

Sunday, January 9, 2005

Minister Continued

**TURTLE WISDOM: THIS MAKING
OF OUR WHOLE SELVES**

MORNING SERVICE -- 11:00 AM

Barbara Fuchsman, Service Leader

UUs do not expect to agree with each other about everything we think is important. Honoring the inherent worth within each of us, we work together to build spiritual or philosophical homes within ourselves, knowing that we are all part of a global home. At every age, we are re-making ourselves.

All are welcome.

COMMUNITY AS HOME

FELLOWSHIP FORUM -- 9:30 AM

Barbara Fuchsman, Forum Leader

Building Your Spiritual [or Philosophical] Home, Part 2. We will think about and develop definitions of community and ponder how the communities to which we belong relate to important aspects of our lives.

All are welcome.

SECOND SUNDAY

The Second Sunday collection for January will go to the Santa Elena Project of Accompaniment (SEPA). To direct a check to SEPA make it out to O.U.U.F. and write "Second Sunday" or "SEPA" on the memo note line. Our Treasurer will send along a consolidated check. Checks to O.U.U.F. without a memo note will go to the Fellowship. Loose cash and change will also go to SEPA unless put in an envelope marked for the Fellowship.

Here we are at the start of the New Year. We keep hearing about resolutions and wondering what this year will bring. We think of plans and events and rites of passage. But, I often wonder if we remember that this work of Christmas, of which Thurman speaks, doesn't stop after a certain date or hour. It is ever needed as the needs are ever present.

I pray that we all remember in the start of this new year, to keep the work of Christmas foremost in our minds. I pray that we remind ourselves of the best of the recent Holiday season and do what we can to keep those feelings alive during all twelve months. I pray that what we strive to be during a season of celebrations and Holy Days is our work for the entire year. And, I pray my gratitude for a community that should love us in our strivings as much as in our accomplishments.

Blessings on your year-long "Christmas" work.

Patricia

ABOUT THE JANUARY FORUM SERIES

"Building Your Spiritual Home" is a Unitarian Universalist Young Adult Curriculum created by UU ministers Caitlin Anderson and Mary Ann Macklin. During January, Barbara Fuchsman, as Commissioned Lay Leader in-training, will adapt three sessions from this curriculum for three forums for people of many ages.

Whatever our beliefs about ultimate questions, we are all in the business of making and re-making our whole selves. The overall goal of these forums will be to provide personal tools which we can use to build, re-build, or strengthen spiritual or philosophical homes within ourselves.

Sunday, January 16, 2005

**ON NONVIOLENCE: IN MEMORY
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR**

MORNING SERVICE -- 11:00 AM

Rebecca Cross, Barbara Fuchsman

As a tribute to the great work of Martin Luther King, Jr., Rebecca and Barbara will testify to the power and effectiveness of nonviolent action.

All are welcome.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF RACISM

FELLOWSHIP FORUM -- 9:30 AM

Cindy Frantz, Forum Leader

Racism is not found in the psychiatrists' big book of mental disorders. But it has a psychology, which we will look at this morning. Cindy Frantz is a professor of psychology at Oberlin College. All are welcome.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

What hearty souls are these members of our community who were born in January!! Rebecca Cross, Alice Culbert, Anna Geitz, Gerlind Jenker, Randy Knavel, Scott Koenning, Margaret Medina, Megan Scheif, Gerry Stewart and Randy Tucker. A big snowball of greetings that expresses our joy of having you with us.

REFRESHMENTS

The Sunday Morning Refreshment Team needs help! If you would enjoy sometimes bringing refreshments on Sunday morning please see Margaret Medina or sign up on the Refreshment Sheet. Likewise if you can help Margaret set up or wash up, please sign the Team Poster. Margaret, because of her work schedule, can only do the actual setup every other week.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Greetings OUUF friends and members:

As you are likely aware, the social justice segment of the RE classes focuses on poverty and hunger this year. The children and families of the Grade 2-3 classroom (Barb Fuchsman and Cindy Frantz, teachers), spearheaded involvement with the Oberlin Community Services "Adopt a Family" campaign. This program supplies Christmas gifts to local qualified families living in poverty. We committed to adopting 2 families.

By the end of Sunday, December 5th's collection for this program, you/we collected \$600! THANK YOU so much for your thoughtfulness and support. The amount of this collection is unprecedented. In fact, because of your generosity, we were able to adopt a THIRD family and partially trim the OCS waiting list of needy families.

Lynn Haessly, (mother of Ray Young in the grades 2-3 class), organized the shopping for these families. Thanks to her, Karina, and Gerlind for amassing and sorting the needed items from the families' wish-lists.

At the service of December 12th, we donated canned goods and winter wear for those in need in Oberlin.

Once again, many thanks for your generosity, friendship and children.

Nameste, Kim Peters
Director of Religious Education

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

The cell phone number for OUUF is 440+935-3812. If you need information or pastoral counseling from Reverend Shelden, please call this number. If no one is available to answer, please leave your number in the voice box and your call will be returned.

Sunday, January 23, 2005

COVENANT GROUP

THE OVERSTRESSED UU

MORNING SERVICE -- 11:00 AM
John Marshall, Service Leader

We tend to be an overcommitted group, which can create prolonged stress that then can become a problem all by itself. Three short and one long answers will be suggested. Prepare to leave alert but very relaxed.
All are welcome.

The Covenant Discussion Group will gather on Sunday, January 16, at 7:30 pm at Barbara Fuchsman's home in Oberlin. Those who come to this small discussion group build shared understanding, provide and receive support, and strengthen connection with each other.

The group is open and new members are warmly welcomed. For more information call Barbara.

MUSIC, COMMUNITY AND PASSION

FELLOWSHIP FORUM -- 9:30 AM
Arnie Cox, Forum Presenter

Arnie Cox, Assistant Professor of Music Theory at the Conservatory of Music, is giving a talk and leading a discussion about how music generates feelings in general, how music generates a sense of community, and how music generates feelings of wonder and ecstasy, both sacred and secular. Andy Frantz will moderate.

All are welcome.

OUIF FINANCIAL REPORT

Dec 1 to 26, 2004	FY to 12/26/2004
INCOME: \$2,479.59	\$18,895.58
EXPENSES: 2,683.59	18,854.37

Virginia Erdy, Treasurer

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Agenda for the Jan 6th Board Meeting:

- Minutes of the Dec meeting
- Executive Session (Personnel)
- Treasurer's report
- Minister's report
- DRE report
- CLL report
- Other committee reports

SHAMANIC JOURNEYING

The Shamanic Drumming Journeymen meet monthly to journey and share insights. Two meeting times are offered: The second Thursday of the month, January 13, at 12:30 pm; and the second Friday, January 14, at 7:30 pm. We meet at the home of Carol Wilde. Shamanic journeying is a time-honored tool for accessing an altered state of consciousness, much like a dream state, for spiritual guidance and healing. The altered state is achieved by listening to a rapid drumbeat, approximately 4 beats per second. Please call Carol for information about this group or the open journeying circle at Common Ground.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

All of us working together make OUIF happen. We have a variety of committees and teams looking for new members. Helping out is a good way to make friends, have fun and help OUIF be a vital and interesting place.

Sign up on a Team Sheet in the OECC lobby, and give the sheet to Valerie Frantz, who will make sure the Team leadership knows you want to be part of the action.

RESPONSIBLE CONSUMER

First Alternative Gift Fair a success!

This holiday season, OUUF friends and members had the opportunity to do their shopping during coffee hour -- buying gifts that support non-profit organizations and making donations in honor of loved ones. OUUFers purchased nearly \$150 worth of Fair Trade coffee and tea, bought nearly \$700 of goods from Community Action to Save Strays and Santa Elena Project of Accompaniment, and donated \$885 to the following organizations: CATSS, Oberlin GED Program, Mitchell's Plains Math Project, OSAP, OCS, and SEPA.

WOW! These are gifts that make a double difference, by helping those in need and focusing both giver and recipient back on the true meaning of the holiday season.

The Social Justice Team is looking into an expanded Fair next year, potentially in collaboration with other area churches. If interested in working on this project, contact Cindy Frantz.

KENDAL UUs

The UU group at Kendal attends a monthly service and discussion led by Rev Shelden. The group selected as its topic for the first several weeks of 2005 various end of life issues. The beginning discussions will be based on a plan written by a medical doctor about the Five Wishes one may make and discuss with family regarding certain end of life decisions. These Wishes include more family participation than a simple Living Will. All are welcome.

O.U.U.F. COVENANT

We the members and friends of the Oberlin UU Fellowship covenant to live together in our quest for truth, love, social justice, and environmental responsibility. In this spirit of caring fellowship, we offer our combined gifts and resources.

O.U.U.F. MISSION

The Oberlin UU Fellowship mission is to promote religious freedom with responsibility, to support each other with compassion, and to serve peace with justice.

PROGRAMS FROM THE PEWS

A large and important part of the Sunday morning program is provided by us, the members and friends of OUUF. Do you harbor a potential topic for a sermon or forum? Let's try to realize it! Hymns, readings, music, etc. can be furnished by the Program Committee. Contact Barbara Fuchsman.

CARING COMMITTEE

Darlene Krato would like to remind the members of the Fellowship to please let her know if we should be contacting someone due to illness, a family death etc..

HOW TO FIND THE OBERLIN U.U. FELLOWSHIP

OOUF meets in the Oberlin Early Childhood Center (OECC) at 317 East College Street, marked by a large abstract statue of a parent and child. Service and Forum space is barrier-free. Parking in the front and to the east.

Sunday, January 30, 2005

REGULAR MEETINGS

FRANCES PERKINS AND THE SOUL OF SOCIAL SECURITY

MORNING SERVICE -- 11:00 AM
Demaris Davis, Service Leader

Social Security was the creation of a deeply religious woman -- Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Labor Secretary, Frances Perkins. This is a UU-principles-based look at Social Security's origin and its spiritual foundations. Damaris Davis is from Olmsted UU Congregation, where she is a CLL Candidate. She is a former Adjunct Professor of English at CSU and currently an Educational Consultant and activist. We welcome her to the OOUF pulpit. All are welcome.

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST HOME

FELLOWSHIP FORUM -- 9:30 AM
Barbara Fuchsman, Forum Leader

Building Your Spiritual [or Philosophical] Home, Part 3. We will explore calls to action that each of the UU principles holds for us, actions that can range from meditation practices to social action projects. All are welcome.

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THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM meets the first Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm at Oberlin Early Childhood Center. Next meeting is January 2.

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Conference Room at Kendal. Next meeting is January 5, 2005.

THE O.U.U.F. BOARD meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Boys & Girls Club on North Pleasant St. All are welcome to observe and the right of members to participate in Board discussions is guaranteed in the Bylaws. Next meeting is January 6, 2005.

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at Fuchsmans'. Next meeting is January 12.

THE R.E. COMMITTEE meets the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm at Edie Fuchman's office at Oberlin Inn. Next meeting is January 20.