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## TO THE GLORY OF LIFE

Dear Friends,

Theologically, Unitarian Universalists are all over the map. Some are theist, some not. Those who understand God, often vary widely in what that means. Very few, I find, hold to the 'long robed, white bearded one.' Among humanists, there is a broad spectrum as well. But I have a theory that these two very different perspectives are just two different ways of describing some 'ultimate agency.'

By 'ultimate agency,' I mean how each person explains how things happen. To what can we attribute our thankfulness? Who/what can understand, or respond, to our concerns and pain? From whence comes our hope and/or our ideals?

These are 'ultimate' questions. And, with regard to 'ultimate agency' I don't think there are 'ultimate' answers. I believe theists use the word, "God" to put a name to something which is impossible to completely figure out. And I believe that some humanists, realizing it is impossible to figure, turn their gratitude and hope and ideals to human action and more human terminology.

The reason we come to church – and the reason we come to THIS church – is not to decide, once and for all, who's right. But to explore a question – even though it has no definite answer. And the reason is because, either perspective we choose, we still have thankfulness. And concerns. And pain. And hope. And we need some manner of expressing it.

So, I would argue that we go to church to meet God – even though not everyone is comfortable describing it that way. Personally, I find using the word, "God" is helpful for me only sometimes. Other times, I would rather stretch myself to describe what I mean with more general, secular or even scientific language. Sometimes it

depends on who I'm talking to. But one thing I've discovered in learning to be a religious multi-linguist is that it helps immensely when I am open to surprises. Because I think an openness to surprise is essential to being religious. And is another reason we come to church.

I remember a story about a boy who went looking for God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer and he started his journey. Three blocks away he stopped at a park bench where he met an old woman. She was just staring at the pigeons. He opened his suitcase, opened a root beer and was about to take a drink when he thought the woman might be hungry. He reached over with a Twinkie in his hand. She accepted and smiled at him. A delightful smile. The kind that startles you in a good way. He offered her a root beer. Another smile. The boy was quite happy with the trade apparently because he sat there for over an hour eating Twinkies, drinking root beer and smiling. They never said a word. When it got dark the boy packed his suitcase and got up to leave. But he turned and gave the woman a hug. That got the biggest smile yet.

When he got home his mother was surprised by the look on his face. "What did you do today that made you so happy," she asked. "I had lunch with God," he grinned. And then he added, "And she's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen."

On the other side of town an old woman, radiant with joy, returned to her home. Startled, her son asked her, "Mom, what made you so happy today?" "I ate Twinkies in the park with God," she responded. And she added, "And you know, he's much younger than I expected."

I know it isn't the way certain books tell it or certain teachers teach it. But that, to me, is



## 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.

Contact Merri Beth Stephens for more information.

See you there!

## 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. Fall Session September 4 - October 30, 2005 8 week session \$80 or \$15 a class; Wednesday 10-11:15 a.m., Sunday 4:45-6 p.m. Contact [lisa@uuman.org](mailto:lisa@uuman.org) or 770-395-7166.

religion. It's not always what I think it's going to be. But, it's what I come to church for. To take my very human experiences and find ways to describe them that help me recognize my thanks, my concerns and my hope. I come to church to give of myself. To receive from others. To love and feel loved. To smile. And sometimes, for Twinkies and root beer.

May we see the wisdom in seeking God – by whatever name we use - in the people all around us. May we give of ourselves. May we be respectful of differences in naming and honoring. And may we smile.

To the Glory of Life.

## UUMAN's Really Big Rummage Sale

UUMAN's REALLY BIG RUMMAGE SALE will be Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23rd and 24th. This is a big fundraiser for us so please look through your closets, cabinets and storage areas for donations to our sale. We also readily accept furniture and even cars. We will pick up these items for you if you do not have a way to get them to UUMAN. (See items below that do not sell well and are not accepted by Good Will).

We will also need plenty of workers to help sort, price and haul items to UUMAN during the week prior to the sale, during the sale and for cleanup after the sale. The SIGNUP poster will be available in Fellowship Hall Sept 4th. This is a GREAT way for newer members or friends to get to know more people at UUMAN.

The big donation day will be after services on Sunday, Sept. 18th, however donations will be accepted throughout the week leading up to the sale. Earlier is better however, so we have time to price and sort your items.

IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL if you could pre-sort any clothing donations by sex and size and leave clothes on hangers if possible.

If you have any questions, or know when you would like to help, please email me at [clee@uuman.org](mailto:clee@uuman.org) or call me at 770-516-4226.

Items that do not sell well: jumbo stuffed animals (unless specialty animals like Disney etc.), non-working appliances, old or broken baby equipment, plastic sports bottles, underwear, dirty or tattered clothing, games/puzzles with pieces missing, non-working electronics, mattresses of any kind, mugs with logos, personal pillows, used shoes, law books, text books, tires, HAZMAT items, realistic toy guns, carpet rolls, wall paper, blinds, computer keyboard drawers, mops, hair rollers, luggage and other bags, ski exercise machines, woks, & empty food jars.

## Project Open Hand Social Justice Activity

The congregation has overwhelmingly asked the Social Justice Committee to support local Social Justice activities. UUMAN has supported Project Open Hand over the years and our next scheduled visit will be on Saturday, September 17, 2005. Project Open Hand is a non-profit organization created in 1988 to provide freshly prepared, nutritious meals to people in need. Look for the sign up sheet on the Social Justice bulletin board by the kitchen in Fellowship Hall and mark your calendars! Contact Rhonda Mihalik (770-992-7374, [rhondam@uuman.org](mailto:rhondam@uuman.org)) or Jennifer Tangney (770-993-6498, [venjenn@uuman.org](mailto:venjenn@uuman.org)) for FAQ or to sign up.



**President's Letter**

**Who is a leader at UUMAN...Nobody, Somebody, Anybody or Everybody?**

For Anybody to be in true dialogue with Somebody, for Everybody to ensure Nobody feels left out or not respected, a community would serve itself well to have a covenant which Everybody agrees to abide by and can hold Anybody accountable to. Everybody can likewise be held accountable to Somebody. Anybody is invited and can help create the covenant, but Nobody feels its Everybody's specific job to ensure the covenant is developed and enforced. Somebody does take a stab at the covenant, though, keeping Anybody's and Everybody's best interests in mind as the covenant is developed and ensuring that Nobody is left behind.

Somebody suggested that when Anybody demonstrates the positive behaviors prescribed by the covenant that they would be operating "Above The Line". The moniker "Above the Line" was something Somebody thought Everybody could use to easily denote when Anybody was demonstrating good "Above the Line" skills. The goal would be to have Nobody operating "Below the Line", but Somebody noted that Anybody can and will occasionally show "Below the Line" attributes.

When asked how accountability among Anybody in the community works, Nobody said that Everybody is doing this well all the time. Anybody can shy away from talking about a grievance with Somebody, but Everybody is much better off if Nobody shies away. Somebody, who could be Anybody, could show great leadership teaming with Everybody to let Nobody go "Below the Line" whenever possible.

The more Everybody stays "Above the Line" the more likely Nobody will be hurt by actions Somebody takes when those actions are in Anybody's best interests.

"Communication is the response you get", so I realize the response returned from the above paragraph could vary. Please trust the intention of the paragraph is good...just

trying to lay a little groundwork for some of the community building we need to do. Basic elements of community building include good two way communication, operating with good intentions, assuming good intentions of others and being vulnerable to understanding that our well-intentioned actions maybe didn't come across that way.

If "you" and "I" are any two people in our UUMAN community, have "we" made it clear to each other how we will confirm what message was communicated? Have we talked about how each of us wants to be approached when we communicate something that might be misconstrued in a way we didn't intend? Do we agree in the first place that we want people to approach us if they think we did something they didn't think we intended to convey? Communicating involves feelings and intentions and can therefore be really hard work!

I need to mention that leadership is important to community building, too. It is doing all those community-building things mentioned above in a manner that demonstrates accountability, ownership and responsibility; it leaves blame, denial, and defensiveness out of the picture. I don't know about you, but I am looking to be a part of a community where everyone is that kind of leader.

Are we there as a community? Are we there as individuals? When we look in the mirror as a community and as individuals...does the reflection show that there is work to do? If Everybody has a goal to do one new community-building-leadership action, then Anybody who is part of our community should feel like Somebody cares about them and Nobody should feel like they don't belong. How about it...on your honor...one new community-building-leadership action per member in September?

Think of the possibilities if that occurs...I know I will!

Faithfully Yours,  
Kirk Bogue  
UUMAN President

**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](mailto:craigk@uuman.org) & [carolyn@uuman.org](mailto:carolyn@uuman.org)

**Happenings**

**Yom Kippur**

Join UUMAN for our annual Yom Kippur Concluding Services, Thursday, October 13 at 7PM. It will include a dramatic presentation by the Senior Youth. Child care will be available with advance notice. The service will conclude with a light soup and bagel pot luck. All are welcome and participation is encouraged. If you would like to lead a reading, contact Linda Ritter at [lindaritter@uuman.org](mailto:lindaritter@uuman.org)

**Happenings**

**Hungry Ear Coffee House**

NWUUC 9/3/05 8pm \$5 donation 1025 Mt. Vernon Hwy., NW Performer's include: Geoff Thurman, Gary Baum, Paul Perkins and friends and featuring Sheri Kling BYOB, for more info 770-955-1408 [www.nwuuc.org](http://www.nwuuc.org)



## Happenings

### October 2nd Pet Blessing Service

Join us, along with photos of your beloved pets, for a special service honoring the sacred bonds between man and animal. Bring a photo or memento of those special animals in your life, whether they are family pets or a friend in nature, and honor the grace and joy they add to your life with a special blessing. The sermon "Of Meows & Men: the Spiritual Significance of Cats" will be given by Patty Odom. (Due to logistics, we ask live animals not be brought. Thank you.)

## 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](mailto:uumandrums@uuman.org) The drummers will be performing for both Sunday services on Sept, 4th.

## UUMAN Writes

### Peak Experience

I was recently asked to define my theology. To define who or what I pray to. I found this confounding in more ways than I thought possible. Mostly, I could not answer it without incorrectly labeling myself. I also lacked the proper language. So I started to wonder how I could define what terms like "prayer" or "spirituality" truly mean to me. I was aided by a recent article in "Spirituality and Health" magazine by Brother David Steindl-Rats, a Benedictine monk who authored the article "Solving the God Problem". In it, he asserts that mystics have long held the answers to these types of religious quandaries, by looking at themselves, and the world all around them as part of the divine. There is a term that describes something most of us have felt, a mystic connection between ourselves and the universe- "peak experience". These simple, out of nowhere moments make us realize that inside us we have the potential of an awareness and a unity with everything in the universe.

I recalled my last "peak experience" and it, better than any religious phrase or label, conveys how I feel about the realm of spirituality and theology.

It was a normal day; I was not celebrating any particular success, nor chocolate high, nor over medicated. But I was aware that the sky was an intense blue. Azure sprinkled with fluffs of pure white clouds. The flowers in my neighbor's yard seemed to be pulsating in Technicolor. The smell of clean laundry wafted in the air. The sun shone on my flesh with a warmth of comfort. I was aware and open with all my senses exploding. The beauty of the day was almost too bright for my eyes to bear. I felt this incredible sense of peace and purpose-I fit just perfectly into the universe. I was so happy to be alive. My mind did not race with anxieties or worries of finances, work, church, marriage or anything else. I felt serene and full of hope.

In that moment, it was as if the answers to every question had been instilled in me, but I no longer cared about the questions. And then suddenly, I blinked and was back on my same old street. On a simply nice, sunny day. Walking my dog.

I've looked for a moment like that one ever since, but it is not forthcoming. You cannot plan your epiphanies. But it did teach me that if I am still, awake and open; I can feel connected to the very currents of life flowing through the planet. And in turn, that this is what spirituality means to me. The connection to the essence of life within us. And that if I pray-whether with words or silent smiles of being thankful for being alive-that it goes into that same channel of energy that somehow produced the azure sky and Technicolor flowers. It is not an entity that has a form or name. It is simply a state of being. Of feeling a connection to the divine. And I pray to feel it more often. And to share it with you.

*"That is happiness; to be dissolved into something completely great."*

-Willa Cather

*"People usually consider walking on water or in thin air a miracle. But I think the real miracle is not to walk either on water or in thin air, but to walk on earth. Every day we are engaged in a miracle which we don't even recognize: a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves, the black, curious eyes of a child -- our own two eyes. All is a miracle."*

-Thich Nhat Hahn

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## Adult Sunday School Class on Emerson

For the first time, we will be offering an Adult Sunday School program during both the first and second services. The program during the first service will be "The Living Legacy of Ralph Waldo Emerson." This is a six session curriculum which "Celebrates the Life, Work, and Contribution of Emerson to Our Unitarian Universalist Heritage." The curriculum focuses on the "echoes of Emerson's ideas in our present-day Principles and Purposes." As always, this will be a discussion class, not a lecture class, and will require about 20-30 minutes of reading outside of class, and a willingness to share and/or listen to personal reflections on the study material. We will be starting on Sunday, September 11th at 9:30 in the Discovery Hall Living Room. You do not need to do any preparation prior to the first meeting, and you are welcome to come and "check it out" without making any commitment to participating in all six sessions. Coffee is provided, and childcare is available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me [patshea@uuman.org](mailto:patshea@uuman.org)

## YRUU News

### ANNUAL FALL YOUTH RETREAT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30th - SUNDAY OCTOBER 2nd  
At GLOBAL VILLAGE (CALVIN CENTER) HAMPTON, GA.

As we prepare for our trip to Jamaica, get ready for a real adventure! Stay in a Haitian village or slum and go home with a new understanding of our first Principle "The inherent worth & dignity of every person". Visit the Global Village online at [www.calvincenter.org](http://www.calvincenter.org)

## Reflections

From time to time a parent will approach me with questions about our religious education program for preschoolers. It happened again recently. The questions usually come in the form of "Why don't you teach...? Why don't we teach preschoolers about God? Why don't we teach simple bible stories? Then, with any luck, "What is it that you teach to three and four year olds on Sunday mornings?"

A few months ago, while exploring UUMAN's library, I found an out-of-print gem mimeographed and bound in a yellow portfolio just like the one I'd lost a long time ago. Josephine Gould's *Religious Education With Young Children*, was foundational to my formation as a religious educator many years ago. In it, Gould describes the natural sense of the numinous that is characteristic of very young children. Preschoolers, who are more easily in touch with the spiritual nature of their existence than most of us, respond to the world with a sense of reverence that is a joy to behold.

Some years ago I recall a Sunday School lesson in March in which kites were made. A family picnic and kite-flying at Chastain Park followed. Although the kite-making was done with older elementary age children I will not forget the expression on the face of my own five year old as she held a kite by herself, felt the wind tug on the kite and watched it climb to the sky.

Religious education programs that engage young children with the natural world – the world of bugs and flowers, trees, the wind – and later with relationships (family, friends and others) and eventually community and the concept of religious community foster the development of a sense of the connectedness between spiritual experience and religious community. The language and concepts of traditional religion are not needed, in fact, it is my belief that such concepts may inhibit faith development in young children. God language and bible stories can and do come later.

If you are looking for Gould's publication, ask me. I am re-reading it. I can also recommend more current literature on the topic, although none any better.

In faith,  
Joan



## Mid-South District News

Our Mid-South District theme this year is "Living Simply, Living Spiritually, Living Sustainably". At first glance, this may not appear to be a call to environmental action, but it is, in fact, just that: a call for UUs to respond to environmental crises from a religious perspective. This means that we are called not simply to respond to external environmental concerns such as global warming, air and water pollution, and the loss of biodiversity, but are called also to restore our internal environments—our daily lives, our interactions with family and friends, and with our larger communities. A religious perspective recognizes that all of these ways of choosing to live simply, spiritually, and sustainably, are essential aspects of a life lived both holy and wholly. So is it possible to do all three? It's hard enough to just attempt one new adjustment or path for one's life; but three? Yes, it is possible because these are not unconnected facets of a good life, one that will contribute to restoring the Earth so that it can sustain us and generations to come. In choosing to live simply, we rediscover time to share with friends and family and rediscover the reward of time spent celebrating life rather than stuff. In choosing to live spiritually, we reconnect to the mysteries which bind us to all of life around us, reminding us that life is precious. Living sustainably allows us to live in wellness, connected again to our local economy, and reducing our impact on the Earth. As part of celebrating this theme, the Mid-South District will provide information and support to congregations as we all explore how to live simply, spiritually, and sustainably. The theme will be featured at the Healthy

Congregations Conference in October and at the Annual Assembly in April. We plan to reach out to each congregation in our district, encouraging both individual members and congregations to integrate this theme into their daily choices. For learning to live simply, spiritually, and sustainably is something that touches all aspects of our personal and congregational lives. To assist congregations exploring this year's theme the Mid-South District will encourage district congregations to participate in the UU Ministry for Earth's Green Sanctuary program. The UU Ministry for Earth (formerly the Seventh Principle Project) is the environmental affiliate of the UUA. UUMFE developed the Green Sanctuary program to help UU congregations raise awareness of environmental issues, encourage UUs and their congregations to adopt sustainable lifestyles, integrate an environmental consciousness into our spiritual practices and worship, and broaden our awareness of environmental justice issues. Workshops will be presented at both District meetings to describe the Green Sanctuary program and to celebrate the environmental work of our congregations. So, join us this year as we seek to re-connect with our families, our congregations, the larger community, and the natural world around us as we learn to live simply, spiritually and sustainably together in life.

-- Sharon Roberts, MSD Trustee for Justice  
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## UU Happenings Around Town:

Course Offering: "Fundamentalisms: Their Appeal & Their Risk"

David Slavin, Ph.D. and Chance Hunter, M.Div. of Emory University will offer a 10 week course at UUCA (Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta) on Tuesday nights, 7-9 pm, 20 Sept - 22 Nov. The instructors will engage students in a study and discussion of Christian, Jewish, and Islamic fundamentalisms in the US and the world from an interfaith perspective. As globalization intensifies, these movements are gaining power, influence, and followers at an alarming pace. How do we assess the motives and intentions of their leaders and followers? Where are their historical roots, what is the basis for their mass support, and in what religious, political and sociological context do we frame them? What are the personal experiences of the class participants with these movements? Short weekly reading assignments (2-5 pages) will be supplemented by additional recommendations for in-depth study. Emory students will participate along with community members. The recommended donation to cover costs is \$35.00, but no one will be turned away for insufficient funds. To register call David H Slavin, Ph.D. 404 486 0266 or email dhsravi@emory.edu Additional information and a syllabus are available by contacting Prof Slavin. UUCA is located at 1911 Cliff Valley Way NE, Atlanta, GA 30329



## Healthy Congregation Conference

OCTOBER 8, 2005, a Saturday, in Auburn, AL, is the time for the 2005 Mid-South HEALTHY CONGREGATION CONFERENCE.

This is THE place for training and networking for a congregation's current and emerging leaders! A team of half a dozen folks from each congregation should plan to attend this annual Mid-South event! "Living Simply, Living Spiritually, Living Sustainably", Mid-South's "green theme" for the year will inspire the conference, and a featured track will focus on what it means to be a Green Sanctuary and how congregations can live out this theme. Dr. Sharon Roberts, Trustee for Justice on the Mid-South Board, will lead the track.

As usual, other tracks will be offered for congregation leaders, this year with some very "green" tinges!

- \* Leadership
- \* Stewardship
- \* Ministry and Worship
- \* Membership and Communications
- \* Religious Education
- \* Youth

UUSC Environmental Justice Leader, Deepa Joshi, will headline the conference and will speak during the Ingathering and participate in several of the tracks. The conference is designed to be an accessible one-day event, beginning at 9am and finishing by 4pm. More details and registration information will very soon be up on the Mid-South website.

For more immediate information, contact the Mid-South Office.

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## Job Announcement

Office Administrator Needed in Sandy Springs: A medium sized congregation is presently seeking an Office Administrator to be responsible for managing the Congregations administrative operations (flexible office hours). General responsibilities include answering phones, sorting mail, maintaining comprehensive calendar, maintaining office equipment and supplies, weekly and monthly communications and publications, maintaining membership database, overseeing building use, managing contractors, and being welcoming. We are looking for someone with administrative experience who can work independently and collaboratively at the same time, someone with good computer skills who is willing to learn more and find the most efficient way of doing things. Someone who is flexible and easy going will fit right in. For more information, go to [www.nwuuc.org](http://www.nwuuc.org) or call 770-955-1408. Please forward a cover letter and resume to [office@nwuuc.org](mailto:office@nwuuc.org) or fax to 770-955-4246.

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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).

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## Worship Schedule

### September 4th - "Learning from the Past, Partnering for the Future"

Sermon: Kathleen Carpenter, DRE; Worship Associate: Rev. Greg Ward  
Kathleen is the DRE for the 550 member UU Congregation of Charlotte, NC. She is also chair of their partner church program. The partner church program involves a US congregation partnering with one of the 500 still existing Unitarian Churches in Transylvania. Kathleen used part of her sabbatical time to visit their partner church in Scabed, Romania. What she witnessed was heartbreaking, fascinating, hopeful and inspiring.

*Children and Youth begin and end in the sanctuary.*

### September 11th - "A Peace of the Pie"

Sermon: Rev. Greg Ward; Worship Associate: Merri Beth Stephens  
Five year olds, beauty queens, parents, philosophers, people at the end of their lives looking back – all of them - when asked what they really want, say, 'Peace.' World peace. Peace among nations. Peace for humankind. It's kind of a no-brainer response to anyone who has thought about the human condition. It's a no-brainer, until we stop to really think about it. Because doing it is not a no-brainer. Peace isn't forgetting war. Forgetting the need for military. Peace is not a concept. It's not what we think. It's not a noun. Peace is a verb. And until we act it out in our daily lives, we will never know it.

*Children and Youth begin in the sanctuary.*

### September 18th – "The Battle for Holiness"

Speaker: Miriam Bellamy; Service Leader: Randy Blasch  
Learning to infuse our lives with holiness can often be an uphill battle. Is it even possible anymore with the hectic lives we lead? Come hear one UUMAN's journey and be inspired.

*Children and Youth begin in the sanctuary.*

### September 25th – "Lost in Translation"

Sermon: Rev. Greg Ward; Worship Associate: Martina Queenth  
Three years ago, when Bill Sinkford, president of the UUA, speaking before a Dallas congregation, called for a re-examination of our principles and purpose, it created quite a stir. Specifically, he felt that the UU movement would benefit from learning a new language. A 'language of reverence,' he called it. To put it mildly, this was seen as 'blasphemous' and threatening to some UUs. Why did he ask? Why are some threatened? This morning we will examine this controversy.

*Children and Youth begin in the sanctuary.*



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