

Sept. 2010



Monthly Worship Themes Begin with Growth

Thanks to the input from church leaders and small group participants, we've got a great line up of worship themes this year. Like last year, we're exploring ten spiritual values that our faith tradition calls us to embody in our lives. Here's the list:

September: Growth
October: Yes
November: Purpose
December: Connection
January: Honesty
February: Passion
March: Knowing
April: Wonder
May: Strength
June: Play

The overarching theme is one of reminding us that Unitarian Universalism is a rich tradition that has passionately and bravely called its members to a distinct cluster of core values. Ours is an ever-evolving faith, so this list of core values shifts over time in terms of emphasis and articulation, but the fact remains—we have our favorites. We are not—as we sometimes mistakenly say—a “we-get-to-believe-whatever-we-want” religion. Throughout our history and in our common life together as religious community, certain spiritual virtues get celebrated over and over again. In other words, to be a Unitarian Universalist is to be invited to be a unique kind of person.

Of course, how we embody these common values will differ widely among us. We are not called to be spiritual clones. The particulars of our lives require that we each lean into these common values in different ways. And so, to get the year started, our question for September is:

How is your life calling you to be “a person of growth”?

With excitement for the many ways we help each other answer that question,
Scott

Exciting Happenings in Religious Education at UCC

Look for some exciting changes this fall in our RE programming. We've restructured and expanded our leadership team. Now we are working to make the program more experiential and focused on our monthly worship themes.

Scarlett Miles will shift her focus to our older students (late Jr. High- High School). She is stepping down as DRE and taking on the new title of Teen/Youth Co-ordinator. Jenny Horn has agreed to stay as advisor for the Youth Group.

Kim Dehon will be the Children's Religious Education Leader (K-early Jr. High). This summer the Search Committee received 8 inquires for the Children's RE Leader position. Thanks so much to those who served on the search team: Jessie Godfrey, Tom Taylor, Nancy Reed & Scarlett Miles. We interviewed several strong candidates. Kim's enthusiasm, clear vision, commitment to UUism, and multi-age teaching experience will make her an effective addition to our team. Please join us in welcoming Kim to UCC's RE program. Since Julia Horwood-Benton will be away at college, we are looking for someone to fill the Childcare position for our pre-K youngsters. Let us know about someone who might be interested in working with our very youngest children.

We'll be spending the next few weeks getting RE ready for September classes. Hope that many of you will drop in to help and/or encourage students and leaders on this new path the Religious Education group is trying.

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A Note from Kim

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. - Harriet Tubman

Dear Friends,

I am so excited to be your new Children's RE Leader! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to get to know you and to work with your children. I am looking forward to working with all of you to help them grow their UU identities and develop spiritual skills and practices.

My own experience of growth this summer was unexpected. When my nephew had open-heart surgery in July, I spent a lot of time keeping my brother company in the hospital. We mostly played games together, as we did when we were children. What surprised me was that I found myself missing him in between visits. Play had become a source of real connection for us, and my love for my brother grew. In the spirit of play, I am looking forward to forming connections with the children and growing with them this year. I'll see you on Homecoming Sunday and will forward information to parents about the upcoming RE classes, which begin September 19th.

Love, light and many blessings,
Kim Dehon, your new Children's' Religious Education Leader

Sermon Schedule

September 5—Ken Samarra Joseph Campell

Joseph Campbell's lifelong search for similarities in all the world's religions uncovered some shocking parallels. Could stories of the Buddha and Jesus be telling us exactly the same thing? What does Hinduism have in common with the mythology of the Native Americans? Is it possible that even science and atheism are also a part of this puzzle? Come and join us at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canandaigua on Sunday, August 8th at 10AM as we unravel this mystery and how it will shape the future of the entire human race.

September 12—Judy Cadle Water Service

The Water Service began in Unitarian Universalist Churches in the mid-1980s as a celebration of coming together, starting a new church year, and honoring the sixth principle "We covenant to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all." Please bring a sample of water that is important to you and yours to share and mingle with other meaningful samples. Water brings the gift of life, perhaps the water from your garden hose that helps your flowers and

vegetables grow. Water giving the fits of beauty and spirituality might be from a waterfall or Canandaigua Lake. But it is also a concern due to pollution, scarcity and privatization. Share what water has meant to you this year.

September 19—Rev. Scott Tayler Who Moved My Cheese?

A number of years back, the book, "Who Moved My Cheese," hit the best seller list. It was about how we want growth but not change. Wouldn't that be great?! All the benefits of growth without having to change a thing! But, alas, that's not how life works. So what do we do? Come wrestle with this struggle that is familiar to us all.

September 26—Ina Valerie Doyle Nurturing through Stories

Nurturing, story by story. Storyteller Ina Valerie Doyle shows the validity of story telling in growing our spirituality. Stories are handed down generation to generation because they teach important life lessons. Some terrify and some are soft and gentle as they leave us with thoughtful wonder. It's interesting to realize that the same general stories exist in many different cultures.

The Liberal Religious Hour

Every Wednesday night at 7 PM, The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canandaigua sponsors "The Liberal Religious Hour" on FLTV-Cable 12 (Channel 12), the public access channel on FingerLakes Cablevision. FL Cablevision is available to subscribers in Ontario, Wayne, Seneca and Yates counties. The following is the September schedule for the program.

The Liberal Religious Hour
 Schedule for September, 2010
 Wednesdays at 7 PM on FLTV-Cable 12

Date	Sermon Title	Original Sermon Date		
09/01/10	Is Mother Earth Crying Wolf?	04/18/10	Rev. Scott Tayler	
09/08/10	The Courage to Laugh	05/02/10	Rev. Scott Tayler	
09/15/10	The Courage to Bear Their Burdens	5/23/2010	Rev. Scott Tayler	
September 22, 2010 TBA				
September 29, 2010 TBA				

How To Submit An Article To The Next Newsletter

You are welcome to submit articles or news for any of our monthly newsletters. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month and the articles should be submitted through the church website by going to www.uucc.us/, logging in as a user, clicking on "post to site," and then submitting your article under "story/chalice article." If you have any problems, you can also send your articles directly to our newsletter editors Rick Yurick (ricyurick@aol.com) or Matt Gretton (grettonm@gmail.com).

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

If you are looking for a religious community in which to seek spiritual growth...

If you are eager to consider religious questions with others who are not always certain they have all the answers, but who are determined to keep searching with an open mind, and acceptance of other peoples' beliefs...

If you would like the fellowship of others for celebration and worship, discussion and education, friendship and mutual support...

If you want children to be helped to develop their own religious beliefs...

If you wish to preserve and extend the traditions of personal freedom and human dignity against the dangers they face, you may find this church fills your spiritual and human needs...

If you wish to know more about us as you consider membership, talk to our minister Scott Tayler.

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