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April Services

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES ARE AT 10 A.M.



April 7

Strength, Fortitude, Durability and Love – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

Today we recognize the emblems of our Unitarian Universalist faith. UUCSC embodies these emblems with dignity, grace and gusto. We will reflect on our role as a congregation in the liberal religious tradition.

April 14

'I'll Fly Away': Afterlife Theology for Skeptics – *Amber Kelley Collins*

Heaven and Hell— are they baby or bath water? Shall we turn our backs completely on these old-fashioned ideas, or is there something worth keeping?

April 21

Global Warming: The Crisis and the Opportunity of Our Generation

– *Lisa Petrie and the Green Task Force Climate Rally Group*

How is global warming affecting our region and the rest of the world? What is the "climate cliff," how can we avoid it, and how much time do we have? We will try to answer those questions as we examine the moral dimensions of this crisis and its transformative potential.

April 28

Resistance, Non-Resistance and the UU Social Justice Movement

– *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

This service is about transforming our world. We will explore the application of spiritual insights and teachings, as well as the UU Principles, to social, political, environmental and economic injustice.

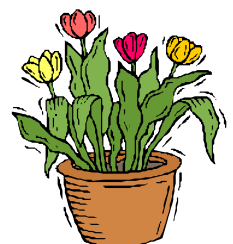
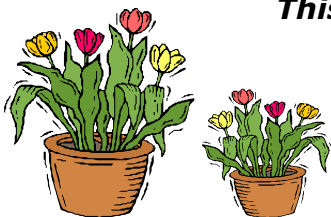
May 5

UU Identity: Personal and Denominational – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

As we welcome new members into this Beloved Community, we explore our personal definitions of our faith tradition and its diversity. We ask the question:

Can there be unity within diversity?

This service will include a New Member Ceremony



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sexual orientation, age, or national origin.*

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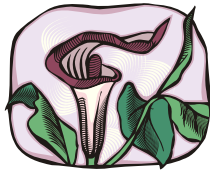
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*Please be sure to call before you drop by Betty's office. Sometimes
she is called away on business during office hours.*



The Minister's Message

By Rev. Betty Kornitzer

When Our Hearts are in a Holy Place

At the last worship service I led before leaving for sabbatical, we sang the hymn, “When Our Heart is in a Holy Place.” As often happens when we join our voices in song, the hymn deeply moved my spirit and its theme became laced within the body of the service. At that time, I noted that the word “sabbatical” is derived from the word “Sabbath” and is about the use of time. I suggested that time might best be used to bring the heart into the holy place that is its genuine home.

I have used this sabbatical time to sink into each present moment in time, that I might hear the language of my heart again. Beloved Friends, my heart has led me more deeply into my calling to ministry. These past nine years at UUCSC have been a true blessing and a joy. I have found my bliss in ministry. While I sincerely believed I would be retiring from parish ministry, I now recognize that the calling is still actively beckoning me to serve. This brings me great joy. I don't know exactly what it will look like, *and* I am eager for the journey. I do believe that this is the optimal time for me to leave our beloved UUCSC community. As I am certain you discovered during the sabbatical time, your fortitude, your character and your heart are the community's gifts and this community is ready to move into transition.

Good Friends, a Sabbath/Sabbatical is a time of rest not from meaningful activity, but from producing and achieving; it's an invitation to let our being assert itself over the products of our doing. I do believe that the Source of Life does not want us to live in overwhelm and stress. Perhaps these are good lessons for us as a community as well as individually. May our leaders lead rather than manage— this is one lesson of Sabbath.

It is my hope that you may attend to your being— being in relationship, being in covenant, being the strongest Beloved Community you can be— rather than filling the space of my absence with the sheer doing of busy-work and tasks.

I closed my last worship service in January with these words of Reinhold Niebuhr, a 20th century American theologian and ethicist. Those words bear repeating now.

*Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime;
therefore, we must be saved by hope.
Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense
in any immediate context of history;
therefore, we must be saved by faith.
Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone;
therefore we are saved by love.*

Blessings, Peace and Love,

Betty

The President's Letter

My Dear Friends,

Hopefully, you will be getting this April newsletter electronically as we move into the digital age. If for whatever reason you prefer getting your copy of the newsletter in the mail, just notify Kathy in the office, and you will find it in your mailbox altho' probably a bit later than those opting for e-mail delivery of the on-line edition.

As we prepare for Betty's retirement, the Board, Interim Minister Search Committee and the Stewardship Committee have undertaken the task of getting the congregation involved in this next big step. While these committees are working together to do the hard work of moving us forward, you, the congregation, are called upon to be part of this process. We need your feedback. A survey is available for all members and friends to give us some specific feedback, and ten Cottage Meetings have been scheduled where folks can gather together and engage in conversations about where we want to go. This congregation is the responsibility of all of us, not just

those folks on the Board or on a committee.

Speaking of committees, many of ours are seeking new members and leadership. There is a place for everyone to serve in this congregation and we hope you will consider getting involved.



To give you an idea of what some of these committees have been doing this month, here's a brief overview. The Personnel Committee had created new personnel and staff manuals. This was a huge undertaking and much credit goes to Nick Smith for taking the lead on this project. The Music Committee has been working with Mike to create our Spring Concert, which will be a wonderful event for our

congregation and the community.

Those of you who attended services during Betty's sabbatical already know about the amazing work of the Worship Committee. Now they're planning our summer services. The Social Justice Committee and Green Task Force have honored us with our Green Sanctuary designation and by always Standing on the Side of Love and raising voices and consciousness when issues are in conflict with our principles.

The Religious Education Committee is working with Pam to expand the program and attract families who want an exception experience for their children and young people. The Board is working with all our committees to ensure a smooth transition as we select and greet our new interim minister and continue the work of serving our congregation.

It has been a busy winter and like all of you, I am grateful for the daffodils, spring and the promise of what's to come.

Blessed Be,
Nancy

Empty Bowls

A benefit for the Rhode Island Community Food Bank

Thursday, May 9, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

DeLaSalle Christian Brothers and Ocean Tides School

635 Ocean Road, Narragansett



Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger that started almost twenty years ago. Potters, craftspeople, educators, students, and others work together to create handcrafted bowls. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread. In exchange for a cash donation, guests are invited to keep their bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. The money raised is donated to an organization working to end hunger and food insecurity. We will donate the money we raise on May 9 to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. For more information, please call Nancy Lyon at Ocean Tides School.



The Music Corner

by Mike Galib, Music Director

"Beauty is not a thing out there,
it is a way of seeing things."

Back in 2010, Reverend Betty presented me with a beautiful, leather-bound notebook at the end of my first full year as music director at UUCSC. Its potential utility was subject to a good deal of pondering, since after years of half-hearted attempts at journaling, I would inevitably destroy the entries when I looked back in shock on their immature contents. A different route would be in order this time around.

The book has become a journal of quotes, of interesting ideas I've heard, of fascinating thoughts, and poems whose depth I wouldn't otherwise

ponder unless presented to me in such a dignified manner (it's a leather-bound notebook, after all).

It's reassuring, comforting, to know of these constants, these old friends, these stalwarts in the pages of this notebook. They're always there, showing up right on time whenever summoned. There's a note about people with extraordinary autobiographical memory, the poem extolling life over the immortality of the mountains, and then there's that quote above. It comes from our Reverend Betty, during a service in December 2010.

Thanks, Betty, and we're glad to have you back for a few months yet.

Where have we been and where are we going?

During the first two weeks of this month, you will have an opportunity to attend a Cottage Meeting. As many of you know, we've had great success with the cottage meeting process during times of transition. There is another time of transition coming up shortly—the Interim Ministry, a one or two year period during which a temporary minister will help us prepare to choose a settled minister. At these Cottage Meetings, we will talk about what's going on, what's working well, and what directions we should take going forward. We will also talk about how our future plans affect our budget, and we will ask you to consider your pledge. Pledge cards will be available at each meeting.

These meetings are a great way for us to get together and have fun as we bounce ideas off each other and arrive at some decisions. The Stewardship Committee, in conjunction with the Interim Ministry Committee and the Board of Directors, want to connect with each and every one of you.

Any member who does not participate in a cottage meeting will be canvassed individually. Please check your calendar and sign up for one of the following meetings. You can sign up at church, or call or e-mail Kathy Swink.

Monday April 1, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. – Ed & Linda Whyte Burrell's home in Hope Valley

Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. – Ed & Linda Whyte Burrell's home in Hope Valley

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. – Virginia Carter's home in South Kingstown

Thursday, April 4, 10:00 a.m to noon – Virginia Carter's home in South Kingstown

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m to noon – Nancy Rose & Ellen Perkins's home in Kingston

Sunday, April 7, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. – Nancy Rose & Ellen Perkins's home in Kingston

Monday, April 8, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. – Kathy Swink's home in South Kingstown

Tuesday, April 9, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Swink's home in South Kingstown

Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. – Aline Couture & Jean Burke's home in West Kingston

Thursday, April 11, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. – Aline Couture & Jean Burke's home in West Kingston

The Rhode Island Children's Chorus

Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Right here at UUCSC!

The Chamber Chorus of the Rhode Island Children's Chorus will perform under the direction of artistic director Dr. Christine Noel, with Michael Galib at the piano, at UUCSC's annual concert to benefit its music program on Sunday, April 28. The UUCSC Choir will open the concert with a short selection of works, led by music director Michael Galib.

The Rhode Island Children's Chorus has sung with the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra in 'Carmina Burana,' with the Providence Singers, and with the choruses of Boston University and Rhode Island College. The Chorus is featured on Bill Harley's Children's Album, 'I Wanna Play,' nominated for a 2007 Grammy Award. Members of the Children's Chorus appeared in the film 'Moonrise Kingdom' (2012)



with Bruce Willis, Edward Norton and Bill Murray. The Chamber Chorus performed by invitation at the 2009 Music Educators' National Conference, and at the 2010 and 2012 conventions of the Choral Directors' Association. Their most recent performance was in February at Harvard University's Sanders Theatre, as an invited group for the Harvard Women's Choral Festival.

Dr. Christine Noel, artistic director-elect of the Providence Singers, is director of choral activities at Clark University and artistic director of the Carillon Women's Chorus of Rhode Island. She is the founder and artistic director of the Rhode Island Children's Chorus, now in its tenth season, serving 200 young singers throughout the state.



Tickets are \$12 in advance, and can be purchased from members of the UUCSC choir, Michael Galib, or from Kathy Carland during regular church office hours. Tickets may also be purchased online for a nominal service fee at uucsc.brownpapertickets.com, or at the door for \$15.

Seminar on Evolutionary Spirituality begins this month at Channing Memorial

A course exploring the Transcendentalist spiritual movement and the implications for spirituality of science's greatest idea, evolution, will be offered at Channing Memorial Church in Newport in April, May and June.

"The Transcendentalist Spirit and an Evolutionary Spirituality" will trace an evolutionary spiritual vision from Emerson's Transcendentalist movement through recent and current thinkers including Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Sri Aurobindo, Ken Wilber, and Andrew Cohen.

The course, to be offered on five Tuesday evenings in April and May and one weekend in June, will be led by Channing Memorial Church's minister, Rev. Dr. F. Jay Deacon, a student of Transcendentalism and spirituality.

Sessions will be illustrated with many projected

images and brief videos.

"Religion always functions either as a lock on an archaic past, or as an engine of the evolution of consciousness. The Transcendentalists understood this and stood at the forefront of the struggle to end slavery and extend equal rights to women. In our time, we've got to understand that," Rev. Deacon says.

Rev. Deacon will explore the implications of a new spiritual vision, propose a radical approach to both personal and congregational life, and introduce participants to spiritual practices including meditation. The five Tuesdays run from April 23 through May 21. The final weekend "retreat" event is Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2. All sessions are at the church Parish Hall, 135 Pelham Street, Newport.

To register, call 401-846-0643.



Religious Education News and Events

By Pam Santos, Director of Religious Education

Springtime

by Velma D. Bates

*Oh, spring came to my garden,
And caught it unaware
Wearing just a few old leaves
And a dejected air.*

*But when spring left my garden,
Its work so deftly done,
Many, many Daffodils
Were dancing in the sun.*

As we say 'so long' to this robust New England winter, the children and youth in RE will be turning toward warmth, nurturing, and growth.

As our Service Sunday community service project on April 7, we will create our own back yard garden here at the UUCSC. Along with the garden we will build a compost bin. The children involved in Religious Education will learn about composting, planning a garden, and harvesting. Each week we will take the composting scraps from the coffee hour to create rich soil to add to our garden.

On May 5, we will plant flowers for our neighbors at the Scallop Shell Nursing Home. Getting our fingers deep into the dirt as a community service project is a way of brightening the spirits of those who may need some extra sunshine. When we reach out to others, we lift ourselves up as well. It simply feels good to help.

On June 2, we will plant our garden. With careful planning and gentle care we will watch our garden grow into the summer. With nature's good graces we will return in September to a bed of flowers and veggies. Watch as we learn this lesson of caring.

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, please contact me.

Child Dedication will be on May 12

We are pleased to offer a Child Dedication ceremony on May 12.

Unitarian Universalist Child Dedications are beautiful and meaningful ceremonies in which we welcome children as individuals into our congregation. As a loving community, we commit to the nurturing and spiritual support of each of our children.

If you are interested in having your child participate in this Child Dedication ceremony, please contact me or Rev. Betty Kornitzer.

Celebrate Green Sanctuary accreditation with a potluck lunch!

Join the UUCSC Green Task Force for a celebratory meal honoring our new status as a UUA-accredited Green Sanctuary. Lunch will be in the community room shortly after noon on Sunday, April 21. The Green Task Force members will be thrilled to share a meal with congregation members, to enjoy fellowship and talk a bit about how our task force can best serve the congregation, and discuss ideas for the future.

This is not a recruitment event or a serious planning session, simply a time to celebrate. Dishes made with local ingredients are encouraged, but it's April, so we understand that option is limited. Please bring your own plate, cup, flatware, and cloth napkin if possible. But if you forget, please come anyway!

Contact Lisa Petrie, David Floyd, Lisa McHenry or Melissa Hughes for more information. – David Floyd



'In Cuba with Witness for Peace'

A photography exhibit called "In Cuba with Witness for Peace," featuring work by Iris Donnelly, will open with a reception at the Hera Gallery, 10 High St. in Wakefield, on Saturday, May 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The exhibition, sponsored by Hera Gallery and the International House of Rhode Island, is funded by an Arts Access Grant. Photographs by Michael Hyatt of Arizona and Eliud Martinez of New York are also part of the exhibit.

A presentation about the April 2012 Witness for Peace delegation's visit to Cuba will take place on Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Kingstown Public Library. And Hera Gallery will host a Cuban film series beginning on May 16.



For a sustainable future . . .

The 6th Annual Rhode Island Interfaith Conference on Climate Change, "ECO: Inspired Solutions for a Sustainable Future," originally scheduled for March 7, will take place on Thursday, April 11 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Roger Williams Park Casino.

Listen to a panel of experts, talk to exhibitors, and interact with faith leaders and experts in a small group setting to create the network and gain the knowledge and know-how to respond to climate change issues.

For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.ri-ipl.org/Conf2013.html>.

– Melissa Hughes

Lay pastoral associates

The Lay Pastoral Associates Team (PAT) assists Rev. Betty in caring for members and friends of UUCSC who are experiencing times of challenge and transition.



Pastoral Associates provide a caring presence. They listen and help nurture the spirit. Rev. Betty continues to offer pastoral care; the lay team supplements her work, affording a wider and deeper resource of attention to our growing community.

Members of the Pastoral Care Team are Val Follett, Penny Hall, Randi Marten, Mary Morrissey, Pat

O'Reilly, Lynda Wells and Jenny Watson.

The PAT is distinct from the Caring Connection, chaired by Judi Marcy. The Caring Connection continues to be a caring resource, offering support and providing meals, rides to church, and helping those without transportation to get to the supermarket, bank, or medical appointment. Their caring outreach and is a mainstay of congregational life at UUCSC. Please call Judi for more information.

Call Rev. Betty (284-3321) with your pastoral concerns. She will speak with you and make referrals to the PAT when appropriate. A brochure and further explanation are available in church and on our website.

The Clear Heart Sangha will meet at UUCSC on Sunday, April 7. For information on the Sangha, visit Joannefriday.com. This group follows the teachings of Thich Nhat Hahn, a Vietnamese Zen Master. No prior meditation practice is necessary.

Path to Membership Classes begin this month

As we do twice a year, Rev. Betty and the Membership Committee will offer classes for those who would like to learn more about our faith and especially for those who are considering joining the congregation. The one-hour classes will be held after church, beginning at 11:30 a.m., on three Sunday mornings this month, downstairs in the middle classroom. Please let us know if you will need child care. If you are interested, please put the following schedule on your refrigerator:

April 7, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The History of Unitarian Universalism

– Rev. Betty Kornitzer

April 14, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Theology of Unitarian Universalism

– Rev. Betty Kornitzer

April 21, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Workings of Our Congregation

– the Membership Committee

If you are already a UU and you plan to join the congregation, you don't need to attend the first two classes unless you want to, but the last class is very important to attend.

A New Member ceremony for those of you who are joining this spring will be part of the service on Sunday, May 5.

– Val Follett, Membership Committee Chair

Newcomer Potluck Dinner on April 5th

We're planning another fun gathering for newcomers at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5 at the lovely home of Rev. Betty Kornitzer in Narragansett. This event, sponsored by Rev. Betty and the Membership Committee, is for all those who consider themselves newcomers, or for anyone who would just like an opportunity to meet other members and friends of our congregation in a smaller setting to share good food and good company. Please bring a dish you like to make and join the fun. A sign-up sheet, printed invitations and directions to Betty's home are available on the Visitors' table in the foyer on Sunday mornings. Hope to see you on April 5th for a joyful evening.



Walk/Bike to Worship for Earth Day

Raise awareness of the role of transportation in climate change by joining the first annual Interfaith

Walk/Bike to Worship

Earth Day event on

the weekend of April

19 through 21. You can

sign up on Facebook

(facebook.com/riinterfaith.powerlight).

Then organize a walk/bike, carpool or bus

ride to church and share your Walk/Bike

photos. For more information, visit

<http://www.ri-ipl.org/Events.html>.



For April, we need one Coffee Hour host each Sunday to set up beverages and clean up afterwards. Can you help? Please call Melissa Hughes or speak to her after church.

From the Administrator

Welcome back, Rev. Betty! The staff have so missed her peaceful spirit and loving ways and feel very grateful that she will be with us for three more months.

Our schedules will now return to pre-Sabbatical hours. Check the calendar for Rev. Betty's office hours, which resume this month. The regular office schedule will resume: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you are reading this, you have received your newsletter, either electronically or in paper form. Should you hear of anyone who is still unaware of the switch to the "electronic newsletter" system that began this month, please have them contact me at uucscri@yahoo.com or 783-4170.

Just a reminder that April is also the month when the Board, staff and committees prepare their annual reports for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 2. The reports will be sent to the congregation in May. The Clerk will determine the deadlines for these documents.

Happy Spring! – Kathy Carland, Office Administrator



Spring cleaning? Great time for another

GRAND SHARE!

Saturday, May 11 ♦ 9:00 a.m. to noon

The last UUCSC Grand Share, on Nov. 17, was a lot of fun and a great success! We learned a few things, too. Most folks came early and all was quiet by noon, so this spring we will have a Grand Share Brunch! UUCSC Members and friends can bring some type of brunch goody to share, as well as items in *excellent* condition to offer to each other. Bring jewelry, clothing, pristine household items (decor, gadgets, furniture), all of it in “re-gifting” condition—clean and like new.

This is a celebration of and for UUCSC Community, and it’s a joyful, sustainable way to give and receive and take care of each other.

Musicians! Please let me know if you can provide soulful sounds to increase the good vibes even further! You don’t have to play for the whole time; even an hour of jamming would be terrific! Last year we were lucky to have some awesome UUCSC musicians, but some of the best concert time happened after the heaviest attendance time. This

year everyone will get to enjoy the talent in our congregation.

Please drop off items on Sunday, May 5, after the service; Friday, May 10 (time to be announced); or call Tracy Hart at 207-6240 to arrange a time during the week before the event. And once again, leftover items will be donated to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Rhode Island or another charity.

If you have any questions, or if you’d like to help out, please contact Tracy Hart. Thank you!

Celebrate National Poetry Month by discovering R.I. poet Paul Petrie

April is National Poetry Month. What better way to celebrate than to delve into the work of one of our finest local poets?

My father, Paul Petrie, was born in Detroit in 1928. He earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from Wayne State University, and later a Ph.D. in creative writing from the Iowa Writers Workshop. In 1959 he began teaching literature and creative writing at URI, where he taught for 31 years. He published nine books, and his poems have appeared in more than a hundred publications, including *Poetry*, the *New Yorker*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, the *New York Times*, *The Nation*, *The New Republic*, and *Paris Review*, and have been reprinted in eight anthologies, including *The Treasury of American Poetry*.



His poems explore his two great loves, nature and music, as well as his own experiences, from the everyday to the momentous; historic, mythological, and literary figures; and meditations on ideas such as time, loss, and the search for meaning. Some of his poems use rhyme and meter, others are in free verse, but the musicality of language is central to all.

In the April issue of *Poetry* magazine, an article

called “On Nonconformists and Strange Gravity” will discuss my father and his work. A copy will be available in the church library. His last published volume, *Rooms of Grace: New and Selected Poems*, is now out of print, but some copies are available online through Amazon.com and other sellers, and a copy will be available in the church library. If you would like your own copy, you can purchase one from me.

At a new website, <http://www.paulpetrie.org/>, you can learn more about his life and work, and view two new unpublished volumes of his poetry, *At the Edge of the World and Falling*, and *Posthumous Poems*.

My father passed away last November, but his memory—and his poetry—live on.

— Lisa Petrie

Home Movie

Dancing in tandem, bouncing on the bed—
or devils and witches, posing for Halloween,
you leap out from the past—ghosts who have been,
now shut in our minds and in your grown-up heads.

To see love's memories come alive and run—
the joy is almost greater than the pain
that, as we watch, the wall goes blank again,
and backwards you troop, lost shadows of the sun.

From “At the Edge of the World and Falling”
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MUSIC AT LILY PADS

Saturday, April 20th

An Evening with Paul Geremia

Rhode Island's elder statesman of the blues returns to Lily Pads. Master of fingerstyle six-string and twelve-string guitar, Paul also tells stories of his own encounters with blues legends. He played to a packed house last January, and we are thrilled to welcome him back. One week after our concert, Paul will be inducted into the Rhode Island Music Hall of Fame. His latest release on Red House Records is 'Love My Stuff.'

"Paul Geremia is a true artist and historian of our past musical heritage. He is one of the few living links. Whether he likes it or not, he is now the bearer of the torch!"

— Newport Slim

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and music begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 the day of show, and are available at Sweet Cakes, the Alternative Food Co-op, Looney Tunes, and online at BrownPaperTickets.com.



Coming Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m.

Anna and Elizabeth

Murphy Beds (Jefferson Hamer and Eamon Avery)

A very special show featuring true music of Appalachia and the British Isles. Anna Roberts-Gevalt and Elizabeth LaPrelle (recently featured on NPR) are from Virginia, and Jefferson Hamer and Eamon Avery are from Brooklyn. Anna and Elizabeth will display hand-made "crankies," light boxes with fabric scrolls that depict images from the songs they sing.

Coming Saturday, May 11

Word (R)evolution with the Archipelago Poetry Project, spoken word artists
Jared Paul, Franny Choi and Laura Brown Lavoie.

For more information, please visit www.musicatlilypads.org

A note from the Editor

This newsletter, officially known as the South County Unitarian Universalist, is published eleven times a year. The deadline (except the July-August issue) is the 20th day of each month.

As you may have noticed, two different versions of this newsletter are prepared each month. To protect your privacy, the version that appears on our website (and is now also delivered by e-mail) does not contain home telephone numbers and e-mail addresses except for those of Rev. Betty Kornitzer. The printed version does contain that information. If you receive the electronic version of the newsletter and you need to contact another member of the congregation, you can find the phone number or e-mail address in the church directory. — Karen Ellsworth

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"If women understood and exercised their power
they could remake the world."

– Emily Taft Douglas (1899-1994)

Born in Chicago, the daughter of sculptor Laredo Taft, Emily Taft Douglas earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago in 1919, studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Art, and starred in a Broadway play. In 1931 she married University of Chicago professor Paul H. Douglas. While he served as a Marine in World War II, she became involved in government. In 1942 she became executive secretary of the International Relations Center in Chicago, and she was elected to the U.S. House in 1944, serving one term. (Her husband was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1948.) The first time she spoke in the House she was recognized as "the Gentleman from Illinois."

A widely known lecturer and author (her books include a biography of Margaret H. Sanger), she was adviser to the American delegation to the UNESCO conference in 1951. A contributing editor to *The Unitarian Register*, she also was known for her skill in baking chocolate cakes.

The Douglasses were members of All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington, D.C. and later attended Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda, Maryland.

Emily Taft Douglas was born 114 years ago this month.