



*News & Information from the
Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton*



January 2012

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

Worship services and religious education for children and youth begin at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 8

Service of Remembrance (see box on page 3) - The Reverend David S. Blanchard

Greeters: Gary & Sally Hoose, Charles & Lila Hunnewell

Social Hour: John Tyo, Louise & Marie Tyo, Jim & Stevie Michaelson

Council Welcomer: Gary Hoose

Library Table: Carmen Stuart Fennessey

Collection Counters: Dick Morrow, Rick Welsh

Sunday, January 15

Did King Need To Be A Prince? - The Reverend David S. Blanchard

Greeters: Helen & Roger Hutchinson, Valerie Ingram, Kelly Johnson-Eilola

Social Hour: David & Sally Vrooman, Dave Weissbard & Karen Wells

Council Welcomer: Tom Pynchon

Library Table: Tedra Cobb

Collection Counters: Jon Montan, Peggy Sperling

Sunday, January 22

Kasserian Ingera?

In this service, named for the Maasai tribal greeting "And how are the children?," Carol Gable, Oscar Sarmiento, and Jim Williams share their thoughts on why they are RE teachers and youth advisors and what they bring and take away from the experience. *A Congregational Meeting will follow the service.*

Greeters: Boris & Kim Jukic, Deborah Kalicin, Bill Kirchgasser

Social Hour: Tim & Rebecca Weld, Pete & Kathy Wyckoff

Council Welcomer: Carol Gable

Welcoming Table: Sara Ricalton

Library Table: Barb & Pete Beekman

Collection Counters: Tim Opdyke, Lonie Bogart

Sunday, January 29

The Sacred Disease -a sermon on addiction-

The Reverend David S. Blanchard

Greeters: John & Linda Kenny, Austin & Stefanie Kenyon

Social Hour: Cliff & Janice Westerling, Eileen Wheeler,

Eric & Jean Williams-Bergen

Council Welcomer: Walt Conley

Welcoming Table: Lila & Charlie Hunnewell

Library Table: Maria & Mike Corse

Collection Counters: Dick Morrow, Valerie Ingram

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the congregation immediately following our service

Sunday, January 22

The primary function of this meeting will be the approval of the 2012 operating budget. Meeting materials will be sent by email and will also be available on our website. All are welcome at the meeting; only those who have signed the Membership Book may vote.

PASTOR'S PRISM

"I know you're busy" or "I didn't want to bother you." Two phrases I hope I never ever hear again. I usually hear them when I call someone after I have found out they are home from a stay in the hospital, or they have been in an accident, or have suffered some sort of deep loss. I understand that most people are hesitant to ask for help. No one wants to be a burden to another. But in the context of our church community, we are here to serve and care for one another, and it is very hard to do that without a few hints now and then as to who needs us. And of course, as your minister, that is a central part of my calling to be present to you. So in answer to those first two statements: I am not too busy. You cannot bother me.

Years ago a colleague wrote this list of times to call the minister. Over the decades, it has been modified, but essentially it remains true to its original intent: to remind people of the many ways your minister is here for you. (In 2012 perhaps it should say when to tweet or text your minister, but a phone call is probably still best.) The list is not exhaustive or complete, but it gives you a sense of the range of concerns that might lead you to give me a call.

- * When you don't know me, but would like to.
- * When you have problems you would like to discuss about your work, children, relationships, or anything else where a listening ear might help.
- * When you are going into the hospital or know someone else who is.
- * When someone close to you has died or is critically ill, or you are dealing with a significant loss of some kind.
- * When you are planning to be married or divorced.
- * When you are thinking about "end of life" issues and/or would like to consider options for a memorial service.
- * When you are upset with me. (Or would like to express appreciation.)
- * When you are pregnant and glad you are or wish you weren't, also if you wish you were pregnant and aren't/can't.
- * When you feel ready to join the congregation.
- * When you have concerns or suggestions.
- * When you would like to discuss spiritual or religious issues.
- * When you are seeking to deepen your sense of spirituality/spiritual practice.
- * When you have won the lottery and wish to make a huge donation to the church.

Here's my number: 427-3339. (It is a cell phone. The only phone I have.) Operators are standing by.

In faith..... David

PS: In preparation for my sermon on addiction on 1/29/2012, I will host an open conversation with anyone in the congregation who has dealt with issues of addiction in their own lives, or the lives of people they have loved.

It is an open invitation, but confidentiality is imperative at the meeting.

We will meet in the Romer Room at 12:30 pm, Sunday January 15th.

If anyone would volunteer to arrange for bagels and cream cheese, please let me know. (I'll pay!) -dsb

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The service on Sunday, January 8, will follow a “new year’s” tradition I have employed for most of my ministry and introduced to this congregation last year. On the first Sunday of the new year (as long as it’s not New Year’s day!), the service is shaped around remembering those who have died in the past year. Central to the service is the ritual of inviting people to place a candle in a basin of sand and share a few brief words about the person they are honoring. It is not a time for eulogies, but a moment to hold up an essential memory of someone whose living affected our own. It could be someone who was a teacher, neighbor, friend, or family member. It could be someone you have never met, but whose life example shaped your own life. If you would like a candle lit and words spoken, but are concerned you might not be able to do so yourself, I would be honored to read something you have written. I hope you will find this service of meaning and value.

~dsb

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am writing this on the twenty-first birthday of my elder daughter. The day Alanna was born was one of the happiest days of my life. I rushed from the delivery room to a payphone to call my mother. I said “Ma, we had a girl!” and she replied “Oh, I am so happy, girls are so much better to their parents.” I laughed.

About two years ago today as I was preparing the eulogy for my mother, Father English reminded me that humor had no place at a funeral, remembering, I think, the eulogy I presented for my father about a decade earlier. I started with the conversation following Alanna’s birth and added some similar stories. Thinking back those were the only two times I can recall hearing laughter in the church of my youth. I love how we laugh.

Not a laughing matter but certainly a cause for celebration will be our congregational meeting on Sunday 22 January. Our primary task will be the congregation’s approval of the proposed budget that was recently approved by Church Council. Three committees and teams of volunteers worked diligently to develop this year’s budget. Under the remarkable leadership of the Stewardship Committee and an energetic team of canvassers, with our generosity we experienced the highest level of giving in the history of our church. Our Staff Relations Committee also worked hard to ensure that their salary recommendations honored our staff while respecting the constraints of a budget developed from generous donations. Our Budget and Finance Committee put it all together while carefully assessing our spending over the past year.

As a result, Church Council will be presenting a budget proposal that is balanced, continues to honor our staff while maintaining our status as a Fair Compensation Congregation, meets the UUA requirements of a Fair Share Congregation without a special appeal, reduces our payment from the endowment from 6 to 5 percent, and maintains the higher level of contribution to our Capital Reserve that was initiated last year.

So please mark your calendars for 22 January. We will also be honoring members of Council who have completed their terms.

Walter James Conley

UPDATE FOR KEY HOLDERS

The exterior locks on the church have been changed. If you need a new key, please contact the church office by phone, e-mail, or snail mail. The records of who currently has a key are outdated and inaccurate. No one will be contacting you. It will be your responsibility to notify the office of your need to have access to the building.

RE POETRY & PROSE

It's newsletter time again and I worry that I really do not have anything to say, anything that hasn't already been said, and said more eloquently or more simply or more profoundly. So I have procrastinated writing this while I've searched the Poetry Foundation and American Life in Poetry websites for someone else's words to impress you with.

I found part of a poem, which I will include at the end, written by Richard Levine, that made me think of yesterday here in Canton, in my life. My day started out with a sky the color of the inside of a smooth pink seashell, and every branch of bare tree was incased in white crystal, and the sun painted it all with sparkles. Sparkles! Then at church, the children were fairies and butterflies and there was a black and white skunk, a baby in a basket with a cute timid hare. There was beautiful music, both of the voice and heart variety. And we were all together and it was magic. My heart was filled.

Here is perhaps a more skillful way of saying what I felt:

I heard a bird singing
from a hidden, though not distant, perch;
a song of swift, syncopated syllables sounding
like, *Can you believe this, believe this, believe?*
Can you believe this, believe this, believe?
And all morning, I did believe. All morning,
between break-even bouts with the unwanted,
I wanted to see that bird, and looked up so
I might later recognize it in a guide, and know
and call its name, but even more, I wanted
to join its church.

Blessings,
Jan

THANK YOU THANK YOU TO...

- † All who made our Cookie's with David party a success: Kathy Wyckoff, Maureen McCarthy, Gina Nicoletta-Budler, Emmy Stevenson, Sarah Bentley-Garfinkel, Evelyn Barton, Eileen Visser, and Becky Van de Water for making cookie dough; the Religious Education Committee for doing all the planning, set up, help during the event, and clean up; and to David and the kids!
- † Michael Budler for hanging our artwork in the RE spaces.
- † Charlotte Ramsay for the donation of furniture to the church.
- † David Bradford and Pete Wyckoff for moving the new furniture in and taking the old stuff away.
- † All the participants of the December Festival, too numerous to name here - you were wonderful!
- † Kathy Montan for making a killer pair of donkey ears.

- † Stu and Wilma Hills for the beautiful poinsettia that graced the sanctuary during the holidays.
- † Bill and Katherine Brown for the Christmas tree; Jim Michaelson, David Pynchon, and friends for putting up the tree and stringing the lights; Becky and Peter Van de Water for the wreaths on the front doors; Becky and Helen Hutchinson, David and Connie Nelson, Judy Gibson, Louise Bixby, and John Trombley for decorating the sanctuary and Christmas tree.
- † Judy Gibson, Becky Van de Water, Barb Beekman, Carol Pynchon, and David Blanchard for coordinating the farewell reception for Charlotte Ramsay.

JOYS & SORROWS

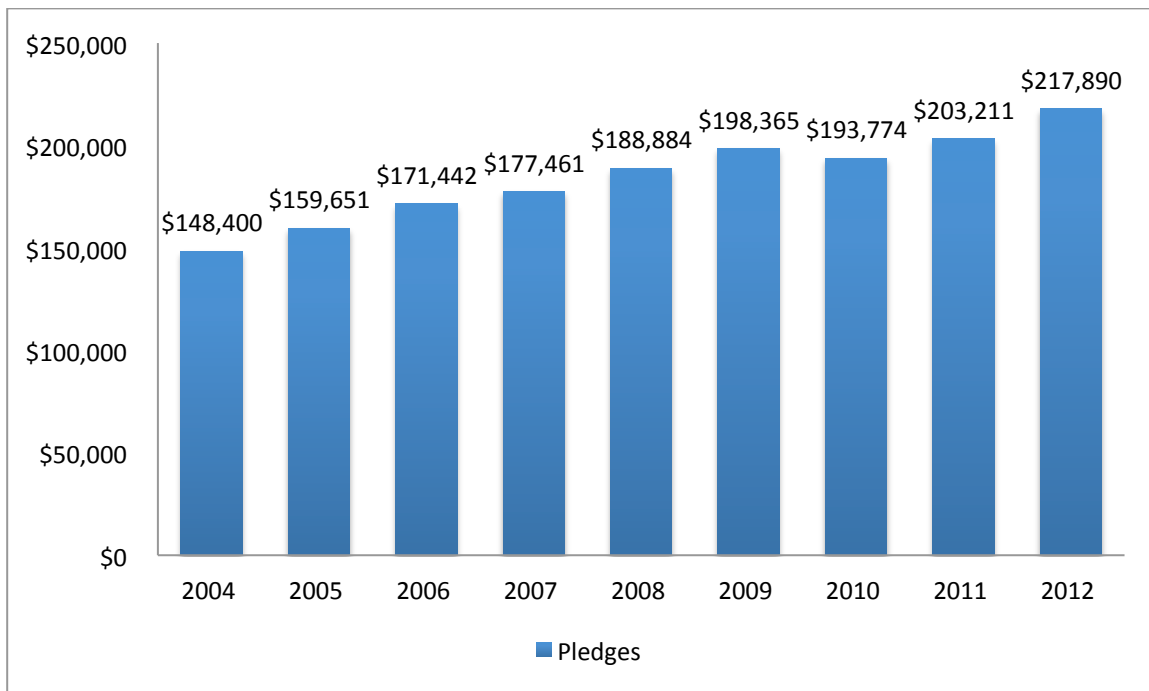
† Our thoughts remain with Marga and Marvin Edwards as Marga continues to recuperate from surgery just after Thanksgiving. They welcome your thoughts and notes. They can be reached at: 14 Bradley Drive, Potsdam, 265-5782. (If you wish to visit, call ahead to be sure it's a good time.)

FINAL CANVASS UPDATE

As of this writing, my final article, we have received over \$217,890 in pledges from 142 members and friends. We usually receive about 150 pledges. Last year we received a total of \$202,811 in pledges. The graph below shows how pledging has changed over the years since 2004. We thank you again for your generosity.

Bart Harloe is assuming the chair of the Stewardship Committee, and though both Charlotte Ramsay and I are leaving the group, there are a number of new and continuing members. If you ever want to understand the inner workings of the church I encourage you to participate in the Stewardship efforts either as committee member or as an annual canvasser. You will find a great group of people with whom to work, make a vital contribution to the church, all while sampling various chocolates at the monthly meetings. What could beat that?

Scott Shipley



INVESTMENT NEWS

The Investment Committee would like to share information with the congregation about the church's investments and welcomes any questions members and friends may have.

The church's long-term investments are referred to as its endowment and a small percentage, currently about 6 percent, is used each year to support the operating budget. The rest is invested to hopefully grow and support the operation of this church for many years to come.

The balance of the endowment at 10/31/11 was \$278,316; \$27,877 was invested in the UUA Common Endowment Fund and \$250,439 was held in an account at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Potsdam. The funds at Morgan Stanley are managed by a professional investment consultant under the general direction of the Investment Committee. Last January, the committee instructed the consultant to modify the church's investments so that at least 70 percent was invested in funds deemed to be socially responsible. The UUA Common Endowment Fund has long strived for socially responsible investments and currently holds over 50 percent of investments that have been positively screened for social responsibility.

The church's investment policy requires that investments be diversified and currently approximately 30 percent is invested in fixed income and 70 percent in equities. For this reason, the endowment performance is regularly compared to a benchmark index for the equities and bond markets using a similar allocation.

Most of us are aware of the volatility and declines experienced in the stock market this past year and the church's endowment has not been exempt. The return earned on the endowment for this calendar year (through 10/30) is .7 percent, as compared to its benchmark of 1.76 percent. Returns for the past two calendar years were more robust: the annual return earned on the church's endowment was 13.8 percent in 2010 and 20.3 percent in 2009, as compared to benchmark returns of 12.5 percent and 20.3 percent, respectively.

Socially Responsible Investing Discussion

Many of us have some sort of investments for retirement, college, or savings and want those funds to grow in value while supporting companies that operate in a manner consistent with our UU values. Many organizations like our church have endowments for which members have similar wishes. Investing in a socially responsible manner is a great way to work toward UU values--social justice, respecting the inherent web of life, and ensuring all persons are treated with dignity.

The UUA has been a long-time leader in socially responsible investing and has had several successes in getting companies like Wal-Mart and Home Depot to change their practices and policies. Socially responsible investing can really get organizations to make positive change, but the term can also be used pretty loosely and doesn't convey a single meaning.

David Weissbard, chair of the church's Investment Committee, and I have become more knowledgeable about socially responsible investing over the past year as the committee has worked to invest more of the church's endowment in a socially responsible manner. We're happy to share what we've learned and discuss socially responsible investing with anyone interested in joining us for a discussion after church on Sunday, January 29. We'll gather at the front of the sanctuary and expect the discussion to run 30 to 60 minutes (at the longest!).

Carol Gable

A WORD FROM WORSHIP

Why Stand as You Are Able?

In the Order of Service there are certain places where you will see an asterisk (*). It denotes a request from the minister (or lay leader) that the congregation remain standing. It probably seems understandable why we would stand while singing: we can more fully project our voices, creating a rich and satisfying group sound. But why, you may be wondering, are we being asked to stand during the Lighting of the Chalice, Benediction, and Extinguishing of the Chalice?

When David began shaping our services 17 months ago, he brought with him some specific ideas about when to stand during a church service. The Order of Service consistently includes the note ** Indicates a time to stand, if able*, and David usually reminds us when to stand. We still, however, have a bit of a some-people-up-some-people-down situation after the closing hymn and during the Benediction and the Extinguishing of the Chalice. It might help us remember to remain standing at the end of the service if we consider for a moment what it means to stand.

My initial thought about remaining standing is that it demonstrates a certain level of respect. One of my favorite literary references to standing as a representation of respect is when, in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Reverend Sykes says to Scout, after her father has lost the trial, "Miss Jean Louise, stand up. Your father's passin'." It takes more effort to stand than to sit so we are physically saying that something is enough worth our while to stand. Standing brings us to a more active rather than passive frame of being. And the word "stand" has some definitions that may also help us understand David's request for standing. To "stand" is to have an active attitude about something, such as where we stand on a particular issue. To "stand" is to perform a particular service, such as standing guard over someone. And to "take a stand" is to publicly state a belief.

I invite us all to deepen everyone's experience by considering the act of standing as part of our spiritual practice. We are making public our respect--for the meaning of the words being spoken, for the symbolism of the chalice and flame, and for the inherent worth and dignity of each other.

Robin Collen

MEMBER NEWS

Host a Circle Supper!

During the cold, dark winter months in Denmark, the Danes live a concept they call *hygge* ("hew-guh"). There isn't a word in the English language that precisely captures the sentiment of *hygge*, but let's give it a try: Cozy. A meal with family-of-your-choosing around a candlelit table. Surrounding yourself with people you're interested in getting to know, setting the scene for comfort and intriguing conversation.

The Membership Committee will be coordinating Circle Suppers in late January, February, and March. The Circle Suppers are our congregation's annual tradition in which members of our community gather with friends, acquaintances, or complete strangers to share a meal and strengthen our connections with each other. Do you think you can give *hygge* a try? Great! We're seeking hosts. You, you and a friend, you in your home, you and a friend at the church--all possibilities.

If you're interested in hosting a Circle Supper, start by sending an email to Lila Hunnewell (lhunnew61@aol.com) or Stacey Banfield-Hardaway (staceybh@gmail.com) saying "I'm in! I'm hosting by myself or with _____ at _____ and I'd prefer to do so on _____ [a date and time of your choosing]. The best way to stay in touch with me about the dinner is _____."

We're looking forward to hearing from you with the date, location, and contact info! If you're interested in attending a supper, but not hosting one, stay tuned for more details.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

!Introducing: C&CP Item of the Month!

The Social Action Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed and participated in the November SASO, which provided more than 1,000 food items to Canton's Church and Community Program and other area food pantries. The drive was an overwhelming success, so much so that the Social Action Committee would like to continue the effort during the coming year.

Each month we will collect a featured item, based on the needs of the pantries and community centers at the time. **In January we will be collecting toiletry items--tooth paste and brushes, floss, mouthwash, toilet paper, hand soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, cotton swabs, bandaids.** Please contribute what you can whether it be the featured item or food.

The Social Action Committee meets on the third Sunday of each month, all are welcome.

Pat Turbett

Call for SASO Nominations

It's a new year and a new chance for you to take a small step for social justice work in our community, country, or world! Make a New Year's resolution to nominate a social justice organization for one of our Social Action Shared Offerings (SASO) this year. The nomination process starts with YOU filling out a simple form, sharing the good work of your favorite social justice group.

Do you know of a local, state, national, or international group that we should all know about? One whose work you respect for the impact it makes on a critical issue of our day? Selections for our spring SASOs will be made soon, so give it some thought today.

To make a nomination, pick up a nomination form from the Social Action bulletin board or download the form from the Shared Offering page on the website-- www.uucantonny.org/pages/36/15/social-action-shared-offerings) then drop the form off at the Social Action table or send it to SASO Coordinator Eileen Raymond (63 East Main Street, Canton or eraymond@twcny.rr.com).

January Shared Offering--GLSEN

As young people across our region return to school after Christmas break, some wonder if they will be safe there. Gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender youth or those perceived to be LGBT regularly face verbal and physical harassment at school, often without support or intervention by school staff. Even with the 2010 passage of the Dignity for All Students Act in New York, there are still students in our schools who cannot yet trust that their rights to a safe place to learn will be protected.

Our January Shared Offering organization has been working since 1990 to change that. GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian Straight Education Network) provides support to teachers, administrators, and students working to create safe and respectful school environments. They conduct biennial national school climate surveys. They organize special national events like the Day of Silence, No Name-Calling Week, and Ally Week, to raise awareness of the need to fight harassment and bullying in all our schools. They provide Safe Schools Kits to schools ready to take the next step. Their staff support groups of students starting

gay-straight alliances in a variety of ways. Locally, GLSEN provided support for the gay-straight alliances right here in Potsdam and Canton.

Your contribution to the January SASO will support GLSEN's critically important work in all of these ways. You may also designate part of your gift to send a Safe Schools Kit to a school you think is ready to protect the rights of all students to a safe learning environment. Check www.glsen.org for more information. Thanks for your support for GLSEN on Sunday, January 15.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The Memorial Committee is responsible for the Memorial Garden, the Memorial Plaque, and the Memorial Library.

At the request of then-minister Max Coots, the Memorial Committee (which included current members Judy Gibson and Peggy Sperling) was created in the early 1980s. The Memorial Garden was established in 1985 as "a place of tranquil beauty where we may pause, reflect, and remember those who have died." The garden was also designated as a place where the ashes of church members and friends and their family may be interred. The garden, located on the left (west) side of the church, was marked at the time of its dedication by the large rock with a plaque and the bench. It now includes the garden areas on both sides of the concrete walk way. Over the years the cremated remains of more than 30 of us have been placed in the garden, including those of Max himself.

The oak handcrafted Memorial Plaque, located on the south (Main Street side) sanctuary wall, was designed as a place to display the names of those interred in the garden. It also serves to remember and honor other deceased church members, friends, and their relatives.

The Memorial Library, housed in a beautiful wood cabinet, contains and displays books and pamphlets on topics related to death and dying. It is located in the Coots Library next to the church office. Judy Gibson serves as our liaison to the Library Committee.

Congregants interested in learning more about the Memorial Garden and/or Plaque for themselves or a loved one may contact Kathy Wyckoff, Claire Gardam, or David Blanchard, or pick up a copy of the pamphlet "The Memorial Garden" on the Memorial Library for more information and a form.

The Memorial Committee includes Kathy Wyckoff, Claire Gardam, Peggy Sperling, Judy Gibson, and Judy DeGraaff. Oscar Sarmiento is our representative from Church Council; our minister David Blanchard, also works with the committee. We would like to thank past members Kathy Curro (a member since the late 1980s) and Eileen Smith-Raymond for their creative contributions and dedicated service to the committee.

The Memorial Committee welcomes your involvement. If interested in serving on the committee, please contact Kathy Wyckoff (wyckoff16@msn.com), Judy Degraaff (judy_degraaff@yahoo.com 212-3001) or Claire Gardam (cgardam@twcny.rr.com 386-3482).

"...any church, or faith or people, who do not embrace death, embrace only a part of life."

Max Coots
Sermon, March 3, 1996

FROM THE COOTS LIBRARY

Thanks to all, especially eager shoppers, who made the Holiday Book Fair fun and successful. Sara Ricalton worked diligently and expertly handling the details of the fair and coordinating with the UUA Bookstore. Other Library Committee members contributed time and enthusiasm. We hope the lucky recipients of the gifts *you* bought are happily reading them this January! A profit of about \$170 will be shared by the Caring Fund and the Library's Book Purchase Fund.

Take note, middle schoolers (and any interested readers, including adults!): Betsy Kepes will lead an after-church discussion of Katherine Patterson's *The Great Gilly Hopkins* on Sunday, January 22. Betsy, who reviews books for NCPR and leads a book group at the Canton Middle School, highly recommends *Gilly*. It is about an angry child who finds love in an unlikely foster home. While the Coots Library has five copies for your use, it is also available in local and school libraries. Let us know if you are interested but can't find a copy. And plan to come on the 22nd. It promises to be a good inter-generational discussion.

More "Young Reader" news: We're launching a special January-to-June program for 4 to 14 year-olds!! Here's how it works. Each time you read a book from the Coots Library, fill out one of the printed orange book review forms you will find in the library. Return the form to the designated box in the library. We *may* choose to print your review in the newsletter or on the church website; *we definitely will keep your review as an "official entry"* in the raffle we will hold in early June when we will draw *three* reviews from the box, each reader/writer winning a gift certificate from Brewer Bookstore at SLU!

Judy Gibson

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

The Outreach Committee is trying to get information out every way we can think of--we're your modern-day town criers! We hope you noticed a number of articles and photos in local newspapers and on area websites during the holidays.

Inserted in this newsletter is an Outreach Committee factsheet that we hope will be useful to you. On one side are guidelines for sharing and getting information using church communication tools like this newsletter, the website, e-news, etc. Why not pull it out and post it where you can refer to it when you have information you wish to share with the congregation?

On the flip side of the colored sheet are some FAQ's--frequently asked questions--about navigating our church website. If you're not already surfing to www.uucantonny.org for church news and information, we hope you'll begin to. If you'd like help learning to navigate the website, or just want to know more about what's loaded on the chock-full site, please join members of the Outreach Committee **before and after church on Sundays during January** for informal website tutorials. We'll have a couple laptops available and will be happy to "show you around."

We're also looking for your input on this newsletter. On Sundays, January 8 and 15, we will have a "Graffiti Board" set up in the Social Room. We hope you'll share your thoughts, suggestions, and (if you want to switch your bracelet and start counting again) complaints about the newsletter. As we look to streamlining our communications, hearing your thoughts about the newsletter will be very helpful.

As always, if you have comments or suggestions about church communications and publicity, please be sure to contact any member of the Outreach Committee (you can find our names on the website!).

Carol Pynchon

USHARE FLASHBACKS

During the winter months, UShare is going retro. We will be taking a look at the history of UShare by peeking at some of our previously published articles. This month we will look at *why* UShare became our congregations Social Action Project in 2005. This piece is from the original brochure created by Carol Pynchon.

Hunger at Home

Hunger is a significant issue for many of our neighbors in St. Lawrence County:

- More than 17 percent of the people in our county live in poverty, including almost a quarter of the children.
- 1,800 children in our communities go hungry and 6,800 children are at risk.

These startling facts inspired the church-wide gardening project.

Sharing Our Bounty

Two dozen food pantries in St. Lawrence County distribute over 800,000 meals annually. Volunteers will distribute produce from the two UShare gardens to food pantries in all parts of St. Lawrence County, especially some of those that often don't receive substantial outside support.

Original Mission Statement

UShare will involve UU members in multiple activities in partnership with GardenShare to alleviate hunger by promoting the growth and distribution of wholesome, locally grown food

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a UShare potluck on Saturday, February 18. Watch for details on the website and in the February newsletter.

Be sure to take a look at the lovely commemoration presented to Charlotte Ramsay before her departure, which hangs in the Social Room on the wall outside the elevator. It reads:

To be content with small means to seek elegance rather than luxury and refinement rather than fashion to be worthy to study hard think quietly talk gently act frankly to listen to stars and birds to babes and sages with open heart to bear all cheerfully do all bravely await occasions hurry never In a word to let the spiritual unbidden and unconscious grow up through the common this is to be my symphony.

W.H. Channing

In Appreciation
Charlotte Ramsay
Devoted leader and wise friend

ON THE CALENDAR

Friday, January 6

12 noon, Knitters for Peace

Saturday, January 7

5 p.m., Hockey Night in Canton (see box below)

Sunday, January 8

9:30 a.m., Over 70 Group

10:30 a.m., Worship and Children's RE

Wednesday, January 11

10 a.m., Library Work Day

Thursday, January 12

1 p.m., Outreach Committee meeting

Friday, January 13

12 noon, Knitters for Peace

Sunday, January 15

9:30 a.m., Over 70 Group

10:30 a.m., Worship and Children's RE

12 noon, Social Action Committee mtg

Wednesday, January 18

10 a.m., Library Work Day

1:15 p.m., Library Committee meeting

6:30 p.m., RE Committee meeting

7 p.m., Stewardship Committee mtg

Thursday, January 19

6:30 p.m., Investment Committee mtg

7 p.m. Budget & Finance Comm. mtg

7 p.m., Worship Committee meeting

Friday, January 20

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

12 noon, Knitters for Peace

Sunday, January 22

9:30 a.m., Over 70 Group

10:30 a.m., Worship and Children's RE

11:45 a.m., Congregational Meeting

11:45 a.m., Middle School Book Group

12 noon, OWL meeting

Wednesday, January 25

10 a.m., Library Work Day

Friday, January 27

12 noon, Knitters for Peace

Sunday, January 29

9:30 a.m., Over 70 Group

10:30 a.m., Worship and Children's RE

11:45 a.m., Socially Responsible Investing
Discussion

Hockey Night in Canton!

Saturday, January 7

The Fellowship Committee invites you to a pizza party before the St. Lawrence vs. Minnesota State hockey game. Pizza will be served at 5 p.m. in the Social Room; the game begins at 7 p.m. at Appleton. We have 20 reserved seat tickets; RSVP to Pete Beekman (pbeekman@clarkson.edu or 379-9249) to reserve yours.

The cost for pizza and a ticket is \$12. If you already have a ticket, the meal is \$5.

Make checks payable to Pete Beekman.

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton

The Reverend David S. Blanchard, Minister
Jan Hutslar, Director of Religious Education
Pat Mustakangas, Congregational Administrator
Nelly Case, Music Director Carol Strome, Choir Director
The Reverends Anne Marsh and Wade Wheelock, Ministers Emeritus



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