



# The Chalice Flame



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We have added some new pages to our church website. Thanks to the excellent work of our webmaster Mike Plishka, our board secretary, Lori McGee and photographers Brad Bolton and Lianne Evanov (Lori's daughter), visitors can learn a bit about our staff and lay leaders before even stepping foot inside the church. One of the new features is a message from me. I share it with you in italics below because I wrote it just after our last congregational conversation on mission and it is laden with words and phrases that were inspired by our work together.

This is a year of discernment for our church. We have been trying to discover what we want to promise one another as members of this religious community (covenant), who we are and why we exist (mission) and what we hope to do or become in the near future (vision). Each conversation has been illuminating and engaging and if you haven't yet, I encourage you to set aside some time in your schedule to participate in this important process. I hope that your words and phrases will also be woven into the fabric of the statements we create.

In faith,

*Welcome to the website for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent. It is my privilege to serve as the minister of this vibrant and welcoming congregation. If you are looking for a life-affirming religious community of love and justice, we may be the church for you.*

*Ours is a congregation of seekers. We gather together in religious community not because we all share common beliefs, but rather because we share common commitment. In our church we celebrate diversity. We affirm that there are many paths leading to spiritual growth and a life lived whole. Here we are committed to growing and learning, serving and caring. Our commitment is not only to ourselves and to our children, but also to each other and to the world we share.*

*Worship is the center of our community life. Our Sunday services explore a worthy theme each week through music, silence, prayer, meditation and the art of the sermon. In worship we seek to remember that which matters to us most and to bring our own lives every more closely in line with our values. We draw inspiration from a wide variety of wisdom sources to help us in our quest to live loving lives of meaning and purpose. And we endeavor to remember that we dwell in so much mystery and a world of wonder.*

*We regularly create opportunities to share worship with the children of our church as we believe in the power and promise of intergenerational religious community. Most Sundays, though, our children spend their time at church in their religious education classes. Each class is taught by two teachers whose primary goal is to support each child to become their best selves. The curricula is carefully chosen for each class so that a child who completes our religious education program will have a firm*

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## March Sermons

March 2                      *Crossroads*  
Our annual Youth Sunday.

March 9, 2008              *Willing to Be Changed*  
Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Lori McGee  
What do you envision? The poet Rainer Maria Rilke suggests that our visions change us, even when we cannot fully grasp them; even when we do not fully realize them. This morning we will explore the power of naming, the risk of daring and the promise of dreaming.

March 16                      *Approaching the Story of Jesus' "Passion"*  
Rev. Harold Walker and Worship Associate Christie Anderson  
"Palm Sunday" or "Passion Sunday" is the beginning of Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. The service will suggest some considerations in approaching the story of Jesus' "passion", and reflect on possible meanings of this narrative for the liberal religious imagination.

March 23, 2008              *God's Presence*  
Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Christie Anderson  
Lo the earth awakes again and we rejoice. This Easter morning we will tell the ancient story and celebrate the abiding presence it triumphantly proclaims. The first service will be fully intergenerational and especially welcoming of families. The second service will be designed with adults in mind.

March 30, 2008              *God's Absence*  
Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Lori McGee  
We often celebrate the fact that Unitarian Universalism has room enough for theists and atheists alike. What does it mean for our spiritual lives when what we know most of God is absence?

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### Message from the Moderator

"Did you hear that the Moderator is going to quit if so-and-so becomes Trustee of Finance?" "Some Board members are opposed to Hogwarts because it doesn't teach UU values." Did you know either of the above? Well, I am Moderator (Chair of the Board of Trustees), and I didn't know, either.

Of course, the point is that *neither of the above is true*. Yet these rumors have recently been circulating in the congregation, as have other complaints (e.g., "The Board doesn't listen to the congregation"). This is a difficult yet common problem for a church community. As Arthur Paul Boers writes:

Churches are hotbeds of rumor, gossip, secrets, third-party complaints, and murmuring. But these behaviors are not just difficult in themselves; they are often significant ways of resisting attempts at good health in our congregation. They enable and perpetuate difficult behavior.

Sometimes gossip and rumors are innocently called the 'grapevine'. Some believe that grapevines have a noble and essential ministry: ensuring that the whole community is kept informed of what is important. Positive potentials

aside, systems theory takes a dim view of rumors, gossip, secrets, and murmuring.

Circulating information indirectly and secretly causes many problems. It easily tends toward exaggeration and distortion. The person receiving the information does not understand the context of what is reported... A simple problem between two people, communicated indirectly through rumors, may end up involving many more and spreading pain and anxiety further and further... But such behavior exists only if the system permits and enables it."

What should you do if you hear rumors at church? Proverbs 26:20 says, "For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases." So we can start by not passing on a rumor, and reminding ourselves that the information may not even be true. If someone is stating as fact information that does not seem quite right or unlikely, you can also go directly to the person who is the subject of the rumor to check out the accuracy of the information.

What should you do when you receive complaints about another congregant? If gossip leads you to think un-

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kindly of another person, then relationships are damaged and it isn't harmless. At the church leadership retreat last September we talked about healthy ways to respond. Speed Leas, who has studied conflict, suggests saying to the person, "Have you shared your feelings and concerns about this with X?" If the person seems reluctant to do so, you can say, "X should know your concerns. May I go with you to share them?" This approach will foster direct communication among the parties. If the person refuses, then perhaps it is best to cease to consider it a problem.

I don't want this column to seem overly negative. You may not have heard any rumors at church recently. And keep in mind we are talking about something that is a common problem in churches. Most of our members are caring, compassionate people who try to live in right relationship with others and to voice any concerns they have in an open and respectful way, knowing that trust is a cornerstone for healthy community. Look around—there are many good role models in our church. Nevertheless, we can always aspire to be a healthier congregation. I challenge you to take responsibility to do your part to create, as we say in our current mission statement, "a caring community".

As always, feel free to contact me about any matters.  
In faith, *Kathy Kerns, Moderator*

**"Melissa" continued**

*grounding in Unitarian Universalism, exposure to a wide variety of the world's religions, opportunities to engage in ethical reflection, opportunities to care and to serve and a comprehensive sexuality education rooted in respect for self and others.*

*Throughout the week we offer a variety of programs and activities for enrichment, education and fellowship. I encourage you to explore our web site. You will find that we offer many opportunities for spiritual growth and discovery, religious exploration, musical expression, justice-making, caring, connecting, celebrating and serving.*

*If what you have read on our site interests you, I encourage you to join us for worship. We have services each Sunday morning at 9:30 and 11:15. Our social hour is held between our services, so consider coming a bit early if you plan to visit us during the second service. We would be very pleased to welcome you to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent.*

## How's Our Money Situation?

The 2007 church financial year is closed—and we done GOOD! Combining all activities, we took in over \$32,000 more than planned. Over \$20,000 of this came from plate and pledge donations...applause to all!

Our expenditures were \$7,000 over budget, which was not a problem given the revenue we took in - but we can't keep on doing that! We planned to set aside a \$2000 sabbatical fund for future expenses related to our Minister's sabbatical leave 2-3 years from now. We did. We also planned to set aside \$7000 cash reserves, since every year cash is needed over the summer. We actually set aside \$15,000 in a cash reserve fund. [Looks like we'll need it all too].

We also set up separate checkbooks for items not in the budget, such as Hogwarts, Social Justice activities, and Minister's Discretionary Fund. This will "untangle" many issues in 2008 and future years. So it was not only a good year, but we are better organized for the future. Everyone in the church was involved in this total success in one way or another.

January 2008 was the first month we seriously attempted to estimate a budget for the month. This will help us better manage cash, which is particularly needed over the summer months. It will not change the approved annual budget, it just identifies when we expect the expenses to occur. The year-to-date results as we go through the year will tell us how we are doing with respect to the monthly plan so far.

In January, revenues were about \$4000 over budget. Most of this overage was plate and pledge, since some contributors paid their annual pledge at the beginning of the year...this REALLY helps the cash situation over the summer. Thanks to all who did this. Expenses were \$2000 under the January budget, but we expect some bills not received in January to be paid in February.

So we are off to a good start in 2008. Keep up the good work on making pledge payments - early is better! I plan to issue a briefer summary each month in the Newsletter. If you want to know the overall status anytime, or the status of a particular budget account you are involved with, email me anytime or ask me for a qualitative picture when I see you at church.

*Bob Erdman, Trustee for Finance.*

## Allies for Racial Equity Conference

Rev. Melissa and I attended this annual conference in Memphis on Feb. 1 - 3. The conference dealt with issues of white privilege, anti-racism, and activism. One of the most moving events was to hear first hand from Clark Olsen about his harrowing experience in Selma in 1965 and the brutal attack on him, Orlof Miller and James Reeb. The murder of Reeb caused President Johnson to push for the Voting Rights Act. Hearing these stories makes me feel compelled to proceed with this anti-racism and anti-oppression work. As you heard from Melissa in her MLK Sunday sermon and as presented in Our Continuing Journey Toward Wholeness classes - we still have a lot to do. Yes, Barack Obama maybe be our next president, but until we purposefully dismantle privilege, our sisters and brothers of color will never have the same level playing field of life that we Euro-Americans take for granted. We are now considering our next steps here at Kent to address this ongoing problem - maybe as a start, a film series showing its history.

*Mac Goekler*

## Passover Seder

I am aware that Passover Seders have been held at our church in year's past and that some might welcome the return of this ritual. Would you be interested in attending a Seder at the church? Would you be willing and able to help plan and lead the Seder? Please let me know.

*Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer*

## UUCK Book Sale

**DONATIONS:** Books may be brought to Fessenden Hall beginning Sunday, March 2. Please - good condition, resalable books; no encyclopedias or textbooks.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** for sorting, set-up and selling.  
*Sorting:* Wednesday, March 5 from 6:30 to 9p  
*Set-up:* Friday, March 7 from 6:30 to 9p  
*Selling:* Saturday, March 8 from 9a to noon (plus clean-up til 1p)

We need your help ~ please e-mail Elaine Bowen. Proceeds from this annual "fun"draiser will be divided equally between the general church fund and First Book-Portage County, a literacy program to put new books in the hands of local children.

*Elaine Bowen*

I too was inspired by the Allies for Racial Equity Conference. I have returned home not only with new ideas and initiatives to explore, but also with renewed commitment to this work that calls me. I learned recently that West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Rocky River will be hosting an anti-racism conference at their church on Friday, April 11 though Sunday, April 13. They have kindly agreed to allow a team from our church to participate and I would really like us to take advantage of this opportunity.

The training is called Jubilee One Anti-Racism Workshop and it is designed "to help Unitarian Universalist congregations dismantle racism by allowing participants to examine both personal and institutional racism, and by empowering them to develop a realistic plan that can move their congregations forward in working for racial justice." If you would like more information about the Jubilee training, please visit the UUA website at <http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/leaderslibrary/27109.shtml>. If you think you might be interested in participating, please let me know.

*Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer*

## District Assembly is Around the Corner

This year's Ohio Meadville District Assembly will take place April 4-5, 2008 at First Unitarian Church, Pittsburgh, PA. The theme is Growing Branches, Strong Roots: Our Common Identity. Our keynote speaker is the Rev. Alice Blair Wesley, who will speak on the topic Strong Free Churches: Rooted in Covenants of Love. Alice Blair Wesley is especially well known for her work on the history and theology of covenant. You can read all six of her Minns Lectures on this topic at <http://www.uuchb.org/about/auu.html>

District Assembly is a chance for congregational leaders and ministers to meet, network, ask questions of district staff and leaders, provide input on the direction of the district and gather information on a variety of topics and programs through workshops, the keynote address and The Marketplace. It is an opportunity for education, leadership development and networking in a stimulating UU setting. Don't miss this chance for your congregation to have your voice heard, gain knowledge and collect new resources.

For more information please visit the Ohio Meadville District website at <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/>

## Committee on Ministry - Who We Are

The Committee on Ministry exists to strengthen and nurture the ministry of the whole. We are concerned with many aspects of ministry: how welcoming we are to the stranger, how we treat each other, and how we communicate within the congregation. Our covenant states:

We, the Committee on Ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent, covenant to work toward the goal of promoting the health and well being of this congregation. We will be attentive to the entire ministry of the church and we will cultivate open and appropriate communications with the members of the congregation, the minister, staff and the Board. We commit to working together as a team and respecting the team process. We commit to meeting monthly or more frequently as the need arises. We consider this a priority of service in our lives. That being said, we also recognize that at times our lives may pull us away from a meeting. Our attendance will reflect this understanding. We will embrace confidentiality as is necessary to maintain healthy relationships. We understand the vital role members of this committee hold and realize that open and appropriate communication with the rest of the congregation is a large part of this position. We will make decisions as a full team using our adopted consensus model. We commit to listen to each other and to speak our hearts and minds in our meetings. We will take time to listen to all sides and to understand the dissenting voice. We commit to model right relations in all of our interactions.

The Church **By-laws** charge us to:

- Monitor and nurture the health of the shared ministry
- Evaluate if we are living out our mission
- Function as a vision or oversight group and cultivate open and appropriate communications with members of the congregation, the Minister, staff and the board.

If you have questions or concerns about the ministry of the whole or how our committee functions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Saul Flanner and Kim Marfy, co-chairs*  
*Jay Grech*  
*Kathie Slater*

## Congregational Information Meeting

There will be a Congregational Information Meeting on March 26 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The agenda has not yet been set; watch for news in the Thread from the Web.

Lori McGee

## Our Whole Lives Offered

The Our Whole Lives (OWL) program for 7th to 9th graders will be offered again for the academic year 2008-2009, beginning in September. OWL is intended to give participants the skills and knowledge they need to make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It will equip participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. OWL provides not only facts about anatomy and human development, but is designed to help participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.

Parents of 7th to 9th graders are encouraged to contact Diana VanWinkle, RE Director, to let her know by April 30th if they have a child who may be interested in participating. Those who have expressed an interest in the program will receive a letter of introduction from the OWL teachers in May. Parent involvement is a critical component of the OWL program, and a parent orientation will be scheduled for early August. The first of 27 sessions of OWL will begin in September. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact one of the four OWL teachers, Kat Holtz, Kathy Walker, Fred Smith, and Saul Flanner.

## Got Lay-Led Service Ideas?

There will be a short meeting regarding lay-led services on March 30, after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. This meeting will be useful to those interested in leading services and those with topics of interest. If you have ideas for services, or feel called to participate in a lay-led service, please attend. We will meet in the middle RE room upstairs. For more information please contact Bob Erdman or Linda Mishler. Hope to see you there!

## Potluck Lunch and Congregational Visioning

Sunday, March 9, 2008

As we continue in our year of discernment, all congregants are invited and encouraged to attend a potluck lunch followed by a work session on defining a vision for our church. Lunch at 12:30 (please bring a dish or beverage to share) with visioning work from 1:15 to 3:15. Call the church office to RSVP and to request childcare.

## Why Religious Education?

**W**hy religious education? I have been pondering this question. Sometimes it seems a radical question to ponder given my call to serve as director of religious education of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent. Yet I cannot help but think -- WHY? Religious Education is not something that just happens. Religious Education is intentional. Religious Education takes time. Religious Education is commitment. Religious Education is a lifelong process.

Why get up early?  
 Why get your kids dressed, fed and out the door?  
 Why not sleep in?  
 Why not have that extra cup of coffee?  
 Why not hang out in your pj's longer and read the newspaper?

Easter, Spring, and the Equinox call me to remember, to experience and to feel - why? To have a sense of urgency, intentionality and commitment.

The Spring Equinox is that time when night and day - light and darkness - are in balance. There is no balance leading up to that time nor is their balance after that time. In agricultural societies the Equinox begins the season of planting. Planting is intentional. What we want to grow takes time, energy, commitment and hopefully a sense of humor.

Easter is that time when Christians emerge from the season of Lent, move through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Palm Sunday and Easter. A time of reflection, looking within, sadness, darkness with renewed hope and finally rebirth/resurrection.

For Many Christians, Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox.

The Germanic Goddess of fertility and spring is known as



## Come to Myers' Anniversary Celebration

Please come and join Tom and Dorothy Myers as they celebrate their 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on March 22 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the Birch Hall Community Room at Stow-Glen, 4285 Kent Rd. in Stow. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Eostar, Eostre or Ostara. Eostar is the Goddess of dawn and new beginnings. Her name is similar to the word for the Christian Easter, because that holiday took its name from the ancient Pagan Goddess of Spring and rebirth. Eostar's sacred animal is the rabbit. (Circle Round, *Starhawk, Baker, Hill, 1998*)

Hence, Easter. Easter is commercially associated with eggs, chicks, bunnies.... Symbols of rebirth and growth. According to infoplease.com, "early Egyptians built the Great Sphinx so that it points directly toward the rising Sun on the day of the vernal equinox.

Religious Education gives fullness to life. Religious Education gives framework. Religious Education gives meaning. Religious Education is reflective. Religious Education is enriching. Religious Education can be challenging and uncomfortable. Religious Education is done in community.

So, during the Month of March. I encourage you to find your answers to the question, "Why religious education?"

Look within for answers to your own religious education, the religious education of your family and its influences on your daily life.

Why not have the privilege of rising early!  
 Why not move from your home to the larger community!  
 Why not begin your day with renewed energy!  
 Why not let that extra caffeine go!  
 Why not experience the day!

"Church is a place where you get to practice what it means to be human."

— James Luther Adams

Why Not?  
*Diana VanWinkle, DRE*



Hallie performing on Music Sunday.



## New Play Readings by Ted and Don

Ted (Barrymore) Voneida and Don (Olivier) Munro will present a double feature playbill at the UU Sanctuary, March 14 at 7 pm.

### Part II of "Duck Variations"

Some of you will remember Part I of this series of vignettes, in which 2 "old geezers", George (Don) and Ernie (Ted), meet each morning on a park bench by a duck pond. As they observe and feed the ducks, they comment on deep philosophic issues, ranging from evolution to duck migration, war & peace, and life itself. It's a true Archie Bunker type exchange, as you may recall from Part I, which was presented in 2006 by Margot Milcetic as George and Ted Voneida as Ernie.

"A Walk in the Woods", the second feature, is more serious, but with a great deal of underlying comedy. Here we find two diplomats, one Russian (Ted), and the other American (Don), walking and talking in the woods near Geneva Switzerland. The topic of their conversation is a nuclear disarmament proposal. The Russian has been there many times before, and the comedic manner in which he handles much of the discourse is highly irritating to the younger American. Needless to say, the topic is of utmost importance, and very timely. In spite of its serious nature, there is a great deal of humor woven into the lines. In short, it's a mind blowing play, and one you are certain to enjoy.

For those who bid on the plays at our church auction, there is, of course, no charge. For all others, a church donation of \$10 will be graciously accepted at the door of the Sanctuary. There will be a short intermission between the two plays, and refreshments will be served in Fessenden Hall following the second play.

Please call or email Ted Voneida if you have any questions. Thanks, and we hope to see you there.

## 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

## Library News

We have welcomed 2 new members to the Library Task Force, Kris Sperry and Olive Hobbs. We are currently concentrating on adding books that have been donated to our collection. Talk to any member of our group if you want to know the sort of books we are collecting. If you donate books, please let us know if you would like any books we cannot use to be returned to you or donated to the annual book sale.

Andrew Bores of the Task Force offers this brief review of one of our books. He chose *One Hand Clapping: Zen Stories for all Ages* edited by Rafe Martin. Stories from the Buddha and various Zen masters will delight as well as enlighten. These stories are much like the ancient oriental game Go-Moku: minutes to learn, a lifetime to master. My six-year-old enjoyed them as much as I did.

*Library Task Force*

## March is National Nutrition Month

What better way to mark the occasion than helping feed the hungry in Portage County ~ how, you wonder? You could . . .

Purchase a \$10 Acme card at the Acme Bucks table any Sunday between services and donate it to Kent Social Services for a county food pantry in need.

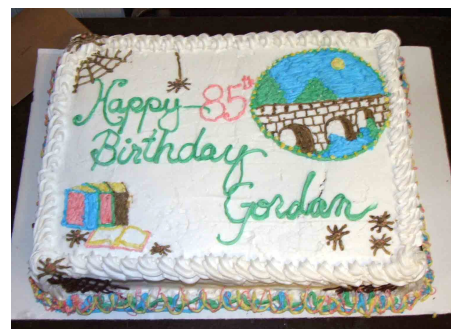
OR

Each Sunday in March, bring in a non-perishable food item (or 2) for our KSS donation baskets - KSS is sadly and consistently in need of donations: pasta & sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables, soup, "meal-in-a-can" items, cereal, macaroni n'cheese mix.

Please help make life a bit better for someone ~ one can, one box, one person at a time.

In gratitude for your generosity,

*Elaine Yehle Bowen, R.D., L.D.*



Happy birthday Gordon Vars !

## Lay Leader Development

**A**re 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.

Applications for funding are now available on the information table in the Founders Lounge.

### Upcoming Lay Leader Development Opportunities

You can apply for funding to pay all or part of the cost to attend any of the following.

Ohio-Meadville District Assembly    April 4-5, 2008  
First Unitarian Church, Pittsburgh, PA  
Information and registration forms available at:  
[www.ohiomeadville.org/annmtg/districtassembly.html](http://www.ohiomeadville.org/annmtg/districtassembly.html)

Ohio-Meadville District Leadership Workshop - 3 dates and locations to choose from:  
*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  
Workshops run 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Registration from 8:30-9:00 a.m. \$20 per person.  
Information and registration forms available at:  
[www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/leaderconf08.html](http://www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/leaderconf08.html)

UU University - June 24-25, 2008  
Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Information and registration forms available at:  
[www.uua.org/events.uuuniversity](http://www.uua.org/events.uuuniversity)

UU Leadership Team Institute    July 28-August 3, 2008  
Juniata College, Huntington, PA  
Information and registration:  
[www.uulti.org](http://www.uulti.org)

Please contact a member of the lay leader development team if you hear of any other interesting leadership development opportunities.

*Rhonda Richardson  
Kay Clatterbuck  
Trish McLoughlin*

## Bradburd Scholarship for Excellence

Thanks to Arnold and Julia Bradburd, Meadville Lombard Theological School is offering a brand new, merit-based, full scholarship to an exceptional student matriculating into our Master of Divinity residential degree program in September 2008. Meadville Lombard is located in the academically rich Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois, and educates students for progressive religious leadership in Unitarian Universalist congregations or wherever else they are called to serve.

Meadville Lombard is taking applications now for the Arnold and Julia Bradburd Scholarship for Excellence. The deadline for the scholarship application is March 15, 2008.

Visit our website for more information or contact me at the phone or email below.

Sincerely, Erika Chavez, Director of Admissions  
Meadville Lombard Theological School  
[www.meadville.edu](http://www.meadville.edu)



**Saul and Kathy after their service**

## 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)



## March Church Events

<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b> 9-12 p New U Class (EA) 1-2:30 Youth Service practice (S)
<b>2</b> 9:30-11a Adult RE (EA) 10:45 Sacred Circle (N) <b>10:45 Congregational mtg.</b> 12:30-2:30 Social Justice mtg. (FH) 1-3 SGM (EA) 4-5:30 R&R Yoga (FH) 6:30 Adult Choir (S) 7-9 AA (FH)	<b>3</b> 10:15a gentle Yoga 5:15 gentle Yoga 7:00 Tai chi 7:00 Clan - Brook- side 7-9 Nominating comm. (EA)	<b>4</b> Thread/Web deadline 5:15 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga 7-8:30 Pastoral Assoc. (EA)	<b>5</b> 9:30a Yoga 1-3 Praxis (EA) 6:30 Booksale setup (FH)(p 4) 7-8 Meditation (FH)	<b>6</b> 10:15a Yoga 5:30 Yoga	<b>7</b> 6:30 Booksale setup (FH)(p 4)	<b>8</b> 9-1 Booksale (p 4)
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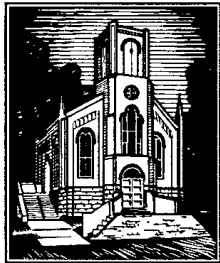
Tai Chi: 7:00 Advanced, 7:30 Intermediate, 8:00 Beginner - Yoga and Tai Chi are held in Fessenden Hall  
 \*EA- Eldredge Annex; FH- Fessenden Hall; FL- Founders' Lounge; L- Library; S-Sanctuary; N- Nursery  
*Calendar does not reflect changes or additions after February 22*



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### Book Club News

Our February meeting was cancelled due to snow. So in March we will have the program planned for February. We will meet Tuesday, March 11 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. 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

March 2 - Pancake Breakfast – Kent Roosevelt High School  
March 9 - no Lunch Bunch  
March 16 - China City  
March 23 - China City  
March 30 - China City

### Celtic Clan

3/3	7pm Brookside Assisted Living
3/10	7pm The Four Seasons, Kent
3/17	7pm Longmeadow, Ravenna
3/24	7:30 to 8:45 practice in Sanctuary
3/31	7:30 to 8:45 practice in Sanctuary



**Amber Scott self-portrait**