

# THE COMMUNITARIAN

## COMMUNITY UNITARIAN CHURCH AT WHITE PLAINS

Sunday Services 10:15 am Religious Education 10:00 am Accessible to the Handicapped

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### *Minister's Moment...*

Work for social outreach and justice is an essential part of all the UU congregations that I have attended and worked with through the years. Members (current and potential) applaud the fact that a UU congregation offers education, advocacy, and opportunities for action -- **EVEN IF THOSE MEMBERS DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE.** In every congregation I've seen, the organization and the execution of projects falls on a few people.

Martha Bennett Moore, who died about a month ago, was one of the people active around social justice matters when I got here. She and her even more active husband Harry are gone now, and a lot of our fine social justice leaders are over extended. It is a good time to re-envision our engagement in all of these matters. To that end, there will be a meeting on **Monday, October 4, with a soup supper available at 6:30 and the meeting beginning at 7 pm.** The goal will be the creation of a Social Action Council, along the lines of our Program Council and Religious Education Council. The SAC will guide this vital aspect of our life together and also provide the cross-pollination of ideas that the Program Council offers our program committees.

Please come to this important meeting. If you would like to see this congregation do more about environmental issues, **be there.** If you would like to know more about our Midnight Runs or Saturday Night Shelter operations, **be there.** If you have ideas about how we might support a non-profit effort that is important to you, **be there.** If you would like to be part of our GLBT advocacy, **be there.** If interfaith and interracial dialogue interests you, **be there.** If you would like to have a role in an all-congregation project, **be there.** If you are proud that this congregation supports social concerns efforts in White Plains and in the UUA -- even if you can't put time into these projects -- , **BE THERE** for this meeting, and help us envision the future..

E-mail has been flying about the Jon Stewart Rally to Restore Sanity, and a considerable number of people are thinking about going. If you are one of them, please let me know ([revcarol@earthlink.net](mailto:revcarol@earthlink.net)) or put your name on the informal sign-up sheet in the lobby. We can organize car-pooling, or maybe even charter a bus if there is enough interest. This event is in D.C. on Saturday, October 30th.

The theme for October is **Vision.** What is your personal vision for your life? What is your vision for our congregation, for our nation, for the world? There will be space to consider these things on Sundays, and at that October 4 meeting!

— *Rev. Carol*



# AMONG OURSELVES

## Thoughts With...

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of **Harold Klein**. Harold died September 4th, after a long decline and a brief time in hospice. He was a very active leader at CUC, and he will be remembered by the wider world as a judge and an entertainment and copyright attorney.

Our condolences to Jay Pacitti, Lara Campbell's fiancé. Jay's mother, **Patricia Silsby Pacitti**, died after a brief hospitalization. Memorial donations may be made to Get Your Guts in Gear, Inc., 593 Vanderbilt Avenue, PMB 108, Brooklyn, New York 11238.

## Celebrations....

Congratulations to **Jane Dixon** and her family on the healthy, happy birth of grandson Eli Jacob on September 14.

If anyone knows of another among us who is in need of a caregiver from our Caring & Sharing Circle, contact Carole Mehta 234-6294 .



**Songs Without Borders**  
**Sunday, October 24 at 7pm**  
**Adam Kent**  
performs at  
**Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall**

Sponsored by the Spanish Consulate and the Foundation for Iberian Music. Come hear a World Premiere of "Songs of the Infinite" by Miguel Ángel Roig-Francolí, along with works by Nin-Culmell, Debussy, Albéniz, and Granados. Guest Artist: Jennifer Roig- Francolí, violin.

Tickets are \$25 (\$15 students and seniors) and are available at (212) 247-7800 or at [www.carnegiehall.org](http://www.carnegiehall.org).



**Community Minister Deb Morra** is pleased to announce that she will make her public debut as a rock and roll vocalist on Friday night, October 22nd at The Bitter End in Greenwich Village. Deb will be singing 5-6 songs with a band that will be one of several bands to perform that night. See Deb or email her at [getreal714@verizon.net](mailto:getreal714@verizon.net) for more details.

## Scriptural and Historic Sources

Isaiah 11:6-9 ("Peaceable Kingdom")

Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech

## Books

*A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving

*The Story of my Experiments with Truth* an autobiography by Mahatma Gandhi

## Children's Books

*A Million Visions of Peace: Wisdom from the Friends of Old Turtle* by Andrew Tubesing. A picture book, available used from Amazon.

*Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker* by Kathryn Lasky, follows the life of a child, born to former slaves, who grew up to create one of the largest companies in early 20<sup>th</sup> century America.

*Miss Spitfire: Reading Helen Keller* by Sarah Miller. Annie Sullivan's work with Helen Keller.

## Films

*The Miracle Worker* (1962) Dramatization of Helen Keller's breakthrough from the prison of deaf-blindness into the larger world of relationship and thought.

*Stand and Deliver* (1988) PG A dedicated teacher inspires his dropout prone students to learn calculus to build up their self-esteem.

*The Truman Show* (1998) PG Truman (Jim Carrey) leads a perfectly normal life, until he begins to feel that he is being watched, that he is a part of something larger.

**October**

Resource List

**Vision**

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### THE BIG NUMBER

# "248"

Were you at our Inservice Gathering, the first service of the new church year on September 12<sup>th</sup>? If you were, you heard Rev Carol talk about the many ways to give support to CUC...above and beyond putting something in the offertory basket. Everyone in attendance was handed a green sheet **"Building A Stronger CUC Congregational Community"** which listed the many, many ways in which congregants can participate in activities and on committees to keep CUC a vibrant place for spiritual community.\*

Over 50 forms were collected, but the amazing thing is that those individuals signed up to help in 248 different ways! Our church legacy is one of service, community outreach, and social justice. It is exciting to have our commitment to these values confirmed. Rev Carol has offered a way to reinforce this com-

mitment by joining all of our outreach and social justice church groups into a Community Action Council. It will meet Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, for all those who are interested in furthering these programs. (Come early at 6:30 for tasty homemade soup)

We hope you will think about the ways in which you can help strengthen the CUC community. Many of these activities are perfect for parents and children, couples, and groups of friends to do together.

As we settle into the routine of the new church year, let's reflect on the words of Mohandas Gandhi: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the **service** of others."

- Jane Dixon, Board of Trustees

\*The forms are always available in the lobby and can be left in Jane Dixon's mailbox in the church office.

*New*



### **Bowl & Board !**

**Wednesday, October 13th 6:30 PM**

Join board of trustees members for a bowl of soup and the sharing of ideas, before the regular monthly board meeting that begins at 7:30.

### **Soup with Social Action Meeting!** **Monday, October 4th 6:30 PM**

*New*

See Rev. Carol's 1st page letter for details about social action ideas at CUC.



Social Action Project



## MINISTERIAL INTERN



Thank you for the warm welcome I have received here at the Community Unitarian Church. I have enjoyed meeting many of you at services, in committee meetings, briefly in the lobby, and I look forward to meeting more and to deepening the conversation over the year. I'm excited to be working with Rev. Carol, Lara, Adam, Lisa and the rest of the staff. I offer a

special thank you to the Intern Committee members for introducing me to both the congregation and the community. Further tips on the community are welcome (about dance, hiking, libraries and bookstores, locally known special parks or places...) I loved the response from the

Music Committee which I stumbled into while looking for the Welcome Committee meeting – where someone said, "We aren't *the* Welcome Committee, but we are a *welcoming* committee." It was a wonderful perspective – that each committee and each person may be part of a person's welcome to CUC.

I invite you to share with me from the journeys which have brought you here, where you find yourself now, and your visions for the future, personally, for the congregation, for Unitarian Universalism, and for the world. I realize that invitation is rather broad, but I'm excited about the possible growth and transformation we may find together in the year ahead.

- Susan Donham, Ministerial Intern

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## **From DRE Lara -**

Thank you all for your cards, emails, and hugs as Jay and I adjust to the death of his mother, Patricia Pacitti. Even though we are sad that she is gone, we are grateful for the overwhelming support we have received.

The passing of Jay's mom brings to light for me the challenge that adults face when parenting through our own grief. Our pain may be due to the loss of a loved one, a change in our employment, or when addressing health concerns.

A few days after the funeral I ran across a posting from a wonderful UU blogger, Michelle Richards. I posted it on my Facebook page but wanted to share some of her wisdom. She states:

"Parenting in times of intense grief is never easy, especially when we are in the midst of experiencing our own feelings of regret, anger, and sorrow. As Unitarian Universalist parents,

many of us yearn for comforting words to say to our children because it tears us up inside to see them suffering. However, sometimes there are no words which can bring comfort from the grief. In times like these, our loving presence and support can offer them what they need."

See the full article at: <http://blogs.uuworld.org/parenting/2010/09/07/parenting-through-grief/>

Allowing ourselves to experience our own feelings can role model for kids how to deal with their feelings. While it may initially be scary for a child to see us cry, they ultimately learn that we are human, we hurt, and that with the love and care of our community we can and do heal.

Remembering our own need to grieve while supporting the needs of our children helps us to move through a difficult and painful time.

**Lara Campbell, DRE**

## **Introducing Our Youth Advisor...**

"Hello! My name is Annie Gonzalez and I'm very excited to serve this congregation as the youth advisor this year. I grew up Unitarian Universalist in the town of Normal in central Illinois. I've also lived and studied in northern New Mexico; St. Paul, Minnesota; Boston; and Santiago, Chile. I am a second year student at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where I am preparing for UU ministry. Along with learning about theology and ministry, I enjoy singing in Union's Gospel Choir, jogging in Riverside Park and playing games with the other students who live on my floor in the dorms. I'm really grateful for the opportunity to get to know the CUC community and to learn from you all throughout the year!"

## **Car Wash—Sunday, October 3rd**

Sponsored by the 6th and 7th Grade. Proceeds will go toward the class social action projects.

Reservations will be taken at coffee hour on Sept 19 and 26. Drop off your car in the lower parking lot before the 10/3 service.



Social Action Project



## **RE Council—**

Thanks to lots of folks, Religious Education is off to a good start already for kids in our newly-configured classes ranging from Nursery School through the "Youthie Years" group. Children, youth, teachers and families alike are adapting comfortably to eight RE classes—composed of two grades each to accommodate our current enrollment.

Evidence of our kids and youth already in action, or soon to be, includes:

- A "Youthies" apple picking adventure on September 19<sup>th</sup> with Youth Advisor Annie Gonzalez
- The upcoming car wash being done by 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders for their "Action Year," October 3rd
- 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders' Stone Soup Sunday, October 24th

We owe a special thanks to the newly constituted teams of RE teachers—both "1<sup>st</sup> timers" and "frequent fliers"—for their creativity and energy with our eight-class model. Team-specific meetings for parents will be taking place over the next few months. Please try to attend and share, ask questions and learn more about our eight RE classes.

Lastly, we could still use a few more hands on deck to help with RE classes. If you're willing and able, please contact Lara at [dre4cucwp@yahoo.com](mailto:dre4cucwp@yahoo.com). Thanks to all again for a promising beginning of what will be a terrific kids and youth RE year.

**- Kate Colson, RE Council Chair**

## Matriarch Ceremony

Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 At 3 p.m.

*New*

Inviting Women of a Certain Age-60 +  
(And those who love them)

To a special ceremony to honor the wisdom of  
Those who have been there and done that!

(This is an ancient ritual made new for our times.)

**For more information contact Petra Thombs**

[pthombs@optonline.net](mailto:pthombs@optonline.net)

## Days in Place

Saturday, October 23, 2010 – 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

At the mid-point of each season, we mark the height of the current season and turning towards the next with a day on the grounds of CUC. Please join us working on the grounds, helping to maintain their beauty and build our church community. Come for as long as you can, and all ages are welcome. We'll provide the tools and will have different tasks for varying interests and energy levels. There will be refreshments and a celebratory bbq at the end. If you have any questions, please contact David

Schuler at [davidbf\\_schuler@yahoo.com](mailto:davidbf_schuler@yahoo.com) or 914 831-5605. Hope to see you there!

## Stone Soup Sunday

October 24  
In Fellowship Hall

Our Religious Education's traditional fundraiser.

Come for food and fun.



## PLAYREADING GROUP

All Readings are at CUC at 7PM on the first Monday of the month.

**October 4** "Buffalo Gal" by A.J. Gurnie, led by Charles Selinski

**November 1** "Doubt" by John Patrick Shanley, led by Barbara Dunne

**December 6** "Born Yesterday" by Garson Kanin, led by Heidi Anderson.

For more information contact Ken Kessler at [newrocken@aol.com](mailto:newrocken@aol.com) or call the church office.

## Film: *The Truman Show*

Sunday, October 17, 7:30 PM  
at CUC

(1998) PG Truman (Jim Carrey) leads a perfectly normal life, until he begins to feel that he is being watched, that he is a part of something larger.



## ***United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) - Westchester Chapter***

**Sunday, October 24th, 2010, 3:00-5:00 PM**

**Community Unitarian Church at White Plains**

Co-sponsored by Rotary Club Bronxville, League of Women Voters (LWV)

United Nations 65th Anniversary  
Meeting the Millennium Development Goals:  
Westchester's Contributions

**Moderator, Rev. Carol Huston**

Speakers will address personal contributions to meeting goals that the United Nations has set for 2015. Speakers will suggest how residents of Westchester County may contribute to improving the lives of people in poorer regions of the world. The panel discussion will be followed by a question and answer session.

## **BEYOND 468 ROSEDALE AVE...**

Film: "Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think."

Sunday, October 3rd, 3-5 PM

Presented by the American Muslim Women's Association, at the Scarsdale Library

This film explores the opinion of Muslims around the world, as recorded in an opinion poll conducted by the Gallop Polling Organization. Interviews were recorded in 35 predominantly Muslim nations, with some very surprising results.

A panel discussion will follow with Rabbi Jacobs, Rev. Carol Huston, Dr. Hassan & Daniel Tutt.

For more information see Vicky Van Wert or Rev. Carol.



## ***Upcoming UUA Metro NY District events –***




**October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Leadership Day** held each year at the UU Congregation of Shelter Rock. Check the Metro NY website mid September for more info [www.uumetrony.org](http://www.uumetrony.org). Last year there were workshops for Ministers, Presidents and other board members, Treasurers, Social justice, membership, worship, RE, finance and canvass chairs, Young adult, music, nominating and growth committees and of course youth were there. So join me this year in attending this event.




**October 8-9<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Queens Revival** - [www.uucq.org](http://www.uucq.org) – check the website mid September for more info - Friday and Saturday night from 6 to 9:30, experience the exciting power of Unitarian Universalism at its very best. Two preachers will bring the good word each night and then Matt Meyer and Markus Hauck will bring Revival music as only UUs can. It will be a really fun night of laughter, singing and liberal religion.




**Wednesday, October 13, 7PM**—This local **Westchester Pride** group will be discussing Living in Spiritual Exile. Meetings are at the LOFT 252 Bryant Avenue, White Plains. Meetings include meditation, teachings, readings, and discussions. See [www.gaysafe.org](http://www.gaysafe.org) for more information.

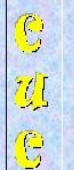


**November 13th—Small Group Ministry Facilitator Training.** This training has been designed for congregations launching or re-launching a intentional congregation-wide small group ministry. For more details go to [www.uumetrony.org/events/SGM\\_Workshop\\_2010.pdf](http://www.uumetrony.org/events/SGM_Workshop_2010.pdf).









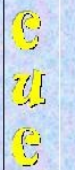







**Peace, Love & Rock & Roll**  
**CUC Goods & Services Auction**




**Donations Needed**  
Use your imagination and consider the possibilities of goods or services you can donate to the Goods & Services Auction – from your home, to your business, to your favorite local businesses. Donation forms are located in the church lobby.




In addition to the donations we receive from outside vendors, we rely on our membership for donations. If every family donates just one item, we would have an additional 200 items up for bid.

**Volunteers Needed**  
Help a few days before or help during the event, whatever suits your busy schedule. Contact Emily Economou at [Emily.economou@gmail.com](mailto:Emily.economou@gmail.com) or call 914-633-4455.











PEACE  
LOVE  
&  
Rock  
Roll



LIVE  
ONE NIGHT ONLY  
CUC'S GOODS &  
SERVICES AUCTION  
Saturday, November 13th, 2010

**Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale.**  
December 5th & 12th  
Have crafts, art items, and gifts to sell? Contact Barbara Youngman at 914-948-2973 to participate in this holiday sale. Some proceeds support CUC programs. Ready to shop for the holidays? Save the date.

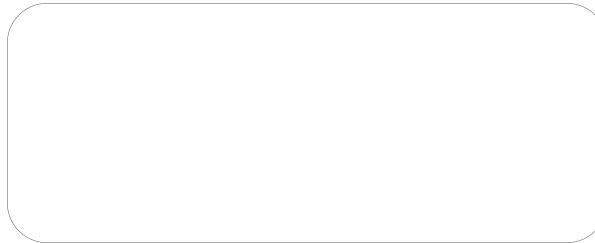
**A Ceremony of Carols**  
Come sing in the choir, Tuesdays at 7:30 PM. We are preparing for the holiday concert with Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols. Contact Lisa Meyer at 347-278-3187 in the evenings, or by email at [lisa.meyer@liu.edu](mailto:lisa.meyer@liu.edu)

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## OCTOBER SERVICES 2010

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Services are led by the Rev. Carol Huston on Sundays at 10:15 AM unless noted otherwise.

OCTOBER 3

**Blessing of the Animals**



Dogs, lizards, mice, snakes, turtles, cats (calm ones)  
– all are invited

Or bring pictures of animals you love or have loved

OCTOBER 10

**From Many Springs**

Susan Donham, Ministerial Intern

*The Choir will sing*

OCTOBER 17

**Discussion Circles:**

What is your life vision? How can CUC help you  
work toward that vision?

*The Choir will sing*

OCTOBER 24

**A Service for United Nations Sunday**

Special Music by Melody of Dragon, Chinese  
musicians.

**This special musical offering is sponsored by  
a generous gift from CUC member Hans  
Hopf.**

OCTOBER 31

**Halloween and the Vision of our Planet**

**Rev. Carol and Others**



# OCTOBER 2010

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2 9:00a-10:00a Reading Emerson
<b>3</b>  10:00a Religious Ed 10:15a Worship Service/coffee <b>Animal Blessing</b> 11:45-1PM, Spirit of Truth <b>6th/7th Grade Car            Wash Fundraiser</b> 	<b>4</b> 7-8:30 pm Tai Chi 7:30-9pm Spanish 7:30-9pm Play Reading 6:30-9pm Social Outreach Meeting	<b>5</b> Choir Rehearsal 7:30p	<b>6</b> 7:30-9 pm Program Council	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00a-10:00a Reading Emerson
<b>10</b> 9:00 a Choir 10:00a Religious Ed 10:15a Worship Service/coffee	<b>11</b> <b>COLUMBUS DAY            OFFICES CLOSED</b> 7-8:30 PM Tai Chi 7:30-9pm Spanish 7:30-0 pm Adult Coming of Age Class	<b>12</b> Choir Rehearsal 7:30p	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Soup with the board of trustees 7:30-9 pm board of trustees meeting	<b>14</b> 11:30a-1:00p Science & Spirituality	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00a-10:00a Reading Emerson 10 am—noon, One Year To Live Class
<b>17</b> 9:00 a Choir 10:00a Religious Ed 10:15a Worship/coffee 11:45a Fun Facts with Adam Kent 7:30p Film Night, The Truman Show	<b>18</b> 7-8:30 PM Tai Chi 7:30-9pm Spanish 8:00p Finance Committee	<b>19</b> Choir Rehearsal 7:30p	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00a Folding Party	<b>22</b> Deb Morra, rock band premiere, Greenwich Village, evening	<b>23</b> 8:30-2:30 pm <b>Day In Place</b> 9:00a-10:00a Reading Emerson
<b>24</b> <b>Communitarian            Deadline</b> 10:00a Religious Ed 10:00 am, opening special music for services 10:15 am Worship/ coffee 11:30-noon, <b>Soup            Sunday</b> 3-5 pm <b>UNO UN            Program</b> 7 pm <b>Adam Kent,            Carnegie Hall</b>	<b>25</b> 10am—2pm, Interfaith Alliance Lunch 7-8:30 PM Tai Chi 7:30-0 pm Adult Coming of Age Class 7:30-9pm Spanish	<b>26</b> Choir Rehearsal 7:30p	<b>27</b> 7:30-9 pm, RE Council	<b>28</b> 10am-noon, Communitarian Folding Party 11:30 am-1PM Science & Spirituality	<b>29</b> 8:30 pm <b>Midnight            Run</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00a-10:00a Reading Emerson  3pm-5pm, <b>Matriarch            Ceremony</b>
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