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In August I led a worship service in which the sermon was constructed around questions from members and friends of the congregation. I didn't have time to answer all the questions that were submitted that day and promised that I'd do my best to provide a response either in other sermons or in this column over the course of the year. This month I am responding to two different questions about hell.

1. "My friend recently passed away. He was Catholic and believed he would probably go to hell. What do you think?"

I am sorry to hear of your friend's death and saddened to know that he died believing he might go to hell. If I were able to talk with your friend before he died and knew he had this concern, I would have tried to find out why he believed his fate lie in hell.

Some people believe they are going to hell because they committed some great wrong during their lives which they never found a way to right. If that had been the case for your friend, I would have given him the opportunity to confess his sin and to help him consider whether there was any way for him to make amends. Other people believe they are destined to hell because they have been taught to believe in a vengeful, judgmental god who demands obedience to his (this image of god is nearly always a He) many laws and rules. If this had been the case for your friend, I would have tried to enlarge his image of god by emphasizing the many biblical descriptions of a compassionate and loving god.

I don't believe your friend went to hell. I hope that you and others who cared about your friend while he was alive can hold his memory in peace and celebrate the legacy of love he left behind.

2. "Sartre wrote 'Hell is in each other'. If there were a hell, what do you think it would be like?"

I believe that the only hell that exists is here on earth. Hell on earth is constituted of hatred, violence, oppression and fear that give birth to genocide and war. Hell on earth is tolerated when governments and international agencies fail to respond to the widespread human suffering created by major disasters like hurricanes and earthquakes. Hell on earth is condoned when the international community fails to mitigate the suffering of famine and epidemics like the aids crisis in Africa. Hell on earth is created in our lives when we suffer some personal catastrophe that we cannot find the courage to speak aloud, when we cannot find a way to reach out for help in coping with our private horror.

I don't believe in a heaven or hell awaiting us after death. But I do believe that just as humans have the power to create and tolerate hell on earth, so too do we have the power to create and celebrate an earthly heaven. What that would look like may differ for each of us, but I believe the world would be a better place if each of us devoted ourselves to the realization of our vision of heaven on earth. That is what I think. I wonder what you think.

See you in church,

October Sermons

27 September *Waging Peace in the Holy Land*

The Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Joel Slater

Joel and I have been engaged in occasional conversations about war and peace in Israel and Palestine for a couple of years now. This summer we decided to spend some focused time in dialogue and study of the conflict and the issues. In this service we will share with you some of what we have learned highlighting stories of ordinary people who are leading the way to peace.

4 October *Beyond Black and White*

Christie Anderson , Worship Leader, with Kathy Kerns, Worship Associate

Contrary to what many of us think, being colorblind is not an acceptable goal according to people who are judged by their skin color everyday. This service is an opportunity to experience what it feels like to wear someone else's skin as we listen to stories of fear and hope shared by families from the congregation.

7 October Vespers, 7:00 pm *The Necessity of Friendship*

Elaine Yehle Bowen

In our busy lives, we may begin to pull away from friends and not tend to our friendships with the care they deserve. Friends are a necessity of life and we need to be mindful of holding them close.

11 October 2009 *Seeking the Center*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Dani Beale

Ours is a covenantal, not a creedal faith. We are bound by common promises rather than by common belief. And yet, we also share a theological grounding. This morning we will explore the philosophical and theological principles we hold in common.

18 October 2009 *Healthy Humility*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Eric Van Baars

What is humility? What does it mean to have a healthy sense of humility? Is this something we can practice and if so, how? This morning we will share a spiritual exploration of an oft misunderstood virtue.

21 October Vespers , 7:00 pm *Sacred Songs*

Dani Beale

Have you ever heard a song that makes your heart feel full, makes the colors around you brighter, and makes you feel more connected to all that is sacred? Tonight we will explore the commonalities in sacred music from different traditions and from our own Unitarian and Universalist traditions, and enjoy listening to and creating our own sacred songs.

25 October 2009 *All Our Voices*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Kathy Kerns

From the youngest to the oldest, all are invited to come share in our celebration of multi-generational community. Just like a choir, our sound inspires when our voices blend in harmony. Come sing with us and let your spirit be renewed.



Jill, Bruce, Jim Scott and Saunis Parsons at Jill and Bruce's excellent jam.

Moderator McGee's Musings

Gratitude: the act of expressing appreciation for benefits received. I begin my role of Moderator with much gratitude. I am grateful for the Board's and the Nominating Committee's faith in my ability to lead. I am grateful for the congregation's support and encouragement. I am grateful to my friends and family for the love and caring they have shown to me as I begin this new journey as "your fearless leader" (as one friend put it; although, Joel Slater's first words to me were, "Are you crazy?!"). You all are a blessing to me, and I am grateful to all of you.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Rod Mishler for his service to the Board. Rod began his Board service last year as Assistant Moderator, then transitioned to Moderator this past June. The Board was sad to hear that personal reasons had caused Rod to step down, but we were also grateful to him for his service to the Board. I would also like to express my gratitude to Marion Yeagler for stepping into the position of Trustee for Fellowship that I formerly held. I know that she will be perfect in this role.

My first week as Moderator has been a busy one. On Saturday, September 12th, Kristofer Sperry and I attended the OMD President's Day Conference at the UU Church of Akron. I attended two workshops: one on running effective meetings and the other on policy governance. I learned much at these workshops, and I am eager to incorporate what I learned into our Board meetings. Our Board has recently decided to transition to policy governance, and the presentation by Phil Reed, President of the OMD Board of Trustees, will be very helpful as a starting point. I was also able to network with other Board Presidents and learn about how other churches in our district

have transitioned to policy governance. In the coming months, there will be educational opportunities for the congregation to learn about policy governance, and I encourage you to attend. This is an exciting time for our Board and for our congregation as we grow and move into the future.

The Board participated in two retreats recently. In the first one, we discussed policy governance with members of the Wooster Fellowship and we stated our personal and Board goals. For the second, Michelle Culley graciously offered a session of equine team building with her wonderful horse Amos. Michelle is owner of "Ride It Out Horse Therapy" held at the Lockhart Legacy Stables in Atwater. The Board spent about two and a half hours with Michelle and Amos, during which time we did various activities that showed our various styles of teamwork and leadership. It was very enlightening, and at times, very hilarious, especially when Melissa and Ed put Amos' harness on upside-down and when a group of us had to walk in caterpillar formation (with balloons between us that we could not drop) while at the same time trying to get Amos into a specific spot in the corral. What we learned was that some of us are "doers" and some are "planners" and others are "watch-and-seers." The members of Board would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Michelle for this unique learning experience.

I am greatly looking forward to serving the congregation in my role as Moderator. I am beginning with much gratitude, and I know that this "attitude of gratitude" will carry me through the months ahead.

In service and in faith, *Lori McGee*



An Invitation to the Retirees Luncheon

All retired members and friends of the congregation are invited to attend a brown bag luncheon on Tuesday, October 13 at noon in Fessenden Hall. We will either be watching a video segment or having a speaker address the subject of meaningful retirement. The video or speaker will be followed by a group discussion. You bring your lunch and your thoughts. Beverages will be provided.

Forever Wild Show at Church

The UUCK and the Kent Environmental Council are sponsoring a fundraiser for the Portage Parks featuring Walkin' Jim Stoltz and his "Forever Wild" multi-media show Friday Oct. 2 at 7:30pm. Featuring poetry, singing and stunning photography, Walkin' Jim shares his experience of walking the last wild places of North America. Tickets can be purchased for \$18 during coffee hour at the Fair Trade Coffee table (and at Woodsy's) or for \$20 at the door.

Renee Zimelis Ruchotzke

A Faith Development Point of View

I must begin this article by saying, "Thank you!" I will hold the memory of your warm reception of me on Sunday, September 6th forever in my heart. Thank you for your kind words - "welcome back", "welcome home" and "I'm so glad to see you again". Thank you, children, for the lovely banner. Thank you for the yummy cake which was so wonderful to share with the Reverend Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn. Thank you for being the vibrant, healthy congregation that called me back to serve as your Director of Religious Education.

I've only spent two Sunday mornings with you, but I have already identified a quality here at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent that excites and inspires me immensely! You seem to have an understanding of what it means to be a multigenerational community of faith. I see opportunities for folks of all ages to worship, learn, play and serve together. I see your willingness to apply what the UUA lifespan faith development community calls "a multigenerational lens" to the planning of the church's programs and activities.

Two former colleagues of mine used this simple statement to define what is meant by multigenerational community of faith:

Everything we do is Faith Development
All we teach is Unitarian Universalism
Our Congregation is the Curriculum

I find power in this statement because it crystallizes the essence of the multigenerational congregational life. First please know that the term *faith development* is frequently used interchangeably with the term *religious education*. The entirety of our interactions as a Unitarian Universalist church—our worship, our social action, our music, our learning, our sharing, our giving, and our relationships—promotes our own progression toward being the people we wish to become. This work is done within the context of our Unitarian Universalist congregation. Serving on the board is an act of faith development. Teaching religious education is an act of faith development. Hosting coffee hour is an act of faith development. Singing in the choir is an act of faith development. And so on.

I look forward to renewing the relationships with folks I have known and with getting to know the many folks who I do not yet know.

In faith and with love, *Karen Lapidus*
Director of Religious Education

Committee on Ministry: Focus on Mission

One of the most important roles of the Committee on Ministry (CoM) is to focus the attention of the congregation on our mission. Excerpted from our church mission statement "Our mission is to inspire people to live caring lives of meaning and purpose."

How do we do that? There is education and focus on our mission statement, found in its entirety on our web page, www.uukent.com, and encouraging all of us to commit it to memory so we may better live it. We will be conducting effectiveness assessments of the church's many ministries on an ongoing basis, we engage in conflict management when the need arises, we express appreciation and we monitor and nurture the spiritual well-being of the entire congregation.

Who are we and how do you contact us? The CoM is comprised of Elaine Bowen, chair, Chris Hurlbut, Jane Krimmer and Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer.

Next month: "What does ministry mean?"



Reverends Melissa and Julie-Ann Silberman Bunn. Ex-Kent UU minister Julie Ann spoke to our congregation last month.

Come One, Come All, to a Church-Wide Social Justice Project!

As we strive to live our UU faith, we are called to bring our UU values beyond our church doors to the world outside our sanctuary. Our church must be more than a safe harbor for us. Our shared principles challenge us to reach out, to make our world more just and more peaceful.

In this spirit, we in the UU Church of Kent are launching a congregation-wide social justice project with the aim of involving as many members and friends as we can. We intend our project to be intergenerational, and we are especially eager to involve our children and youth. Our goals are to bring social justice ministry to the center of congregational life and to make a positive difference in our community and in the world.

In doing this work together, we hope to change ourselves and to raise our own consciousness about the work of social justice. We intend our project to be grounded in our faith and practice as Unitarian Universalists, and we hope to weave this congregation-wide project into our church experience. We also hope, through this project, to share our UU message with the local community. We intend to be reliable, credible partners with the people and organizations we encounter in doing this work.

We anticipate that our project will last a year and possibly longer. Our first step is to identify an appropriate project that will engage church members and friends of all ages. We are therefore soliciting proposals from members and friends of the church for a social justice project. The proposal form is available on our church website at

www.kentuu.org. Go to the site and click on the link for the Congregation-Wide Social Justice Project Proposal Worksheet. You may email your proposal to Judy Brannan in the church office or print out your proposal and give it to our minister, Melissa Carvill-Ziemer. We will also make printed proposal forms available in the rear of the sanctuary. **Completed proposals are due no later than November 15th.**

Our second step will be to decide from among the proposals which project we will pursue. We will gather as a congregation for a pizza party in Fessenden Hall after the second service on Sunday, November 22nd to hear people speak about each proposal, and then together we will decide on a project for the congregation. Anyone who comes, including children, can participate in making the decision. Folks who want to attend the pizza party should call or email the church office beforehand so we know how much pizza to buy.

We encourage everyone to get involved. We have pledged in our church mission "to inspire people to live caring lives of meaning and purpose." By working together to create a better world, we give meaning and purpose to all of our lives.

Vivien Sandlund

Christie Anderson

Mac Goekler

Melissa Carvill-Ziemer



Becoming A Multicultural Congregation

Don't miss this great workshop on October 10, 2009 at the First Unitarian Church of Toledo! The Rev. Hope Johnson will help participants learn how to create a welcoming, multicultural UU community and what resources are available from the UUA to help you and your congregation. Rev. Johnson is minister of the UU Congregation of Central Nassau, NY. The congregation is the 2007 recipient of the UAs Eugene Pickett Award for Growth. Hope is the chair of the Committee on Ministry and Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression and Multicultural Committee of the UU Minister's Association. For details and registration visit www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/multiculturalworld.html

Interested in Organizational Growth?

The workshop "Choosing Wisely: A Biomimetic Approach to Nurturing Growth in Congregation" a four part webinar series still has a few seats open. This free web-based training series is designed for lay leaders within Unitarian Universalist congregations. Biomimetics refers to the process of taking ideas from nature and applying them to other fields such as organizational structures and leadership processes. This seminar series will use the model of plants to highlight the critical components of leadership in sustaining significant and lasting growth in congregations. The series meets on Wednesday evenings in October. Groups can log in together and share the experience. For details, visit www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/growthweb.html

Financial Corner

FY2009: The final number for FY2009 year-end "Net Current Assets" [Bank balances less any liabilities] on June 30 was \$3288 vs. a goal of \$6000. Our total FY2009 revenues were \$88.3k vs. a budget of \$94.1k. Expenditures were \$95.8k out of a budget of \$99.1k. So both revenues and expenditures were below budget, revenues further below than expenditures, as expected, and as we have previously discussed.

FY 2010: So far this fiscal year, beginning July 1, finances are going well. At the end of July, our net assets went over \$20k, and are still over \$16k at the end of August. Both revenues and expenditures are roughly on plan, although August revenues are a bit low.

We were able to hire our preferred candidate for DRE without changing the FY2010 budget, thanks to a group of generous donors. Welcome back Karen!

The first quarter FY 2010 Contribution Reports will be issued around the end of October, showing your contributions from July through September 2010, including your added pledge for the DRE fund if you made one. Please review your report to verify that we agree on the status of your pledge, by far our biggest source of income.

Plans are in place for the fun service auction on October 24. This is something that involves many people, in a va-

riety of ways. It is a fun event with auction items priced from a few dollars to generally a few tens of dollars. The food is great, and it is a fun evening for \$15. You can sign up to donate items or to volunteer, or buy tickets at the table at coffee hour every Sunday until October 18. It is not only an essential part of our financing, it is a fun social event, you can bid on other fun social events all year, and this year you can pay with credit card or paypal!

I always enjoy hearing from members and friends if you have any financial questions. While the economy looks like things are not getting worse, it is far from a strong economy, and I would be happy to discuss any concerns or issues you may have with church financing or your individual pledge at any time.

Bob Erdman Trustee for Finance



Have an idea for a Sunday Service?

On the Sundays that our minister Melissa Carvill-Ziemer is not in the pulpit, the Sunday program Committee has responsibility for the services. The Committee invites members to submit ideas for services - these can be ones you would like to deliver or ones you would like to experience. To submit an idea for a service, complete a form available at -

www.kentuu.org/docs/spc/Sunday-proposal-E-form.pdf, or fill out a form that can be found by the entrance to the sanctuary and leave it in the Sunday program box in the Annex or e-mail it to Christie. The Committee will review suggestions when it meets on a quarterly basis - looking for a balance in themes, coherence of the written proposal, availability on open dates, and a variety of voices. Someone from the committee is assigned to each service and can help with fleshing out an idea, organizing the service, and logistics. The next Committee meeting will be October 14. To be considered for a service this winter, your proposal must be submitted no later than October

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Library Updates

Recently the book, The Invention of Air, by Stephen Johnson (Riverhead Books, 2008) was donated to the library. It centers on the story of Joseph Priestley, scientist and minister, protégé of Benjamin Franklin, and friend of Thomas Jefferson. He was an eighteenth-century radical thinker who played key roles in the invention of ecosystem science, the discovery of oxygen, the founding of the Unitarian Church, and the intellectual development of the United States.

Another book of interest is Halving It All: How Equally Shared Parenting Works by Francine M. Deutsch (Harvard University Press, 1999). It is about being in the trenches with your spouse, the day-in-day-out negotiation that goes into sharing child care, the challenges and benefits of such arrangements and why so many couples who set out to parent equally fail to do so.



New DRE director Karen Lapidus and Julie Ann serving Karen's cake.

What's the Dif?

A Thread from the Web vs. The Weekly e-nUUs

In January we started sending out a weekly emailed update, *The Weekly e-nUUs*, to our church community. We envisioned it as a one-page, quick-to-read, weekly reminder of events and activities coming up within the next week, as well as information concerning last-minute or late-breaking updates.

While *The Weekly e-nUUs* sometimes contains some of the same information contained in *A Thread from the Web*, it's not intended to be a re-run or an abridged edition of the larger, and printed, *Thread from the Web*.

If you submit an article to the church office for inclusion in both the *Thread* and *e-nUUs*, please remember that space in the *e-nUUs* is very limited and priority is given to events coming up within the next week.

Kent Social Services Food Programs

As a congregation, we support KSS food programs (hot lunch and emergency food pantry on S. Water St., Kent) with our donations of non-perishable food items. There are more people than ever who need grocery items to help get through the month. Please continue to contribute staple items such as peanut butter & jelly, tuna, pasta & spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese mix, canned soup, canned fruits & vegetables, "meal-in-a-can" or "meal-in-a-box" items, rice, cereal and 100% juice. Brown paper grocery bags are also an on-going need.

If you do not care to shop, you may stop by the ACME Bucks table during coffee hour in Fessenden Hall and purchase \$10 donation gift cards that KSS will distribute to those in need.

The meal programs also need people-power (volunteers). If you prefer to donate your time, contact KSS at 1066 S. Water Street (Route 43 south) in Kent, phone # 330 - 673 - 6963 or on the web at www.portagefamilies.org.

Thank you for your generosity and support,
Elaine Yehle Bowen

The Fire Drill is Coming!

On October 18 we will hold a long overdue fire drill at the end of each service. This will be an important opportunity for us to assess our ability to get everyone safely and quickly out of the building during an emergency and we ask your cooperation to make it a successful learning experience. We still have some work to do on the details, but we do know that all teachers will be responsible for escorting the children and youth in their classes out of the building. All teachers who are attending the worship service (their class has already happened or will be happening second service) are asked to report to the nursery to help transport the infants and toddlers out of the building. Families should meet on the grass behind the Eldredge Annex. Everyone else should meet in the parking lot between the church and the Eldredge Annex. Anyone who typically utilizes the lift or who requires additional assistance to get down the front steps of the church is asked to meet in the Founders Lounge. We will need a group of strong people who are willing to meet in the Founders Lounge to provide assistance to those adults who need help getting out of the building. If you are willing to help, please let our minister know. And look for more tips about how to participate in our fire drill in upcoming editions of the *Thread from the Web*.

Place Your Bids— Here Comes the Auction

The **Annual Auction of Goods & Services** is taking place on October 24 at 6:00pm. The theme this year is **Standing on the Side of Love** to coincide with the UUA's public advocacy campaign. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we look forward to seeing you there. Tickets are \$15 and include child care, if needed. You can purchase tickets at our table during coffee hour.

Keep those donations rolling! Do you have a great idea for an event you'd like to host? Believe it or not, people will want to attend! In the past, we've had great success with the many events hosted by the unique and diverse group of people found at our church. You could also offer services such as raking leaves, babysitting, house cleaning, or teaching someone a special talent you have (Fly fishing? Skiing? Knitting?) Don't be shy; donate your time as a service auction item today!

Artists: We need more art donations! If you've got a closet artistic talent (or even an un-closeted artistic talent), you can bet that others will value your art just as much as—or hopefully, *more than*--you do.

But, wait, there's more! This wonderful event cannot take place without YOUR help. We still need volunteers to assist us with setup the day before the auction, cleanup after the auction, cooking the many tasty appetizers we will be serving, and many other tasks required to move the auction along smoothly.

Lastly, if you'd like to contribute other items necessary to keep the masses satisfied during the auction, we're looking for alcoholic beverages with which to stock the bar and desserts or other finger food.

For more information about all these exciting opportunities to help out our church, see the representative at our table during coffee hour or, from the sanctuary of your home computer, visit <http://www.serviceauction.org>. For questions about anything listed above, you can email us at info@serviceauction.org. To submit a donation electronically or ask questions about donations, email us at donations@serviceauction.org.



Intentional Eating Discussion Group

At the local foods lunch in September several people indicated they would like to participate in a study group on the topic of intentional eating. The group will discuss questions such as - What are the human and environmental consequences of food choices? Who controls our food production? Vegetarian— or compassionate carnivore?

The group decided to meet once a month, on the second Wednesday of the month, at 6:30PM. The October meeting is October 14, when we will watch the movie King Corn and discuss our food production system. Questions? Contact Kathy Kerns, Jennifer May, Lois Weir, or Mary Lou Holley.



Common Sense Best Swine Flu Defense

Applying simple health practices is the best way to prevent the spread of H1N1 virus, commonly known as swine flu. The usual symptoms are fever and cough. Some folks also experience headache, muscle aches, diarrhea, nausea, sore throat, runny nose and sneezing. If you have any of these symptoms, please stay home until you are symptom-free for at least 24 hours. If you or your children begin to show any of these symptoms while at church, please go home, rest and drink lots of fluids. We'll all look forward to seeing you when you no longer have the flu!

To stay healthy:

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly; use hand sanitizer when a sink is not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Sneeze or cough into the bend of your elbow
- Avoid contact with other people if you have symptoms and avoid contact with other people who have symptoms
- Consider receiving the vaccine when it becomes available.

May we all stay healthy this flu season!

October 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;
CB- Christie and Brad's house

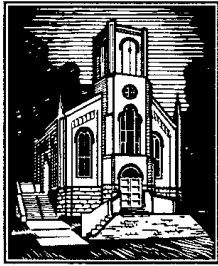
Calendar does not reflect changes or additions after September 21

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.

At Jill and Bruce's excellent
jam. This was offered at last
year's auction - an example
of the fine auction items
coming Oct. 24.



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October Celtic Clan

10/5/09 7pm Woodlands at Robinson
10/12/09 7pm Loyaltan at Ravenna
10/19/09 7pm Kentridge at Golden Pond
10/26/09 7:30 Practice at Christie/Brad's home

Evening Book Club

On October 13 we will meet at 7 pm at the home of Mary Ann Kasper. We will read *My Life in France* by Julia Child. This was Child's last book published posthumously in 2006. It tells about her life with her husband in post-World War II France. The current movie *Julie and Julia* is based on this book.

We will meet on November 10 at 7 pm at the home of Pat Pownall. It is the first building on your right as you drive into the apartment complex. The book this month will be the novel, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. It deals with the time of the civil rights movement in Mississippi examining the climate of black/ white relations.

Everything you wanted to know about the Church but were afraid to ask

New to our church, or maybe not so new, but interested in learning more about our faith tradition and our own church community? You won't want to miss this three session class being held on October 18, 25 and Nov 1. Classes will be held in the Eldredge Annex (yellow house next door to the church) during the 9:30 service. Drop in for one or try all three. Topics include UU history, What is a UU, and an exploration of our own church community.

Kay Clatterbuck

Out To Lunch Bunch

China City after second service – except for the last Sunday, as there is a pancake breakfast at church. Come join us for food and fun.