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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 9:15 AND 11 AM

October 7

What About Joy?

Lisa Papademetriou

Spirituality as a road to happiness.

October 14

We, the Member Congregations

The Rev. Stephen Cook

*The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations the official moniker of our religious body.
These congregations, all autonomous and unique, compose the tapestry that is modern UUism,
and of which we are but one strand.*

October 21

“A Fine and Dangerous Season”

The Rev. Stephen Cook

*That is what Thomas Merton called October. In this time of fruition and excitement,
we are called to remember those for whom the season is a warning of the hard weather ahead.*

October 28

What Has a Universalist to Fear?

The Rev. Stephen Cook

*Universalism, one of the roots of our modern Association,
was once excoriated as dangerous and devilish. Who, us?
On All Saints' weekend, we will look at our Universalist origins.*

ALONG THE WAY

Dear Friends,

As we get to know one another, we'll find a variety of details, small and large, that may differ from the practices of my predecessors or perhaps from other congregations of which you have been a part. As we come across these, I'll try to clarify them. Herewith are a couple:

You'll notice my name and professional title handled differently in a couple of places. In our most formal communications, such as the signboard or Society letterhead, I'm listed as "The Reverend Stephen Cook", while in the Order of Meeting, against the sermon title or other service pieces, you will see simply, "Mr. Cook". This is in line with the traditional usage we inherit from our roots in New England congregationalism. The word "reverend" is not a title, but an adjective. A reverend is "one who is revered" and is used with Mister or Ms as the case may be; thus "The Reverend Mr. Cook" or the "The Reverend Stephen Cook" is most correct. Less formally it is simply "Mr. Cook", as I have asked the children to call me. Now in common usage over the years, however, "Reverend" has become used as a title and we all understand it as a term of respect. In conversation with adults I cheerfully answer to Stephen, Steve, or even Rev. Steve, but like to respect our tradition when it comes to formal usage.

A perennial newsletter topic is a list of "When to Call on the Minister" occasions and here is my version of that. Please phone, e-mail, write or drop by the office for any of the following reasons:

- You or a loved one are in the hospital (or severely ill at home) and wish a visit;
- You have need for spiritual or pastoral counseling;
- You need referral to sources of practical help, financial or otherwise;
- You wish to share concerns, hopes or dreams about the overall spiritual direction of the Society.

I am usually in town and available on Saturday night, Sunday morning, and afternoon, Monday night, Tuesday until late afternoon, and Thursday from mid-morning until late afternoon. I will always make time on Tuesday or Thursday evening as well, if you are unable to meet during the day. It's always best to call or e-mail for an appointment, as I am often in meetings or may be away for the day on professional business.

Blessings,
Steve

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REPORTS AND ARTICLES

Board of Trustees Report

Moving Forward

Jan Nettler

We are beginning the new year, and we are moving forward. Of course you all know we have a new minister, Steve Cook. He has been a calming force after a hectic spring where we found ourselves with much less money than we had hoped for. But there is some good news on that front. Last fall, we projected a \$61,000 deficit for the then current fiscal year. Later in the year, it was revised to a \$34,000 deficit. But the members and friends came through with more money and we ended the year with “only” a \$27,000 deficit.

We are also seeing many more people volunteer. We welcome Barbara Smith as a new trustee to fill an empty slot until elections next May. Another elected position that we filled was Michael DiPasquale, who has joined the Nominating Committee. Joan O’Brien will chair that committee and Juli Kinsman will lead the Personnel Committee. Many people have volunteered for Coming of Age and Youth Group, too. What’s more, we have coffee hour volunteers now. So it seems like many of you are reaffirming your commitment to our society, which is another sign that we are moving forward.

Soon members will be receiving invitations to participate in Listening Circles. The Interim Journey Team has been training facilitators. Please participate in this process. It will help us move forward on our interim journey.

On October 14, after each Sunday service, the Board of Trustees will be available to answer your questions about our interim work. We look forward to talking to many of you and answering your questions.

The trustees also approved a major change in the “Help Fund.” As many of you know, we moved the location where people come to request help to

a place outside of the Society. This year it will move to the Council on Aging building on Conz Street. But the big news is that we have helped form the Northampton Interfaith Help Fund. So far we have joined resources with two other congregations to assist people in need in Hampshire County. We will continue to share the collection plate on the first Sunday of each month with this fund.

The UU Green Team Goes On a Diet!

Peggy MacLeod

Are you one of the many people who want to do something about Global Warming but are unsure of how to make a real difference? Thanks to a UU Green Team initiative, local households and faith groups will soon be able to learn how to lose 5,000 lbs, that is, of their carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. Green Team members are now piloting the Empowerment Institute’s four-week program “The Low Carbon Diet” in which a small group holds four discussions focused on measuring their carbon footprint and then learning ways to shed those unwanted pounds of carbon emissions (www.EmpowermentInstitute.net/lcd).

You can participate by attending a free public meeting on Sunday, October 21st in Northampton (location TBA) co-sponsored by the Green Team and the Hampshire Interfaith Environmental Taskforce. In Amherst the Hitchcock Center will also be offering “Be Cool! Get On the Low Carb(On) Diet” on Tuesday, October 16. At either meeting you may learn about the benefits of the program or choose to join a four week “Low Carbon Diet” team. Stay tuned for more information on these worthwhile events! For more information contact Peggy MacLeod, 585-0402, energyhome@yahoo.com.

Interim Journey Team News

Listening Circles to be Launched in October!

When and Where:

On Sundays 9/30 and 10/7, the Interim Journey Team will have sign-ups for Listening Circles to be held on Saturdays 10/13 and 10/20 from 9-11 am; Sunday 10/14 from 3-5 pm, and weekday evenings between 10/15- 10/19 at facilitator homes. You may also sign up online at: transition-team-USNF@googlegroups.com. If you're physically unable to attend, contact Paul Foster-Moore at transition-team-USNF@googlegroups.com.

What exactly are Listening Circles?

The process we are inaugurating will involve a coordinated effort to uncover our congregational identity through a qualitative research technique used in other UU congregations called "Listening Circles." This need for inclusive communication with the congregation is critical as we move forward; indeed, it is something we heard loudly and clearly from many concerned members this past year.

Unlike other self-study approaches, such as questionnaires or phone interviews, this data collection is done in a small group format where the membership is divided into groups of approximately eight to ten people that will meet with trained co-facilitators in October, January, and May. In each meeting, one facilitator will record responses (kept anonymous) and the other facilitator will pose a few thoughtfully crafted questions that each member will have an opportunity to answer. In addition to gathering data, we hope that the process of focused listening will offer new opportunities for rich connections across the various subgroups of our congregation.

The responses will then be collected by the co-facilitator and collated without name attribution by the IJT. This data will then be presented back as a whole to the congregation for reflection. In short - three points in time and three different clusters of questions each designed with the intention of deepening our self-awareness and propelling us through our new ministerial search. The IJT has

invited a group of members who will be trained to facilitate these groups. An inherent part of their training will be to first participate as a member in a Listening Circle, then to learn the nuts and bolts of this easy positive method.

What about friends, non-members, and newcomers?

Although it is necessary to honor membership through the signing of the Membership Book (open to all), we also honor the many friends of USNF both new and long-standing. In order to include perspectives from nonmembers, we have constructed a written questionnaire. Please help us with our work towards clarifying our identity and developing paths towards membership, commitment and a deepening faith by completing the survey available in the parlor starting in mid-October. For more details, check out our webpage at USNF.

Getting to Know Stephen Cook

Stephen Cook would like to get to know us. He will be in town consistently on Saturday afternoons and evenings and would like to devote that time to enjoying small group dinners with us. If you are part of any UU group --an official group or an unofficial group made up for just this purpose -- please call the office to make a dinner date with Stephen. Also, we will be hosting a tea with Stephen Sunday afternoons at 2 pm in the Parlor on September 30 and October 7. Drop by, have a spot of tea, and let's get to know one another.

Come to the Open House with the Board of Trustees

On Sunday, October 14, you are invited to join members of the board of trustees after each service in the great hall. We will gather informally, answer any questions you may have about the interim process and timing for a search of a permanent minister, and leave the rest of the discussion up to the congregants who attend. Old time members, new members, friends, and visitors are all welcome.

Photo Directory is Coming; Make an October Appointment

Cathy Lilly

The Membership Committee will be working again with Olin Mills to produce our third photo directory. Our last directory was in 2004. A photo directory helps us all get to know one another better and is essential in orienting newcomers to the Society. Please do your part to make the directory complete, even if you do not plan to purchase any additional photos. Of course, if you are looking for a portrait to give Grandma and Grandpa for the winter holidays, here is your chance!

Sign up for appointments between services at two places, in the Parlor and in the Foyer, on Sundays October 7, October 14, October 21 and October 28. Get your appointment early so you can choose your preferred time.

Photos will be taken in the USNF Social Hall during these periods:

- Wednesday November 7 from 3 pm to 9:30 pm
- Thursday November 8 from 3 pm to 9:30 pm
- Friday November 9 from 3 pm to 9:30 pm
- Saturday November 10 from 10 am to 5 pm.

This project is completely without cost to the Society. Every family (person, couple or group) who sits for a portrait for the directory will get a free 8x10 portrait and a free copy of the directory. You may request additional portrait groupings from the photographer, such as children only or parents only, etc. Olin Mills gets their profit from families who decide to buy additional quality portraits for family and friends.

Mark your calendars to sign up for your appointment. You don't want to miss this opportunity, so put those dates in your calendar now!

For more information, please call Cathy Lilly at 568-8027 or catherinelilly@comcast.net

**Next *Pioneer* deadline:
Thursday, October 25**

To guarantee that your *Pioneer* submission reaches the editor, please write: "PIONEER" in the subject line of your e-mail. Thank you.

INTRODUCTIONS

Norma Kent

Jeanne Reed became a member of USNF in the Spring of 2007 after attending for a year prior to that time. She became active on the "Living Wage Campaign" adopted by this Society and has continued to work on that committee. In addition, she is co-chair of the Social Justice committee with Ed Olmstead. She has sung in the choir, participated in Small Group Ministries, and participates when possible in a walking group.

Jeanne's professional life has been in human services in various capacities: home help, daycare, a post partum doula. She is presently wanting to change her field of interest and is searching for an entry level bookkeeping position.

Jeanne is interested in teaming with others at USNF in forwarding social action. She values inclusiveness and diverse voices. Please join us in welcoming Jeanne to USNF as a formal member.

**The *first* First Friday of the
07-08 year is October 5, at
6:00 pm, in the Social Hall.**

What are First Fridays? They are supper gatherings just for the fun of it, a time to meet new folks and catch up with old friends, a time for children and adults to enjoy activities together, and a time to let someone else make supper. (Donations pay for the food.) After the supper there is an activity such as games, songs, crafts, or magic tricks. At our October gathering, we'll be making the ever popular veggie sculptures. Put First Fridays on your calendar and come for the fun of it.

For more information contact Gail Gaustad or anyone on the Membership Committee.

Pledge Payments Report

John Gaustad, Treasurer

Many thanks to the 162 Members and Friends who paid in full their pledges for 2006-07 before the end of August. Your promptness has allowed the Society to end the fiscal year with a smaller deficit than was anticipated. For the rest of you, please pay off last year's pledge as soon as possible. If the circumstances of life have made that impossible, we understand, but please let us know. It will help us plan more accurately for the coming year.

CHOIR(S) NEWS

Gregory Hayes

As always, the USNF adult choir needs you! If you've ever considered joining, please come to a "choir open house" in the Parlor following the second service on Sunday, September 30, to learn more. We rehearse for an hour each week in the Great Hall, and sing everything from Renaissance motets to African freedom songs intermittently throughout the year on Sunday mornings. No experience necessary!

Owing to a change in my schedule we're changing our rehearsal time this fall to Wednesday evenings (at 7 pm), with the option of a Saturday morning now and then.

As one current USNF choir member writes, we might think of singing as an act of service to the congregation -- a common endeavor and spiritual practice. Of course we also sing for other reasons: for pleasure and amusement, as a way to make good in some sense on those childhood music lessons, and as a reminder that the most edifying kind of music appreciation can be musical participation.

AND, if you're a younger singer or parent of one: Noele Sandoz will be leading the USNF children's choir once again this year with her customary energy and enthusiasm. Rehearsals take place weekly (with one break in Noele's absence) downstairs between services on Sunday mornings. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin in the downstairs hallway, near Greg's office.

UU BOOKSHELF

Submitted by Monica Green

If you love to eat, cook, or grow your own food, you will find inspiration and more in Barbara Kingsolver's new book, *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life*. An account of the Kingsolver family's effort to eat locally for one year, the book is entertaining and full of practical information (how to make your own fresh mozzarella in thirty minutes, for example). While relating how the family lived off the crops and livestock raised on their own land in southwest Virginia, the story explores the industrialization of American food production and describes visits to leaders in the "eat local" movement (some right here in western Massachusetts).

Fundamentally, the book is a celebration of food and the community that is created when food production – and consumption – is shared by neighbors. If planting a vegetable garden isn't practical, you can join this celebration by shopping at the farmers' market, joining a CSA, or choosing "Local Hero" produce when you use your supermarket scrip. Check out the website – www.animalvegetablemiracle.com – for excerpts, photos, resources, as well as mouth-watering recipes & menus. Once your appetite has been whetted, you won't be able to resist reading this book.

Each month, the UU Bookshelf spotlights a book that fellow UUs might enjoy reading. The books can be fiction or nonfiction, a new book or an old favorite. Send your 200-words-or-less nomination to Rich West, The Pioneer, at rwest@periodyssey.com.

Pastoral Friends Are Here to Serve You

If you have experienced a setback that has left you hospitalized, ill, or in need of rides, meals, visits, or other services, please call or email Anne Lombard, 586-7509, aslombard@comcast.net; Carmen Ahearn, 586-3787, cahearn@crocker.com; or Lee Hawkins, 584-6678, rehawk@crocker.com. Also, contact us if you would like to be a Pastoral Friend to help.

RE NEWS

Cindy Beal, DRE

This year we are offering classes for Toddler through the 5th grade at the 9:15 service, and toddler through the 8th grade at the 11:00 service. Because middle school classes are only meeting at the 11:00 service, and many larger families take advantage of the longer morning, that service has twice the number of children, and half again as many families than the 9:15 service. Because of this, all new families are being invited to the 9:15 service. If you attend the 9:15 service, and see new faces, please welcome them.

There is still a need for teachers at 9:15 and 11:00 service. In the 9:15 starting immediately, we need teachers to complete our leadership roster and provide the programming and consistency we know matters to these young people. We especially invite adults who are not currently parenting children of their own!

A Record Youth Group

Thirty Three (33) Youth attended the first YRUU meeting last Sunday. This extraordinary group of young people continues to grow and expand its boundaries. We are currently in search for a Youth Director, and I am grateful to the adults who have stepped forward to volunteer to advise the YRUU group. Their first big event will be the Haunted House at the Halloween Party on October 20. I hope everyone will come!

Donations Needed for the COA Book Sale

Please donate good quality used books to the COA book sale. These books may be brought Tuesday through Thursday when the office is open and placed in the hallway outside the supply closet in the RE Offices area. The book sale will be Sunday, October 14.

Halloween Party and Fall Festival

This year, as always, our intergenerational Halloween Party and Fall Festival is open to all members of our congregation. The committee is

still making plans as this goes to press, so watch the Sunday Times and for posters with more information about the myriad of options that invariably involve food and music and activities to fill the Society on that evening. This year this festival is on Saturday, October 20.

Cindy's Office Hours

I work 35 hours, 5 days a week, but because of the varied scheduling of activities and meetings, it can be challenging to find me at the exact moment you drop in. My most predictable office hours in the building are Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. I am available at other times by appointment, and have flexibility in my schedule to accommodate the diverse schedules of parents. My days off are intended to be Friday and Saturday, except weeks there is a special event, such as Halloween, or the Ministry Matters Conference. Weeks like those, I try to take another day off. The best way to contact me is by phone or email, after which we can make an appointment to meet at our mutual convenience.

R. E. CALENDAR-- SAVE THESE DATES:

Sunday, October 14 -- COA Book Sale

Saturday, October 20 (note early date) -- Halloween Party

Saturday, October 27 -- "Ministry Matters: Strengthening Lay and Professional Leadership." Northeast Regional Conference of UUA member congregations. Beechwood Hotel, Worcester. Please join the entire RE Council in attending this incredible day of fellowship and sharing.

Saturday, November 17 -- "Excellence in RE." Conference Workshops for RE leaders, youth advisors, teachers. Holden St. Church, Worcester. (Like last year, we'll be back in plenty of time for the auction.)

Sunday, November 18 -- Intergenerational Worship at 10 am.

THIS MONTH 180 YEARS AGO...

Ralph Waldo Emerson *Our First Interim Minister*

Between 1805 and 1835, scores of congregations in Massachusetts declared themselves followers of the new “Unitarian” faith. In most of these cases, a progressive minister was responsible for the change, leading his flock leftward. In some cases, the congregation intentionally called a new minister who identified himself as a Unitarian. In a rare few cases, progressive congregates split with their church and formed a new Unitarian congregation. This was the case in Northampton, when in 1825, 43 men and women left the First Church of Northampton to establish the Second Church of Northampton (Unitarian). These early Unitarians called as their first minister Edward Brooks Hall, a recent Harvard Divinity School graduate.

The founding fathers of American Unitarianism in Boston were anxious to see the new Northampton Church succeed, because it promised to lay the foundation for the spread of Unitarianism throughout Western Massachusetts. After several years of little growth, they accepted a proposal from Hall to underwrite his travels throughout the valley and the Berkshires to stimulate interest in Unitarianism. So that his church in Northampton would not suffer his absence too greatly, they selected another young Harvard Divinity School graduate to fill his pulpit. As an indication of their respect for the Northampton Unitarians, they chose as his replacement the minister they believed had the greatest promise: 24-year-old Ralph Waldo Emerson.

On August 31, 1827, Waldo wrote to his brother, William: “I am going to preach in Northampton, in the service of the Unitarian Association, for Mr. Hall, a few weeks, whilst he goes into the adjoining towns to missionize. His church is a small one, and I shall be able to preach all day I suppose without inconvenience...” (Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1827)

He stayed in the valley nearly two months, preaching here four Sundays, and two Sundays each in Greenfield and in Deerfield. For each Sunday’s work, he was paid \$10. Like most Unitarian visitors, he boarded with Judge Joseph and Anne Jean Lyman, founders of the society, whose house was across Main Street from the church. The Lymans, he said, have “a monopoly of the hospitality of the town.” He wrote dryly to the Unitarian minister in Concord, “Intelligent men are of the opinion that the majority of the County is Unitarian. I had supposed it must be so, from my acquaintance with the human mind, but feared to be contradicted by acquaintance with the county.” Anne Jean immediately recognized something special in Emerson. She wrote to her sister, “Oh Sally, I thought to entertain a pious indigent, but lo! An angel unawares!”

Hall’s sojourn into the Berkshires was encouraging, he reported to Gannett, but the number of dissenters was too small for the establishment of self-sustaining societies. Judged purely by results then, Hall’s mission failed. This disappointment was conjoined with tragedy soon after Hall’s return and Emerson’s departure. Judge Samuel Howe, another founder of the society, had suffered most of his adult life from migraines and recently from shortness of breath. While traveling on business in the eastern part of the state with his wife, Sally (Anne Jean’s sister), and their youngest child, he suffered a hemorrhage. He was taken to his brother’s house in Boston and remained alert long enough for Judge Lyman to travel to him. He squeezed the Judge’s hand, declared that the Judge was “the best friend any man has ever had,” talked about his faith in God, and then died. He was 43.

The loss of this church pillar stunned the young society, none more so, of course, than Sally Howe and the Lymans. Of their grief, the Lyman’s daughter remembered, “I recall the sad expression of their bowed heads every Sunday in Church for many months, and the almost constant weeping of my

mother, whenever an interval from her active duties left her time to weep.”

Judge Howe’s death elicited sympathy from throughout the Unitarian community. Letters of condolence filled the postal baskets at the Howe and Lyman residences. Emerson wrote to Anne Jean, “To me,...his death was a most unexpected disappointment. I had rejoiced in the good fortune in making his acquaintance, and looked forward with earnestness to its continuance. His acquaintance was a privilege, which... no young man... could enjoy without being excited to an ambition ... [of] deserving his friendship. ...There [was] something in his character which seems to make excessive sorrow unseasonable and unjust to his

memory; and all who have heard of his death have derived from it new force to virtue and new confidence to faith.” (Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1828)

Though Emerson left the ministry in 1832, he returned to Northampton as a lecturer on several occasions. During those visits, he never failed to pay his respects to the Lymans. When he became a controversial figure in the 1840s, Anne Jean was among his chief defenders. Anne Jean’s daughter recalled, “I [saw] her ready to shed tears when she could not see any appreciation of [Emerson’s] thoughts in her listener. To one, I ...heard her say, “Well! You call that transcendental, and that’s all you have to say about it. I call it the profoundest common sense.” (Susan Lesley, 1876) - RSW

A Rare Opportunity – Ministry Matters Conference

Saturday, October 27, Beechwood Hotel, Worcester, Ma.

The UU New England Conference, “Ministry Matters: Strengthening Lay & Professional Leadership,” is an exciting opportunity to develop our leadership skills, hear top-notch speakers from our denomination, and attend workshops to get ideas and network with other UUs.

The keynote speakers are Ginny Courter and Rob Eller Isaacs. Ginny is the UUA Moderator, the “highest” volunteer lay person in the UUA — you can hear her at <http://tjd.uua.org/a-mtg/am07keynote.mp3>. The Minister keynote is Rob Eller-Isaacs, you have likely read many of his essays in the UU World over the years. (<http://www.uuworld.org/2005/01/feature1b.html>; <http://www.uuworld.org/2001/04/feature2.html>; <http://www.uuworld.org/2004/02/feature3b.html>; <http://www.uuworld.org/life/articles/4644.shtml>.) In addition to the speakers, workshops will focus on finance, social justice, administration, stewardship, faith development and many other topics.

It’s the biggest local UU conference that will be held this year. We already have around twenty members who are committed to attending this wonderful conference. Everyone is welcome; committee chairs, lay leaders, and committee members are especially encouraged to participate. You can register by going to the Clara Barton District link (www.cbd.uua.org).

The tax-deductible registration fee is \$90 (by Oct 10th) or \$100 (after Oct 10th). We do not have funds in our constrained budget to subsidize this conference but if you would like to attend and cannot afford to do so please speak with Steve Cook, our minister, or Cathie Brown, board president.

Once you register, please e-mail Rosemary LePage at rorules@aol.com. If we have enough people we may want to rent a bus. Otherwise Rosemary is willing to coordinate car pooling.

BULLETIN BOARD

Darfur Congregational Liaison Needed

The Social Justice Forum is looking for a member or friend of the Society to be a liaison to other faith groups on the issue of the Darfur genocide. We want to be able to join forces with others and help support actions that will end the genocide and rebuild Sudan. Please contact Ed Olmstead (584-3122, edolmstead@aol.com) or Jeanne Read (587-2601, jeanne32440@hotmail.com) for details.

Membership Journey, October 7

Newcomers who wish to explore the nature of Unitarianism-Universalism and to find out more about this congregation are invited to attend an orientation session, "Membership Journey: Gateway to Membership", which will be held in the parlor on Sunday, October 7, from 1 to 3 pm. Childcare will be provided. The session includes brief presentations on the history of Unitarian Universalism and our congregation, the UU principles, and expectations of membership. You will have an opportunity to meet the minister and share stories of what has brought you to our congregation. At the end of the session, you may sign the membership book and pledge, if you wish. Even if you are not yet ready to take this important step, please join us to become better acquainted with our society. FMI, contact Cathy Lilly at 413/568-8027 or catherinelilly@comcast.net. This orientation session will be repeated on February 10, 2008, and April 6, 2008.

Notice of Cancellation

The planned October program, "Rise Up and Call Her Name," has been cancelled due to a delay in the publication of the latest edition of the curriculum. When it is published, we will set some new dates for the classes. Thanks for your patience.
Prill Hinckley

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