



March Asks, "What Does It Mean to be a Person of Here & Now?"

"It was what I was born for -
to look, to listen,
to lose myself
inside this soft world -
to instruct myself
over and over
in joy,
and acclamation.
Nor am I talking
about the exceptional..."

- Mary Oliver

Where's Scott?

You will notice that I'm only preaching once this month not my usual twice. This is a result of an upcoming ministers conference I go to annually along with me also taking a week-long vacation. I will miss seeing you all. This is a down-side of only being part-time: when I take time off, it means a longer gap until we see each other next. I am, however, thrilled that Maureen will be preaching in my absence, along with Rev. Jen Crow again and our own Dan Howard. What a wonderful set of Sundays you have to look forward to. While you won't see me on as many Sundays as usual, I will be doing a lot of work behind the scenes that I want you to be aware of —and whose fruit you will certainly see! During March, I'll be working hard with James Haswell to make refinements to our website, continuing to organize at least 2 new small groups and begin to work with numerous lay leaders to breath new energy into our social justice efforts. All exciting stuff. And a testimony to the great passion, commitment and potential that in this precious church.

Best, Scott

Sermon Schedule

Tossed in the Turbulence of Time

March 7, 2010-- Rev. Maureen Thitchener

We are time-centered creatures, we humans. We live with clocks and calendars. Our lives are scheduled. They have to be. But, do we get too absorbed at times? Too pulled and pushed? Maybe even too anxious and find ourselves retreating into the past, or thinking of the future, ignoring the time that is...the present. Thinking of the present in its other meaning, a gift, may be what we need. - Let's think about our gifts today.

"Ok Now"

March 14, 2010--Reverend Jen Crow

As part of wrestling with what it means to be a "person of the here and now," we look at the importance of embracing who we are as we are. The task of embracing the "present moment" can sometimes seem a piece of cake compared to accepting ourselves for who we are.

Are we good enough as we are? And is there a "love that won't let us go" lurking in the present moment that helps us with this task of self-acceptance?

Hope Sunday: A Celebration of the Future We Are Making Possible With Our Pledges

March 21, 2010—Rev. Scott Tayler preaching; the whole congregation celebrating

Canvass Sunday: What a perfect way to engage our monthly worship theme of being "a people of here and now." As Unitarian Universalists, we strive to bring wholeness and sacredness to this world and to the moment right in front of us. We do this with our whole selves—with our time, talents and treasure. This worship service will be a celebration of what our collective treasure (pledges) can achieve, but it will also lift up so much more, focusing us the many great things we can do...together!

Living in the Here and Now

March 28, 2010—Dan Howard

Living in the here and now is the perfect subject for member Dan Howard. He will be speaking on his favorite subject today. Dan is a professional speaker who travels the U.S. to give motivational talks to corporate groups. He regards living in the now as his most important discipline. Join us for a dynamic presentation on a subject he has scrutinized for a good part of his career.

Soul Matters Reading Packets Are Available Even if You Are Not in a Soul Matters Group

We have three Soul Matters small groups up a running right now. Members of these groups meet monthly to engage the theme of the month using a packet of readings and recommended "spiritual exercises" put together by Scott. These readings cover a rich array of poems, essays, magazine articles and book excerpts, as well as some movie recommendations and podcasts. The spiritual assignments also challenging and fun. You obviously get the most out of this material if you engage it with a regularly meeting group, but if your schedule doesn't permit you to be in a group, ***you can still benefit from the material in the packet.*** To get on the list of those receiving the monthly packets by email, simply email Rev. Tayler at uuminister@frontiernet.net. Or, if you don't have access to the internet, call him at 585-709-9120 and he will mail you a printed copy each month, and if you find yourself longing for more, you can always join a Soul Matters group by contacting Scott as well!

Spring Canned Food Collection

Again this year RE classes will be collecting canned goods to be donated to Herb Haven as part of our Social Action Ministry projects. Instead of hunting for eggs and candy on Easter Sunday the children will be hunting for canned foods. Please bring canned goods to the church any Sunday in March and place in the basket in the front foyer. Help our RE classes to live our principles and put them into action! If you have questions please see Val Doyle or Scarlet Miles.

Annual Church Game Night

Start: 03/26/2010 18:00

Are you a strategy game player; an ace word game player; maybe you just like to try new games- then Game Night will be for you. Get to know other members of the church in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.

The RE Ministry is sponsoring a fun filled evening for all ages Friday March 26th . We will begin with a potluck dinner @ 6:00 pm. At about 6:30 let the games begin! Bring a dish or snack to share. A signup sheet is available on the front table.

UUCS Community Supported Agriculture Orientation Meeting

Start: 03/15/2010 07:00

End: 03/15/2010 09:00

The UUCS CSA will be holding two Orientation meetings February 9th and March 15th both at 7 pm at the church. Plan to attend to turn in your contract, ask questions and to sign up for distribution shifts.

For Reflection

Mindful
by Mary Oliver

Every day
I see or hear
something
that more or less
kills me
with delight,
that leaves me
like a needle
in the haystack

of light.

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