Youth Hostel. Rain or shine!

Henry Thoreau reminds us of the wonder and intensity of life that we can find in Nature, even in winter. Join us to walk the one and a half mile trail from Stanford to Brandywine Falls, enjoying water in its many forms along the way. Afterwards enjoy a pot-luck lunch, including complimentary soup and hot chocolate, in the warmth of the Youth Hostel. Afternoon choices include: Outdoor/indoor games: Exploring Loop Trail, pond, river; Drawing, painting, photographing nature; Animal tracking; Story time, etc. At three o'clock we will reassemble, reflect on our day's experience, participate in a brief Worship service, and be on our way home by 4 p.m.

Please join us. Sign up on the bulletin board in Fessenden Hall. Dress for the weather, bring your own tableware and a picnic dish to share, and join us February 9 for a new experience with nature. More details on the bulletin board. Questions? Liz Erickson; Jill Forsman; Colleen Norris or Gordon Vars.



**Helena Esparza
adjusting wings
for the
Christmas Pageant**

Toronto Beaches Bed and Breakfast

B&B's are available for UUs during the 20th Annual Beaches International Jazz Festival, July 18-27, 2008. Neighbourhood UU Congregation is continuing with a Bed & Breakfast program for Unitarians to visit the Beaches area of Toronto at this favourite time of year. Check out www.nuuc.ca, www.beachesjazz.com and www.beachesbia.com. For more information please contact Jon Whitehead at 416 691 1397.

Director of Religious Education Job Opening

An active, growing, mid-size congregation in Northeast Ohio, East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Kirtland is seeking a Director of Religious Education starting July 1, 2008 for a 25-hour per week position. The DRE must work collaboratively with the minister, Rev. Arthur G. Severance (who will also be the DRE's supervisor), as well as an active RE Council to choose and coordinate curriculum, plan and staff children's and youth classes, plan and facilitate junior worship, manage volunteers, and other duties as assigned. Ideal applicants will have the ability to inspire and sow the seeds of life-long spiritual development and have:

- A Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience,
- Experience in teacher-training, volunteer management, and teaching and administering religious education programs for children,
- A background and/or knowledge of Unitarian Universalism and affirmation of UU principles,
- The commitment/willingness to work with special needs children,
- Strong organizational skills,
- The ability to problem-solve,
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Computer proficiency (Word, Excel and other office tools).

Advanced training and religious education credentialing is advantageous.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2008. Please send cover letter, resume, professional references, educational transcripts, and other relevant credentials to:

Donna Van Boxel
Attn: DRE Search Committee
East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church
10848 Chillicothe Road
Kirtland, OH 44094

Website: www.eastshore.org
E-Mail: mail@eastshore.org
Church office hours: M-F 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Chat With the Board

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

Lay Leader Development

Are you a newer member looking for ways to become more involved in church activities?
Are you an established member looking for opportunities to develop your leadership gifts?

The Board of Trustees has established a lay leader development team to establish priorities and administer budgeted funds for lay leader development.

As we transition to a mid-size church, our top priority for 2008 is to expand the number of potential leaders in our congregation. Watch the church bulletin boards and this newsletter for information about how to apply for funding to attend upcoming workshops and classes, or contact any member of the lay leader development team if you hear of any interesting leadership development opportunities.

Rhonda Richardson
Kay Clatterbuck
Trish McLoughlin

The article on the right is one upcoming opportunity you might be interested in.



Financial Secretary Update

As everyone knows, Dan Hayes, who has served as Financial Secretary since May 2007, gave notice of his intention to resign his position. The Nominating Committee began the process of seeking a candidate for the congregation's consideration. Despite the efforts of the committee members to identify a qualified candidate for this complex and important position, we were not in a position to nominate someone for the December 16 congregational meeting. Dan Hayes graciously agreed to continue in the position until a replacement could be found.

The Board Moderator was contacted when it became apparent that a candidate could not be presented at a congregational meeting by the end of December. The church by-laws state that "vacancies occurring after Dec. 31 shall be filled by appointment." A candidate was identified the last week of December. With the concurrence of the Nominating Committee, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Anne Lofaro to the position of Financial Secretary effective January 1. Anne will complete Dan's term, which ends with the election at the Annual Meeting in May 2008. We want to thank Dan Hayes for his work and Anne Lofaro for accepting the position.

Nominating Committee Members

Workshops to Develop Local UU Leaders

Sponsored by the Ohio-Meadville Leadership Development Group, all workshops will be led by Rev. Joan Van Becelaere, district executive.

Who should attend?

Current and prospective leaders, nominating committees and members who are thinking about volunteering for leadership positions on committees or boards — even if you aren't sure what you'd like to do. Ideal for people who want to learn more about leadership roles and skills before deciding whether to get more involved.

Workshops close to home

Choose a date and place to suit your schedule. All workshops run 9:00 a.m. till 3 p.m., and are identical. Registration from 8:30-9:00 a.m. Fee is \$20 per person, including lunch and snacks.

- April 19: UU Church of Meadville, 346 Chestnut St., Meadville, PA 16335
- April 26: First UU Society of Marietta, 232 Third St, Marietta, OH 45750
- May 17: UU Church of Blanchard Valley, 1016 Tiffin Ave. (rear), Findlay, OH 45849

Sessions cover:

Recognizing the myths of leadership that hold back some people

Discovering the leadership gifts already inside you and others

Understanding how your church family works

Home hospitality?

If you need local housing the night before a workshop, check the box on the registration form and mail it in two weeks ahead of the event. We'll try to accommodate your request.

Questions? Dianne Digianantonio,
leaderconf@ohiomeadville.org



Donna Craver, Beth Wills, Sarah Jackson, Janet Walker, and Bonny Esparza at choir rehearsal for Bill Schultz' service

Learning Opportunities Abound - We are Gifted

Learning. I love learning and have long since embraced the notion of being a life long learner. New concepts, religious beliefs, differing paradigms and perspectives move me and motivate me into uncharted areas igniting within me responses that awaken my senses. Recently, I completed the Leader Training Workshop for *Our Whole Lives*, grades K-1 and 4-6. *Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for Grades K-1 and 4-6* are "positive, comprehensive, and age-appropriate educational programs that promote sexual health and are informed by the guidelines of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)." The program values are:

Respect

All children should be loved and cared for, respected and valued as unique individuals. Sexuality is a natural and healthy part of living. Children learn about sexuality beginning at birth and continue to learn throughout their lives.

Relationship

Children learn about sexuality from how people touch them, talk with them, and expect them to behave as young people. The messages that children receive affect their future attitudes, values, and behaviors. Children learn about justice and inclusively from equally valuing people of all ages, gender, ethnicities, sexual orientation, income levels, and physical and mental abilities.

Responsibility

Information about sexuality, human development, and sexual health should be presented to children in positive, accurate and developmentally appropriate ways. Parents are their children's most important sexuality educators. The larger community of educators, caregivers, and health professionals can also have a positive influence on children's sexual health.

The program goals are:

- To provide accurate, developmentally appropriate information.
- To increase self-esteem and understand relationships with and responsibilities to others.
- To develop interpersonal skills including communication, decision-making, and problem solving.
- To teach responsibility for personal health and safety.

At UUCK we are fortunate to have 4 wonderful trainers for *Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for grades 7-9*. Parents and youth have responded positively and embraced the program. This year *Our Whole Lives: Sexual-*

ity Education for grades 7-9 will be offered. Please look for forthcoming information.

UUCK is in a position to offer *Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for grades K-1* (this class occurs with parent IN the classroom) and grades 4-6 (each are 8 week sessions). This is truly an exciting time. We teach our children by what we do and say as well as what we do not say or do.

Religious Education is a time of purposeful exploration based on age development. It takes time and commitment to build a community that respects parents and guardians as the primary religious educator in the life of their children. A community that invests **time** (teaching, preparing for lessons), **talents** (sharing our gifts and interests), and **treasures** (financial support, snacks, curriculum) in their Religious Education Program. Learning is a life long process. The UUCK community offers wonderful opportunities to explore, grow and learn!

Come to RE, enjoy and be. Explore what it means to be UU, commit to being part of a project, learn about self and the world around us. It is truly an amazing world.

"Live together, talk together, walk together. We are all One." - Swami Satyananda

Peace, Diana

Director of Religious Education



Help Gulf Coast Victims - KSU Trip

Kent State United for the Gulf Coast provides aid to the citizens of the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast region affected by Hurricane Katrina through the skills and talents of Kent State University students, faculty, staff and friends. As we continue to support the residents of this region, we are providing the Kent State community with unique educational experiences and opportunities for personal enrichment, through organized volunteer trips, fund-raising activities and additional service projects. These efforts represent a lasting partnership between the university community and the residents of the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast region, and they exemplify the Kent State University strategic principle of "Engaging with the World Beyond Our Campuses."

Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort

Kent State United for the Gulf Coast

2008 Volunteer Trip, March 17-22, 2008

www.kent.edu/biloxi

Lee Brooker

Become a Friend of the OMD

PERHAPS....you've been engaged, inspired, instructed, moved, refreshed, challenged during:

- training for the OWL human sexuality program
- retreats for new ministers and congregational leaders facilitated by OMD staff
- consultations with our LifeSpan Faith Development consultant
- curriculum fairs or Renaissance Module training
- workshops on worship or radical hospitality or campus ministry or nurturing new volunteers
- EAGLES leadership school in the past and now UU Leadership Training Institute (UULTI)
- Summer Institute or Winter Institute
- finding new and useful materials in the District Library

NOW IMAGINE...

- IMAGINE the possibilities if the OMD had an online education and information network that extended to all of the far corners of the district; from Jamestown NY to Beckley WV to Indiana PA to Findlay OH.
- IMAGINE free online OMD workshops
 - orientation for new board member on congregational dynamics and growth
 - radical hospitality
 - best practices for administrators
 - new curricula for Life Span Education
 - joint social justice initiatives

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Money donated to the Friends of the OMD directly serves our congregations by supporting and developing these and other district program initiatives; programs that help us

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Become a Friend of the OMD; renew or sign up at this address -

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Look for "Leadership Conference"

We know you receive many requests for donations at this time of year from many good and worthy organizations. But please consider using some of your dollars to make a genuine difference here in the OMD.\

The OMD Resource Development Team

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Rev. Joan Van Becelaere, District Executive, Ohio-Meadville District

Want more information, or want to donate? Go here - <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/news/quickflyer.html>

Look for "Leadership Conference"

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@uaa.org



Margo Milcetic and Ted Voneida ready for their play reading, "Deceptions"

February 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 January 22

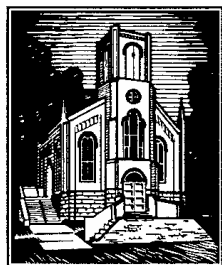
A complete and up-to-date church calendar can be viewed at <http://www.localendar.com/public/uukent> or through a link on our website at www.uukent.org.

There will be a **Dialog Workshop** at the church in Fessenden Hall on Saturday, February 23 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Saunis Parsons is the mail facilitator. The workshop will be based on the book, *Getting the Love You Want: A Guide for Couples* by Harville Hendrix, Ph.D. The workshop should be appropriate for teens and older. Saunis has trained as and served as a crisis intervention volunteer and trainer of other volunteers. Contact Saunis. The cost is \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple and includes a taco bar lunch. Space is limited, so please register early.



Hal walker in full voice during choir rehearsal

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Book Group

We will meet on Tuesday, February 12 at 7 pm at the home of Kathie Slater. Our selection will be [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. Braestrup's husband, a Maine state trooper, died in a car crash, leaving her with four young children and a powerful burden of grief. She responded to the tragedy by taking up an unexpected new career as a chaplain in the Maine Warden Service. When a child goes missing in the woods, or a swimmer disappears, she's the one on hand to counsel worried parents and grieving survivors.

Martha Kluth

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.



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.

7:00 Advanced
7:30 Intermediate
8:00 Beginner

Celtic Clan

2/4/08 7 pm Woodlands at Robinson
2/11/08 7:30 pm to 8:45pm practice sanctuary
2/18/08 7 pm Four Seasons Apartments,
5956 Horning Rd
2/25/08 7:30 pm to 8:45pm practice sanctuary