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1/4 – Little Red Riding Hood Series – I. Straying Off the Path versus Stepping Out - Rev. Pat Guthmann Haresch

During Rev. Pat's annual ministerial retreat last Spring, she and three other ministers were given the task of together weaving the story of Little Red Riding Hood into a homily that could be used on a Sunday morning. A series of three sermons has resulted for Pat, each focusing on a different character/personality in the story. In the first sermon of the series, Rev. Pat will focus on the carefree daughter. How might we approach the unfolding of this New Year? Allowing warnings of the cautious ones and the fears and worries in our own minds to steer us off our course, skipping along our way while ignoring the dangers in the woods, or by stepping out with purpose into the next adventure.

1/ 11 – The Arc of the Moral Universe – Linda Fisher

"The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice."

This quote is usually attributed to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. However, this idea originated with Theodore Parker, a 19th Century Unitarian Minister, abolitionist, and social reformer. From his sermon, "On Justice and Conscience," in an 1853 collection, he said, "I do not pretend to understand the moral universe; the arc is a long one, my eye reaches but little ways; I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by the experience of sight; I can divine it by conscience. And from what I see I am sure it bends toward justice."

Dying in 1860, Parker did not see the start of the Civil War (1861), Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation (1862), or the dissolution of

slavery (1865). We may not live to see the full impact of our work to advance the cause of justice. But we can be assured that our actions impact the trajectory of this "arc of the moral universe" leaving a legacy for future generations. Join Linda Fisher as she explores this inspiring concept.

1/18 – Little Red Riding Hood Series – II. Don't Wait for the Woodcutter – Rev. Pat Guthmann Haresch

The second in Rev. Pat's sermon series centering on a different character/personality in the story will focus on the Woodcutter, the hero of the Little Red Riding Hood story. Sometimes the loner, we feel we shouldn't or won't ask for help and should be self reliant. Yet, it is important to be mindful of our own limitations and know when to ask for help and accept it when needed. At other times, we find ourselves waiting for somebody else to act, some outside event to occur before we take action on our own. Rev. Pat will explore the notion of being one's own hero.

1/25 – Discussion Sunday & Light Potluck Brunch – (Speaker To Be Announced)

The fourth Sunday of each month is "Discussion Sunday." All are invited to enter a little earlier than usual (10:20 am), take some refreshments and find a seat. The goal is to have ample time in the latter part of the morning service for discussion following the presentation. Light brunch potluck items are welcome.



FROM THE MINISTER

Rev Pat Guthmann Haresch

I am writing this from St. Paul, Minnesota, where every night for the past three nights since Christmas Day, my brother and sister-in-law have been hosting gatherings of family and family friends. It's been a feeding frenzy with kids and pets running all around, a zillion conversations going on at once, hugs and laughter. Yet, also as I write, my sister-in-law, Teresa, has been at the hospital overnight with my 20 year old nephew Alex.

After dinner last night, I heard a thud on the floor in another room and heard people urgently calling for my husband John. Not a good sign, as he is a physician. Alex wasn't breathing and was turning blue. John did the Heimlich Maneuver and Alex started to come to a little bit, but wasn't quite himself. It seemed forever for the ambulance to arrive, but finally a crew of four with my sister-in-law following behind took off. Now with every phone ring we hope for answers and the latest report from Teresa.

We always seem to be on a threshold, on the edge of a jumping off point. Like the two-faced Roman god Janus for whom January was named for, we have one face looking back at our experiences of the past, and one face looking forward into an unknown future. Our lives are a mysterious mix of our own conscious choices and forces beyond our control. At any given moment, we don't know what might happen that will shift even our best laid plans or alter our lives dra-

matically. Unfortunately, it is often the acute occurrences that beckon us back to the recognition that every moment is precious and of how much our loved ones mean to us.

Whether we have been shaken into this realization or not, we often reflect upon the next step off the edge at the beginning of a New Year. As we go forth may we remember what really matters to us. The preciousness of each moment and those whom we love. That in order to take care of those whom we love, we must remember not to neglect our own well being.

I have a small grain of hope
one small crystal that gleams
clear colors of transparency. . .

I break off a fragment to send to you.

Please take

this grain of a grain of hope
so that mine won't shrink.

Please share your fragment
so that yours will grow.

Only so, by division will,

Hope increase.

-Denise Levertov-

(from *For the New Year*, 1981)

Best wishes for the New Year, Rev. Pat

UU PERSPECTIVES ON THE BIBLE

Sunday, January 4th, Noon

Creation Stories: Genesis 1.1 to 2.4 & Genesis 2.5 to 3.24

Following the Sunday morning service and some time for coffee and conversation, join Rev. Pat for the third session in a series of explorations into Jewish and Christian scripture from a UU perspective.

This month the session will focus on the two (yes, two) creation stories that appear in Genesis. Please come to the session having read these sections and with a bible in hand. In your review consider how the stories differ, what you like better or worse, and bring questions you might have. If you have not read the chapters before, there will be time during the session.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fran Green

Happy New Year to everyone. Bob and I look forward to returning to the Outer Banks during mid-January. While we have loved being here in Fort Collins, CO we are anxious to see our UUCOB friends, our neighbors in Corolla and the beautiful piece of land where we all live.

It has been interesting being part of a new community, learning our way around the grocery stores, finding the post office, trying out new restaurants and places to shop for gifts. We've attended several services at Foothills UU Church here, and expect to attend our granddaughter's baptism in a Catholic church before Christmas. There is a Congregationalist/UCC Church a few blocks away and we are thinking of checking out one of their services. Still, we are sorry to have missed some wonderful services presented by Rev. Pat and by several other speakers. We've received your "rave reviews" with envy.

It has been great to be able to stay in touch with so many of you via email and even nicer to actually hear your voices on the telephone. Many thanks to Joe Heard for handling my "presidential duties" in my absence. Thanks also to Nancy Proctor for her services as Membership Chair and for all of the UUCOB Board Members who work so well together to manage the business of the congregation. Special thanks to Boyce Harwell, Jerry Cook and Clint Betz for handling the roadway clean up in our absence. It is our understanding that their performance exceeded that of the prison crew working in the same area.

Welcome to our newest members, Paul and Linda Fisher and Kathy McMahon and to the many new friends who have become part of our congregation in recent months.

Our new granddaughter is precious and we have loved having time to get to know her better. Our mini dachshund has enjoyed meeting his doggie relatives and we always enjoy seeing our son Jay and his wife Laura and her family. Her family's celebration together will be on Christmas Eve in Denver and we will be part of that excitement.

I can't end without a mention of the weather. The high yesterday was seven degrees. IT WAS COLD! An email from a neighbor in Corolla reported that it was 72 there. It made me a bit homesick.

Getting to Know ... Burnie Gould

Burnie grew up in West Hartford, CT. as a Universalist.. The liberal Christianity practiced by Universalists, and also by Congregationalists, Quakers, & Unitarians - seemed to make the most sense.

Burnie graduated from Princeton University in 1954 and Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1956. His career included a variety of positions in business and government, primarily managing analytical groups in areas involving planning and economic analysis. Also, he taught economics at the Fairleigh Dickinson University Graduate School of Business.

Vivian and Burnie, married for 53 years, have three sons. They retired to the Outer Banks after discovering its beauty. They have homes in both Frisco and Southern Shores.

A long time member of UUCOB, Burnie likes our willingness to listen and understand many different points of view. Burnie has served on the Board of UUCOB several times. He has also served on boards in our community including Carolina Estuarine Reserve Foundation (CERF), Cape Hatteras Recreational Alliance, Brigands' Bay Homeowners' Association, Citizens Alliance to Respect the Environment (CARE), and the Cape Hatteras Bird Club. He is active in the Hatteras flotilla of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. He is also active in "Best Friends", an organization that promotes animal welfare through shelters and rescue groups nation-wide.

Burnie Gould brings a rich background to our UUCOB community.





Treasurer Trivia

Chuck Purser

The end of November completed 42% of the current fiscal year, and we have collected 40% of planned income, and paid out 37% of budgeted expenses. Spreadsheets are posted in the church office detailing income, outflow, assets, and liabilities.

Proceeds from our annual Yard Sale and the Fair Trade Sale enabled us to have our November income exceed expenses by \$2,215. We also benefited from lower utility bills with the warm Fall season. December started off with some members and friends paying larger pledge increments for tax advantages in 2008. The second half of fiscal year 2008-2009 is starting off on sound footing considering the local and national economy. My forty years of following the economy and stock market can shed no light on when a turn around will arise on the horizon. I'm as baffled as anyone, but I certainly don't see a quick fix. And it is a good time for us, church and individuals, to review and set forth sound financial principles for planning the future. Common sense and discipline will prevail.

Share the Plate for November was the OBX Woman's Club for the Dare County Angel Gift Program. A check for \$533.00 and letter were mailed on November 30, 2008.

Any questions or comments for the Treasurer please call cell 216-9119 or email at purserchuck@yahoo.com.

LUNCH WITH PAT

[A NEW MEETING TIME]

Tuesday, January 27, Noon to 1:30 pm

UUCOB Meetinghouse

Bring Your Own Lunch and Beverage.

You are invited to join Rev. Pat, our minister, and other UUCOB members and friends for lunch, socializing, and conversation. Please note in 2009 we will begin to meet the last Tuesday of each month so that those who are able may stay and prepare the UUCOB newsletter for mailing.

In January we will discuss "Miracles" and "Grace." Have you ever experienced what you would call a "Miracle" or "Grace"? What did those experiences, what do these concepts mean to you?

The playground will be in use by the Montessori school. Accordingly, the porch and Minister's Office may be available for supervised play. Anyone interested in a cooperative playgroup and/or finding a sitter together may contact Rev. Pat at UUCOB (252-261-2801).

January's Art Show

Opening Reception

January 18th, 11:45 am

January's art show will be provided by the Outer Banks Fiber Guild. They have over 20 members coming from as far away as Virginia Beach, Edenton and Hertford, who weave, knit, spin, quilt and do mixed media.

There will be a talk by one of the guild members at the reception.

FROM THE BOARD

Fran Green & Nancy Byrne

Board Action Points During December

- December 2nd - the board approved a special collection for GEM older adult day care center at the Christmas Eve service this year.

- December 7th - the Board met to approve submitting nominations for both of the two candidates for UUA President, Peter Morales and Laurel Hallman.

- December 11th - the Board approved via email, a Facility Use Request for GEM to use the UUCOB Meetinghouse on Friday, December 12 for their monthly Harmony Cafe.

- Nancy Proctor is organizing the Chocolate Auction to be held before Valentine's Day. It will be open to the public and the income will be shared with ICO for local food banks.

A complete copy of the meeting minutes, committee reports and associated documentation are posted in the office at UUCOB.



UUCOB ROCK HOP & CHOCOLATE AUCTION

FEBRUARY 7th – 6:30 pm

LIVE MUSIC
UUCOB TOP TEN COUNTDOWN
SONG DEDICATIONS VIA
BLIND AUCTION
CHOCOLATE AUCTION
INTERGENERATIONAL
PUBLIC INVITED

Well, you can rock it, you can roll it
Do the stomp and even stroll it at the hop
When the record stop a-spinnin'
At our auction, you'll do some winnin' at the hop
Great Chocolate Sensations
Generous donations for food bank and
congregation at the hop

JANUARY SHARE-THE-PLATE DARE CASA

A portion of our plate collections on Sunday mornings this month will go to Dare Coalition Against Substance Abuse (DARE CASA). DARE CASA is a non-profit, volunteer organization deeply concerned about the impact of substance abuse on our community in Dare County and the Outer Banks of North Carolina. They bring together a diverse group of individuals sharing a common desire to address the problem of drugs, alcohol and substance abuse on all levels. Efforts are focused on education, prevention, and providing information to the public.

JANUARY 2009

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| ←..... Minister Out of Town for the Holidays→ | | | | | | ▼ 9:30a Edenton UU Discussion Group |
| ▼ 10:30a Insight Meditation - Jim Layton, Ph.D. - Discussion Sunday & Light Brunch - (Start time: 10:20 am) ▼ 12:15p Healing Circle | ▼ 7:30p Al Anon | ▼ 9a Weight Watchers | | | | |
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| ▼ 10:30a Little Red Riding Hood Series - I. Straying Off the Path versus Stepping Out - Rev. Pat Guthmann Haresch ▼ 12p Unitarian Universalist Perspectives On The Bible | ▼ 7p Edenton Discussion Group ▼ 7:30p Al Anon | ▼ 9a Weight Watchers ▼ 2p Minister's Office Hours ▼ 5p Strategic Planning Committee Meeting ▼ 6:30p UUCOB Board Meeting | ▼ 9a Minister's Office Hours | ▼ 2p Minister's Office Hours | | |
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| ▼ 10:30a The Arc of the Moral Universe - Linda Fisher | ▼ 7:30p Al Anon | ▼ 9a Weight Watchers ▼ 2p Minister's Office Hours | ▼ 8a UUCOB Men's Discussion Group ▼ 9a Minister's Office Hours | ▼ 2p Minister's Office Hours | ▼ 7:30p Jewish Service | |
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| Minister Out of Office - Vacation | | | | | | |

UUCOB HEALING CIRCLE

Sunday, January 25th, 12:15 pm

Our healing circle begins with a centering meditation. We then pass a candle to share our requests followed by silent meditation in which we send love and healing energy to all requests. We will begin gathering at 12:15 on Sunday January 25th and then begin promptly at 12:30.

If you'd like to bring a picture or memento of a healing request recipient, please do so, but it is not necessary. No special skills or previous experience are required. Just bring an openness to send and receive love and healing energy!

Childcare will be available during the circle and meeting. Donations would be appreciated to help cover the cost. If you have any questions or comments you may contact Rev. Pat at minister@uucob.org, Heather at sun-seaearth@gmail.com, Michel at malameddin@aol.com or Janice at naturegirl@aginet.com. You can also reach Pat at 261-2801 during office hours.

MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS

(Appointments Are Encouraged)

Tuesdays & Thursdays 2-5 pm

Wednesdays 9 am to Noon

The minister will be on vacation Tuesday, 1/27 (following Lunch w/ Pat) to Sunday, 2/1.

District & UUA News & Events

UUA President's 2008 Pilgrimage to Africa

November 4 - 24, 2008

Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President Reverend William G. Sinkford and a small UU contingent visited six African countries: South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, Senegal, Ghana and Nigeria.

The four general goals of the journey were:

- To learn from the experience and wisdom of leaders in Truth and Reconciliation work in South Africa, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu;
- To meet with old and new colleagues among the Unitarians and Unitarian Universalists of Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria and South Africa;
- To learn from leaders of social justice and human rights organizations involved in diverse struggles, including: LGBT Rights, HIV/AIDS, Slavery, Women's Rights, and Anti-Privatization;
- To visit the UNESCO World Heritage site and witness to the Atlantic Slave Trade: Île de Gorée.

To see photos, videos and learn more about the trip go to:

<http://www.uua.org/news/sinkfordafrica/index.shtml>

Congregational Growth Summit

Charleston, SC

Friday evening, January 16 to Saturday afternoon, January 17

Conference fee: \$25

Join other Unitarian Universalist congregations as they work together to learn about effective congregational growth practices, become empowered to take small steps toward growth, adopt growth practices that are right for your size congregation, and design a realistic plan to attract new people to your congregation and help them grow in the spirit of the Unitarian Universalism. Faculty comprised of Thomas Jefferson District staff and our own Nancy Proctor. For more information and to register go to: http://www.tjd.uua.org/FL08/Charleston_Growth_Summit_flyer.pdf

OUR PRINCIPLES

*We, the member congregations of the
Unitarian Universalist Association,
covenant to affirm and promote:*

The inherent worth and dignity of
every person;
Justice, equity and compassion in
human relations;
Acceptance of one another and
encouragement to spiritual growth in our
congregations;
A free and responsible search for
truth and meaning;
The right of conscience and the use of
the democratic process within our
congregations and in society at large;
The goal of world community with
peace, liberty, and justice for all;
Respect for the interdependent web of
all existence of which we are a part.

COME JOIN US!

Our meeting house is located at the corner
of Kitty Hawk Road and Herbert Perry Road.
It is one mile west of Highway 158 at about
milepost 4.

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

All services are held at 10:30 am. A pro-
gram is provided for older children and child-
care is available for the youngest.

The 4th Sunday of each month is "Discus-
sion Sunday" and people are welcome to bring
brunch items to share.

The first Sunday of each month is Food
Pantry Sunday, so please remember to bring a
donation of non-perishable unopened foods,
personal items or paper products.

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of the Outer Banks
is to be a focal point
of enlightenment,
enriching our spiritual
lives and enhancing
the quality of life
in our community.*



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