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TO THE GLORY OF LIFE

Dear Friends,

UU Minister, Robert Fulgum, talks about our weaknesses and our prejudices in a way that is revealing. He does it by pointing out our trends in thinking and acting. An example being, how we tend to treat 'others.' More specific, how we treat 'those people' – 'over there.' The 'enemy.' The 'terrorists.' This is a paraphrasing of what he has to say.

The Russians are a rotten lot, immoral, aggressive, ruthless, coarse, and generally evil. They are responsible for most of the troubles in this world. They're not like us.

That's pretty much the summary of the news (from the 50's to the 80's) about the Russians. But sometimes something slips through the net of prejudice, some small signal that is so poignant and true that it wedges open iron curtains and scales Berlin walls long enough for us to see, not an enemy, but fellow travelers; members of the fellowship of this humanity's joy and pain.

See Nicolai Pestretsov. I don't know much about him, but this I know.

He was a sergeant major in the Russian army, thirty six years old. He was stationed in Angola, a long way from home. His wife had come to visit him.

On a late August day in the 80's, South African military units entered Angola in an offensive against the black nationalist guerrillas taking sanctuary there. At the village of N-Giva, they encountered a group of Russian soldiers. Four were killed and the rest of the Russians fled – except Sergeant Major Pestretsov. He was captured. We know because the South African military communiqué read as follows: "Sgt. Major Nicolai Pestretsov refused to leave the body of his slain wife, who was killed in the assault on the village."

It was as if the South African's could not believe it, for the communiqué repeated the information. "He went to the body of his wife and would not leave it, although she was dead."

How strange. Why didn't he run and save his own hide? What made him go back? Is it possible he loved her? Is it possible that he wanted to hold her in his arms one last time? Is it possible that he had tears to cry and dreams to grieve? Is it possible he felt the futility of war? Is it possible he felt the injustice of fate? Is it possible he thought of children, born or unborn? Is it possible that he didn't care what became of him now?

It's possible. But we don't know. Because Nicolai Pestretsov sits alone in a South African prison. The name on the door of his cell may say many things – "Russian," "Communist," "enemy soldier," "evil traitor," "terrorist." But the door to the prison of his heart offers no such labels. If such a sign hung there it would reveal that Nicolai Pestretsov was just a man who loved beyond bounds of safety; who dreamed of things larger than the world he found himself in.

Such is a difficult prison for him to live in. It is a difficult prison for all of us to live in.

The Russians are a rotten lot, immoral, aggressive, ruthless, coarse, and generally evil. They are responsible for most of the troubles in this world. They're not like us.

Except they are exactly like us.

When I read this I am reminded how often we overlook our common humanity in our hurried attempt to honor and protect our differences – the color of our skin, or style of uniform, our political persuasion, our religious beliefs; the flag in our passports or the presidents on our money.



Happenings

Mindful Meditation

Need a vacation from stress? A few minutes to sit still; to turn off the phone; to stop thinking about what you have to do next; to be in the present moment; to let other people's needs wait a while? You deserve to be mindful for a few minutes. I'd like to invite you to be still with us every second and fourth Thursday night at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. You don't have to bring a thing. Just you.

See you there!

Merri Beth

Happenings

UUMANDRUMS

UUMAN'S Drum Choir meets the first and third Sunday's of each month, from 1:30 for beginners and warm-up, 2:00-3:30 class. Classes are \$15. and are taught by renowned drum teacher Tom Harris, Director of the Excel Drummers and counselor at InnerHarbour. Loaner drums are available. If you are interested in making your own drum, contact Tom for information and to schedule a drum making workshop. For questions or information contact Pamela Reich uumandrums@uuman.org

Why is it that we are so conditioned to ignore the commonalities that bind us and see the differences that divide us? Whatever the reason, it is a dangerous and growing trend. As if we live in a tilted world, we are forever sliding toward separation - nationalizing, politicizing, geographicizing, idealogizing our humanity thinking that these quarantining distinctions will make us safer.

Religion may be a lot of things – it may be tainted, or corrupt, or imperfect, or hypocritical. It may be outdated, idealized, misunderstood or used improperly. But at its heart it is what stands against all our efforts to separate ourselves. It is what whispers, reminds, shouts at us, “Remember! They are exactly like us!”

UUMAN may be imperfect, idealized, or misunderstood, but it is what we use – sometimes all we have – to get at the heart of our common humanity. That we are all inherently worthy. We are all special. All unique. Just like everyone else. And there is no enemy without turning ourselves on ourselves. It is up to us to take our humanity – and our religion – seriously. When we do, we will find we are all on our way, together.

To the Glory of Life.

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

About the 20th of every month there is an opportunity for the President of UUMAN to address the congregation via the monthly newsletter. “What to talk about?” is a recurring question...followed by other questions such as “what is on people’s minds?”, “what can I say that will make a difference?” and “will the way I say what I say make a difference in how people respond?” Around the 19th of each month...I would love to have email or phone calls from UUMAN members with those answers. What I think needs to be on people’s minds this next month (and always really) is the future of UUMAN. The next few months are pretty important to what we will have and be a few years out. So what we do now really matters. We have a variety of roles to fill to help our congregation address some of our current challenges, to serve each other and our community and to plan for our future. Whether you are interested in helping with the Long Range Plan, helping with the care of people who need love and attention, whether you can contribute to solutions regarding our finances...or can contribute in some other way...now is the time to determine what part you can play. The article below by Julie Jordan Scott (see page 7) spoke out to me...and I thought it might to you. I thought it was appropriate for our times.

The best to you always.....Kirk Bogue

UUMAN SAC Member Goes to Washington

I have, from the first days of the war in Iraq, felt frustration and disappointment with American's involvement. As the war has goes on and increasing numbers of American and Iraqi lives are lost, my regret grows. After an unsuccessful effort to go to Crawford, Texas, I learned of the September 24th march planned in Washington, D.C. I decided to attend when my feelings about the war were underscored by America's inability to capably aid those devastated by hurricane Katrina. I do not know if there is a place for protest in America today. I do know that something must be done and that there are few avenues of _expression currently open to American citizens. I will write an article for this newsletter when I return. I will share, with those interested, my thoughts and experiences. I am not going in connection with any group or organization, however, I am happy to be the eyes and ears for interested members of UUMAN who cannot attend. I hope that while I am there, I will learn of some clear mission and map available to those of us who cannot live with the template currently imposed on us. So, I leave for Washington with hope and optimism intact. I will let you know if I return feeling the same way. ** June Conti



Social Action Update

Hurricane Katrina

The responses collected over the summer from the Social Action Survey indicate that our Congregation would like to support local social justice initiatives. Well folks, here's our chance to put our donations (of time, household goods, and/or money) where our mouth is.

HomeStretch is a non-profit 501(C) (3) that provides temporary housing and education to the working homeless in our community. HomeStretch has been recognized as one of the top 100 community housing organizations in the United States. HomeStretch is the only agency in North Fulton County that provides transitional housing for homeless families.

With the help of community partners, HomeStretch gives families a second chance for a hopeful future as they prepare them for their return to self-sufficient living. Each year, the program returns to the North Fulton community 20-25 formerly homeless families that are empowered to avoid welfare and dependency on public agencies.

Hurricane Katrina has put additional demands on HomeStretch. The evacuees are beginning their transition from emergency housing to more short-term housing. Estimates are that it will be several months before evacuees are allowed back into their cities and homes. This situation places an additional strain on HomeStretch to provide affordable short-term housing for Katrina evacuees. Evacuees assisted by HomeStretch must agree to and pass background checks and drug screenings. They have seen a dramatic increase in the number of phone calls and walk-ins. They are working furiously to continue supporting their regular client base and as many "Katrina" families as possible.

Sixteen families from the Gulf Coast disaster have already been placed into local apartment complexes. HomeStretch is asking local churches to assist in this endeavor by establishing Relocation Support Teams. Teams are comprised of 4 or 5 members who are asked to make a 90-day commitment, to attend a formal training session, to provide a jump-start minimum financial donation of \$1500-2000 (collected from the larger congregation) and to work directly with the families to provide other support functions as outlined below. HomeStretch offers the teams their already available resources to coordinate and undertake the following tasks:

- Acquire household goods and furnishings
- Acclimate a family to the area
- Assist with locating employment, childcare, school enrollment, medical care needs, and other disaster assistance benefits
- Advocate for the evacuees as needed in various other endeavors

As of this writing, we have surpassed the minimum financial requirement in promises and have received offers of household goods and time. THANK YOU!! The next step is to identify the 4-5 team members. These families need our help and they need it now. Please contact Jennifer Tangney, Rhonda Mihalik, June Conti or Mary Danielak to offer your gift of time, goods, or money to a family enduring an unimaginable situation. Financial donations can be given directly to a member of the Social Action Committee listed above or put into the collection plate on Sunday. Please make your checks out to UUMAN with "Homestretch" on memo line. We can make a difference in a family's life.

Happenings

YOGA with Lisa @ UUMAN

On-going yoga classes in our beautiful Sanctuary. Develop strength, flexibility and balance in mind and body. Learn poses, breathing & relaxation techniques & meditation to reduce stress, calm your mind, strengthen your immune system, and find more joy in life! Beginners & intermediates; men, women & teens. Newcomers welcome anytime. \$15 a class or session price Wednesday 10-11:15 a.m., Sunday 4:45-6 p.m. Contact lisa@uuman.org

Happenings

UUMANSingles

The singles group meets for a monthly potluck, the second Saturday of every month. E-mail Craig Kaufman or Carolyn Bommarito for more details craigk@uuman.org & carolyn@uuman.org

Happenings

Yom Kippur Concluding Eve Service

Thursday, October 13, 2005
 Begins promptly at 7 PM
 Followed by pot luck Soup and Bagels
 Child Care by request only 770-889-0176
 Please bring a framed picture of your significant loss(es)
 Questions can be addressed to: Linda Ritter
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Invitation to Compassion

I loved roller skating as a child. So every year my birthday party was held at the local roller rink. Nothing too elaborate-just skating, home-made cupcakes and friends. But much to my chagrin, my mother always made me invite every single person in my class. I would balk at having to invite the class nerd, bully and those I did not care for. Even an 8 year old comprehends the power dynamics that a party invitation can hold over societal standing. A few weeks before your party, kids were vying to carry your books or give you their turn on the monkey bars-all in hopes of snagging a place as your new BFF. (For those of you who've lost your secret decoder rings; that is the international slang for Best Friends Forever) and thereby insuring their invitation.

But instead of power plays, my mother schooled me in the lessons of compassion, by patiently explaining that life is not fair as it is and to be rejected as a child or uninvited is hurtful. She said life would provide enough of those wounds as time went on and I didn't need to add any. She would silence my complaining with the question of "how would you like it if someone didn't invite you?" That one got me every time.

And so my parties were busy, full blown affairs with everyone-from the most popular to the usually shunned- in attendance. My mother, being the kind soul she is, even offered to drive children home-not realizing they were bussed in and lived almost an hour and ½ away. I came to realize that I didn't mind inviting everyone and that there was plenty of party to share.

I also realized when a friend had a sleep over and a limit of 6 girls, just how painful being "uninvited" could be indeed. I remember hoping to be one of the cherished 6 picked to be at her party. After all, I was one of her BFF; or so I had thought. But when the invites were passed out during recess one day and my hand was still empty; I realized I might have been wrong. I asked her casually if there was a reason only 6 could participate-this was a rather desperate ploy. She mumbled

something about her mother only allowing 6 girls. In an even more pathetic ploy, I begged to be added & promised I wouldn't eat any cake or take up any extra room. I'd be the phantom guest. But again, she reiterated her mother's six girl rule. I went home crying, wondering what kind of monster this girl had for a mother? How could she deny a 7th child? Really ½ a child, since I only weighed 60 pounds and was extremely thin for my age. At some point I realized that whether it was the rule of a strict mother or the fact that I was not wanted at the party; the point was-I was uninvited.

It was a harsh lesson to learn. And even harder to accept that it would happen again and again during my lifetime. I don't quite remember what I did the night of that party. I wish I could say my Mom & I did something wonderfully touching or that I rose above the pettiness and didn't care; but I'm pretty sure I was miserable.

And I started to realize in time that life itself can sometimes seem like a party for which you have no invitation. It feels as if everyone else is attending some dreamy function and you are stuck sitting home alone. You can spend hours, days, months, years sitting alone; waiting for your invitation-only to find that life has passed you by. Or you can learn to "crash" life-get out, do things that make you happy and make yourself the life of any party.

I admit, at times I still feel uninvited. For whatever reason, I'll feel unwelcome by a group or by a single person. It harkens back the memories of grade school and being rejected. But then I remember my own parties-and how everyone lit up when they received their invitation. And I remember the fond memories my classmates shared with me, even years later about how my birthdays' were the highlight of their youth. It gives me a boost of courage inside to go over to that person or group and extend a tentative hand. Because as my mother taught me, compassion always beats power.

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Yom Kippur Concluding Eve Service

Ever notice the common threads that run through the great religions of the world? The yearn to reach our optimum, the need to be significant, are celebrated and sought on this the arguably most holy day of the Jewish Calendar. Uniquely Jewish, yet palpably Unitarian Universalist, Yom Kippur Concluding Eve Service at UUMAN provides the long time YK Aficionado, or the first timer with a soul searching evening. The themes of at-one-ment, sin and forgiveness, culminate with a dramatic presentation by the Youth. Grief and its role in all our lives comes to life as we celebrate the lives of significant ones who have passed on. One of UUMAN's most poignant services of the year, Yom Kippur Concluding Eve Service is not to be missed.

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Sermon-Writing Class

Fact: Everyone has something to say.

Fact: Most of us believe we have something to say.

Fact: Some of us want to stand up in front of others and say it.

Fact: Most of us are not born speakers – and, therefore, need some training or guidance in the craft.

If you are one of those who, listening to a speaker on a Sunday morning at UUMAN, has thought, “I would have said that this way,” or “I wish someone would talk about _____”, or “I think I’d like to try that,” then now’s your chance! We are offering that training - a class on the subject of sermon writing and delivery. As the schedule now stands, it will meet on October 4th, October 25th, November 1st, and November 8th. If the group is interested, we will meet monthly through the winter.

The syllabus will include:

- sermon theory
- sermon delivery
- reading the sermons of good, experienced preachers
- reading about sermon writing
- sharing learnings (about the two subjects above) with the group
- choosing sermon topics
- sermon styles
- crafting an outline
- sermon writing techniques and tips
- writing a sermon – and presenting it

Sermon-writing is part storytelling, but it is more than that. If you are interested in learning how to turn stories into pieces that can move people from where they are to a new place – a new perspective – a new understanding, please contact Dave Hudson (worship@uuman.org) or Greg Ward (greg@uuman.org). We look forward to your joining us in this exciting process!

Join the UU Coaching Network

UUCN is growing and invites you to join. This non-profit association is a community of professionally trained life coaches anchored in the UU principles of compassion, integrity and inclusion. To learn of its mission and how you can benefit from membership, please visit <http://www.uucoachingnetwor.org/>. Feel free to contact a board member to learn of upcoming benefits as well. If you are considering hiring a coach, UUCN is also a resource to find the right coach for you.

Regards,

Lisa Martelli

UUCN Board of Trustee (978)686-5693

New Year at the Mountain

Bring in 2006 with your family and friends at The Mountain's fun & festive New Year's Celebration. Enjoy the spectacular beauty and peace of the Mountain in the wintertime

The Mountain staff is planning another outstanding program that will include the traditional ringing in the New Year. More information about the program and registration forms will be available soon. Check The Mountain bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and The Mountain's website, www.mountaincenters.org for updates. If you think you will be attending and wish to receive registration forms and more information when available, please contact Joe Creech, by e-mail (Joecreech@uuman.org) or by telephone (770 594 1190). About 60 adults and youth from UUMAN participated in the program last year.

Fees for the program include meals, housing, and program costs.

December 30 - January 1

Early Bird Registration Rate (by 11/30/05)

adults--\$142; youth & children--\$75

Family Rate (by 11/30/05)

adults--\$127.80

youth & children--\$66.60

3 day option: December 29 - January 1

Early Bird rate (by 11/30/05)

adults--\$198

youth & children--\$110



UUMAN RUMMAGE SALE SUCCESS!

I had mentioned previously that to put on a rummage sale, we would need congregational support and I meant the WHOLE congregation. Well you heeded the call and I would say we had at least 50%. The other 50% that didn't have a chance to help- there's always next time!

First of all, thank you to everyone who donated. We had good quality donations and it helped! I also want to thank all of the second service that helped clear the sanctuary, etc. to get ready to accept donations.

The following people gave a lot of their time and in some cases their money to help this sale become a success.

Martina Queenth- was my "second in command" and without her unflappable dedication to pricing and organizing, we would not have had a sale. She put in over 40 hours of her time to make the sale a reality. She priced the vast majority of the items received and if you came to help or to shop, you know what a huge job that was.

Nan Brown- (who was the rummage sale coordinator for FIVE sales in a row awhile back-I applaud her!) She was my advisor and helped to keep me calm during the pre-sale coordination. She also got the permits, made signs and was there to help several times during the week, during the sale and during cleanup.

Laurie Wheeler- not only took care of the newspaper advertising, but also paid for it! She also was there as much as possible and worked both days of the sale AND coordinated the set up of the sanctuary. Didn't it look great?

Suzanne Banerian- our clothing guru! Suzanne, I had lots of compliments about how organized the clothes were this year. It was her leadership and a lot of time and effort that made it so! Suzanne spent almost every day in that sanctuary and also worked the days of the sale. I know we couldn't have done it without her!

Marlon Banerian- the guy who claimed he had never set foot in a rummage sale but sure learned fast and helped ALL WEEK and ALL DAY during the sale days doing everything and anything and kept us on our toes! It was great to have him around!

Recycle for UUMAN

Just a reminder that you can help us offset the cost of ink cartridges by bringing your empty cartridges to the UUMAN office. The recycling box is on the top shelf of the bookcase in the office and all types/brands are accepted. With your used cartridges we are able to exchange them for reams of paper at Office Depot and for printing supplies at Cartridge World.

Jeannie Holford- our street sign hero! Not only did Jeannie take a lot of time and effort making our street signs, she donated the materials as well. When the signs wouldn't go into the dry, hard ground, Jeannie rounded up her son-in-law from Taco Mac (visiting from S. Carolina) and went to Home Depot to get what would work and he pounded rebar into the ground as he and I drove around putting in signs. Jeannie and her son-in-law saved the day! Jeannie also helped several days with sorting and organizing and worked both days of the sale ALL DAY taking money and making deals. And then she and Amby took down the signs!

Mike Liebergesell and Pat Lampert- Not a complaint out of them, even though I sent them off by themselves in different directions to haul off "large items" - some unknown at the time. When they came back hauling huge desks, sofa, treadmills, etc., I was amazed they didn't ask for a bunch of help or tell me to take a hike! They gave almost every evening last week and last Sunday to this effort and I greatly appreciated it. Pat also came back - cheerfully I might add- to help haul off more stuff during clean up!

Kim Reid- hauling clothing racks to and from the Hufnagels and also hauling off leftovers to Good Will during the massive cleanup effort.

And a special thanks to the youth, led by Toniann Read & Kelsey Bogue for the bake sale effort.

There are far too many others to thank, but you are all very much appreciated!

In total we earned over \$3,700!!

Great job everyone!

Carolyn Lee (A Very Tired Rummage Sale Coordinator)



Top 10 Life Lessons from Michelangelo's David

by Julie Jordan Scott

You are able to create beauty even with a weak foundation if you have an attitude of constructive creativity. The marble Michelangelo was given to create "David" was substandard and he worked with it, anyway. What in your life has both a weak foundation and seems to be calling you to create something with it?

You can make the "same thing" as other people AND do it from a different perspective to produce a completely different texture and experience. Michelangelo created David BEFORE his big battle, while traditionally he had been sculpted as the Victor, post battle. What have you been thinking about taking action upon that "Everyone else has already done before"? How can you look at your idea differently?

You can adopt a project that originally belonged to someone else and make it 100% your own through both your passion and your unique inventiveness. Michelangelo's "David" began its life as the work of Agostino di Duccio. What a loss for the world if Michelangelo had not taken the unfinished work of di Duccio to form the timeless, classic, heart speaking "David". Are there any intriguing, unfinished projects abandoned by a colleague, friend or family member that you would like to take on as your own?

Craft your life and your life work with the people you live with (or in terms of a business or project, the reader, participant, audience, student) at the forefront of your mind. The eyes of "David" are not formed anatomically correct: they are actually looking in directions that are not possible for human eyes to simultaneously look. Michelangelo knew that when people looked at his work "from profile" they would see one profile and one eye, and when they looked from the other side, they would see the other side....which would look more impressive with the eye peering slightly differently. Not a huge tweak, and not noticeable unless you are eye to eye with the sculpture, which is physically impossible unless on scaffolding. It is almost like the Special Effects in today's movies. What tiny tweaks, special effects, would attract and engage people with your life and work?

Your life and work may bring about different meanings for different people. For some scientists, "David" is an amazing study of human anatomy. To others, it is a study of the human emotions. Some Art Historians note there is anger in David's expression. Others say the work is sculpted in his moment of decision to enter battle, so he looks expectant. What would a scientist say about your life and work? What about an artist? How about a child?

When your life and work is at appealing to a wide audience and it gains fame and notoriety, other people will capitalize on both you and the project. Reproductions of "David" are available in many forms. Even garden sculptures are available for purchase. You can perch David right next to your roses or daffodils or cactus if you choose to do so. What might people choose to capture about your life or work to launch their business?

Michelangelo crafted "David" in response to his patriotic love for his home city of Firenze (Florence). The sculpture whispered "Freedom" into his ears, as his city had recently become free. What in your life or work is whispering "Freedom" to you? How can you take that raw, heartfelt emotion and use it as a component of your work, project and/or life? Do you feel a sense of patriotism for your home? How can people observe your expression of patriotism?

The sheer physical size of "David" is amazing: beyond words, really. To say "Larger than life" is almost amusing...except there is no other way to express it! In what ways does your work, life or project have a "larger than life" feeling to it? How does this inspire you? If you feel fear in relationship to the largeness of it, how can you step away from that emotion and get grounded in the sheer joy of it rather than the fear of it?

It took Michelangelo 3 years to complete "David". Are you committed to a big project in your life enough so you can allow three years to pass from start to completion? Expecting a masterpiece to be crafted with microwave speed is simply not always a possibility. How can you remain open and committed to the time it takes to create a masterpiece?

"David" was borne from Michelangelo's vision and passionate action to transform that vision from his own experience to a tangible experience for all. His famous words about his work are "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free". What vision are you seeing that is waiting for your special touch and guidance to set it free? What passionate action are you willing to take to set it free?

A work of art can teach us, reach us, in ways we don't always notice at first glance. May "David" inspire you to think differently, live "transformatively," and create fearlessly.

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Ministers Office Hours

Greg wants a chance to speak with everyone at UUMAN. Although he doesn't have specific office hours, he is available to meet with people every day of the week, except Fridays, at a wide variety of times. You are welcome to call him between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. at 770-754-5848 to make an appointment. (In case of emergency, you are encouraged to call (678) 849-4844 any time of day or night).

We're on the Web!

See us at:

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Worship Schedule

October 2nd - "Of Meows And Men" Pet Blessing Service

Sermon: Patty Odom; Worship Associate: Rev. Greg Ward

This morning we ask that you bring photos of your pets - both past and present, for a special service honoring the sacred connection forged with them. We will reflect on what has made these relationships so important to us and pay tribute to the pets from our past who have passed away.

Children and Youth begin and end in the sanctuary.

October 9th - "Failures, Forgiveness and Faith"

Sermon: Rev. Greg Ward; Worship Associate: Cliff Brown

They say that Thomas Edison failed more than anyone else in history. He was once quoted as saying, "I have not failed, I just found 10,000 ways that don't work." What did he have that kept him going? What's necessary for us to move past our own failures, and ways others have failed us, and keep striving? A Yom Kippur sermon.

Children and Youth begin in the sanctuary.

October 16th - "God Within or Hello! Is Anybody in There?"

Speaker: Kim Reid; Service Leader: Suzanne Rezelman

Is God the Creator of man or is man the creator of god? Based on the book. Why God Won't Go Away: Brain Science & the Biology of Belief, we'll discuss what is revealed during deep meditation or prayer and touch upon the evolutionary aspects of the human brain and myth making, trying to find some reconciliation to the creator question.

Children and Youth begin in the sanctuary.

October 23rd - "Devotion"

Sermon: Dave Hudson; Worship Associate: Randy Blasch Some people claim that Unitarian Universalism is not a religion, for reasons that have something to do with it lacking this or that aspect of more traditional religions - among them "devotion". We examine the idea of religious devotion, and find that the life and ideas of a fascinating non-UU, a radical Catholic priest, can help us better understand the validity and meaning of our own religion.

Children and Youth begin in the sanctuary.



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