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Greetings,

Welcome to this month's edition of the Mountain Chalice Newsletter from the Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains (UUCM). We hope you enjoy the contents and find it informative. Feel free to share the newsletter with friends or family by clicking on the link at the bottom of the page.

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editor@uugrassvalley.org.

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- Enjoy!

Upcoming Services

March 2

"Flawed and Fabulous"
 Rev. Denis L. Paul and
 Lindsay Dunkel

March 9

"Thriving in Difficult Times" Rev. Doug Kraft

March 16

"Strung Together"
 Rev. Denis L. Paul
*and youth from the Soul
 Explorers class*

March 23

TBA
 Sophia McKean

UUCM will be celebrating it's 20th Anniversary on April 6th after our Sunday Service. We will honor our Founders and welcome new members. Save the date and come celebrate

Minister's Reflections



by Rev. Denis Paul

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade." So said Pip,

Charles Dickens's narrator in Great Expectations.

March has always struck me as a study in opposites, even as a child in New England where we said the month came in like a lion and out like a lamb. As I get older, I relate more to the idea of equilibrium, beginning to tilt toward good. After all, it is the month of the vernal equinox, when the light of day and the dark of night are perfectly balanced, edging toward the longest day of the year.

It's fitting that UUCM was founded in March. It was a time of new beginnings for a group of 19 adults.

with us at 11:00 followed by a reception.

Interfaith Food Ministry 1st Sunday each month

Please remember to bring nonperishable food for Interfaith Food Ministry (of which we are a Member Church), and our furry friends via Carol Hyndman.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Feb 27

8:30am - What's Up Coffee
Men's Group
10:00am - Writer's Group
6:30pm - Vegan Supper Potluck

Friday, Jan 28

12:00pm - SN College Social
Justice Class Visit
7:00pm - Fourth Friday Film

Sunday, Mar 2

11:00am - Sunday Service
12:30pm - Church 101 with Rev. Denis
12:30pm - OWL - Our Whole Lives

Monday, Mar 3

4:00pm - Stewardship Meeting
5:30pm - Choir Practice

Tuesday, Mar 4

9:00am - Morning Meditation
4:30pm - Visiting Stewards Training
5:30pm - Women's Group

Wednesday, March 5

8:30am - Men's Get-together
7:00pm - Drum Circle

Thursday, Mar 6

8:30am - What's Up Coffee
Men's Group

Saturday, Mar 8

1:00pm - Serving With Grace

This month, we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of our founding with multigenerational worship on March 16. The worship theme for the month is "spiritual practices," which, when you think about it, is perfect. Talk to any of the elders who are still with on Sundays and they will tell you: starting this faith community was in itself a pretty Herculean spiritual practice. They were dedicated to the many, multifaceted tasks that formed the definitive, essential elements of the character of this congregation. They were tasks that required constant attention and a level of commitment and even sacrifice that I find difficult to fathom.

It's also perfect that we'll be celebrating with multigenerational worship. Twenty years ago there were few youth who attended services regularly, and now we have a vibrant religious education program with youth ranging from a couple infants to Sophia McKean, a high school senior who is a full-fledged member of our Board of Trustees. These kids are involved in programs that are grounding them solidly in the roots laid by 19 people two decades ago.

On April 6 we will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary with a special worship service. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

Throughout the rest of the spring, we'll be involved in other multigenerational events, including the continuation of Church 101, where we'll be exploring Religious Education, Membership and Stewardship; and Art and Theology, in which we will be creating for the sanctuary a framework and the first in a revolving series of mixed media panels. The artists -hopefully aged 2 to 102 - will use various techniques of expression to answer theological questions like "Who are we?" "To whom do we belong?" and "What are we called to do?" You'll see the framework, already begun by Joel Houtman, on the back wall of the sanctuary, near the soundboard.

In Peace,
Rev. Denis

Rev Denis's Schedule

Rev Denis, our half-time minister, lives in the Central Valley but comes to Grass Valley twice a month, for four days each visit. He will be here the following dates this month:

March 1-4
March 15-18

If you would like to make an appointment to see him during one of these visits, email him at revdenis.uucm@gmail.com.

President's Perspective

by Janet Dunstan

Sunday, Mar 9

11:00 - Sunday Service
 12:30 - OWL - Our Whole Lives
 12:30 - FY14-15 Budget
 Presentation

Monday, Mar 10

5:30pm - Choir Practice

Tuesday, Mar 11

9:00am - Morning Meditation
 4:00pm - Caring Committee

Wednesday, Mar 12

8:30am - Men's Get-together

Thursday, Mar 13

8:30am - What's Up Coffee -
 Men's Group
 10:00am - Writer's Group
 6:30pm - Board of Trustees

Saturday, March 15

9:00am - Building & Grounds
 Work Party
 9:30am - New Member Retreat
 12:30pm - Building & Grounds
 Committee
 1:00pm - Serving With Grace

Sunday, Mar 16

11:00 - Sunday Service
 12:30pm - Church 101 with Rev.
 Denis

Monday, Mar 17

5:30pm - Choir Practice

Tuesday, Mar 18

9:00am - Morning Meditation
 1:00pm - Grandmothers for
 Peach

Wednesday, Mar 19

8:30am - Men's Get-together
 7:00pm - Drum Circle

Thursday, Mar 20

8:30am - What's Up Coffee -
 Men's Group

Friday, Mar 21

4:00pm - Dinner prep at Utah's
 Place
 Mountain Chalice Articles Due



Interim Ministry: The Board Members and Interim Ministry Hiring Team spent a very pleasant afternoon with a strong candidate for our Interim Minister. Scottie Hart put on a fabulous lunch! The candidate has over 20 years of experience in UU ministry and is looking for a new experience as an interim. He will be

attending the UUA Interim Ministry course in the next several months.

We discussed the challenges facing our Community and what we would like to accomplish during the two year interim process, namely creating our mission statement and developing an organizational structure that supports that mission. His views, skills, and experience are directly related to these issues. He agrees that it will take us two years to accomplish and he is willing to commit to be with us for this time period. Once we have finished, we will be in an excellent place to articulate the type of minister we want going forward and attract candidates that are as excited about our mission as we are.

For those of you who still have questions about the importance of an interim ministry, the Board will be distributing a pamphlet called "Interim Opportunity" on Sunday, March 2. Additional copies will be available on the UU table next to the name badges.

Chair Appointments: The Board has been developing a policy on Committee Chair Appointments. The basics are: Chairs must be an Active Member and are appointed for 2 year terms with one reappointment possible. The Committee may elect a Vice-Chair if needed. A draft of the proposed policy will be sent to the current Chairs for comment and input by the Committees.

Small Group Ministry: The Committee on Ministry (COM) has submitted a policy proposal to the Board on Small Group Ministries. This ministry includes Covenant Groups (formally called Chalice Circles) and Affinity Groups (i.e. Meditation Group, Drum Circle, Humanist Group, Women's/Men's Groups, etc). Small groups are an excellent way for all Members/Friends and Visitors to get to know each other and feel a part of our Community. In keeping with our status as UUA recognized "Welcoming Congregation", all groups will be open to new participants. More information will be forthcoming from COM.

FY14-15 Budget: The Finance Committee will be presenting the FY14-15 draft Budget to the Community on March 9 after Sunday Service. This is an opportunity for everyone to participate in the formation of our financial projections. Since the budget requires the approval of our Members it is the Board's duty to provide information on the various programs our pledges and donations support before Members approve the final budget at the Congregation Meeting on May 18.

Saturday, Mar 22

1:00pm - Serving with Grace

Sunday, Mar 23

9:30am - Social Action

Coordinating Council

11:00am - Sunday Service

12:30pm - Town Talk

12:30pm - The Death of

Josseline Booktalk

Tuesday, Mar 25

9:00 - Morning Meditation

6:30pm - Worship Committee

6:30 - Climate Change Coalition

Wednesday, Mar 26

8:30am - Men's Get-together

4:30pm - Finance Committee

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Thursday, Mar 278:30am - What's Up Coffee -
Men's Group

10:00am - Writer's Group

6:30pm - Vegan Supper Club
Potluck**Friday, Mar 28**

7:00 - Fourth Friday Film

Saturday, Mar 29

1:00pm - Serving With Grace

Sunday, Mar 30

11:00am - Sunday Service

12:30pm - Lifespan Religious
Education Meeting

Open Board Positions: The next 2 years will find the Board assisting the Interim Minister in guiding the Community in the development of our Mission Covenant Statement and defining the organizational structure to support our mission. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Trustees in the next fiscal year (starting July 1), please contact our Nominating Committee: Corrie Silva, Keith Johnson, or Mary Ann Hart. Each position has a written job description posted on the bulletin board in the Church Office or available through the Nominating Committee. You are encouraged to talk with any current Board member to gain more insights to the rewarding experience of serving our Community in this way.

CHURCH 101

by Rev. Denis Paul

Church 101

Have you ever found yourself mystified by any of the workings of our community of faith? Perhaps this is the first time you've ever been part of a congregation of any flavor, and you want to know more about it. Whether you are brand new to Unitarian Universalism or the most recent generation in along family history of liberal religion, you could benefit from being in this class.

In this curriculum written with his partner Rev Joe Cherry, Rev Denis will guide us as we explore four of the most important elements of church life, through the symbolism of the building itself:

March 2, "The Roof," Membership

March 16, "The Steeple," Stewardship

All classes will be held in the sanctuary on Sundays at 12:30, along with a potluck meal. You don't have to sign up in advance. Even if you missed the first two classes, you are welcome to join the conversation. Just bring yourself and a dish to share.

Let's just see where the spirit takes us.

Save the Date**UUCM's CONGREGATIONAL
DINNER**

April 12th, 2014 is the date for this year's UUCM Congregational Dinner. Join us to celebrate the end of our successful Annual Pledge Drive with fellowship and entertainment.

Tuesday Afternoon Coffee**Worship Themes**

by Lindsay Dunkel



The Worship Committee, borrowing a great idea from other UU churches, is experimenting with overarching themes for each month of worship. February's theme (can you guess?) was Love. In March, we will explore Prayer & Spiritual Practice. April's theme will be Grace, in its many

Join Rev Denis and a lively bunch of folks with nowhere else to be on Tuesday afternoons, as they enjoy fine coffee and better conversation at Sierra Mountain Coffee Roasters, 671 Maltman Drive, attached to Tomes Books. The group meets every Tuesday from 2:00 - 4:00, but Rev Denis will be there when he is in town on March 4 and 18.

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meanings and manifestations, May's will be Transformation.

If you have a suggestion for a song, poem, ritual or reading that might fit with one of those themes, I encourage you to contact me or another Worship Associate. Not every service will cleave to the theme - sometimes we have an opportunity to hear from an outside speaker or we have a service we traditionally offer at a certain time of year - but we are using the themes, which are all broad enough to fit many definitions, as guideposts.

We will try to weave your suggestions into the services we are planning. As always, we try to create services with different moods, tempos, and feelings. Worship is a many colored thing - all ideas are welcome! And if the creation of worship sounds intriguing to you, please come join us at one of meetings - we spend the last 45 minutes or so brainstorming for upcoming services.

bREaking news

in Lifespan Religious Education

by Paige Anderson-Torgrimson, DLRE

Why Do You Come To Church?



"I am so glad to be back here," said 4-year-old Clover during the Joys and Concerns portion of our last service. People laughed and clapped and were moved by her enthusiasm which later, prompted a discussion in our Spirit Play classroom that continued after classes. Why do you come to church?

"The best thing about coming to church is the Story For All Ages and my Spirit Play class. After we hear a story, I can choose to draw whatever I want and whatever I feel. I think that's important - to be able to draw what I really feel." - Julia Barbieri, age 8 years

"Well, the thing is I pretty much like everything about church but the best is being outside in the garden and picking stuff like vegetables. I like learning the promises of the rainbow too. My favorite is red for respect. It means being nice to everyone no matter what you look like or how you speak or whatever your abilities. You are welcome here. I got that from church." - Ava Torgrimson, age 6 years.

"I like coming to this church because I don't have to believe in one thing. This church and my Soul Explorers class helps me discover lots of beliefs. I really like the services that Rev Denis does because they make me wonder about a lot of things. Also, I like all the people of every age. They are like this big family



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that you get to see each week but you don't have to live with." - Aneka Torgrimson, age 10 years

Interested in Becoming a Member of UUCM?



by Shannon Dooley-Miller

If you have been coming to UUCM for a while and feel that you would like to take the next step in committing yourself to our Community, here is your chance. We will soon be holding our Spring Membership Retreat. It's a chance to talk and ask questions as you break bread with leaders of our community. Here are the important dates:

Saturday, March 15th - New Member Orientation and lunch at UUCM from 10:00 to 2:30.

We will have a retreat for those of you interested in becoming members. This will be a wonderful time to share our own spiritual journey with others. At the retreat you will have an opportunity to learn more in depth what membership at UUCM is all about.

Sunday, April 6th- New Member Sunday at the Sunday Service when you be formally welcomed to the community.

For more information and to reserve a space for yourself call UUCM at 274-1675 or Andy & Shannon Dooley-Miller at 346-6995.

Stewardship

by Walter Holtan



UUCM Stewardship Committee would like to thank you for a tremendous year. UUCM has prospered in many ways because of your support. Stewardship means more than a commitment of money. It is a community of people dedicated to a common goal.

Stewardship for UUCM is about volunteering, committee participation, involvement in community activities, as well as a financial commitment. Without all of these our community would wither away.

Some measures of what our community means to us can be

expressed in time and treasure, but how do we measure what we have gotten in return? Friendships, mutual support of a common goal, sharing goods news with people who care just as much as we do, and coming together on Sunday morning to renew, stimulate, and nurture our spiritual and intellectual growth.

Your support has made this an outstanding year for UUCM.

We are now paying our Fair Share Dues to UUA and our District; Caring, Membership, and Building & Grounds Committees had budget increases to expand their ministry; RE has trained instructors and successfully initiated the new OWL (Our Whole Lives) and COA (Coming of Age) programs; we have new hymnals; we have our first office administrator, a functioning church office, an alarm system, new carpeting, new windows and some custodial assistance.

Our annual pledge drive will be starting in March. We approach this year's pledge drive facing new challenges. In addition to our normal operating expenses, we will have a new interim minister moving to Grass Valley. We face health insurance costs that we have not previously had to provide, as well as moving and living expenses. In addition, we will have the expenses involved with the search for a new full time minister coming up in the next year or two. As you contemplate your financial offering this year, please consider not only about the full administrative costs of running our beloved community, but, even more, how it enhances our lives, and strengthens the ties that bind us together.

"Men's Group" - An Opportunity for Connections for UU Men



by Rob Ferroggiaro

There isn't really a single "Men's Group", but here's what is going on with UU men.

There is a long standing practice for UU men who are interested and available to meet for morning coffee. Currently there are groups meeting at UUCM on Wednesday mornings, and at What's Up Coffee on Thursday mornings. People start gathering at 8:30 am and usually end by 10 or 10:30 am. People come and go.

The groups are warm and welcoming. It is a matter of collective pride that there is no specific format for the subject matter discussed. Conversation topics range from the ridiculous to the profound.

Recently the Men's Group experimented with meeting for dinner at a local restaurant. Those attending had a good time, and this was an opportunity for men to connect who aren't available during mornings. This can be done again in the future as ideas

and an organizer come together.

Also, there is a Men's Group mailing list for email. The list is used occasionally to share ideas of common interest, typically as an extension of the morning discussions. These messages are deeply meaningful and filled with impressive intellectual insights. (OK, that's not always true, but at least they are usually entertaining.) The email list is also a way to pass the word about impromptu activities, like the recent dinner.

To be added to the Men's Group email list, just send an email message to mensgroup@uucmgrassvalley.org with "add me" in the subject line. You'll get an automatic reply saying your message awaits moderation. You'll then receive a confirmation when you've been added to the list. Allow a few days.

Environmental & Social Action Events



by Carol Kuczora

There's a lot going on of social significance both inside and outside of the Social Action Coordinating Committee this month. Here is what's coming up in order of appearance:

Climate Reality -- Friday, March 14, at the Madelyn Helling Library community room at the county's Rood Center, at 7:00. If you missed my presentation of Al Gore's new PowerPoint about climate change at UUCM last year, you have another chance to see it. This event is sponsored by the Sierra Club. The program includes videos, pictures, and graphs illustrating the science as well as many of the record-breaking extreme weather events of the last couple of years all over the world. Most of them were under-reported in this country, though they displaced millions of people. We will talk about what we can do to minimize the effects on future generations.

Nevada County Climate Change Coalition -- March 18, 7:00, at UUCM, a coalition of environmental groups has its monthly meeting to plan local responses to the consequences of the world's changing climate, as well as trying to mitigate them. Different approaches include public education, religious response, utilizing the arts, coordinating with national organizations, achieving community self-sufficiency, lobbying, and nonviolent direct action. UUCM cosponsors the meetings. Join us.

Candidate Forums -- Elections have consequences, ethical consequences. A midterm election is coming up in June. As usual, the League of Women Voters of Western Nevada County will host candidate forums so you have an opportunity to see where candidates stand on social issues you care about, and to deliver questions to them on cards. Forums will be on four

consecutive Thursdays at the Board of Supervisors' chambers, from 7:00 to 9:00.

March 20 -- House of Representatives, and State Assembly
 March 27 -- Board of Supervisors for 3rd (Grass Valley area) and 4th (west county) districts.
 April 3 -- Superior Court judges
 April 10 -- District Attorney

Social Action Coordinating Committee -- March 23, 9:30.
 We have changed our monthly meeting date to fourth Sundays in the morning before service. You are welcome to join us.

Fourth Friday Film Forum -- March 28, 7:00: "Chasing Ice" follows the adventures and travails of science photographers in their struggles to document the escalating retreat of glaciers, casualties of a warming planet. This is a joint project of UUCM Social Action and the Nevada County Peace Center.

Interfaith Food Ministry -- March 29 and 30 is the big move to a larger facility behind the Beam store on Henderson Street, off of Colfax Avenue. That will make it easier for us who sort and deliver food to the increasing hundreds of people in need in the county, as well as for them.

Simple Gifts Program - Gratitude Book Introduced



by Rob Ferroggiaro

As part of the Simple Gifts program, a Gratitude Book has been created. Those who make Simple Gifts to the UUCM Endowment Fund are invited to sign the Gratitude Book and write a short personal message. If you have made a Simple Gift, or if you make a Simple Gift in the future, please see our office administrator, Marion, on a Sunday to make your entry in the Gratitude Book.

For those who wish to make a Simple Gift to honor Rev. Meghan, or to recognize another life event, Simple Gift envelopes are always available in a rack near the main double doors.

The Endowment Committee wishes to thank Bev Lyon for her generous Simple Gift made to the UUCM Endowment Fund. If you have any questions about Simple Gifts or the UUCM Endowment Fund, feel free to contact an Endowment Committee member.

Christy Barden
 George Dunstan
 Rob Ferroggiaro
 Ruth Ghio
 Carol Wong

UUCM Board Presidents 1994-2014

UUCM Board Presidents
By Annie Haymaker

After last month's history article was published, it was suggested that I add a list of all the board presidents in our 20-year history. Here's the list:

95-6 John Church
96-7 Bonnie Bennett
97-8 Ernie Jackson
98-00 John van der Veen
00-01 Anita Wald-Tuttle
01-02 Judy van der Veen
02-03 Win Rogers
03-04 Win Rogers/Marion Becker
04-05 Marion Becker
05-06 Bonnie Bennett
06-08 Bob Bateman
08-09 Anita Wald-Tuttle
09-11 Kia Hatch
11-13 Keith Johnson
13-present Janet Dunstan

Green Power Points

by Anita Wald-Tuttle



It's being called Blue Gold - what is it?
WATER. We need to pay attention to the ways we use it.

Leave a bucket with a handle in the shower to catch that cold water before it heats up.

Also capture the "grey water" while you

lather up or bail out your bath when you've finished soaking. This water is perfect for plants (except for anything you plan to eat), the lawn, or washing the car.

And speaking of showers - Taking a cold shower is a big sacrifice indeed, especially when it's chilly outside. But there are other, less painful ways to conserve the fuel it takes to heat your water. For example, washing your hands with cold water kills just as many germs as washing with hot (it's the mechanics of scrubbing that removes the little critters). Clothes can be washed in cold water, and will wear less in the process. (Even towels and sheets can get clean in warm water instead of hot.) And if you use a sturdy scrubber, you can hand-wash dishes with cold water and biodegradable soap.

Remember: Every ten-degree drop in H₂O temperature saves you 3-5 percent on water heating costs, and most faucets spit

out two gallons per minute while you're waiting for the water to warm up.
'Nuff said!!!

UU Animal Ministry News & Recipe



by Carol Hyndman

Breakfast Wrap

This months recipe is a breakfast wrap
For each wrap mash 2 Tbsp silken firm tofu with 1 Tbsp peanut butter and a pinch of ground cinnamon in a small bowl. Spread mixture on an 8 in tortilla and sprinkle with 2 Tbsp chopped dry roasted unsalted peanuts. Place 1/4 c grated green apple and 6 halved red seedless grapes in a line just below center of tortilla. Roll up tortilla folding in sides as you go.

A reminder about the first annual Animal Film Festival Sat March 1

Children's films 11:00am until 1:00pm \$5.00

Adult films 2:00pm until around 9:pm \$20.00

There will be vegan food to buy

Info at www.animalfilmfestival.org

This event is produced by CAPE Center for Animal Protection and Education

CAPE is a non profit sanctuary for special needs animals

I will be volunteering at the event and hope to see some of you there!

The vegan supper club is planned for Thurs Feb 27 at 6:30 pm
Please rsvp to me at countrycattery@gmail.com or 477-0693.
Last month David Briggs came and opened up the church and no one came. If you haven't been to one of the suppers before just come and check it out. There will be enough food to share.

"All animals except man know that the ultimate of life is to enjoy it." Samuel Butler

Caring Notes

by Gwen Eymann



Members of the Caring Committee team provide ongoing support for UUCM members and friends during times of special need: major life changes, transition, illness, isolation, loss and other challenges life sometimes hands us.

If you are in need or know of someone who could benefit from our contact, please let me or a member of Caring Committee know.

Thank you, Gwen Eymann

Caring Committee can be reached at:
caringcommittee@uugrassvalley.org
 or by phone to any member of Caring Committee.

We all can be part of the UUCM Caring Team by reaching out to each other to offer support. Please give a little extra support to: Jerry and May L., Jerry is recovering from pneumonia and May is right at his side, Michael B. recovering from shoulder surgery, Barbara and Paul, Lindsay as she supports her Father in his recovery, Anne L. as she prepares for foot surgery,

Cards and/or caring notes are appreciated.

We hold members of our community in our hearts for the spoken and unspoken concerns and joys.

Circle Suppers Were a Big Success!



by Kathryn E. Young

The Membership Committee would like to thank all those who participated in the Circle Suppers this past January and February.

To the gracious hosts: Thank you so much for opening up your homes to fellow UUs - some familiar folks and some folks you hadn't met before. We appreciate the time you spent cooking and cleaning and making phone calls. Kudos to you for creating a warm, friendly atmosphere where people could get to know others in our community on a deeper level, make new connections, and deepen old ones.

And for those who signed up to attend: Thank you for being open to new experiences, and for going somewhere you hadn't been before. We are grateful to you for the food you prepared and the stories you shared.

Circle Suppers are a lot of fun. They are an easy, inexpensive way to strengthen our UUCM community, make new friends and deepen our bonds with our fellow UU travelers. If you missed out on the experience this time, please plan to participate next time they come around. You will be glad you did!

The Library is Back



by Kate Kernitzki

I would like to start off this month's article by issuing a thank-you on behalf of the Library Committee and the entire congregation, to Bernell Scott, who announced that she is now retiring from the committee, after 12 years of service. Bernell has been a constant and valuable asset to our library, and I am sure that all of the members of our

church would like to join me in saying "Thank You" for her time, effort and care in this capacity.

In other news, I am now getting the books back into order, after the re-shelving that followed the floor refinishing project. I want to apologize to anyone who has been seeking a book and not able to find it, but for now, the Non-Fiction and Spirituality sections have been completely corrected and are back in alphabetical order by author. And back in their correct section in the bookcases. I will be working on the Fiction and UU sections and hope to have things all finished up within the next week or so.

Here is a list of some of our most recently donated books:

Newton, Journey of Souls (S)
 McPhail, Probate & Taxes: Preserving Your Estate for Your Heirs (N)
 Field, et al, Chop Wood, Carry Water (S)
 Wilber, Grace & Grit (S)
 Rohr, The Naked Now (S)
 Kushner, Living a Life that Matters (S)
 Moorjani, Dying to be Me (S)
 Rose, The Reincarnationist (F)
 Grisham, The Appeal (F)
 Margolin, The Undertaker's Widow (F)
 Koontz, Lightning (F)
 Cornwell, Cause of Death (F)
 Cussler, Inca Gold (F)
 Cussler, Shock Wave (F)
 Crichton, Sphere (F)

Please take time to come in and browse, take a book or leave a book.

Our Unitarian Universalist Principle (5 of 7)

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

**Lifespan Religious Education/Spirit Play teaches...
 Yearn to Accept and Learn About Ourselves
 and Others (Yellow Promise)**

**Next Newsletter
 Wednesday, March 26th**

Please submit content to
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 by Friday March 21st

