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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

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SERVICES BEGIN AT HALF PAST TEN ON SUNDAYS

DOORS OPEN AT 10 A.M. AND (PLEASE) STAY WITH US FOR COFFEE, TEA, AND SNACKS AFTERWARD

REV. KATE BORTNER, CONSULTING MINISTER (SEE PAGE 9 FOR MORE ON KATE)

UPCOMING SERVICES LISTED ON PAGE 2!!

UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SEPTEMBER 26TH DAY IN THE PARK AT PINE GROVE FURNACE STATE PARK

OCTOBER 4TH ASSOCIATION SUNDAY; SERVICES HELD AT MCKASKEY EAST HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER 10TH VISIT THE DALAI LAMA IN D.C.

OCTOBER 18TH AT LIBERTY MOUNTAIN - 2ND ANNUAL CANNONBALL CHILI COOKOFF

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

GREETINGS TO YOU ALL AS WE BEGIN A NEW CHURCH YEAR.

HISTORICALLY, UNITARIAN AND UNIVERSALIST CHURCHES CLOSED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, YIELDING TO THE NECESSITIES OF AN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY, AMONG OTHER REASONS. MANY SMALLER FELLOWSHIPS DURING THE 1950s CONTINUED THE PRACTICE SINCE THEY WERE LAY-LED. THE PRACTICE FOR ORDAINED CLERGY MEANS A TRADITION OF VACATION DURING JULY AND "STUDY MONTH" DURING AUGUST. WHILE MOST CONGREGATIONS TODAY CONTINUE SERVICES IN SOME FORM THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS WE FORMALLY STRUCTURE OUR CHURCH YEAR FROM THE SUNDAY AFTER LABOR DAY THROUGH GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD THE MIDDLE OF JUNE.

I ENJOYED VACATION DURING JULY. YOUR OUTDOOR SERVICE AND PICNIC AUGUST 9TH REUNITED US IN PERSON AND CALLED MY FOCUS BACK TO WORK. I'VE BEEN HOUSECLEANING MY HOME OFFICE, GATHERING THOUGHTS AND RESOURCES FOR WORSHIP, RECONNECTING WITH LEADERS AND MEMBERS ALL MONTH.

A PARTICULAR JOY INVOLVED TRAVELING TO UUA HEADQUARTERS IN BOSTON WITH YORK'S MINISTRY TEAM- REV. BOB RENJILIAN AND INTERN KATHY ELLIS. (YOU MET KATHY LAST AUGUST WHEN SHE CONDUCTED THE SUMMER SERVICE AT FLORENCE TARBOX'S BARN.) TOGETHER WE LEARNED ABOUT ADAPTIVE LEADERSHIP.

I WAS STRUCK EVERY DAY THAT IN THE VERY GEOGRAPHIC CRADLE OF OUR RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT-25 BEACON STREET- 47 PROFESSIONAL CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS WERE STUDYING THE LATEST CUTTING EDGE PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH AFTER THE SERVICE, LOOK FOR MY LAPTOP COMPUTER ON TOP OF THE PIANO FOR A SLIDE SHOW OF THIS TRIP TO UUA HEADQUARTERS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS, OUR THIRD YEAR TOGETHER. I COMMIT TO BRINGING THE BEST OF MY LEARNING, EXPERIENCE AND RESOURCES TO YOU AS YOU COMMIT TO YOUR COLLECTIVE MISSION:

OUR CHURCH IS A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY THAT INSPIRES THE MIND AND SPIRIT, HONORS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, AND EMBRACES DIVERSITY. OUR MEMBERS MINISTER TO EACH OTHER WITH LOVE AND WORK FOR A JUST SOCIETY.

REV. KATE

UPCOMING SERVICES AT THE UUG! 10:30 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

SEPTEMBER, 2009 SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 6 "SINGALONG WITH PAT SPADER AND FRIENDS"

THIS SERVICE WILL BE DEVOTED TO SINGING SOME OF THE "BEST" SONGS IN THE UNITARIAN HYMNAL. SUGGESTIONS FROM THE CONGREGATION WILL BE WELCOMED TOO. SO COME JOIN US, AND TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT WHAT MAKES A GREAT HYMN!

PAT SPADER IS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF HARRISBURG. SHE GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR'S IN MUSIC ED. FROM SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY. PAT HAS HAD A PASSION FOR MUSIC SINCE SHE WAS SIX, AND CURRENTLY LEADS SINGALONGS AT NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, 3 DAYS A WEEK. SHE ALSO PLAYS FOR CHURCH SERVICES AT UUCV AND UUG.

SEPTEMBER 13 INGATHERING SUNDAY, REV. KATE SEITZ BORTNER

TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE INGATHERING...THE WORSHIP SERVICE WHICH GATHERS US TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY FROM OUR VARIOUS SUMMER SOJOURNS. THIS IS THE OFFICIAL START TO THE 2009-10 CHURCH YEAR. REV. KATE WILL BE WITH US AND INVITES EACH OF YOU TO BRING WATER FROM A PLACE THAT HAS "LIFTED YOUR SPIRIT, TOUCHED YOUR HEART, OR FED YOUR SOUL THIS SUMMER", WHETHER IT IS NEAR OR FAR AWAY. (A TABLESPOON TO 1/4 CUP IS SUFFICIENT) TOGETHER WE WILL PARTICIPATE IN A UU WATER COMMUNION. GUEST MUSICIAN, SUSAN SAVIA, IS JOINING US FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL MORNING.

SEPTEMBER 20 ODYSSEY SUNDAY

AN ODYSSEY IS A JOURNEY OR AN ADVENTURE, FILLED WITH NOTABLE EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES. SOUND A LITTLE BIT LIKE LIFE? FOR MOST OF US OUR ARRIVAL AT UUG WAS PRECEDED BY SOME SORT OF RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL ODYSSEY. COME HEAR ABOUT THE ADVENTURES OF THREE WAYWARD SOULS WHO EVENTUALLY FOUND THEIR HOME AT OUR LITTLE RED CHURCH.

SEPTEMBER 27 “THE GREAT DIVIDE”, REV. EVA O'DIAM

USING THREE POEMS OF MAYA ANGELOU (ALONG WITH SOME BIBLICAL STORY TELLING), REV. O'DIAM WILL EXPLORE WHAT DIVIDES US AND WHAT UNITES US, AND WHETHER THERE IS HOPE OF EVER BEING UNITED AS A PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF ALL.

ORDAINED IN THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, AND LATER AFFIRMED BY THE UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES, REV. EVA O'DIAM HAS BEEN IN MINISTRY FOR OVER 25 YEARS, AND HAS SERVED IN MANY SETTINGS. FOR 17 YEARS, EVA WAS PASTOR OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE SPIRIT IN HARRISBURG, A MULTI-CULTURAL, THEOLOGICALLY DIVERSE CONGREGATION THAT HAS LED CENTRAL PA IN SPEAKING OUT FOR JUSTICE—PARTICULARLY FOR THE LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL/TRANSGENDERED AND QUESTIONING COMMUNITY. SHE IS AUTHOR OF A 10 WEEK BIBLE STUDY ENTITLED LOVE AND JUSTICE, AND IS NOW SERVING AS HOUSING COORDINATOR FOR AIDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE, COORDINATING HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HIV+ IN 14 CENTRAL PA COUNTIES.

UUG BULLETIN BOARD

CRAFT SALE CRAFTERS: SEPTEMBER 24, & OCTOBER 22, THE 4TH THURSDAYS, 10–3. LET YOUR ARTISTIC SPIRIT SOAR! BRING A BAG LUNCH & A WILLINGNESS TO WORK FOR OUR NEXT CRAFT SALE. MEETING @ PRU'S HOME IN NEW OXFORD. CALL FOR DIRECTIONS 717-624-2094.

THE CRAFT SALE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NOV 20, WE'LL KEEP YOU UPDATED. IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE CRAFT. WE'LL TAKE NEW HAND-MADE ITEMS AND SOME GENTLY-USED CHRISTMAS ITEMS. (NOTHING BROKEN, PLEASE). PLEASE SAVE GIFT BAGS_PAPER ONES WITH PAPER HANDLES.

KNITTERS AND STITCHERS MEETING AT UUG... THE 3RD FRIDAYS, NEXT MEETING SEPT 18 AT NOON. BRING LUNCH AND YOUR PROJECT OR JUST COME TO CHAT.

UUG CONTRIBUTION TO ADAMS COUNTY SOUP KITCHEN:

UUG CONTRIBUTES THE OFFERING PLATE FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH TO THE ADAMS COUNTY SOUP KITCHEN. OUR CONTRIBUTION-

FOR THE LAST QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 (APRIL-JUNE, 2009) WAS RECENTLY MADE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$381.25.

**RON GILBERT
TREASURER**

UU JOURNEY TOWARD WHOLENESS PATH TO ANTI-RACISM

I RECENTLY REPRESENTED UUG AT A 3-DAY INTENSIVE WORKSHOP AT THE UU CHURCH OF ARLINGTON. THE PURPOSE OF THE GATHERING WAS TO EXPLORE AN INTRODUCTORY ANALYSIS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM AND TO BEGIN TO DISCERN STRATEGIES FOR DISMANTLING RACISM WITHIN OUR CONGREGATIONS. BESIDES THE SHARING OF EXCELLENT FOOD WITH LIKE-MINDED UU'S, I LEARNED ABOUT THE UU HISTORY OF RACE RELATIONS, SOME OF IT SHAMEFUL TO HEAR. I LEARNED THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1996 IN PHOENIX MANDATED THAT UUA AS AN INSTITUTION VOWED TO END RACISM AND TO TRANSFORM OUR CONGREGATIONS INTO ANTI-OPPRESSIVE, ANTI-RACIST AND MULTI-CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS. COMMITTEES WERE ESTABLISHED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL TO DEVELOP AND MONITOR THE PROCESS OF DISMANTLING RACISM. ONE THING THAT SURFACED IS THE TRAINING I RECEIVED AT THE ARLINGTON WORKSHOP - *JUBILEE II ANTI-RACISM TRAINING*. FROM A DOCUMENTARY VIDEO, I SAW HOW NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN WERE TAKEN FROM THEIR VILLAGES AND MADE TO CONFORM TO "BEING WHITE". THEIR HAIR WAS CUT, THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE, OR WEAR THEIR NATIVE DRESS. THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO SEE THEIR FAMILIES OR PRACTICE ANY CULTURAL TRADITIONS. THEY WERE STRIPPED OF THEIR IDENTITY IN WHAT WAS *LEGAL APARTHEID* - HERE IN THE U.S. I SAW AN EXPERIMENT OF HOW TWO YOUNG MEN, ONE BLACK AND ONE WHITE, WERE VIDEO TAPED, SEPARATELY, SHOPPING IN STORES, CAR DEALER LOTS, AND LOOKING FOR AN APARTMENT. WITHOUT EXCEPTION, THE YOUNG MAN OF COLOR WAS LIED TO AND IGNORED. THIS WORKSHOP SHOWED HOW CONGREGATIONS LIKE OURS CAN TAKE STEPS, LITTLE BY LITTLE, TO CONTINUE TO CREATE A WORLD THAT WE CAN BE PROUD OF. WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED BY PARTNERING WITH TRINITY UCC IN OFFERING "WEAVING THE FABRIC OF DIVERSITY". THIS HAS SNOWBALLED AND IS BEING OFFERED IN SEPTEMBER AT THE LOCAL YWCA. A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED BY COMMUNITY LEADERS TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF WRITING A KELLOGG GRANT FOR BETTERING RACE RELATIONS IN GETTYSBURG. THEY MEET AT UUG AND GOSH, AM I EVER PROUD OF OUR UUG FAMILY!

SARA GONDWE

UUA PRESIDENT PETER MORALES RECENTLY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

I AM SADDENED BY THE NEWS OF SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY'S PASSING AND EXPRESS MY CONDOLENCES TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

OUR COUNTRY HAS LOST A GREAT LEADER WHO TIRELESSLY DEFENDED THE BASIC RIGHTS OF ALL AMERICANS AND STOOD ON THE SIDE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO WERE MOST VULNERABLE. HE DEVOTED HIS DECADES-LONG CAREER IN THE U.S. SENATE TO ADVANCING THE CAUSES OF ECONOMIC JUSTICE, IMMIGRATION REFORM, AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE.

HIS DEDICATION TO MAKING GOVERNMENT MORE JUST AND COMPASSIONATE HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO AMERICANS OF MANY FAITH TRADITIONS. SENATOR KENNEDY HAD A GIFT FOR REACHING OUT TO RELIGIOUS PEOPLE AND LIFTING UP OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO EQUALITY AND THE BETTERMENT OF HUMANITY.

WE CAN HONOR SENATOR KENNEDY BY CARRYING FORWARD HIS LEGACY OF WORKING ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO ARE MARGINALIZED IN THIS COUNTRY. WE MUST-AND WE WILL-CONTINUE ADVOCATING FOR THE LIVING WAGE, IMMIGRATION REFORM, AND HEALTH CARE FOR ALL. BY GIVING OUR RESOURCES AND COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSES OF FAIRNESS AND EQUALITY, WE MOVE TOWARD REALIZING THE AMERICAN DREAM TO WHICH KENNEDY DEDICATED HIS YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

READ MORALES' STATEMENT ON THE WEB:

[HTTP://WWW.UUA.ORG/NEWS/NEWSSUBMISSIONS/145726.SHTML](http://www.uua.org/news/newssubmissions/145726.shtml)

KUDOS TO:

DAVID HUMPHRIES, MICHAEL SHAFFER AND JOHN MULLIGAN FOR DONATING SEVERAL BOOKS ON RELIGION TO THE UUG LIBRARY.

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, THE DALAI LAMA WILL SPEAK AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY. THE TITLE OF HIS TALK IS "FINDING WISDOM IN THE MODERN WORLD". THE DALAI LAMA WILL DISCUSS THE TRADITIONAL BUDDHIST TEACHING ON VIEW, MEDITATION AND ACTION, A WISDOM PATHWAY OFFERING METHODS TO HELP US ACHIEVE PROFOUND WELL-BEING FOR OURSELVES AND FOR OUR WORLD. BLEACHER SEATING TICKETS, \$35. CONTACT SARA,

717.420.0031 OR TUNGWA@LIVE.COM . SEE WWW.DALAILAMADC09.COM/ FOR DETAILS.

UNIVERSAL DANCES OF PEACE RETREAT

"THE WORLD IS A BRIDGE: THE MYSTERY OF OUR CONNECTIONS AND THE SPACE BETWEEN" SEPTEMBER 4 -6 AT CAMP HAPPY VALLEY IN FAIRFIELD. THIS RESIDENTIAL RETREAT EXPLORES THE SEEN AND UNSEEN AND OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH USING DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, SUFI PRACTICES, NATURE, AND LIVING IN COMMUNITY. FEES ARE \$210-185 (SLIDING FEE SCALE). THIS INCLUDES 6 MEALS AND LODGING. TO REGISTER CALL SALIMA AT 689.5000 OR LINDAKINNEY@EARTHLINK.COM . YOUNG ADULTS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

GIANT CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE SERVICE EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY. PLEASE SEE KRIS OR SABRINA FOR MORE INFO OR FOR PURCHASING.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED TO STAFF OUR NURSERY! WE COULD USE MORE HELP, SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE SEE SABRINA PAXTON-DAILY FOR DETAILS.

HELP WANTED: NURSERY COORDINATOR

WE NEED SOMEONE TO SCHEDULE NURSERY HELP.

THIS REQUIRES CALLING OR TALKING TO PEOPLE ON SUNDAYS TO FILL IN THE CALENDAR, SENDING REMINDERS TO THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE THEM, KEEPING TRACK OF THE POLICE BACKGROUND CLEARANCES. THIS DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT YOU VOLUNTEER FOR THE NURSERY ROOM.

THIS POSITION REQUIRES APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS A MONTH. IF YOU ARE BETTER ORGANIZED THAN I AM (WHICH IS NOT HARD TO DO) IT COULD PROBABLY

BE DONE FASTER. THERE IS A LIST OF NURSERY VOLUNTEERS JUST DYING FOR A LEADER. COULD IT BE YOU??

FOR INFO CALL SABRINA PAXTON-DAILY 301.447.3237

THE SECOND ANNUAL CANNONBALL CHILI COOK OFF IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, BEGINNING AT HIGH NOON AT LIBERTY MOUNTAIN. IT IS RUNNING IN CONJUNCTION WITH LIBERTY MOUNTAIN'S ANNUAL CUSTOMER APPRECIATION FALL FESTIVAL. THERE WILL BE LIVE MUSIC, SKI LIFT RIDES, A PUMPKIN PAINTING CONTEST AND SCARECROW MAKING CONTEST ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER FUN FALL ACTIVITIES. WE'RE LOOKING FOR TEAMS TO COMPETE IN THE CONTEST AS WELL AS SPONSORS FOR THE EVENT. INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE UUG WEBSITE, WWW.UUGETTSBURG.ORG

OR, CALL COOKIE DRISCOLL, THE CHILI QUEEN HERSELF AT 717 642-5917

NOT AN EVENT, NOT FOR THE CALENDAR, BUT INDEED FOR YOU:

"MEMBERSHIP IS A JOURNEY, BOTH FOR THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE CONGREGATION. IT'S A PROCESS THAT ENGAGES HUMAN BEINGS AND TAKES US FROM A STARTING PLACE TO A NEW PLACE."

DURING THIS YEAR THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE WILL BUILD ON THE EXCELLENT FOUNDATION CREATED BY MELISSA SANDOE, KRIS EYSELL, GENE CIMINO AND J'AMY GRAHAM THOMAS, AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS. MEMBERSHIP IS MORE THAN NUMBERS OR TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS. IT LOOKS AT DIVERSITY OF PRACTICES, OUR UU HISTORY AND HOW OUR CONGREGATION RESPONDS TO THE RELATIONSHIPS FORMED IN COMMUNITY.

WE WILL FORM GREETING TEAMS SO THAT EVERYONE IS WELCOMED TO OUR SERVICES. WE WILL BE SURE THAT VISITORS FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH OUR REQUEST TO USE NAMETAGS, STAND TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES DURING THE SERVICE, AND JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION FOLLOWING THE SERVICE. WE WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT UUG AND OUR ACTIVITIES. IN TIME WE WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP AND OUR CONNECTIONS TO THE JOSEPH PRIESTLY DISTRICT AND THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION.

EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS UUG IS A PART OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN WAYS OF CELEBRATING THE RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY THAT WE EMBRACE AND ARE HAPPY TO SHARE THAT EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS.

"TOGETHER WE WILL ALL REACH NEW EXPERIENCES OF BELONGING AND AN ENHANCED UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEANING OF MEMBERSHIP."

THE QUOTES IN THIS ARTICLE COME FROM "BELONGING: THE MEANING OF MEMBERSHIP" PUBLISHED BY THE UUA.

JANE G. MILLER - MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 6:30 PM AT UUG.

Common acronyms you may see:

UU – Unitarian Universalist

UUA – Unitarian Universalists Association

UUG-Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg

JPD-Joseph Priestley District (This is the UUA region in which UUG belongs)

BOD – Board of Directors

Reverend Kate Bortner is our consulting minister. As the consulting minister with UUG, Kate is present two Sundays per month. She conducts one worship service and the second Sunday holds office hours, and is available for religious education. She meets with leaders and committees to build programming. Kate is also available to Members by appointment for pastoral care.

Rev. Kate will join us for these Sundays:

September 6.....office hours

September 13....worship leader, Ingathering Service

October.....4.....Association Sunday in Lancaster

October 11...worship leader

November 1.....office hours

November 8worship leader

December 6.....office hours

December 13....worship leader

Our minister meets with committees and the Board regularly. She is available by phone and email ...717-843-4214 kvsb260@verizon.net

Please call to arrange a pastoral visit or phone call.

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