

COME JOIN US! UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

See our calendar on page 6, or visit www.uucob.org for the most up-to-date information.



6/1 - "The Labyrinth's Path: A Journey to the Center" - Rev. Patricia Guthmann Haresch - Join Rev. Pat in exploring the re-emerging ancient practice of walking the labyrinth and if weather permits, experience walking a labyrinth yourself on the UUCOB grounds. Representations of labyrinths and spirals have been found in the cave art of prehistoric times and nearly every culture, most integrally within the cultures of the Celts, Mayans, Greeks, Cretans, and Native Americans. Unlike mazes, the labyrinth has one path into the center and one path out. The labyrinth is thought to have represented the journey of birth, life, and/or death, the hero's journey, remembrance of the city of Troy, and the journey to God or the Goddess. After the emergence of Christianity, it is thought walking the labyrinth also represented a symbolic pilgrimage to the holy city of Jerusalem. As Helen Raphael Sands notes, many experience meditatively walking the path of a labyrinth as "an inner journey toward personal well-being and newness of spirit."

6/8 - Poetry Sunday - Nancy Proctor - *Poetry provides a window to the soul, and gives voice to the spirit.* Members, friends and visitors are invited to read favorite poems, both their own and of other authors. At a loss for a poem – or looking for something new, try www.poets.org, from the Academy of American Poets. Often music and poetry are melded together, so if you would prefer to sing, please come prepared. Children are invited to share as well. Try <http://www.petty4kids.com/index.php>. Following the children's recital, they will leave for religious education.



6/15 - "The Stream of Life That Flows In You and Me, Flows Through All" - Rev. Pat Guthmann Haresch (Intergenerational)

"We clasp the hands of those who go before us, and the hands of those who come after us." (Wendell Berry)

Come celebrate Father's Day with a special service of dance, music and readings choreographed by Roberta Graves that lifts up the cycle of life and the wisdom passed along from one generation to the next. Roberto is well known on the Outer Banks.

6/22 - Camels and Caravans - Nancy Proctor - It is time to celebrate the Church Year again! Last year we took a cruise; the year before an airplane trip. This year we are going to go back in time and load our camels for a caravan along the not so ancient 2007-2008 church year. As we prepare for our journey, we want to make sure our cargo includes those things that we have treasured in the past. Bring something symbolic to represent your personal journey or favorite moment. We are also asking



groups like CUUPS, Healing Circle, Men's Group, and RE Classes to bring something that represents them to add to our cargo. If you would like to participate in song, music or dance, please contact Nancy Proctor at nancy@theproctors.info.

6/29 - Discussion Sunday: Thinking & Acting Outside The Box, Part 2 - Rev. Dick Batzler. - Discussion facilitated by Rev Dick Batzler on ancient religious and metaphysical concepts and their relationship to contemporary spirituality.



FROM THE MINISTER

Rev Pat Guthmann Haresch

I have had 19th century Norwegian immigrant farmers on my mind lately. I'll explain.

The big final paper I wrote for my UU history class in seminary was about the Nora Unitarian Universalist Church founded in 1881. The Nora congregation was first formed by a group of Lutheran Norwegian immigrants living in and around the small farming town of Hanska, MN. They were so taken with a touring poet laureate from Norway that they asked him to be their minister. Kristofer Janson informed them that in the course of his tour of the United States, he had become an ordained Unitarian minister. Almost overnight the small congregation transformed from a Norwegian Lutheran gathering into a Norwegian Unitarian church.

While serving in Hanska, Janson continued to lecture and serve other Norwegian Unitarian congregations in Minnesota. He even held special Norwegian services at the church where I grew up, Unity Unitarian in St. Paul, MN. At the time, some of St. Paul's finest and most prominent families were members of Unity. Imagine their Victorian sensibilities and concern with reputation, when following the Norwegian services, coffee hour would include alcohol, music and dancing. Such unbecoming behavior was not tolerated and Janson's congregation was eventually "kicked out."

Even Norwegian bachelor farmers made famous by Garrison Keillor, who came to the United States (often by way of Canada) with nothing, hoping to eek out a living from whatever cheap land they could afford, were in their day the target of anti-immigrant sentiment. They were sometimes referred to as "guests," a label signifying the hope that they were just visiting.

So for whatever reason, after getting my fill of the news one day, in my mind's eye I began seeing tintype

images of the sad eyes and serious faces of 19th century Norwegian farmers with long dark blond hair to their shoulders and beards to their chests and long outer ruffled dusters (coats) over their Victorian apparel. I imagined them living and working around the Outer Banks in construction, restaurants and hotels, trying to get a drivers' license, waiting at the Health Department, or walking with groceries along the bypass. Norwegian farmers being rounded up and arrested by 21st century immigration officers, being led into police cars with sirens and lights blaring.

A little silly, but in a sense, we could substitute in any immigrant or reviled group from any era. Rather than Norwegian bachelor farmers, perhaps I could substitute in images of my own 19th century Jewish relatives thinking of their struggle with language, assimilation and acceptance. It's the same old story. Norwegians, African Americans, the Irish, Jews, the French, the Italians all have had their turn at being the groups to vilify. Especially in those times when many have been at their most vulnerable and disadvantaged. Some of the old stereotypes still persist.

May we affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

May we search for the truth in the specifics.

May we come to know the stories not of "those people," but of the Franciscos, Gustavos, Joses, and Marias in our community.

And then may compassion, reason, and the quest for justice be our guide.

May it be so. – Rev. Pat

MINISTER'S HOURS

Rev. Pat's usual office hours are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 2-5 pm and Wednesday mornings, 9-Noon. Appointments are encouraged.

From Monday to Friday during the week of June 23, Pat will be travelling to Fort Lauderdale for the Unitarian Universalist Minister Association's Ministry Days and the UUA's General Assembly.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fran Green

**Spring has sprung,
the grass has riz.
I wonder where
the daisies is?**

I remember this little “poem” from childhood; however, it seems appropriate, at this time of the year, to change the last line to: “I wonder where the tourists is?”

We all know that they will be here, hopefully in large numbers, very soon.

Let’s remember to make them feel welcomed here on the OBX. We will also have an increase in out of town visitors to our congregation during the summer. While we know these may only be one time visitors, let’s make sure they know we are happy to have them join us.

I’ve also been thinking of the foreign students who arrive on the Outer Banks to work in many of our local

businesses. Let’s remember to have patience with them as they perfect their English skills and learn our ways. They, too, are only here for a brief time, but they enrich our mix of visitors. Perhaps there is some way to reach out to them to let them know we appreciate their being here.

And finally, let’s all think about the safety of our tourists and summer workers. Be watchful for them when driving. Many rely on bikes and they don’t always know or remember the rule of riding with the flow of traffic. Many runners and walkers forget to walk facing traffic. Baby strollers and dogs are often put at risk by people who are enjoying their vacation so much that they forget to be cautious. We need to remember to be extra alert when they are not. A wonderful week on the Outer Banks should be the norm for everyone.

UUCOB 11th Annual Goods & Services Silent & Live AUCTION

~ food & beverages served FREE all night ~

While we browse services available for bid via silent auction.

We will hold a small live auction again this year as well!

FREE Childcare will be provided (donations accepted)



**Saturday
June 7 at 7 pm**



**Donate goods and services for
the auction online at www.uucob.org TODAY!**

Contact Susan Lawrence (susan@boldprintdesign.com or 252-441-0581) with questions.

Treasurer Trivia

Chuck Purser



We are in our last month of the current fiscal year and the new budget takes effect July 1, 2008. Our Annual Congregational Meeting is set for June 22nd and that leaves a few weeks for us to meet our minimum target to cover our current programs and obligations for next year's budget and to present for congregation approval. As of May 20th, we were \$2,600 short.

The last Treasurer's Report to the Board was May 8th reflecting the financial situation at the end of April 2008. Through April we had completed 83% of the budget year, collected 75% of planned income, and had paid 76% of expected expenses. Expenses exceeded income by \$175 in April bringing the difference to \$1,103 for the year of money paid out compared to money collected. Our largest single annual payment expense is for insurance and the premium is due in June. The Service Auction and unpaid pledge collections will determine if we complete the year on the plus side.

Please, all members, mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting the 22nd and take the time to attend and vote. You will be deciding the church direction for the next fiscal year.

WALKING THE LABYRINTH

Saturday, May 31, 2-4 pm & Sunday, June 1 following the morning service
On the UUCOB Grounds
(Rain dates: Saturday, June 28, 2-4 pm & Sunday, June 29, following the service)

"Give me the strength to walk the soft earth, a relative to all that is." (Black Elk)

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeing new landscapes but in seeing with new eyes." (Marcel Proust)

The ancient contemplative and healing practice of walking the path of a labyrinth has recently been rediscovered. Appearing through the ages from prehistoric cave art to Celtic tombs, Grecian pottery, and early Christian sacred sites, they now can be found in medical centers, parks, churches, schools, prisons, memorial parks, retreat centers, and people's backyards all over the world.

On Saturday, May 31 and following the Sunday morning service (weather permitting) all are welcome to walk a labyrinth on loan to UUCOB from the Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown, VA. The labyrinth is a 31-foot diameter canvas artwork reproducing the labyrinth laid in the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France, circa 1220 A.D.

An opening ceremony and guidance will be provided by Rev. Pat. This event is open to the public and is free of charge. However, good will donations will be accepted in appreciation to Grace Episcopal for loaning the labyrinth. Please note alternative rain dates in case of inclement weather.

Rev. Pat is seeking volunteers who will assist her in greeting visitors on Saturday and Sunday. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact her at the UUCOB Office (261-2801; minister@uucob.org).

UUCOB ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 22nd

Following the caravan trip during the morning service, please attend the UUCOB Annual Meeting. Copies of the Annual Report will be made available via email with limited hard copies to be made available at the Meeting-house.

FROM THE BOARD

May 2008 Board Meeting Action Items

- Susan Lawrence met with the board to discuss the Goods and Services Auction that is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2008. This very thorough presentation and appeal for help resulted in having volunteers to fill many tasks. Pat and Board Members will continue to assist Susan in filling remaining volunteer slots.

- The decision was made to send information on Thomas Jefferson District events and Unitarian Universalist Association events through a monthly email separate from the weekly update. This was chosen as an alternative to removing the monthly calendar from the newsletter or increasing the size of the newsletter.

- The Board accepted a Budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 as proposed by our treasurer, Chuck Purser.

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

SUMMER IN THE RE ROOM

Summer is the time when we all let our hair down a little. Dress is (even!) more casual, schedules are often less hectic, even supper becomes more impromptu. In keeping with this summer laissez-faire attitude, we would like to keep the instruction in the RE room more casual. So we thought to ask members of the congregation to share their interests with our kids. This means that if you have a hobby or a passion, please consider coming and making a ten to fifteen minute presentation to our kids.

Whether you love to knit, sing or read poetry, come and talk about that. Invite the kids to participate or give their feedback. Maybe you have an unfulfilled longing to read a Shakespeare scene – here's your chance! Use our kids as your audience and see what they think. Perhaps you've always wanted to explore what different people's noses look like. Get on the internet, print out a sampling and make

that your topic of discussion. The kids are usually not shy in voicing their opinions or in giving feedback!

Or perhaps you're a budding comic? Try your (squeaky!) clean routine and ask for or observe the kids' reaction. Plant a flower, talk about coffins, or invent a new game. Read your favorite picture book or book from your childhood. Bring a CD player and share your favorite music. Bring your button collection or show off your hippie clothes from the sixties.

So, come one, come all! Dust off those ukuleles, put on your clown nose, bring your un-presented works of art or literature. Help us to help you fulfill your dreams! And thanks for sharing!

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LUNCH WITH PAT

Tuesday, June 10, 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.

In June, we will ponder the question, "If this was your last week, what would you do?" As you are comfortable and willing, please come share how you might respond to the question.

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

JUNE 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 +ADD ▼ 10:30a "The Labyrinth's Path: A Journey to the Center" - Rev. Pat Guthmann Haresch ▼ 1p Dance Rehearsal	+ADD 2 ▼ 7p Edenton Discussion Group ▼ 7:30p Al Anon	+ADD 3 ▼ 9a Weight Watchers ▼ 2p Minister's Office Hours ▼ 5p Weight Watchers	+ADD 4 ▼ 9:30a Minister's Office Hours - Arriving Late	+ADD 5 ▼ 2p Minister's Office Hours ▼ 5p Long Range Planning Meeting ▼ 6:30p Board Meeting	+ADD 6 ▼ 1p Dress Rehearsal	+ADD 7 ▼ 9:30a Edenton UU Discussion Group
+ADD 8 ▼ Poetry Sunday ▼ 12:15p Dance Rehearsal	+ADD 9 ▼ 3p Dance Rehearsal - Tentative ▼ 7:30p Al Anon	+ADD 10 ▼ 9a Weight Watchers ▼ 12p Lunch With Pat ▼ 2p Minister's Office Hours ▼ 5p Weight Watchers	+ADD 11 ▼ 9a Minister's Office Hours	+ADD 12 ▼ 2p Minister's Office Hours	+ADD 13 ▼ 1p Dance Rehearsal ▼ 6p The Outer Banks Peace Meditation Group	+ADD 14 ▼ 1p Dance Dress Rehearsal - Tentative Time
+ADD 15 ▼ 10:30a "The Stream of Life That Flows In You and Me, Flows Through All" - Rev. Pat Guthmann Haresch, Roberta Graves & UUCOB Dancers of Many Ages ▼ 6p OBCUUPS Summer Solstice Ritual and potluck	+ADD 16 ▼ 7p Edenton Discussion Group ▼ 7:30p Al Anon	+ADD 17 ▼ 9a Weight Watchers ▼ 2p Minister's Office Hours ▼ 5p Weight Watchers	+ADD 18 ▼ 9a Minister's Office Hours	+ADD 19 ▼ 2p Minister's Office Hours	+ADD 20 ▼ 7:30p Jewish Service	+ADD 21
+ADD 22 ▼ Camels and Caravans: Celebration of Church Year ▼ 12p ANNUAL MEETING	+ADD 23 ▼ 7:30p Al Anon	+ADD 24 ▼ 9a Weight Watchers ▼ 5p Weight Watchers	+ADD 25 Minister at Ministry Days and General Assembly		+ADD 26 ▼ 6:30p Drumming	+ADD 27 ▼ 2p Walking the Labyrinth
+ADD 29 ▼ Discussion Sunday ▼ 12:15p Healing Circle	+ADD 30 ▼ 7:30p Al Anon	+ADD 1 ▼ 9a Weight Watchers ▼ 2p Minister's Office Hours ▼ 5p Weight Watchers	+ADD 2 ▼ 9a Minister's Office Hours	+ADD 3 ▼ 2p Minister's Office Hours	+ADD 4	+ADD 5 ▼ 9:30a Edenton UU Discussion Group

DARE COUNTY CROP WALK

The Dare County 2008 Crop Walk is in the planning stages and the steering committee is holding regular meetings. The walk is planned for October 19, 2008 using the same Roanoke Island Festival Park route as we did in 2007. Crop Walk raises funds for hungry people all around the globe and it is a project headed by Church World Services. Also, 25% of funds collected are used for local groups that provide food and necessities in Dare County.

Thanks to the efforts of recruiters Michel Sanchez and Nancy Byrnes, UUCOB raised more funds for 2007 than any other church on the Outer Banks. Congrats on a job well done.

Please pencil in the date of October 19 of this years Crop Walk and we will continue to send out updates on plans via email and newsletter.

Thanks again for all who contributed last year.

Jerry Cook

District & UUA News & Events

June 8-13, 2008

Appalachian Outdoor Adventure (\$565)

Experience the spectacular Blue Ridge Mountains through rivers and trails, nature studies, hiking on the Appalachian Trail and to waterfalls, and whitewater rafting. Practice safe paddling on flat water prior to whitewater rafting on the Nantahala River. Learn hiking basics and leisurely explore Appalachia's diverse habitats, hiking moderate trails to mountaintops and along mountain streams. Adventure during the day; return to the comfort of The Mountain for dinner and evening programs of native folklore and music. Good physical condition and walking ability needed for maximum benefit from this program. Bring a healthy sense of adventure and sturdy walking shoes.

For more information on Elderhostel programs or to register call 1-877-426-8056 (toll free) or go to www.elderhostel.org.

“Common Threads”

General Assembly

A Meeting of Congregations

June 25-29, 2008

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. The theme this year is the “Common Threads” that weave together the fabric of our Unitarian Universalist faith and community.

Special Featured Programs on Friday and Saturday will address the issues of civil liberties and immigration policies, followed by Appreciative Inquiry sessions offering a chance to explore and wrestle with these issues in depth together.

The annual Ware Lecture will be given by Van Jones who is working to combine solutions to social inequality and environmental destruction. Jones is a founder of the Ella Baker Center for Human rights and ColorofChange.org.

For more information regarding the tremendous variety of programs being offered, plenary sessions, and registration go to: www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/index.

Fifth Annual Civil Rights Journey

July 12-19, 2008

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is excited to announce the fifth annual civil rights journey through several southern cities, offering a chance to learn

firsthand about the struggles of the 1960s. The intergenerational trip will bring people together from around the country to travel by bus to historical sites that were significant during the civil rights movement. The inspirational journey will begin in Atlanta and move to Selma, Montgomery, and Birmingham, Ala.

Participants must be age 14 or older. The fee helps offset the cost of housing, food, and transportation during the program. The fee is \$500 and we encourage groups of 2 or more to attend in order to reflect on the experience and share it upon your return.

To apply for a JustWorks camp, you can download an application at: www.uusc.org/pdf/JustWorksApplication.pdf. You may also request an application or receive further information by contacting us by e-mail at justworks@uusc.org or by calling Shayla at 800-388-3920, ext. 228.

JustWorks camps are short-term projects that help volunteers examine and understand the causes and damaging effects of injustice. Participants work directly with people in the communities they serve, experiencing social justice struggles firsthand.

UUSC/UUA Cyclone Nargis Relief Fund

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) have joined to launch a humanitarian relief fund to help survivors of the recent Burma cyclone (Cyclone Nargis). Both organizations strive to coordinate strategic response to natural or man-made humanitarian crises, especially when rights are threatened or when those in need are overlooked or neglected by traditional relief approaches. Aid, coordinated through the UUSC, will be channeled to humanitarian relief work in an effort to help survivors - especially those left out of traditional relief strategies - regain their lives and livelihoods.

Please support this relief effort. Go to the following website to donate: www.uusc.org/info/support_cyclonenargis.html

For donations by mail, please direct contributions to:

UUSC-UUA Cyclone Nargis Relief Fund

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Congregation
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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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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
simple snacks.

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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