Sunday, October 4  
**“Fear of Life,” Rev. Danny Reed**  
Our fear response can warn of us of real danger and threat. It can also debilitate our resolve and introduce unfounded suspicion. When frightened, what’s one to do? Are fight or flight our only options?

Sunday, October 11  
**“Our Hearts Go Out,” Rev. Danny Reed**  
A meditation on forgiveness, madness, and violence, also choices, freedom and responsibility. Spoiler alert: expect more questions than answers.

Sunday, October 18  
**“Free and Responsible: Father Sullivan’s Journey to Unitarianism”**  
Intern Minister, William Epes  
When do we value theological diversity? We look to the story of Paulist priest William L. Sullivan, who became a Unitarian minister in 1912, affirming and strengthening his own evolving Christianity. What meaning does his journey have for Unitarian Universalists today living A Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning?

Sunday, October 25  
**“Choose Something Like a Star,” Rev. Nancy Pellegrini**  
How can we develop moral character and tolerance in a time when we see corruption and small-mindedness all around us? This sermon topic was selected by Ron Bruce, the highest bidder for Rev. Nancy’s offer at our church auction last year to preach on the subject of your choice. With a poem by Robert Frost as the starting point, we’ll take it from there.

**Forums at 10 am in Gage Hall**

Sunday, October 4  
**“Tiny Houses,” Moses Brunson**  
Discussion of the popular trend in tiny houses.

Sunday, October 11  
**“Tomorrow’s Middle East,” John Creed, College of Charleston Political Science Department**  
Dr. Creed has been giving us regular updates on Middle East politics over the last few Forum seasons. This year he will look ahead at the unprecedented pressures and uncharted pathways facing the Middle East region after the conclusion of nuclear negotiations between Iran and the world’s major powers.

Sunday, October 18  
**“Conscious Capitalism: Putting Your Money Where Your Green Values Are”**  
Greg Garvan, Accredited Investment Fiduciary, M.S.  
Whether you are banking, investing, giving away your money or living a greener lifestyle, you have many choices. Learn how to be intentional about using your money and life choices to foment environmental and social change. A presentation of the Green Sanctuary committee.

Sunday, October 25  
**“Living in Fear: A South Carolina Tradition,” Will Moredock, Columnist**  
Member Will Moredock talks about his recent book, “Living in Fear – Race, Politics & The Republican Party in South Carolina.” He argues that ancient and ongoing efforts to control the state’s black population are what makes South Carolina’s politics and culture so dysfunctional.
Aware that we could be better prepared for instances of emergency, natural disaster, and violence, last year our Vestry appointed an ad hoc Safety and Security Committee. The committee began meeting early this year with the charge to create an actionable plan for emergency operations. On Sunday, the 20th, Chair Carol Tempel and our Safety and Security members led the Forum and “rolled out” the Emergency Operations Plan. A condensed version of information provided at the Forum follows.

**What is the Purpose of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP):** … to provide for the safety and well being of the congregation, staff, and everyone present on our grounds. The EOP outlines preparation, evacuation, and recovery from severe weather and provides specific guidance preparation, response, and recovery from emergencies. The EOP assigns key personnel to execute emergency protocols.

**What emergency situations does the plan address?** … Severe Weather, Medical, Fire, Domestic Violence/Child Abduction, Criminal Activity/Active Shooter.

**What is the role of the Safety Steering Committee (SSC)?** … to ensure we prepare, respond, and recover from emergency or disaster and to help provide the safest possible environment for everyone on our grounds. The SSC will utilize the EOP (above) to implement safety strategies, and work with church leadership and staff to train key stakeholders and assess the plan. The SSC will recruit Safety Team members—to be identified via their name tags and able to assist in an emergency.

**What is the role of the Incident Commander (IC)?** … to recognize an emergency and ensure appropriate actions are initiated and communicated. In an emergency, it is essential for all to remain calm and receive clear instructions. Thus, the IC will be well-trained in emergency procedures.

**Why are we hiring an off-duty police officer to serve as Incident Commander?** … because the SSC & Vestry members concede that a qualified volunteer is unlikely to be found within the congregation. Even if present, the volunteer would forfeit much of church life in order to serve in a protective capacity. Also, utilizing church volunteers could, in the worst scenario, put them in danger. The SSC & Vestry are unwilling to ask this risk of members.

**What is the timeline for implementation?**

- **September:** Present plan at Forum (9/20); training staff, and key roles, conduct fire drill with the children (9/27); and hire an officer to serve as IC.
- **October:** Modify plan based on feedback; practice protocols with the congregation.
- **November:** Post the EOP on church property; publish in the Gateway and online.

The majority of the plan, including defibrillators, enhanced first aid, and improved signage, is not controversial. However, some are understandably concerned over a uniformed, armed officer on our campus on Sunday mornings. Others feel, regrettably, that security has become a reasonable response to our times.

I serve on the SSC and support the plan as proposed. This is not to say I’m at peace. I’m angry that I find these measures necessary and feel forced by difficult realities to take actions I would rather avoid. But when I think of our treasured membership, I feel the deepest obligation to protect us as best we can. Our children are accustomed to security personnel in public schools and I doubt they will be startled by a uniformed officer quietly patrolling the church grounds on Sunday mornings.

Let’s not be naive—so long as guns are easy to acquire, we will remain vulnerable—in church, and frankly, most everywhere else. We cannot predict nor prepare for every possibility, particularly madness. If we find security presence to be a reliable deterrent, then I hope most that the officer experiences one boring, uneventful Sunday after another.

All documents drafted thus far can be made available to anyone who wishes to review the information. I’m available to listen to any feedback and convey to other church leaders.

Thank you,
Vestry Visions

Your Vestry has now completed its first meeting (9/17) of the new church year and we were chock-a-block with decisions to make and people to meet!

We invited our new Intern Minister, Bill Epes, to join us. He will be giving the church 20 hours a week (Rev. Danny confirmed this, as it seemed too good to be true!) so he will often be present and visible. Seek him out and let him know you, and get to know him. Can you think of a luckier church in Charleston, to be led and served by such a winning triumvirate as Danny Reed, Nancy Pellegrini and Bill Epes?

Your Vestry also met with Nolan Prestwood, our new Treasurer. He confirmed that we have a congregation of generous hearts! And I want to let you in on a secret—being Treasurer may be the hardest job at the church! Terry Walsh has just stepped down after serving in that position for all the years I’ve been in the church. We should kiss her feet and give her a good hug for the hours she put in and is still contributing as Assistant Treasurer. Then we need to give Nolan our support and encouragement.

Our most important discussion was our role at the 9/20 Forum when the Safety and Security Committee would roll out their Emergency Operations Plan. I will repeat briefly here what I presented and subsequently said.

This plan was not a knee-jerk reaction to the shootings at Mother Emanuel but began in summer 2014 when the First Unitarian Universalist Church in New Orleans was the target of a vicious verbal disruption by an anti-choice group who interrupted the service. They even showed disturbing abortion pictures at the windows of the children’s RE rooms. The Vestry began to puzzle over our own response to such an incident and in December last year asked Carol Tempel and Lisa Hajjar to form a committee to address this concern. Maureen Porter came on board as Vestry liaison and they gathered an impressive brain trust that began meeting last March. Timely reports revealed a painstakingly thorough job. By the time their proposal was introduced at our August retreat, the Vestry was able to see the wisdom of their decisions and voted unanimously, but not lightly, to support them.

The committee focused on five areas of concern: medical, fire, domestic violence, active shooter, weather. My emphasis at the Forum, and also here, is that the decision was a long time coming, not casually considered, and not a rushed reaction to the deaths of so many loving, religious people short blocks from us.

The use of a gun is always a last resort, and perhaps it is time for our church to passionately embrace the Gun Violence Prevention movement so that we can end the need for armed incident commanders at churches and schools.

As a congregation, you have entrusted us with the leadership of this amazing church, I hope you can extend that trust in this matter. We will be closely vetting our security person to ensure he or she reacts with compassion and understanding, and with the clear intent to never have to use a gun on church property. We are emphasizing prevention above all. With another church shooting just reported, I hope that people coming to our church for the first time will see a police presence as an expression of our love and concern for each other and the precious children in our care—combined with a realistic understanding of the world we live in. I hope they feel more comfortable coming inside to hear our message of reason, compassion and social justice.

As always, please contact me at jpfm@bellsouth.net or 404-216-9294 with comments, questions or concerns.

Until next time, I remain your faithful and obedient servant,

Judy Manning
Vestry Values

Once again we have many church members and friends to thank for their generous hearts and spirit of volunteerism!

The Worship Committee organized and implemented an entire summer of fascinating, diverse and informative services, led ably by our Summer Worship Associate, Lisa LoVullo. Our gratitude and congratulations go out to Lisa, Cecil Bennett, Ralph Haller, Richard Hayes, Roy Hiller, Tommy Hughston, Hillary Hutchinson, Jerry Prazak, Priscilla Shumway, Sharon Strong and Bernadette Victor.

And a successful summer was followed immediately by an amazing Pancake Breakfast to welcome all of us back to church! The effort was ably and gracefully run by Diane Boyer and Claudia and Ron Updike with the following volunteers making it all seem effortless that morning: Beverly Birkhimer, Marc Brodeur, Cari Brown, Nina Fair, Marilyn Henderson, Roy Hiller, Fe Houston, Paula Knecht, Ann and Cisco Lindsey, Alan Moore, Laura Moses, Sue and Jerry Prazak, Kris Rife, Bryan Rodwell, Karen and David Ruef, Teresa Shelton and JoAnne Simson.

When you run into these energetic, giving people, let them know how much you value them…and then ask them what they received from their volunteer experience, what their take-away was. I bet you’ll find they took away joy and new friendships from their time of service.

I’ll leave you with a famous saying: “I slept and dreamed life was joy. I awoke and found life was service. I served and discovered service is joy.” It has been true for me. Find some small thing for which you can volunteer at church and find your joy!!

Judy Manning
Vestry Chair

Intern Insights

How grateful I am to find myself learning the profession of ministry in my home congregation. A place that I love. As ministerial internships go, such placements -- in a home congregation -- are rare. They are a bit complicated by virtue of having to balance preexisting relationships and allegiances with the new demands for learning and serving.

I love complexity. I look forward to an evolution of relationship with you. And I am honored by Rev. Danny’s willingness to take me on as a student, by Vestry’s affirmation of a new volunteer staff position, and by Chair Judy Manning’s generous words of welcome and expectation September 20.

What exactly will my two years of internship look like? A formative conversation comes to mind from my community internship last year. Rev. Bill Stanfield, co-founder and CEO of Metanoia, described to me the moment years ago when he and his co-founder (and wife) Rev. Evelyn Oliveira decided upon a strategy for beginning work in a community they hardly knew. Rev. Bill told me he came to the Chicora-Cherokee community ready to share his plans. Rev. Oliveira voiced caution, suggesting a significant period of listening first. How did they know what the community wanted? How did they know what the community needed? They decided to listen for a year.

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My two-year intern ministry here at UCC will also be shaped first by listening. By May, I will have developed a focused initiative specific to UCC, for implementation in 2016-17.

So picture us, initially, browsing a seed catalog together as the weather changes. A good fall and winter activity. Our good gardener’s intentions are to plant thoughtfully, something slow-growing, fruitful, beautiful, hopeful, and suited to the soil chemistry before us. Already, in my new role I am opening a new set of eyes, and finding a newly opened heart with which to help discern visions, hopes, dreams -- and your needs for me.

“So what will you do for our church?” Starting immediately, I practice ministry. My first sermon is scheduled for October 18. In early October, I take over Rev. Nancy’s ministerial presence in the Serious Illness Support group. I will be helping with worship. Next spring, my observations of every level of RE this fall may begin to bear fruit with some teaching. Next fall, my planned OWL training may be put to use. But meanwhile, I will be listening, spending much time “in the balcony,” observing and learning.

I start humbly, making a count of the congregation’s strengths. And I look for guidance to my forming Lay Committee, and my new professor, Rev. Danny.

Can you participate? I invite everyone to email me. Start with your beliefs, a sketch of your own faith journey. Your denominational ancestry. Are you a lifelong UU? A refugee from a conservative religious tradition? What matters most? What is your deepest truth? How is your journey to Ithaca going? And I will tell you more about mine.

I welcome all -- to conversation with your Intern Minister. Blessed be.

-- Bill Epes
Intern Minister
internminister@charlestonuu.org

“**Ithaca**

Poem read for Intern Minister, William Epes’s introduction to the congregation on Sept. 20.

When you set out on your journey to Ithaca, pray that the road is long, full of adventure, full of knowledge. The Lestrygonians and the Cyclops, the angry Poseidon -- do not fear them: You will never find such as these on your path, if your thoughts remain lofty, if a fine emotion touches your spirit and your body.
The Lestrygonians and the Cyclops, the fierce Poseidon you will never encounter, if you do not carry them within your soul, if your soul does not set them up before you.

Pray that the road is long. That the summer mornings are many, when, with such pleasure, with such joy you will enter ports seen for the first time; stop at Phoenician markets, and purchase fine merchandise, mother-of-pearl and coral, amber and ebony, and sensual perfumes of all kinds, as many sensual perfumes as you can; visit many Egyptian cities, to learn and learn from scholars.

Always keep Ithaca in your mind. To arrive there is your ultimate goal. But do not hurry the voyage at all. It is better to let it last for many years; and to anchor at the island when you are old, rich with all you have gained on the way, not expecting that Ithaca will offer you riches.

Ithaca has given you the beautiful voyage. Without her you would have never set out on the road. She has nothing more to give you.

And if you find her poor, Ithaca has not deceived you. Wise as you have become, with so much experience, you must already have understood what Ithacas mean.

*Constantine P. Cavafy* (1911)
Among Our Family & Friends

Perhaps I speak for many of us when I say it was so very nice to be back in church this week (September 20th), and to see so many of our church family and friends after the summer. The day was a wonderful in-gathering. Especially good to see among us: Gale Simmons, Alison Piepmeier, Mary Taylor, and Jerry Prazak, all who have had challenges in recent months. As some of you know, Kathy Hale-Brewer’s elderly father is suffering from Alzheimer’s and recently had a fall. He is at home where Kathy is caring for him. She has her hands full and misses her church involvement and friends. I’m sure she’d like calls and notes.

Mike McCabe is home recovering from some extensive surgery. He and Barb will be back in church in the next few weeks. It sounds as if the docents and the finance committee will be glad to have him back.

For those who know Russell Thompson or Beryl Driver, both enjoy brief visits from church folks (no call necessary). Each might enjoy a copy of a recent Gateway.

Beryl Driver: 1660 Ingram Road, Chs. behind Hwy 161 on the East side. (Carter-May Home)
Russell Thompson: 1010 Hunter Lake Circle, Mt Pleasant (Savannah Grace Home)

Maureen Porter reminds us that September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Her son Jay died by suicide twelve years ago at the age of twenty three. She invites us to stand in spirit with her and the 41,000 families in the US who lose someone to suicide every year.

And lastly, several special events have been celebrated recently:
Richard and Hilary Nelson celebrated their 40th anniversary in August. (yes, we have 2 Richard and Hillarys).
Priscilla Shumway and Jack Hurley announced the birth of their granddaughter, Isabelle Olivia Hurley, in August.
Tim and Libby Eble are also in the grandchild business now with the birth of Benjamin Matthew Eble In June. Libby says the double joy is that Benjamin’s parents have recently moved from Seattle to Mt Pleasant. They brought him along.
On a recent (and perhaps current) trip to Europe, Sally and Mike Flynn visited briefly with Suzanna Van der Woude in Amsterdam. Suzanna says she and Sally lunched together while Mike did a walk-about. When they parted, the Flynns were on their way to cruise! How nice.

Collated by Judy Bruce with help from several others
Those of you who live outside of downtown Charleston may be surprised to learn that Saturday, September 12\textsuperscript{th} was a wonderful day to work in the garden. Apparently there was heavy rain all around except for a donut hole over the lower peninsula, where it only lightly drizzled. That weather phenomenon probably caused a number of Eden Keepers to forgo the work party. After all, if it was pouring at your house, would you show up to work in the garden? Those inside the donut hole were Susan White, Ed Stephens, Cari Brown, Jan Tryssesoone, Deb Casavant, Pat Jontos, Karen Del Porto, Karen Ruef and Fran Ennis.

The current issue of Charleston Magazine, its 40\textsuperscript{th} anniversary edition, is featuring 40 must-see places in Charleston. Number 19 is entitled “Secret gardens and pathways” and features our own Gateway walk and garden. Most of the features are accompanied by a small picture; this one is not, but it is a nice mention. If you are interested in seeing it, and don’t subscribe to the magazine, check with your local Charleston County library. They all have copies.

The next churchyard work party will be Saturday, October 3, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, followed by a potluck lunch. Newcomers are not only welcome, they are encouraged to come. Bring garden tools if you have them, gloves, bug repellent, water to drink while working, and a dish to share for lunch. Sure hope you can join us.

The next meeting of the Churchyard Committee will be on Monday, October 12, at 5:30 p.m. in Gage Hall. Interested Eden Keepers are welcome to attend.

\textit{Submitted by Fran Ennis}

The Green Sanctuary committee is working to reduce our church water bill. We have spoken with Charleston Water Systems (CWS) and received information on our water meter locations and what service area each meter represents. We will try to isolate each questionable meter and corresponding lines to do a cursory check for leaks.

CWS will not survey water lines located inside property boundaries. After we do our own research it may be necessary to hire a utility-locating service to survey our campus. GS will solicit two bids for this and will use this information for future planning.

We have identified three spigots in the churchyard, two of which are leaking. This was brought to the attention of Ron Updike, chair of the Buildings and Grounds committee, and he has added the leaks to a list for a plumber’s visit in the near future.

Replacement LED lamp project: We are in agreement that this low-hanging fruit of energy conservation should be plucked. Nina Fair reports that the Vestry approved our proposal for LED lighting for Gage Hall on September 17.

Marcus Giddens has joined the Green Sanctuary committee and plans to join the Buildings and Grounds committee. He has over ten years’ experience managing the operations and construction of commercial office buildings and is looking forward to helping reduce our overall carbon footprint.

\textit{Submitted by Marcus Giddens}
We have an exciting opportunity for both newcomers and folks who have been involved with the church for decades to share their experiences in this engaging evening class. *Articulating Your UU Faith* will meet Sunday evenings 6:00-7:30 p.m. in upper Gage Hall in the den area on October 11, 18, 25 and November 1.

The focus of the class is on practicing how and what to say in various settings in which you might be called upon to explain your faith. Participants share their current beliefs, what they used to believe, misconceptions about Unitarian Universalism, times when they were not able to respond adequately to questions about their religion, and times when they were.

Participants are led through an exercise to write "coffee hour chat" responses to questions about Unitarian Universalism. The course also includes short statements about Unitarian Universalism—examples of ways to concisely explain what Unitarian Universalism is. Participants use these to help write their own. Homework includes reading essays by the authors on "What Do I Say After I Say I'm Unitarian Universalist?" and on explaining UU history.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Janet at dre@charlestonuu.org to register.

**Everyone is welcome to join our calendared RE events:**

- Wu Tai Chi, Wednesdays in Gage Hall at 11:00 a.m.

- Meditation, Sundays 9:30 a.m. Upper Annex classroom

- Forum, Sundays 10:00 a.m. in Gage Hall

- Red Tent Women’s Group, first Sunday of each month (Oct.4) 5:00 p.m. Upper Gage

- UU Parenting group, second Friday of each month (Oct.9) 6:00-8:00 p.m., various members’ homes (contact Janet for details)

Submitted by Janet Watts, Director of Religious Education
RE Registration Continues

All families with children from baby to teen, in the Religious Education program need to complete a new registration form. These will continue to be offered in the front of Gage Hall after Sunday services. Alternatively, you are welcome to go to the church website, print the pages, complete the form and turn it into the church office.

Religious Education Committee Meeting, October 11, 12:30 p.m. Upper Gage Hall
The RE Group Photo will be taken on Sunday, October 18
OWL training with Circular Congregational Church, October 23-25

Submitted by Janet Watts

Church-Wide Halloween Party
Friday, October 30
Gage Hall
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Individuals and families of all ages are encouraged to come in costume, bring a side dish to share, and have a spookily fun evening. We will have corn dogs, crafts, games, music, prizes for the best costumes, and conclude with ghost stories in our lovely churchyard. What a fantastic way to celebrate Halloween two nights in a row!

We are looking for helpers to decorate, create scary punch, set up, break down, and supervise both games and crafts. If you can lend a hand at this annual favorite church event please let us know. Contact any member of the RE Committee or the church office.

Religious Education Committee members include Alex Hild, Audrey Brown, Downing Child, Erica Hattings-Brodeur, Heather and Jill Chumley-Jones, Jee Youn Fickling, Joe Krause, John Hyatt, John Massey, Kevin Eakes, Kris Rife, Marina Morrison, Janet Watts and Natalie Davidson.

Submitted by Janet Watts
**Membership Happenings**

**Connection Cards**
You may have noticed that the postcard-size visitor cards in the Sanctuary pews have been replaced by a larger blue Connection Card. As with our previous visitor cards, the Connection Card is a tool for newcomers to let us know their contact information so that they can receive news from us via email and other mailings and telephone contact. In addition, the Connection Card is meant to be used by Members and Friends to update contact information, and for anyone who would like to receive a telephone call from the Minister, Director of Religious Education, or Membership Coordinator. Additionally, if one is interested in knowing more about any aspect of congregational life, the appropriate item on the card may be checked. Check it out and Connect!

**Classes**

**Pathfinders: November 22, 12:30 – 1:30, Upper Gage Hall**
This is a class geared toward those new to our congregation who would like to receive basic information about Unitarian Universalism and the Unitarian Church in Charleston. Bring your questions! Childcare available. Contact Carol Oates, Membership Coordinator, membership@charlestonuu.org.

**Pathways to Membership: October 4, 11, 18, 12:15 – 2:00, Charleston Day School**
Pathways is a 3-session class for people who are ready to explore what it means to be a Member of the Unitarian Church in Charleston. Lunch served, childcare provided.
The Fall Pathways Class is full. You may put your name on the waiting list, or sign up for the Winter (Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7) or Spring (April 3, 10, 17) classes. Sign up at the Membership Table in Gage Hall, or contact Carol Oates, Membership Coordinator, membership@charlestonuu.org.

Submitted by Carol Oates, Membership Director

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**2015 Service Auction**

The planning’s afoot—the Service Auction 2015 committee has hit the ground running. Mark your calendars now, UUs. This is a must-not-miss event in every church year.

**Silent Auction:** Sunday, November 8, Charleston Day School Cafeteria, Noon-2:00 p.m.
Come over after church, leave the kiddies at play, wend your way past table after table of events and special new and gently used items for you to bid on. Munch as you move!

**Live Auction:** Saturday, November 14, Gage Hall, 6:30 p.m. It’s a Prrrr—taay! Music, food, wine and beer, auctioneer, excitement, competition, and fabulous bidding choices for every size of pocketbook!

The Auction Committee does most of the work, but you are a necessary ingredient for success:
Use your creativity and kindness to donate goods and services. The donation form is available on the next page and through the month of October in Sunday bulletins, at the Welcome Table in Gage Hall after church, and online for printing by you. Leave in collection plates or Gage Hall or office.

Volunteer to work with the Auction Committee known for its ability to “churn and burn” and have fun, too!
Call Kay Haun, 843 819 7128 (haukay@homesc.com) or Susan Garrison, 843 614 1786 (shadow183g@att.net). You may call the Carol Oates in the office, too: 843 723 4617 (membership@charlestonuu.org)

Submitted by Kay Haun
Service Auction 2015: Pirates of the Caribbean
Donation Form

NAME__________________________________________________________PHONE___________________________________

EMAIL___________________________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS_______________________________________________________CITY_____________________ZIP______________

TITLE OF ITEM OR SERVICE__________________________________________________________________________________
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DETAILED DESCRIPTION (include condition of item)________________________________________________________________________

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: $________________________ (Value should be determined on the basis of what the item (or service) would sell for in current condition at current market prices. The Auction Committee reserves the right to re-price items as necessary before or during the auction.)

IF DINNER/EVENT, SELL BY: EACH SEAT (list total #) _______ OR ENTIRE DINNER/EVENT ______ DATE&TIME________________

IF VACATION HOME, DATES AVAILABLE_______________________________________________________________________

IF ITEM DOES NOT SELL: ______ RETURN TO DONOR       _____ DONATE TO CHURCH

DO YOU NEED A BABYSITTER? __________________  NO. OF CHILDREN____________

PUT FORM IN AUCTION BOX IN GAGE HALL,. CHURCH OFFICE OR MAIL TO CHURCH OFFICE OR EMAIL THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO TERRY WALSH: terrywa@bellsouth.net.

DONATION DEADLINE: November 1

AUCTION DATES: November 8 after church (silent) & Saturday, November 14 (Live), 6:30 p.m. GAGE HALL.

PLEASE BRING AUCTION ITEM(S) TO CHURCH OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 5th BEFORE 2:00 PM

BE CREATIVE! USE YOUR IMAGINATION!

Examples of items to donate:

- Outings/Parties/Camps designed for kids & families
- Tickets to sporting events: Family Circle Cup, Riverdogs baseball, Stingrays hockey, CofC basketball
- Photograph restoration, furniture restoration
- Body “restoration”: massage, fitness trainer services
- Elegant jewelry, home decorations, paintings, prints, special collections (no white elephants please)
- DInners: Lebanese, Colombian, French Bistro, Southern, Elegant, Vegetarian, Irish, BBQ, Oyster Roast, Cookout
- Vacation Getaways: Mountain homes, beach cottages, Ski condos, Big city apartments
- Crystal or china (good condition, please)!
- Groupon or Living Social coupons purchased as gifts
- Handy-Andy services: landscape design or labor, truck for
- Outdoor adventures: boating, kayaking, farm visits, guided tours
- Specialty-themed gift baskets: wines, sweets, cheeses
- Your special signature food: Smoked hams, cakes, pies, cookies
- Toys, children’s books (new or gently used)
- Musical events: folk songs, sing-alongs, dinner+music; music for an event; dance party
- Gadgets, tools, electronics (NEW or in VERY GOOD condition, please!)
- Round trip transportation to the airport
- Party on the Rooftop Terrace!
Red Tent
Sunday, October 4
5:00 p.m.
Upper Gage Hall, Room 2

Red Tent Temple of Charleston is a secular space where all women, from all walks of life and all stages of womanhood, can come and be supported by their community. The goal is to be able to reach into different communities and create a truly diverse and unique experience.

We will start our gathering by welcoming you all at the door with a greeter from 5:00-5:15PM. We will then have an opening/centering activity, a guided imagery/journaling exercise customized to the gathering’s theme, an activity, and then a closing ritual/reading before heading into our social time.

You can come and go as you please. You are not required to stay the full length of the tent. We just ask that you be respectful of the tent when entering after the gathering has begun, you can join in whenever you feel comfortable and that it is appropriate.

Every tent is special and unique in its own way based on who comes and shares this sacred time with us. It is recommended to come to at least 3 before deciding if our group is a good fit for you. You can expect to be led through guided imagery, journaling, a monthly activity to connect with your sisters, laughter, tears, hugging, deep reflection, loud socializing, growth, self-forgiveness, self work, releasing, love, peace, candles, music, chanting, dancing and more. If that sounds like something that you need more of in your life, subscribe to our Facebook events with more information on each month’s theme.

As always: Alcohol, drugs and weapons are not permitted at our tent temple gatherings.

Danica Todd - founding facilitator, danicaltodd@gmail.com, 843-826-0660
Marina Penna-Morrison - facilitator, 910-297-0392

https://www.facebook.com/RedTentTempleOfCharleston/events
http://www.danicatodd.com/red-tent-temple-of-charleston/
Let’s Do Lunch
Tuesday, October 13
Crave Restaurant, 1968 Riviera Dr. Mt Pleasant (843-884-1177)
12:30 p.m.

Let’s do lunch is a monthly luncheon that is open to women and men in our church. It’s a time for socializing and catching up with our fellow members. Please let me know if you are going to join us no later than Thursday, October 6th, so I can make our reservation.

Susan Hartry 843-225-1439 or by email: hartry.susan@gmail.com

Books and Coffee
Sunday, Oct 11
Home of Sue and Paul Nelson, Apt. #103, 1600 Franke Dr., Mt. Pleasant

If you’re not familiar with the geography of the Franke Home, please call the Nelsons at 884-9589; also, please call them if you plan to attend. Claire Bush will lead a discussion of the novel All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. It’s a haunting book, which won the Pulitzer Prize this year. Afterwards, we will decide on the books we want to read and discuss in the coming months. Questions? Please call Jo Anne Simson, 843-795-4166

Backpack Buddies

Please join us at the Lowcountry Food Bank on the
3rd Saturday of each month (Oct. 17)
from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We will pack food for low-income elementary schoolchildren. The bags we pack are put into the children’s backpacks on Friday afternoon so they’ll have food to eat over the weekend.

Lowcountry Food Bank, 2864 Azalea Drive, North Charleston 29405; meet in the lobby.

We need at least 20 volunteers to get the job done.
New volunteers welcome – no experience needed. Bring a friend!

With question or to RSVP, please contact Kris Rife: 843-884-8808 work / 843-822-0597 cell

Remember the dress code: Closed-toe shoes and no tank tops.
Minimum age suggested: 14 with parental supervision but a bit younger have been very successful.

Submitted by Kris Rife
Gage Hall Coffeehouse Presents

Southern Flavor Bluegrass Band
Saturday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.

Join us as one of Charleston's most popular bluegrass groups perform a variety of bluegrass favorites as well music from other genres.

The band's founder is George B. Del Porto, who plays mandolin. George moved here from Nashville 43 years ago and has been playing bluegrass music for most of his life. Kevin Gore, a longtime banjo player, moved here from southern California where he played banjo professionally for many years. Rounding out the band are George's sons F. B. Del Porto, on guitar, who has played in a number of bluegrass and rock bands over the years, and Anthony Del Porto, who is also a seasoned acoustic bassist and vocalist. F. B. Del Porto. The Del Portos have performed together for a number of years and specialize in tight family harmonies for which the band has become known.

Southern Flavor Bluegrass Band can be seen in many local venues such as the Charleston Pour House, Holy City Brewery, Awendaw Green and at many private parties.

Suggested donation: $15 Adults; $5 Students. Home baked desserts, coffee and sodas will be available. Parking available across the street and behind Gage Hall. Call 224-4472 for more information.

Profits from Gage Hall Coffeehouses support enrichment activities in Charleston-area elementary schools. We are currently sponsoring science-oriented field trips for all students at Mitchell Elementary School.

Gage Hall is located at 4 Archdale Street.

Suggested donation of $15 for Adults; $5 for Students.

Call 224-4472 or 367-9663 for more information.
The next Rummage Sale will soon be here! Please bring any gently used clothing, toys, shoes, linens, books, games, household items, electronic equipment etc. to the:

**Rummage Sale, Set-up**
**Friday, October 9, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

We could use some volunteers to help with set-up and pricing that day. (Bring a lunch/snack if you like).

If you make a list of the items you contribute and their approximate resale value, any member of the Alliance can sign your list that can then be used for tax purposes.

**Rummage Sale, Saturday, October 10, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

If you prefer to help on the day of the sale, please arrive by 8:45 a.m., as we are especially busy when we first open. If you are not a morning person, we could use some help from 11:30 until noon to take down what has not sold. Some nice, strong men are particularly welcome as boxes of books and bags of clothes are rather heavy. There’s no need to commit to the entire weekend. An hour here or there would be greatly appreciated. We have an amazing variety of items for sale at very attractive prices. Please join the Alliance members for some great buys, fun and fellowship.

Submitted by Susan Hartry

**Free Film Screening**

**COWSPIRACY: The Sustainability Secret**
**Thursday, Oct. 29, 7:00 p.m.; Gage Hall**

The Green Sanctuary Committee, the Charleston Veggies and Vegans Meetup Group, and Satsang Yoga Charleston present: COWSPIRACY: The Sustainability Secret (2014, 85 min., Executive Director Leonardo Dicaprio). Q&A to follow with Martin Jones and Jeffrey Cohen. Light refreshments provided.

*Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret* is a groundbreaking feature-length environmental documentary following intrepid filmmaker Kip Andersen as he uncovers the most destructive industry facing the planet today – and investigates why the world’s leading environmental organizations are too afraid to talk about it.

Contact Laura Moses: lauramoses@yahoo.com or 843-364-1976

Submitted by Laura Moses
CAJM STARTS A NEW YEAR!

It’s hard to believe, but with children going back to school, it feels like summer is winding down. As fall approaches, a new social justice cycle is beginning with the Charleston Area Justice Ministry. The tragic events of this summer have reminded us that there is much work yet to be done to bring justice to our community. Many of you know that the cycle begins with a listening process at House Meetings within each congregation—small groups get together to build relationships and to have meaningful conversations about injustices in our community. Those of you who are already members of a UC-CHS network will be hearing from your team leaders about the date of your House Meeting. If you are not yet a network member but are interested in joining a dynamic group focused on social justice, please let Diane Boyer know (dboyer@luc.edu), and she will make sure you get linked up with one of the church networks. On October 8 at 6 pm there will be a CAJM potluck in Gage Hall. All are welcome—those who have been active with CAJM and those who want to find out more about what is going on.

UPDATES ON PRIOR CAJM INITIATIVES:

City of Charleston Hiring Policy to employ young adults on publicly-funded construction projects:

A hiring policy has been proposed to the City Council, but CAJM would like the policy to be stronger. CAJM members are still working with the Council to try to get a stronger policy.

Wage Theft and the Wage Recovery Program:

The Charleston County Council voted 6-3 to fund the program, and South Carolina Legal Services has received the money from the county. Attorney Mary Platts is already at work and taking cases (843-266-2181 maryplatts@sclegal.org). She would like to come and share information about the program with CAJM congregations. Please thank the County Council members who voted “yes” on funding the program (Colleen Condon, Henry Darby, Teddy Pryor, Elliott Summey, Anna Johnson and Victor Rawl). Those voting against the program were Joseph Qualey, Dickie Schweers and Herbert Ravenel Sass.

High Rates of School Suspensions:

CAJM leaders met with the new Charleston School Superintendent, Dr. Gerrrita Postlewait, to introduce her to the Justice Ministry and to touch base on the data and implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) and Restorative Justice (RJ). It was a very successful meeting! A great training for PBIS and RJ took place during the summer with principals, administration and key teachers at seven of our ten schools, and they all have a personalized Action Plan in place to continue the next phase of implementation. RJ has been expanded to five schools. Preliminary data shows amazing success in lowering suspension rates! Just to name a few examples, the suspension rate at Burns Elementary went from 29.4% to just 9.5%, Memminger Elementary saw a drop from 38.5% to 11.9% and West Ashley Middle School decreased from 35% to 21% in one year! Our next meeting with the District is on Tuesday, October 6 at 1:00 pm.

Submitted by Diane Boyer
Social Justice Happenings

CAJM Potluck
Thursday, Oct. 8, 6:00 p.m.
Gage Hall

Whether you are new and want to find out more about the social justice work of CAJM or whether you are a CAJM veteran, all are invited to the potluck. Hear about the ongoing work of CAJM and plans for the coming year. There will also be an opportunity to participate in the listening process, where you will be able to share your views about injustice in our community. All voices are important!

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME TABLE IN GAGE HALL BY OCTOBER 4. (Or email Diane Boyer, dboyer@luc.edu)

Submitted by Diane Boyer

Social Justice Committee Meeting

Monday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.
Gage Hall

The Social Justice Committee’s Open Meeting gives everyone a chance to learn about our UU Social Justice activities. This first meeting of the church year welcomes all to attend and provide input.

Submitted by Diane Narkunas
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