



# The Open Line

SOUTH NASSAU

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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May 6, 2012 10:30am

*Thinking Faith Alive*

What psychology can tell us about our faith

Eve Stevens, our Field Education Student

**Members, please attend our Budget Hearing at 12:00**

**this is your only opportunity  
to discuss our annual budget**

Coffee: *Volunteer Needed*

Lock-up: Jim Crocetto

Ushers: Nicki Barry & Andrew Spatt

Ways & Means: Rita Hines & Bobby Newman

Welcome: Liz DiMaggio

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May 13, 2012 10:30am

*Mother, Where Art Thou?*

Honoring Mother's Day

Rev. Catherine Torpey

Coffee: *Volunteer Needed*

Lock-up: Jean Smyth Crocetto

Ushers: Andrew Spatt & Volunteer

Ways & Means: Rita Hines & Bobby Newman

Welcome: Liz DiMaggio

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May 20, 2012 10:30am

*What Money Can't Buy*

Rev. Catherine Torpey

**Our Bi-Annual Meeting is at 12:00**

**There will be an up or down vote on the Budget.  
& a proposal for a possible capital project for  
a wheelchair accessible bathroom.**

Coffee: *Volunteer Needed*

Lock-up: Mary Canada

Ushers: Doris Brass & Robin Norris

Ways & Means: Rita Hines & Bobby Newman

Welcome: Liz DiMaggio

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May 27, 2012 10:30am

*Faith, Flowers & Remembrance*

Rev. Catherine Torpey, members & congregants

Coffee: *Volunteer Needed*

Lock-up: Jay Anthony Gach

Ushers: Jayne Davison & Andrew Spatt

Ways & Means: Rita Hines & Bobby Newman

Welcome: Liz DiMaggio

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## from the Minister

Dear friends -

As I sit writing this, I am waiting to find out whether my car, which is not where I left it, has been towed or stolen. By the time you read these words the mystery will have been solved, but at the moment I am sitting in that uncomfortable place of being startled by an unfortunate incident and completely uncertain about what the ramifications will be. If my car has been towed, it will simply have been a minor expense and inconvenience. If it has been stolen, it will have a much greater impact on my finances and my sense of safety in the world.

What I am noticing as I ponder such circumstances is that it is so much easier to be calm and reflective when one knows one has the resources one needs to meet the challenges ahead. When we are facing a medical crisis, a personal crisis or a financial crisis, knowledge that we have the physical, emotional or monetary resources needed makes all the difference. It allows us to think more clearly and therefore to summon all that we have to face up to what lies ahead. In such moments, I often think of that line from Porgy and Bess, "Them that's got shall get, them that's not shall lose." Often, when our resources are low, we ourselves become weakened in our ability to maneuver through life's twists and turns. When we are overwhelmed by difficulties, we sometimes don't have the energy to take the proper steps we should to obviate other difficulties - and so even more difficulties come. We can get into a spiral where we feel like "losers" because we seem incapable of getting our acts together. On the other hand, when resources begin to flow toward us - in the form of loving friends or family, or a better income, or other forms of relief then all of our spiritual and emotional resources are also more accessible. We begin to be more capable and feel better about ourselves, and everything just seems to go better. Them that's got shall get.

Our youth are going on the Midnight Run this month to go out into the streets handing out sandwiches, coffee and conversation to people who are truly low on their personal resources. The Executive Director of Midnight Run is a man named Dale Williams, who learned about the organization when he himself was living on the streets. I have had many conversations with Dale over the years, and heard him field criticisms from people who say that the Midnight Run is an organization that "enables" the homeless to stay on the streets, rather than getting them to "pull themselves up by their bootstraps." His response to such a critique is to praise organizations or governmental programs which address the wider social and political issues that are the causes of homelessness. "But," he says, "nothing was going to help me until I had food in my stomach. No program was going to do anything for me while my belly ached from having had nothing to eat for days. The first step in getting me off the street was that moment when someone from the Run first asked me, 'Would you like a sandwich?'"

I don't suppose there will be anyone walking by me asking, "Would you like a car?" and so I will hope that it's sitting in a tow lot. But I do know that if it's stolen, I'll be able to come up with money to buy a new car. I'm not in desperate straits. But I might well have been, and I know that many of our brothers and sisters are in desperate straits. I'm proud of our youth and the adult volunteers for going out into the world to offer the resources they can to do what they can so that "them that's not" shall not be left to spiral downward.

Yours in faith, hope and love, Catherine

## This is Important!

**All members are asked to attend our Budget Hearing on Sunday, May 6 and our Bi-Annual Meeting on Sunday May 20.** Both meetings will be in the sanctuary beginning at noon. It is important that you **attend the Budget Hearing on May 6 because** we changed our By-Laws recently and have instituted a required Budget Hearing to be part of our annual budget process. The Treasurer, Finance Committee and the Board will have by this date arrived at a plan for 2012-13. This is the opportunity to ask questions and confer with the budget makers on how the plan was put together and how we propose to deal with fiscal matters over the following year. **When you attend the Congregational Hearing on May 20,** this is where our congregation votes on the budget. Per the most recent By-Laws changes, we do not vote on line items at the May annual meeting, but vote on the budget as a whole. So it is very important that any member of the congregation concerned with its fiscal affairs participate in the Budget Hearing. **Committee chairs are reminded that Annual Reports are due to by May 13.**

## Our UU Community

You may have heard that there will be an attempt to walk over Niagara Falls on a tight rope this summer. **First UU Church of Niagara** is located almost within sight of this event. They are offering to host UUs for a once in a life time opportunity to witness this happening. Here is the link for the website page explaining what they are planning. [www.firstuunf.org/TightRopeWalk.html](http://www.firstuunf.org/TightRopeWalk.html)



**UUA President Rev. Peter Morales invites you to General Assembly (GA)**, June 20-24 in Phoenix AZ. General Assembly 2012 will be a gathering with multiple ways of engaging in justice work for people of all ages. Joining with the people of Arizona, we will worship, witness, learn and work together. We will leave General Assembly grounded in our faith, energized for justice and with

resources to bring this work home to our congregations. Go to <http://www.uua.org/ga/index.shtml> for all the information.

# OUR BOARDWALK

## Remembering Arlene Brown

I was with two friends at lunch last week discussing plans for the weekend. I had already written in my calendar that Saturday, April 21, I would attend the memorial service for Arlene Brown, with whom I served on the Board of Trustees.

"There are cranky people that others like and cranks people don't like. This woman was really well liked," I shared across the table with my lunch mates.

"It really comes down to whether its personal, you know, insulting, or if its just general edginess," one of my office friends observed. I agreed. Arlene, in my experience of her, had little tolerance for wasted time; she was not glad to endure fuzzy thinking, but she never reflected any animosity, nor, in my experience, ever took any disagreement personally. I think it takes a mature and developed person to be clear and frank, and still let their sense of humor and basic goodness come through. Arlene had that in spades.

Arlene's death came unexpectedly. She died on April 16, in her home. She had been an active member of SNUUC since 2005. In typical SNUUC fashion, the memorial service for Arlene was brimming with authentic affection and sadness as well as some laughs.

Rita Hines remembered Arlene's own laugh. It was hearty, rough edged and unique. Arlene's children and grandchildren shared that this bright, energetic and indefatigable woman loved water aerobics, bridge, crosswords and this Congregation.

Sitting at the service, I realized that at first, I felt I was going to the service out of a sense of duty. Arlene was a recent member of the Board and a member of our congregation who was active for the past several years on the Ways and Means Committee. But during the service I realized I went for myself. I shall miss Arlene. She was a grown up with a joyful and open heart. I feel fortunate to have known her.

We have much to do as a Congregation. We have many challenges to face. In remembering Arlene I am reminded to be honest, generous and to do good work. Namaste. Brian Larkin, Board president

## Have you been to our Thrift Shop lately?

Our Thrift Shop, located at 22 West Merrick Road here in Freeport, is a terrific place to shop and to donate clean, gently used saleable merchandise. *It's also a great place to volunteer some time. Did you receive a gift that's just not your thing? Donate it to the Thrift Shop!* Trinkets, costume jewelry, etc. all sell very well. Our Thrift Shop is open Monday through Saturday; hours are from 10 am to 4 pm, whenever possible. The phone number is 223-3974.

## Thoughts from our Field Education Student

I spent this past week at a "grassroots conference" in Washington D.C. for the Religious Coalition For Reproductive Choice. The experience I had was inspiring to say the least. There were Rabbis, Methodist ministers, Episcopal, United Church of Christ, Baptist, African Methodist Episcopal and lots of Unitarian Universalists. The conference was about defining who we are as a coalition and how we as people of differing faiths and political opinions can come together to discuss delicate issues like accessibility and affordability of birth control and the availability of healthy, safe abortions. This was not to say that every clergy person there was comfortable with or took lightly the idea of abortion. Instead, they felt it was not their right to force their religious or personal view onto a woman making a critical decision. I felt like I was at an Our Whole Lives training. Women and men were sitting down together discussing gender, sexuality, and the sacredness of the human body and all the complications that go with these topics. I was proud to see UU ministers from Alabama, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, and Minnesota.

As the week progressed we each talked about what we thought it meant to have "religious liberty." The Conference of Catholic Bishops states on their website that they have a long tradition of defending religious liberty and as such they will work hard to stop The Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate forcing all employers, including religious organizations, to provide and pay for coverage of employees' contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs even when they have moral objections to them. Another concern is HHS's defining which religious institutions are 'religious enough' to merit protection of their religious liberty." (<http://www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-060.cfm>)

I agree that religious liberty is extremely important both to my own denomination and to the founding principles of the United States. As we discussed this issue at our grassroots conference, each of us came to the conclusion that what is so great about religious liberty is that you are free to have your own faith and thoughts but not to force your beliefs onto others. Both liberal and conservative, religious and secular groups can agree with this I think when they call to mind "do unto others." The ideal would then be allowing a woman to have access to such health care services while allowing her employer to have the right to not use these same services. Perhaps alternative coverage could be suggested by the employer so they don't have to feel they are providing these women's health services but can allow their employee to have her health needs covered. Both sides of the aisle want to promote healthy, sacred, flourishing lives and to have their religious views respected. If we can figure out how to form a dialogue on our common ground rather than our vehement (and often violent on this topic) disagreements perhaps we could hear each other and make progress toward ensuring that everyone's best interest and religious liberty are accounted for. I was proud to be among a group of religious people this week who are another voice for what "religious liberty" means. Eve Stevens

# Among Ourselves

Many thanks go to all the people who helped at our **Easter Service!** Eve Stevens, David Silver, Meghan Stark & Noah Dzenius, Marilyn & Leanna Pignataro, Avery & Max Benson, Celia Crocetto, Ian Rieger, Laurel Owen, Bobby & David Newman, Sofia & Lorenzo Hilliard, Alex Beach, the Bennett & Bilello families. And all others who 'hopped up' to help make it a special day!

**We welcome new member Mark Bennett and welcome back SNUUC Charter Member, Tom Sutton.** We're happy you are here! Please be sure to say hello to Mark and Tom at coffee hour.

## SNUUC Happenings

**Yoga** Ahhh, breathe deeply and enjoy those first fresh fragrances of summer. Want to complement those outer sensations by feeling the warmth of gentle stretches and enjoying the inner strength and balance you can gain by incorporating a regular yoga practice into your weekly routine? Well, then come join our next six week series of Gentle Yoga with Spirit at SNUUC and watch yourself blossom along with the May flowers! Our next **Tuesday 6-week** series is Tuesday, May 1 through June 5, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The next **Thursday 6-week** series is Thursday, May 3 through June 7, from 4:30 to 5:30pm. The fee for either series is \$75, payable at the 1st class. Drop-in fee for either class is \$20/class and is available only as space permits. To reserve your space in either of these series, please call Anne Fleming or email her at [afleming528@gmail.com](mailto:afleming528@gmail.com). Hope you'll join us!

**Drumming** Learn to play that djembe! Join SNUUC's drumming ministry, the DrUUmatics, to learn West African drumming. The DrUUmatics teach a beginner djembe class every Thursday from 6-7pm in the RE wing. The class is devoted to teaching proper technique and traditional West African rhythms. There is usually a drum available if you can't bring your own. Come on down and give it a try! \$15 per class. Check out the website for more info: <http://www.druumatics.org> or find the DrUUmatics page on Facebook.

**Pilates** **Monday Night Pilates** at SNUUC - 5-6pm, only \$12 per class - no contracts to sign, no commitment, just come and stretch! Questions? Contact Bonny Levenson or Jeanne Menoutis.

**Improv** **Spontaneity, Creativity, Fun!** Improv classes continue at SNUUC in March. No prior experience is required. Classes are Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4. A series costs \$80 for returning students, \$100 for new students. Contact Brian Larkin [bolarkin@optonline.net](mailto:bolarkin@optonline.net) to register.

# Talent Auction & Luau!

**We look forward to seeing everyone at our popular Talent Auction and Luau on Saturday, May 12.**

Dinner is at 4:30pm and the Auction begins promptly at 6pm. The Hawaiian Luau includes delicious specialties like pineapple glazed ribs, chicken with vegetables, teriyaki steak, ham with raisin sauce, fried rice, a vegetarian entree, and an exotic Hawaiian salad. Nick Nanos will be mixing up Mai Tais at the bar, and a sumptuous array of home baked desserts will be free at intermission.

Reserve your space for dinner; sign up at the Ways & Means table on Sunday or notify the office. Enjoy a delicious dinner for just \$20 for junior youth to adult, and \$10 for children ages 5 and up and then let the games begin (this also includes your \$5 Bidding Paddle!)

You now have a chance to look at the Talent Auction Booklet and preview all the great things that will be auctioned that evening. The booklet is available online. Go to [snuuc.org](http://www.snuuc.org) and look for Upcoming Events on the bottom right of the page, or click on this link <http://www.snuuc.org/Forms/TA12.pdf>. Check it out! Get your hardcopy at the Ways & Means table Sunday May 6.

*If you are unable to attend on May 12 ask someone to be your Bidding Proxy so you can enjoy all the happenings this year.*

Please remember to bring your check book, all auction items need to be paid for that evening. Keep in mind our silent auction. A great gift you can't use? We can. Questions? Speak with Rita Hines or Bobby Newman

**We are still in need of clerical personnel at the Auction, if you can lend a hand; please speak with Liz Di Maggio or Rita Hines.**

## Committees at Work

SNUUC Committees meet regularly and most encourage attendance at their meetings even if you are not a member of the committee. Check the committee chairperson list on the bulletin board in the hall and call if you would like to learn more about a committee.

**The May Board meeting** will be on the first Wednesday of the month, May 2 at 7:30 in the foyer.

**The Thrift Shop committee and RE committee** will not meet on their usual Sundays this month. An upcoming announcement will give the next meeting dates.

## “Living Our Legacy”

**Our pledged gifts to SNUUC for 2012-13 are almost entirely in and total \$110,119.**

**Is this enough? Are we all truly giving on the Guide?**

During March and the first weeks of April, we reconnected with the privilege and obligation of membership to make our annual financial commitments to SNUUC. At the stewardship events in March, we got to know each other better through sharing our SNUUC journeys and what SNUUC means to us. We learned that our pledges are crucial for SNUUC’s fiscal well-being. We studied the Guide and were asked “Would you be willing to make a financial commitment to SNUUC that moves your gift one category to the right on the Guide or places your gift on the Guide?”

As of April 22, 2012 we had received 71 financial commitments from “pledging units” totaling \$110,119. (There are about 90-95 possible “pledging units” in the congregation.) If you have not yet made your commitment or otherwise clarified your pledging status, please reach out to the Stewardship Committee immediately.

Of the 71 pledges received, 37 are up over the current year and include some brand new pledges. 20 remained the same. These pledges helped us maintain ground in the face of some fairly significant reductions and losses – 14 pledges are down from current levels, and, beyond this, sadly, some current pledges were withdrawn completely due to reasons of death, hardship or leaving.

2012-13 Financial Commitments, as of 4/22/12	
\$1 – 250	7
\$251 – 500	14
\$501 – 1,000	13
\$1,001 – 1,500	11
\$1,501 – 2,000	5
\$2,001 – 3,000	11
\$3,001 – 4,000	6
\$4,001 – 5,000	3
\$5,001 – 6,000	1
<b>\$110,119</b>	<b>71</b>

The table shows how our giving is distributed across dollar levels. You can see that our giving is heavily skewed to the lower absolute dollar ranges – more than 50% of pledges are below the average of \$1,500. This foundation of pledges will support less than half of our annual operating needs. This impacts negatively on the congregation’s choices and opportunities as our pledge money must be directed only to meeting our day-to-day operations.

To be more fiscally healthy now and in the future, we know we should strive to fund at least 80% of our annual operating budget from our own pledges. We have a long way to go.

“Are we each truly giving on the Guide?” is a worthy question to ask ourselves. If we all were doing so, I believe our pledge base would be significantly higher and also more skewed to higher absolute amounts.

If we were to step up – giving from our sustenance rather from our abundance – and truly give on the Guide, we would achieve a healthier funding level from our own pledges. Think of the opportunities that would open. Gifts from the Thrift Shop’s ministry and from our Ways & Means activities – no longer needed for day-to-day operations – would become powerful resources that we could leverage to do more, be more.

Let us ponder this result at the same time we celebrate it. Let us acknowledge in gratitude the willingness, energy, commitment, and sacrifice that has created this collective gift to SNUUC. Let us imagine it growing larger and take action to make that happen.

Respectfully, Ellen Zaehring-Gach

## 5th Sunday Giving

On months with a fifth Sunday, the monies received during the offering is designated for a not for profit charity. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Giving on April 29 will go to Midnight Run, [midnightrun.org](http://midnightrun.org). In over 1,000 relief missions per year, Midnight Run volunteers from churches, synagogues, schools and

other civic groups distribute food, clothing, blankets and personal care items to the homeless poor on the streets of NYC. The late-night relief efforts create a forum for trust, sharing, understanding and affection. That human exchange, rather than the exchange of goods, is the essence of the Midnight Run mission. Midnight Run is principally built on volunteer labor and donated goods. But they do need cash to pay for office space, vans, a small staff, and the goods that they don't get via donation. They rely on the cash contributions of member groups and friends to cover these expenses. Please make checks payable to Midnight Run.

# In the RE Wing

# SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

## Fun Food and Faith

The connection between these three things might be more obvious, and important, than you think.

This spring, I have been participating in the Long Island Leadership Initiative with several other SNUUC members and other UU's from across the Island. This wonderful series of workshops is designed to help participants improve skills and strategies to help congregations run more effectively. It was brought out in a recent session that "healthy congregations" spend quite a bit of time playing and eating together, and that these activities build a sense of community and connection and ultimately, a stronger shared faith. I started to think about how this is going at SNUUC.

Our Easter Pageant a few weeks ago brought together more than a dozen congregants of all ages to share a timeless story and more than a few laughs. (Remember the Flying Peeps?) The outdoor Easter Egg Hunt after the service was enjoyed by children of all ages, and then we gathered back in the RE Wing for some delicious Easter treats provided by the Bennett and Bilello families. It was a special morning all around. Food, Faith and Fun.

The SNUUC Passover Seder and the Intergenerational Talent Show were recent examples of gatherings where food faith and fun was shared among all the participants. We also have a Games Night scheduled for the end of April. And the Intergenerational Luncheon this past winter remains as one of my favorite Sundays of the year.

How about all the skits and plays at SNUUC with an intergenerational cast, going back to the John Murray Service in September through the Michael Servetus Service not too long ago? These are examples of our congregation coming together to share fun, faith, and usually a very ample coffee hour (food) in the Foyer after the Service.

Encouraging these themes will be a priority in the RE Wing for the rest of our congregational year. I hope all of you will join us, and help us create, every opportunity for sharing food, faith, fun and community that we can.

David Silver, Acting Director of Religious Education

### On Sunday May 6 RE Fall sign-ups begin.

Please think about teaching  
an RE class in the Fall.

You can also register your children for RE  
There will be a table in the Foyer during  
Coffee Hour for more information.

**Our Senior Youth are preparing for a Midnight Run Friday May 4, 2012.** The Midnight Run is a volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless. Volunteers distribute food, clothing, blankets and personal care items to the homeless poor on the streets of NYC. That human exchange, rather than the exchange of goods, is the essence of the Midnight Run mission. We will be bringing personal care items and preparing 100 meals to take on the Midnight Run. We are requesting your support in donations of any of the items listed below: If you would like you can help with a monetary donation, that will help us purchase fresh items the day of the run. Please leave all donations in the senior youth room by Sunday April 29. If you are interested in helping on the night of the run, please see Ilene Corina. There will be a mandatory meeting for participants for the Midnight Run April 29 at noon. Anyone who will be going into the city **MUST** sign up in the Sr. Youth room by the 29th or there may not be room. Participants helping with the Midnight Run on May 4 should be at SNUUC by 5:00 and bring \$5.00 for pizza.

- Jelly
- Tuna Fish
- Mayonnaise
- Plastic wrap
- 100 Granola Bars
- 100 Cookies or treats
- 100 Water Bottles
- Toothpaste / Toothbrushes
- Combs / brushes
- Travel size toiletries
- Razors and shaving cream
- Plastic wrap
- Men's clothing

### On the Day of the Run

- Sandwich Meat
- Turkey
- Ham
- Cheese
- 100 bananas
- 100 Eggs
- Whole wheat bread
- Lettuce

Thank you for your help!!

# SNUUC Calendar May 2012

Meeting places: S-Sanctuary F-Foyer RE-RE Wing M-Minister's Office

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> Yoga 5:30-6:30 F	<i>2</i> PULSE 1-3:00 F Board Meeting 7:00 F	<i>3</i> Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S	<i>4</i> Midnight Run RE&K 4:00—1:00 AM	<i>5</i> NVC 9:45
<i>6</i> <b>Budget Hearing 12 S</b> Improv 2-4 F	<i>7</i> Pilates 5pm F NVC 7-9 F	<i>8</i> Yoga 5:30-6:30 F	<i>9</i> LaLeche 9am RE	<i>10</i> Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S	<i>11</i> Set up Talent Auction	<i>12</i> NVC 9:45 <b>Talent Auction &amp; Luau!</b> Dinner 4:30 Auction 6:00
<i>13</i> Improv 2-4 F	<i>14</i> Pilates 5pm F NVC 7-9 F	<i>15</i> Yoga 5:30-6:30 F	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> NVC 9:45 F
<i>20</i> <b>BiAnnual Meeting 12 S</b> Improv 2-4 F Stamping Class 3-6 RE Bonny Levenson & Paula Rosenberg	<i>21</i> Pilates 5pm RE NVC 7-9 F	<i>22</i> Yoga 5:30-6:30 F	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> NVC 9:45 F
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> Memorial Day	<i>29</i> Yoga 5:30-6:30 F	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> Unicrafters 1:00 F Yoga 4:30 F Drumming Wkshp 6pm RE Choir Practice 7:30 S		

South Ocean Art Gallery Foyer Art Opening Reception  
Friday April 27, 7-9pm

Game Night for ALL, Friday, April 27, sponsored by  
our Senior Youth. All ages welcome, 6:30-9:30pm

Memorial service for Lucile Berg Saturday April 28 at 11am

**The mission of the South Nassau Unitarian Universalist Congregation** is to provide a sanctuary of beauty and harmony where: We search in freedom for meaning and truth; we draw inspiration from many religious and philosophical sources while acknowledging the Judeo-Christian heritage of Unitarian Universalism; we embrace diversity and welcome people of all ages, races, and orientations; we affirm that our children and youth are an integral and important part of our religious family; we strive toward a social awareness that leads to transformative action in our community and to living in balance with the environment. Ours is a nurturing congregation where children and adults find acceptance and fellowship, feel empowered and grow spiritually.



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