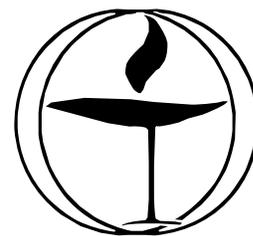


The Gateway

A liberal and inclusive pathway to finding community



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Sunday Services at 11 am, in the Sanctuary

March 7

Since the 1961 consolidation, The Unitarian and Universalist approaches to faith have become co-mingled in our polity and practice. This Sunday, we will focus on the Universalist wing of our heritage, revisiting the story of John Murray and the characters of “Angels in America.”

Bless Me Anyway

The Rev. Danny Reed

March 14

I Tried to Get Away from It All, but It Kept Following Me

Rhett Butler told Scarlett O'Hara that he might go home to Charleston to seek the calm dignity and genial grace of days that are gone. The great religions, as well as some famous personalities and a couple of movie and cartoon characters, could suggest to Rhett where he might find what he was looking for.

Alex Hild, a Worship Committee Service

March 21

Celebrating the music and words of Africa, the service is a kaleidoscope of music and poetry, including kora poems by Kurtis Lamkin, drumming by the African drumming group the Dirty Birds as well as three songs sung by the Chancel Choir, and “Siyahamba” sung by our youth choir.

Spring Music Festival

Lin Raymond, Music Director

March 28

Poet Mary Oliver advises us: “To live in this world, you must be able to do three things: to love what is mortal; to hold it against your bones knowing your own life depends on it; and, when the time comes to let it go, to let it go.” Excellent advice on the spiritual journey, but perhaps easier said than done. Come to church on Palm Sunday and let's explore holding on and letting go.

Hold On Loosely

The Rev. Danny Reed

Sunday Forums at 10 am, Larisey Room, Gage Hall

The Forum: A Marketplace of Ideas – A 30-minute presentation followed by 20 minutes of Q&A and discussion. Presentations will address a variety of topics throughout the year.

March 7

Lowcountry Local First advocates the benefits of a local living economy by strengthening community support for independent locally-owned businesses and farmers. A presentation of the UU Green Sanctuary Committee.

Lowcountry Local First

Jamee Haley, Executive Director

March 14

My Sisters House (MSH) is an agency serving victims of domestic violence. MSH provides shelter, outreach, court advocacy and therapeutic programs. Come learn about the volunteer program and the development of new initiatives.

My Sister's House

Sarah Baird, Director of Program Services

March 21

Asheville City Councilman Cecil Bothwell is the author of several books, including a critical biography, *The Prince of War: Billy Graham's Crusade for a Wholly Christian Empire*. Cecil is an active member of UUC Asheville, where he is chair of the Human Rights team and secretary of the Social Justice Council.

This I Believe

Cecil Bothwell, Writer & Publisher

March 28

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April Deadline:

March 21

The Minister's Missive

On Saturday, January 30, our District Executive, Annette Marquis, spent the day with many church leaders and members to help us map out expectations and goals in our relationship as Congregation and Consulting Minister. This special category of ministry provides us creativity and latitude as we all work to serve and support this historic church, and it gives the opportunity to grow in discernment and purpose.

One difference, as compared to interim or settled ministry, is my proximity to the Vestry. As Consulting Minister, I work in direct collaboration and counsel with the Vestry leadership. After a few months together, considering congregational needs and what strengths I bring, and with the context of the "4 Bold Steps," we agreed on the following goals for my term with you:

1. Fellowship

This goal is centered on improving our members' experience through work with Connecting Circles, Caring Committee, etc., to increase support for leaders, and increase the number of individuals involved. It includes the creation of a thriving adult religious education program with 2-3 courses a year. I will work with the Committee on Shared Ministry and other committees to reach out to those members who are not involved or attending church to ensure that they feel welcomed and that their concerns, if any, are heard. I commit to cele-

brating our children by leading the Story for All Ages at least once a month and by helping to bring intergenerational celebrations and traditions, such as Thanksgiving Harvest Sunday, to the church.

2. Growth

I plan to host a Newcomers Conversation once a month after church to help meet and welcome newcomers and respond to questions they bring. I will work closely with the Membership Committee on our new member classes and participate in those classes as asked. I will ensure that the church's story is shared so that those new to our community are aware of its long history and connections.

3. Worship

I commit to work closely with the staff and Worship Committee to ensure that services are meaningful, well-integrated experiences that speak to and honor the range of beliefs held by the congregation.

4. Pastoral Care

I plan to ensure that members who are in need due to illness or personal concerns receive visits and calls from the minister as well as from church members.

An overarching theme for me is congregational and ministerial health. I endeavor to communicate effectively, to navigate anxiety (which is inevitable and natural during times of change) and to help celebrate suc-

cess. I hope these goals reflect what you have already witnessed in my ministry and I hope you agree that accomplishment in these areas will put us both in good stead for the future. Thus far, we appear to be moving in a most positive, mutual direction and I am optimistic about what we can achieve together. If you wish to review the notes from Annette Marquis's helpful presentation, please see the Vestry bulletin board in Gage Hall. As always, I welcome your feedback and support.

In faith,



Adult Religious Education: Friday Night Film Series

"The Straight Story" (G)

7 p.m., Friday, March 19, 2010

"Anger, vanity, you mix that together with liquor, you've got two brothers that haven't spoken in ten years. Ah, whatever it was that made me and Lyle so mad, don't matter anymore. I want to make peace, I want to sit with him, look up at the stars, like we used to do, so long ago," muses 73-year-old Alvin Straight as he travels 300 miles on a 40-year-old John Deere lawn mower to reconcile with his ailing, estranged brother. Released in 1999, directed by David Lynch, and starring Richard Farnsworth, Sissy Spacek, and Harry Dean Stanton, the film rounds out our recent trio of "spiritual road movies." Charles Taylor of Salon.com wrote in his review: "*The Straight Story* is the kind of triumph that most filmmakers as distinctively talented as David Lynch can only dream about: a completely accessible film that's still entirely faithful to its maker's sensibility. This G-rated movie is as wonderfully strange as anything Lynch has done. Lynch follows Alvin into barnyards and graveyards, campgrounds and bars, allowing us to feel we're sharing the journey, basking in the comforts and company to be found along the way."

Join with Rev. Danny Reed and other church film buffs to see and discuss the movie, addressing issues of forgiveness, reconciliation and the dignity of personal independence. Gage Hall will open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available and a modest contribution will cover the evening's expenses. Childcare provided upon request. Please sign up in Gage Hall after church on Sundays, or contact the office, if you plan to attend.

Vestry Visions

Dear Friends-

March is certainly roaring in with lots of activity. We have just finished our corporate meeting and voted unanimously to begin the long-awaited restoration of the interior of our sanctuary. We will move out of the sanctuary after the May 16 service and will hold our services in Gage Hall through September. The Program Council and staff are planning how we will schedule services during this time. It will give us an opportunity to see how well we can handle two services on a Sunday.

Thank you in advance to the Buildings and Grounds committee for their work in overseeing the restoration. Thanks also to Stan Goldberg who is chairing the effort to raise the additional \$150,000 needed to complete the project. Please contact Stan and let him know how you would like to be involved. I can't wait to sit in church next fall and look up and not see falling plaster!

March 6 is our wonderful Auction. Please be sure and join us for a wonderful evening of fun that also does so much to help us balance our budget. Donna and Mike Griffith and their great committee do an outstanding job but they need all of us to turn out and make it a success.

And speaking of balancing our budget...it's not too late to send in your pledge for the 2010-2011 drive. As we go to press with this letter we stand at \$263,427 -- better than we have ever done and so close to our goal of \$285,000. Please join in.

If you are looking for a way to be involved but are not quite sure what's out there or what you might enjoy, please contact Chase Caswell, our new volunteer coordinator!! We are so excited that he has volunteered to create this much-needed position. Please email him

at volunteers@charlestonuu.org.

Finally, I hope everyone will take the time to not only read Danny's article about the goals for our consulting ministry but also look for ways that you can be in-

olved in making them happen. They speak to our desire for fellowship and community-building.

Karen Abrams

Vestry Chair

**Thanks to everyone
who made our
Annual Pledge Drive
a tremendous success!**

Submitted by Emilie Carey



Committee on Shared Ministry

The Committee on Shared Ministry is designed to track the heartbeat of ministry within our congregation: how the members take care of themselves and each other; how the ministerial leadership serves the congregation; and how the minister serves the congregation. It seeks to understand, assess, support, and advocate for robust ministry throughout the context of congregational life. COSM does this through surveys, mediation, conversations, listening, and asking questions.

Submitted by Will Moredock

Greeters, Ushers & Membership Table

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Membership
March 7	Marcia Castaño & Jo Westbrook	Matt Dean & Todd Frech	Leslie Madden & George Castaño
March 14	Todd Frech & Matt Dean	Leni Garfunkel & Suzanna van der Woude	Cris Sumpter
March 21	Maureen Porter & Winslow Tuttle	Leni Garfunkel & Shannon Seagraves	Will Moredock
March 28	Sue & Tom Hartry	Michael Carnell & Todd Frech	Michael Carnell

Greeters & Ushers submitted by Marcia Castaño and Membership submitted by Cris Sumpter.

Among Our Family & Friends

Congratulation to Katie and Matt Giacalone on the birth of their daughter, Talulah Shea Giacalone, on February 17. Mom and baby are happy and healthy!

Condolences to **Deborah Hall** whose grandmother passed away in February in Michigan.

The Caring Committee desires to enhance a sense of caring among church members and friends. If you or someone you know has a need, please call **Carla** in the Church office (723-4617). The Committee can help with food, rides to doctors or church, pick-up of medicine for someone who can't get out, etc. The work of the Caring Committee is confidential.



Your request or need will not be publicized unless you give your permission.

The Caring Coordinator for March is **Rosemary Repeta** (795-0222).

The next meeting of the Caring Committee is March 9, 11 a.m., downstairs Gage Hall. Anyone interested in being part of the committee is welcome to attend. **Cameron Mitchum** (343-8975) is chair.

If anyone has caring connection information that you would like printed in this column, please call me at 795-0222.

*With good health and good wishes,
Rosemary Repeta*

Thanking Sue Metzger

Our congregation says a big Thank-you to Sue Metzger for her generous bequest. Sue bequeathed about \$110,000 to the Endowment of our Church. Those who knew Sue know how she cherished and protected the Endowment during her life. Now she makes this significant contribution, in this special way, to support our community and our works now and for future generations.

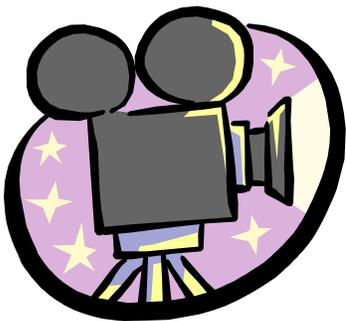
Submitted by the Planned Giving Committee

Pathway to Membership Class

The next Pathway to Membership class will be held on March 6 from 9 am until 3 pm. As always, there will be childcare available and lunch will be served. Parking is available behind the annex. Please sign up at the Welcome Table in Gage Hall or contact Carla Frichtel in the church office, 723-4617 or office@charlestonuu.org.

Submitted by Cris Sumpter

Going Once, Going Twice...



It's finally here! The Annual Service Auction! Saturday, March 6, Gage Hall. Doors open at 6 pm for a light supper and the Silent Auction. Live Auction begins at about 7:30 pm.

Admission is only \$10 at the door, and \$7 in advance. Children are free, and there's babysitting and an RE auction, too. There's free wine as part of the price of admission. What a bargain!

If you have never been to the Auction, do come. It's a treat! Lots of food and friends. Great things to bid

on: dinners, services, jewelry, food.

And if you have been to the Auction, you already know what a great time it is. So plan to be there. If you have questions contact Mike or Donna or any Auction Committee member. We'll see you there!

For the Committee: Mike Griffith (grif3015@bellsouth.net, 768-2620); Donna Reyburn (donnadives@bellsouth.net, 768-2620).

The Committee: Ellie Setser, Fran Ennis, Terry Walsh, Sue Weller, Kay Haun, Susan Garrison, Lisa Hajjar, Dan and Gail Schiffer, Susan and Tom Hartry, Nancy Simpson, Maureen Kelly, Laura Doll

Extra! Extra!
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The Gateway.

Alliance Rummage Sale

The cold weather notwithstanding, spring WILL arrive sometime. If you're doing spring cleaning early, please keep the March Alliance Rummage Sale in mind. We gladly accept donations of gently used clothes, shoes, books, toys, electronic items, household items, etc. (no large furniture items, please). Please bring these to the Rummage Sale Set-up, Fri. Mar. 12, 10 am - 2 pm. If you bring a list of your donations and their approximate resale value, any member of the Alliance can sign your list which can then be used for tax purposes.

Now that your donations leave you with all that extra space, come and fill it up again with new stuff at the RUMMAGE SALE, SAT. MAR. 13, 9 AM - 11:30 AM. Join us for bargains, friendship and fun!

Submitted by Sue Prazak

Gage Hall Art Exhibit

Opening March 26, 6:00 pm

Please come to our first UU Art Exhibit in Gage Hall, opening Friday, March 26 and running through April 6. The exhibit features recent work by UU members and friends, including Cisco Lindsey, Judith Chamberlin, Tate Nation, Charles Parnelle, and others.

Everyone is invited to the Opening Reception at 6:00 pm, prior to a concert performed by the Charleston Chamber Players in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm. The concert, sponsored by the Social Justice Committee, is a fundraiser for My Sister's House, a shelter and counseling center for women and children who are victims of abuse. A reception follows in Gage Hall.

Submitted by Joanna Innes

Exciting News! Chase Caswell New Volunteer Coordinator

For several years, our Church leadership has been seeking a Volunteer Coordinator. Many UUA breakthrough congregations have created similar positions to help pair volunteers with opportunities in their church communities.

When new member Chase Caswell contacted us saying he was interested in filling the post, we were overjoyed. Chase has extensive experience in other UU churches and volunteer organizations. He will be working with our Committee Chairs to determine what their needs are and how we can more effectively use our Committee structure.

Chase will be available to help you find the right volunteer opportunities for your interests and skills. You can contact Chase at volunteers@charlestonuu.org. Please be sure to fill out the "Volunteers!"



Chase Caswell,
Volunteer Coordinator

survey in the March 7 bulletin. The survey will also be available at the Membership Table in Gage Hall.

Special thanks to Chase for filling this vital role in our Church!

Submitted by Carla Frichtel, Executive Director

Trip to the Mountain

The annual trip to the Mountain in Highlands, NC is scheduled for April 23-25. If you're looking for a low-cost weekend getaway including fun and fellowship in a nature-filled environment, please consider joining us. Like last year, we are scheduled to share the Mountain with the Columbia UU congregation. This is a great opportunity to meet with other UU'ers from SC. The cost: \$158/adult, based on double occupancy, \$52/children age 13-17, \$40/children age 4-12, children 3 and under are free. Arrival: Fri. April 23, 3-6 pm. Depart: Sun. April 25 after lunch. Register online at www.mountaincenters.org. Any questions, please contact Sue Weller: 843-259-8074 or email: sueiweller@gmail.com.

Submitted by Sue Weller

Let's Do Lunch

Let's Do Lunch is a wonderful time of fellowship. We will meet Wednesday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m. at Three Little Birds, 80 Windermere Boulevard. All are welcome, men and women. Call Dottie, 744-8668, for reservations.

Submitted by Dottie Klintworth



Landmark Interior Restoration

The Landmark / Buildings and Grounds Committee would like to thank the congregation for their outstanding show of support for our efforts to restore the wonderful interior of the Landmark. We look forward to completing this longtime project and we will work hard to ensure the result is one you can be proud of every time you enter this great Sanctuary. We are well on our way to fulfilling our third Bold Step: "Ensure the Sanctuary Outlives Us All."

Submitted by Ray Setser, Chair

The Eden Keepers

*"Who loves a garden, still his Eden keeps,
Perennial pleasures plants, and
wholesome harvests reaps."
...Amos Bronson Alcott*



The rain had stopped and it wasn't as cold as it had been. Eighteen Eden Keepers turned out in February. They were Richard Moss, Stan Boyer, Seb Burton-Austrom, Kola Tarvin, Mike Gagliano, Sally Preston, Fred Judkins, Tom Hartry, Cris Sumpter, Ed Stephens, Jonathan Lamb, Hans Riekerk, John Meffert Tommy Hughston, Deosha Scriven, Rashaard Gregory, James Murphy, and Elizabeth somebody (a CofC student who left before anyone got her last name. Sure hope she comes back.).

Yes, you read that list correctly; sixteen men and only two women! None, not one, of our regular distaff Eden Keepers were there. I'm sure there are many reasons for this, but hope the trend doesn't continue. (I'll be back in April.)

The major task for the day was the digging up and replanting of the large Lady Banksia rose from the front of the churchyard to a spot near the Open Space, where it can twine its way up a Palmetto tree. Kola did a yeoman's job digging up the very well established Banksia, with its myriad roots. He and Seb dug the hole for the transplanting. Moving this bush has opened up the vista from the front of the churchyard as well as from Gage Hall. We will plant something beautiful but low-growing in its place.

Several donated camellias were planted by the back wall in the Open Space, other plants were moved, and Sally trimmed the red maples. It was a grand day, and lunch was a joyous occasion.

The next work party will be on March 6th, from 9 to noon, followed by a covered dish lunch and a meeting, if needed. If you can't come at nine, come when you can.

We heartily welcome new Eden Keepers. Please bring garden tools if you have them (especially clippers, loppers and a trowel), plus gloves, something to drink while working, and a dish to share for lunch. We ask only that you not do anything to any of the roses. We have a rose expert who tends to them.

Hope lots of you will be there.
Submitted by Fran Ennis

Notes from the Risers

Special Music in March: Lisa Mignone, this year's winner of the Martha Welch Music Scholarship, will play trombone for the service on March 7. Susan Conant will play flute and ethnic woodwind instruments for the service on March 28.

The **Spring Music Festival** Sunday March 21 celebrates music and words of Africa. The service is a kaleidoscope of music and poetry including kora poems by Kurtis Lamkin, drumming by the African drumming group the Dirty Birds as well as three songs sung by the Chancel Choir, and "Siyahamba" sung by our youth choir.

Candlelight Concerts: Christopher Jenkins and Brett Floyd are our guest artists for our Candlelight Concert on March 8 at 7:30 pm. Christopher Jenkins and Brett Floyd founded the **Coda Duo** on their mutual passion for the guitar and its music. Their program of acoustic guitar music by Bach, Debussy, Granados, and contemporary American composers will conclude our Candlelight Concerts, which benefits the music program at James Simons Elementary School. Admission is \$10 at the door.

Thank you for your help in growing our musical instrument fund with your purchase of Piggly Wiggly gift cards. Your purchases have helped the Music Committee obtain the goal of buying a new piano and organ for our sanctuary. When you purchase a Unitarian Church in Charleston Piggly Wiggly gift card, 10% of your purchase is donated to the church musical instrument fund. The cards will continue to be sold during coffee hour until our new organ is installed.

Submitted by Lin Raymond, Music Director

Books & Coffee

We finished the last chapters of *The Art Instinct...* by Dennis Dutton in February, with Lee Westbrook providing good organization for a complex subject.

Next month, we'll get together again at the home of Sue and Paul Nelson on March 14 at 7:00 pm. The Nelsons live at 302 Isaw Drive, phone: 884-9589. The book for March will be *The Sex Life of Cannibals* by J. Maarten Troost. This is an interesting and humorous true story of life on a Pacific island. Jim Parker will lead the discussion.

In April, we will begin the book *Fool's Gold* by Gillian Tett. It is an analysis of what went wrong in the banking and real-estate boom and bust that led to our current financial crisis. If you would like any additional information about books or attending the discussions, please call Jo Anne Simson at 795-4166.

Submitted by Jo Anne Simson

Suggestion Box

Do you have an idea or concern you would like to share with the Vestry? We have a new suggestion box at the Membership Table in Gage Hall. You may submit your thoughts anonymously if you like.

Submitted by Carla Frichtel



Bowen's Island Oyster Roast

Tickets will go on sale starting on March 7th for our annual RE Oyster Roast. This important event funds our RE Scholarship account that enables our youth to attend district UU events at the Mountain in NC.

The roast will be on Sunday, March 28 at 4 pm on Bowen's Island right before Folly Beach.

We will have hot dogs, chili and their vegetarian equivalents, as well as beverages. Beer and wine will be for sale. Please join your friends for live music, great food and fantastic

Only one month more to March Madness:

Dinners For Fun #4 is March 27

And I don't even watch college basketball! I just thought it sounded about right, as the congregation scored another historic first: There was no discussion at the Congregational Meeting Sunday, Feb. 21. Congratulations to Our Leaders and The Silent Majority.



Oh, yeah, dinner... Believe it or not, Spring will have sprung by the time Saturday, March 27, rolls around. Just the time to celebrate with your fellow revelers: DFF may not be quite up to the standards of Mardi Gras (thank goodness), but a good time is guaranteed as you meet, greet, eat, and seat yourself next to someone you may never have seen before in your life. You'll not remain strangers long.

Sign up on the colorful list at Gage Hall, call me at 795-8314, or e-mail me at <zandria60@hotmail.com>. Then count the days until about Monday, March 22, when you'll be contacted by your happy host(s). They/s/he will give you the time of the do, directions to their domicile, and which dish you both would like you to bring. Then suit up and show up clutching casserole/salad/bread/wine/appetizer/dessert. If you cook, dandy. If you don't, also dandy. Publix cheesecake will do just fine. (If that is what you plan to bring, let me know!)

So easy, so simple, plus the cheapest way to have dinner out I know. No coupons necessary.

Let the good times roll. Love, Carol Furtwangler

Religious Education

company, all set in lovely pluff mud.

Nursery changes

Parents who drop their babies and/or toddlers off in the church Nursery need to be aware that we will no long allow snacks of any description in that area. We are discontinuing any snacks as food allergies are too serious and too prevalent. The children are welcome to eat their packed snacks from home in Gage Hall or the classroom next door when picked up by their parents. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

Sitting in Church

Families need to be aware that as

our church grows we are all feeling a bit crowded in the church pews. Please make a point of cuddling close so that we have room for everyone to feel welcome in our community. We encourage children and teachers to sit in the front left section facing the choir. This section is rarely used and great for those of us in RE that only need a parking space for a short section of the service. I'm always surprised when the children and teachers exit the church at how much space we free up. We welcome other helpful suggestions for providing comfortable space for everyone.

Submitted by Janet Watts, Director of Religious Education

Social Justice Happenings

Community Outreach Giving



*Our Lady of Mercy Comprehensive
Family-Centered Literacy Programs*

The Social Justice Committee Spring Charitable Giving Project began on Sunday, February 14 and continues through April 25. We collected \$844 as of February 21. Our Lady of Mercy Literacy Program is located on Johns Island and serves people in need on Johns, James and Wadmalaw Islands of Charleston County.

Our Lady of Mercy's grant request for \$5,000 would enhance their literacy projects by supporting a preschool education program for children. The money would pay for one teacher and a teacher's aide for four mornings a week. The preschool program is key to the attendance of the mothers, mostly Hispanic, in the OLM literacy, adult education, English as a Second Language, and GED. classes. The adult and children's literacy is coordinated so that the adults can support continued learning of the children. Our Lady of Mercy Outreach Services' mission is to promote the acquisition of literacy and life skills and build self esteem for underserved populations of all races and creeds. OLM believes that education is the key to help people, many of whom are migrant workers, to get better jobs to improve their quality of life and their families.

In addition to much-needed financial support for OLM due to budget cuts, there are many volunteer opportunities. Please contact Chase Caswell, volunteers@charlestonuu.org, to learn more details.

Submitted by Diane Narkunas, Co-Chair, Social Justice Committee

On Friday, March 26, the Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a concert by the Charleston Chamber Players, in the Sanctuary at 7 pm, followed by an after party and UUC art show in Gage Hall to benefit My Sister's House, the only emergency shelter for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence in Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester counties. In 2007, the shelter's programs answered 18,830 crisis calls. In South Carolina 3 women a month die at the hands of an abusive partner and the state ranks #2 in the nation of women killed by men.

The Charleston Chamber Players is a professional trio of flute, oboe, and cello. Each member of the trio is a Principal Chair musician in the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, making this the premiere ensemble in the area. Tickets are \$11 and all proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to My Sister's House.

Submitted by Abby Himmelein

Gage Hall Coffeehouse

Saturday, March 20, 7:30 pm

Featuring **Roger Bellow & Friends**

On Saturday March 20 at 7:30 pm Roger Bellow will be joined by several guest artists at Gage Hall to perform a benefit concert of Vintage Country and Bluegrass music from the 50's and 60's. Profits from the concert will support academic enrichment programs at inner-city Charleston elementary schools. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Coffee, sodas and home-baked desserts will be available for purchase. Parking available behind Gage Hall and at Charleston Day school. Call 224-4472 for more information.

Roger Bellow is a master of all the string instruments and is a legendary performer, teacher and music historian. He was awarded the SC Folk Heritage Award and has hosted the "Vintage Country" local public radio show, and the "Low-country Jamboree" show on commercial radio. A fixture on the national vintage country scene, he has performed with numerous western and country music legends as well as with the Charleston Symphony.

Submitted by Bill Morris

Green Sanctuary

If you are wondering what that large green traffic cone is doing behind Gage Hall, it is actually a Solar Cone Digester and is part of the Green Sanctuary Committee's work. By placing food waste in this cone instead of the trash can, we not only reduce the production of methane (a nasty greenhouse gas produced by rotting food in a landfill) but encourage worms and beneficial microbes to visit our yard. Below ground there is a big basket that allows microorganisms and worms to move freely back and forth, while above ground there is a cone inside a cone. The sun heats up the outer cone which makes air flow freely through the system, speeding up the breakdown of organic matter with little to no odor. Wastes are broken down into water and carbon dioxide, with a small amount of residue remaining. We encourage those using the kitchen to place their food scraps (fruit/veg, meat, bones, dairy, breads) in the cone instead of in the trash. A caddy is below the sink if you need it. For more information, visit www.solarcone.net.



Submitted by Jonathan Lamb

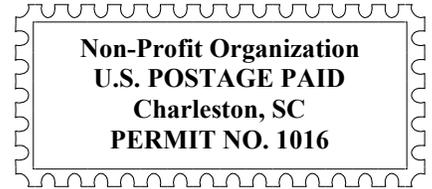


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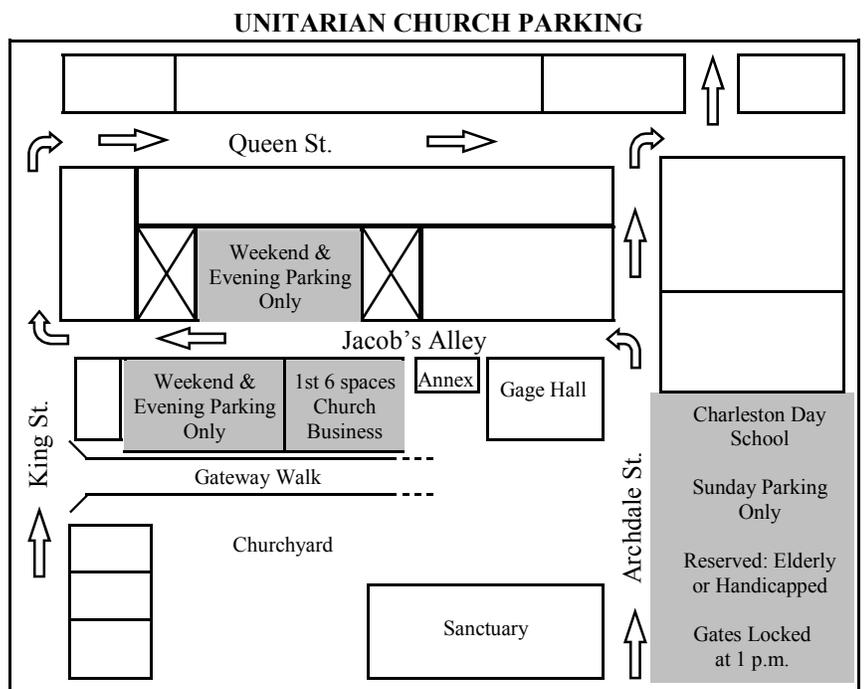
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