



# The HUU Review

*The purpose of our religious community is to support each other in our various inward journeys toward truth. We will endeavor to do this in an atmosphere of mutual acceptance, openness and friendship. Committed social action on behalf of the local and global communities will be a natural expression of this purpose.*

*Harrisonburg Unitarian Universalists ~ One Journey, Many Paths ~ Spring, 2009*

## SHARED MINISTRY TEAM DEBUTS

Our team members: *Sarah Cheverton, Bernie Mathes, Jim Hollowood*: See pg. 2.

Three years in the making, HUU's first Shared Ministry Team (SMT) is now up and running. With a mandate to support and strengthen the ministry efforts of HUU members, committees, and the Board itself, the SMT will be inaugurated and welcomed during the April 5 Sunday service.

As outlined in its mission statement, the work envisioned for the SMT will be challenging: "to increase coherence, consistency, and communication in the on-going work of our congregation." To do this, the SMT will focus on three key activities:

- ◆ *building on our congregation's past achievements and current strengths*
- ◆ *supporting the efforts of members and friends to address our congregation's key religious tasks (sense-making, care-giving, and justice-seeking)*
- ◆ *strengthening connections between HUU and the larger social and religious communities in which it exists*

The SMT emerged out of an extensive research and planning process that began in 2005. At that time HUU's strategic planning group recommended that the congregation explore a new ministry model: a team of congregation members who would commit to coordinating some of the tasks that a parish minister would normally have – not necessarily doing these tasks themselves, but seeing that they were not neglected.

On the basis of this recommendation, the Board appointed a task force to research the team approach to shared ministry and to make proposals that might be appropriate for HUU. That research and development stage took nearly a year to complete and was followed last spring by submission of a Shared Ministry Team proposal first to the Board for its approval and then to the congregation for comment and revision as needed (to read that proposal in full go to <http://huuweb.org/shared-ministry.doc>). Then in April 2008 the Board confirmed its initial approval of the plan, opening the way for recruitment of team members.

By January of this year, three members of the congregation had been identified that were willing to serve on the team and to pioneer what Jane Dwinell is calling a "great idea," one worth sharing with other congregations (see sidebar: "What Other UU's Are Saying"). Brief profiles of each member of the new SMT follow. *(Continued on page 2.)*

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### *NEW HUU MEMBERS* *Rich and Martha Sider*

Rich and Martha moved to Harrisonburg from Denver, CO in May of 2007. Rich is the executive director of the UU Congregation of Fairfax. Martha is the office manager for Audiology Associates

of Harrisonburg. They both enjoy bike riding, reading and grandparenting. Martha also enjoys doing crossword puzzles and is a beginning weaver. They have two grown daughters. One lives in Harrisonburg with her husband and two children, 7 and 3. The other lives with her husband in Cambridge, MA. **(continued, pg 3)**



**The deep thanks of the Board of Trustees goes to the Shared Ministry Task Force: Kathleen Burke, Julie Caran, David Lane, Bernie Mathes, and also Carol Quintero** who participated in the early planning.

This group took the initial concept of a lay ministry program as presented by the Board and created the vision for a Shared Ministry Team. They read widely, visited other congregations, consulted with ministers, and eventually crafted the mission, structure, and code of conduct for the Shared Ministry Team. The Task Force gave the Board a convincing presentation at the 2008 Board Retreat, and they persevered during some times when it must have been discouraging. It is through their hard, committed work that we find ourselves ready to embark on this new chapter in ministry for Harrisonburg Unitarian Universalists.

--David Lane and Lincoln Gray

## **Meet the Shared Ministry Team**

Sarah Cheverton, Jim Hollowood, and Bernie Mathes have graciously made the commitment to pioneer HUU's first Shared Ministry Team. In each member of the team, the Board's nominating committee saw the spirit of shared ministry and voluntary contribution already at work. We are excited to introduce you to Sarah, Jim, and Bernie.

### **Sarah Cheverton**

Sarah Cheverton has been in the Shenandoah Valley since 1985. She became acquainted with Unitarian Universalism in the late 1980's and early 1990's while touring with Windfall, a folk band that played up and down the east coast, mainly in UU churches. She joined HUU around 1998 and has been actively involved in the congregation ever since. During her time at HUU, Sarah has served as a board member, as chair of the Social Justice Committee, and as a Java Jam organizer and choir member. You might also know her as "the coffee lady" who has led HUU efforts to participate in the Equal Exchange Fair Trade "business" for the past four years.

Sarah has agreed to serve on the Shared Ministry Team because, in her own words, "HUU is an important community in my life and others' lives; I want it to develop and grow. I admire the thoughtful and thorough work of the Shared Ministry Task Force and would like to see their vision realized." As a grown-up "preacher's kid," the church community has always been important to Sarah, and even though she never really connected spiritually to the Christian faith, she has always enjoyed participating within a church community. She feels fortunate that, in HUU, she has finally found a faith tradition in which she genuinely feels comfortable.

Sarah's career is in professional development and training. She has worked in the Center for Instructional Technology at James Madison University for ten years and was recently promoted to the Director position. Sarah enjoys playing music with the band *blue stone sky*

and lives in the Ottobine area with her partner, Pam, and their two dogs and five cats.

### **Jim Hollowood**

In Jim Hollowood, the nominating committee saw an active and inspired volunteer who would bring to the table almost thirty years of experience as a UU in two very different congregations: one with 150 years of history and 400 members (the First Church, Unitarian Universalist, in Belmont, Massachusetts), and the other only twenty years old with about sixty-five members (HUU). Jim and his wife, Judith, were members at Belmont for 27 years and joined HUU after moving to the Shenandoah Valley two years ago.

Jim has an active history as a UU; in Belmont he served on various finance and fundraising committees and as a youth program leader. Soon after joining HUU, Jim began serving on the HUU finance committee. Jim has joined the Shared Ministry Team for two primary reasons: "to help make HUU a very robust congregation," and "to develop a strong organizational structure that will serve for many years in the future."

In his professional life, Jim has worked on the finance and administrative side of educational and non-profit organizations. He currently works with The Community Foundation of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County.

### **Bernie Mathes**

Bernie Mathes and her husband, Lincoln Gray, moved to Harrisonburg in 2005 when Lincoln began teaching at James Madison University. They joined HUU that fall and have been active participants in the life of HUU. Prior to life in Harrisonburg, Bernie and Lincoln were members of Emerson Unitarian Church in Houston, Texas, for more than twenty years. During her time at HUU, Bernie has been a member of the Sunday Services Committee (and currently serves as chair), has been an active choir member, and has filled in on the piano. Bernie also served on the Shared Ministry Task Force with David Lane and Julie Caran. She agreed to continue her service in the role of a Shared Ministry Team member in order to provide a thread of continuity to this new embodiment of ministry at HUU. Bernie became involved in Shared Ministry because she has been impressed with "the many ways our congregation ministers to each other and the larger community." She explains, "I'm excited to help deepen this ministry and strengthen our connections to our local community and the Unitarian Universalist Association."

When not at HUU, Bernie works as the Social Work Coordinator at the Harrisonburg Free Clinic. Her professional training is as a Clinical Social Worker, though she spent much of her time in Houston directing an Early Literacy program at Rice University. Bernie and Lincoln have two daughters. Emily, in graduate school in Ann Arbor, Michigan, is getting married this summer. Katherine, who teaches at Fishburne Military Academy, occasionally sings at HUU.

--Julie Caran

## What Other UU's Are Saying

### About Using Ministry Teams

**Annette S. Marquis**, UUA TJ District Executive:

I am so pleased to hear about the exciting things going on in Harrisonburg. The Shared Ministry Team document that you prepared is very impressive. I think you have done an extraordinary job in laying out the parameters of the team, the expectations, and the accountability. In fact, I would love to be able to share it with other small congregations who are in a similar position as you. I don't have any concerns about it as it is written. I am so impressed that you clearly budgeted training dollars to support your development. That is so important and so often overlooked. I'll be very interested in learning how the program develops. It sounds like a wonderful model.

**Jane Dwinell**, Small Church Consultant and Co-Author with **Ellen Germann-Meloshof** of *Big Ideas for Small Congregations: a friendly guide for leaders*

There's no other congregation I'm aware of that is or has taken this formal step. I think it's a great idea. The document looks fine to me, and pretty clear. . . Once you've been up and running for a year or so, I'd love for you all to write an issue of *Small Talk* to share your successes and challenges with other congregations. (*Small Talk* is the electronic newsletter for small congregations that Jane edits and publishes monthly.)

### About Sharing Ministry in New Ways

**Peter Bowden**, Independent UU Consultant and Co-Founder of the UU Small Group Ministry Network

I think adopting a new way to talk about ministry might change how we go about doing church. Ultimately, what I think we need to do is to mentor, train, support and encourage our members to be ministers – title or no title. We must think of each as a minister in the rough, waiting to be given permission to serve the community.

These days I am thinking in terms of what I call a "continuum of ministry." When we talk in terms of a continuum of ministry, we look at the role of the minister and the church in different ways. With the continuum, the function of the church shifts from seeing that the ministry needs of the congregation are fulfilled by the minister to empowering all people to minister to one another.

## SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

From Judith Hollowood: "I scheduled the joint picnic with Waynesboro UUs for June 14."

From Lincoln Gray: "In March the Board sadly received the resignation of Carol Quintero as our R.E. director; we will miss her and commend her efforts. We welcomed (with gratitude) a new shared ministry team that will be presented to the congregation on April 5. Both income and expenses are running slightly behind schedule, so overall our finances are fine. The Board is

thinking about ways to reconstitute a Caring Committee; we wish to have a mechanism in place to care for our members when this is needed. The city should be done with their mess on our property by the end of March, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee will then proceed with parking lot improvements (and there is an "interesting Catch-22" about our water bill that we hope can be resolved; sometimes you just have to laugh about bureaucracy). There has been no interest in our advertised opening for a music director, but music is taken care of for the next few months. Next year's budget is likely to be quite a bit (around \$8K) larger, with salary for a new music director being a reason for the majority of that increase. The Board is considering ways to have more hot water at the kitchen sink. No consensus has been reached (yet) on the issue of consensus, but we are thinking about the issues."

## WHEEL OF LIFE ☸

**Zachary Miles Spiller**, 10 lbs 6 oz, 21 inches, was born March 23, 2009. He is the son of **Jennifer and Chris Spiller** and the brother of Lily. Jenn reports, "Everyone is home and happy and healthy!"

**Lynn Lough** is engaged to be married to Erich Knight at their home in McGaheysville on October 31, 2009.

-- *Bernie Mathes*

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### Rich & Martha Sider profile (continued from pg. 1)

Rich and Martha worked for nearly 18 years for the Mennonite Central Committee, the relief and development agency of the Mennonite church. For three of those years they worked in Swaziland, Africa and for four years in Guatemala. Rich also served as MCC's director of programs for Latin America and the Caribbean.

During their 9 years in CO, Rich and Martha became members of Jefferson Unitarian Church, a large congregation of 750 members. It was a place of spiritual nurture and a great source for community with many like-minded people. They were pleasantly surprised to find a UU community in Harrisonburg.

The UU Principles correspond well to Rich and Martha's beliefs and approach to life. Rich recently wrote that he "recognizes a mysterious creative and redeeming spirit force that infuses all of creation and which transcends all religions and philosophies." Martha says "ditto" to that.

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**"Theology may be necessary, but it is saved by stories." - The Rev. John Irvine**

## BOOK REVIEW

### What a Head Trip

I just finished re-reading a Great Book to which I return every few years to extract new meaning (*you* know what I mean...). I was nineteen years old when I first read Julian Jaynes' The Origin of Consciousness in the Breakdown of the Bicameral Mind. It prompted me to ponder deeply that greatest mystery: the nature and genesis of consciousness itself – as well as ancient history, culture, and, of course, religion. It was the first truly interdisciplinary work I ever read, a heady experience.

The style of the book is thoroughly engaging. Jaynes is by turn lyrically speculative and densely informative. There is a dizzying sense of nested connections building to synergistic, revelatory crescendos. Jaynes methodically constructs a daring theory that makes sense of hitherto puzzling data, fits well with a diverse range of studies, and explains troubling patterns of human behavior.

Basically, Jaynes contends that the emergence of self-reflective consciousness was a very recent event in human evolution. While humans possessed the necessary neural hardware for tens of thousands of years, the conceptual-linguistic software necessary to form the loop of egoic consciousness wasn't fully developed until as recently as the second millennium BCE.

Before that time, humans had an essentially divided consciousness. The hemispheres of the brain were dis-integrated – the human mind was “bicameral.” Subjectively, communication between the hemispheres was experienced as the hallucinated voices of nature spirits, ancestral ghosts, physically absent kings, and patron gods. These voices commanded absolute, unquestioning obedience. Individualism was nonexistent, as was heresy or rebellion.

It is difficult for us to conceive of this state of mind, like the proverbial fish trying to picture a world without water. It was not stupidity or lack of imagination (indeed, entire civilizations were bicameral), but a different *quality* of consciousness, in which the unified “I” we now take for granted was blurred across a timeless mythscape.

Jaynes spends the first part of his book discussing the nature of consciousness itself, before presenting reams of evidence (archaeological, philological, neurological, etc.) for his theory. For example, the dawn of self-reflective / egoic consciousness coincided with:

- The rise of oracles and prophets. Previously, *everyone* had heard the voices.
- The development of abstract, phonetic writing, allowing for more precise conception and communication.
- The birth of abstract, monotheistic religion. “I AM THAT I AM” – is not Yahweh the ego writ large?

- The dawn of proto-history – the age of legend, as opposed to the previous age of myth.
- The formulation of standardized laws and punishments. Previously, transgression was literally unthinkable.

The emergence of fully self-reflective / egoic consciousness was not simply a matter of crossing a critical conceptual-linguistic threshold. Rather, Jaynes hints, it was catalyzed by widespread geological upheaval (consider the c. 1500 BCE eruption of Thera, a “small” Mediterranean island-supervolcano) and the resulting cultural crises. Self-reflective / egoic consciousness, which allowed for greater flexibility when dealing with novel situations, was an adaptation whose time had come.

Perhaps Jaynes too broadly states his case, but there is no doubt that he is on to something. For example, true believers in contemporary mass movements seek a less self-reflective / egoic consciousness, crowds can completely overwhelm individual judgment, and popular religion's quest for authority seems like a longing for a lost Voice. Our future as a species may very well depend on us being able to understand these and similar phenomena.

In any case, I think that the The Origin of Consciousness is worth reading and rereading, not just because it provides a framework for understanding atavistic behavior, but because it courageously presents a complex theory with erudition and panache.

--Eric LaFrenière

### A Concern. . .

I have a concern. It has to do with my indecisiveness. In 2000 when the stock market had risen to peaks out of all reason, my gut feeling was to sell our modest portfolio of stocks. I lived through the Great Depression. I remembered that Bernard Baruch, the successful Wall Street financier, had been savvy enough to sell all his stocks before the Depression hit. He ended up with a huge amount of cash while others on Wall Street who had not been so smart were jumping out of windows. I remembered that the 1929 crash had followed a long buildup of wealth and prosperity that also reached heights beyond reason. So I thought of selling before that first stock decline in 2000. But I didn't! Louis Rukeyser of the TV show, Wall Street Week, and his so-called financial experts kept saying the market was going still higher. And Pat didn't want me to sell. And maybe on my part there was a portion of greed. So now, like untold numbers of other people, we see a good chunk of our savings “going with the wind.”

You should take the following with a grain of salt, because I am a well-known preacher of gloom. But I am very pessimistic about a return to anything like the good life that we have known for the past half a century. I think President Obama has a tougher problem than Roosevelt had, although Roosevelt was not able to lick the Depression. It took World War II to finally bring us out of

it. In 1932, when Roosevelt took office, we had a huge manufacturing base, including steel manufacturing. In 1929 we had been selling cars all over the world. We were self-sufficient in oil, we had our own. And I don't think we owed money to other countries. Today our manufacturing base is greatly reduced — we buy large amounts of manufactured goods from other countries. Much of our automobile industry appears to be going down the drain, unable to compete. We are importing vast amounts of oil. And we owe something like 25% of our huge national debt to foreign investors, particularly in China and Japan.

Our economy is in such a complex mess, no one seems to know for sure how to fix it. But that is how this amateur economist sees it.

-- Jim Geary

## Apocalypse. Dystopia. Doom. Perfect Storm. Spring.

Looking for paranoia? Google "Antichrist." There, alongside a menu of recent, predictably rightwing screeds, you'll find a refreshingly sane, 1999 post from PBS that provides a long list of individuals, each suspected at one time or another of being the Antichrist. (There was at least one Unitarian Universalist -- Pete Seeger! Also, the EU computer dubbed "The Beast.")

I recently delved into such things via a Lifelong Learning Institute class, "Visions of the End: Fruitcakes or Prophecies." Instructor Bill Painter, a retired Presbyterian minister, warned against looking in scripture for specific forecasts of our time. He sees the bizarre creatures in Revelation as symbolizing oppressors from the writers' era, yet remaining relevant because similar injustice "has recurred frequently." That's a "historical-critical" interpretation (quite different from the "end historical" approach of *Left Behinders*). Bill brought in some CD's with songs that reminded us that not all Apocalyptic vision is scary: "The Great Storm is Over"; "When the Saints Go Marchin' In." I found another: Dylan's "The Hour That the Ship Comes In."

Meanwhile at HUU, Rev. Kirk Ballin gave a service on "Dystopia." I'd thought of end-of-the-world scenarios, such as the long-feared, still-possible nuclear holocaust, as "doomsdays," while "dystopias" mean utopian dreams gone sour (like Orwell's *1984*). Yet they're not mutually exclusive.

Bill McKibben warns of both in his 2003 book, *Enough: Staying Human in an Engineered Age*. This environmentalist — whom I heard speak on global warming at the 2003 UU General Assembly — worries about what humanity may soon be able to do to itself (as if we haven't done enough already). He begins with genetic engineering. Eager techno-marketers hope that soon (though perhaps, after some horrid experimental failures), parents might special-order babies the same as homes or cars. Those who chose to keep making them the old way would feel they had shortchanged their children once they beheld their neighbors' kids, engineered with turbo-charged Rubik's cube-solving and

marathon- and beauty contest-winning DNA. The natural-borns might become a despised underclass (as in the film, *Gattaca*). Even the "improved" kids' genomes would quickly become outdated.

McKibben sees other creepy scenarios. (Worried about this financial "perfect storm"? Think of rogue nanobots turning all matter on Earth into grey goo!) What troubles the Luddite in me is that the human factors that would drive such far-fetched-sounding developments — hubris and greed — are demonstrably real.

After interviewing futurists who want to banish all unhappy emotion and all need for human effort, McKibben notes that "Technologically, these people live at the opposite pole from fundamentalists with their 'In Case of Rapture This Car Will Be Empty' bumper stickers. But not emotionally." What they share looks like a hard-line renunciation of this world.

McKibben is not anti-science or technology, only pro-good sense: He concludes, "We've been told . . . 'You can't stop progress.' But that's not true. We could choose to mature. That could be the new trick we share with each other, a trick as revolutionary as fire. Or even the computer."

For now, here, daffodils bloom. The first green appears on the willows during a cold, grey week. Lettuce, radish and arugula sprout little leaf pairs. The sun comes out. Robins pull worms from the softened earth. We cook up some dandelion greens, and await a grandchild due this season.

-- Chris Edwards

## Social Justice

**The Social Justice Committee** is now meeting the **third (3rd) Sunday of each month at 12:00 Noon** following our scheduled service. Grab a cup of coffee and come check us out. We are always looking for loving, caring persons to join. Next meeting, **April 19**.

In 2008 we began third-Sunday **Dana offerings** — a term suggested by Ginny Holbrook-Heggie, signifying the practice of giving, pre-eminent among teachings of the Buddha. Collections we have taken so far have benefited Gemeinschaft, First Step, and currently, the Gus Bus (an early childhood literacy program). We have also recently made contributions to People Helping People and the Boys and Girls Club. We will continue collecting these offerings for local nonprofits (focusing on each beneficiary for two months running) through 2009.

Meanwhile, we hold quiet **vigils** on Court Square each time that an execution takes place in Virginia. Our vigils have drawn some participation from other churches, as well as media coverage.

We still have some of the green tee shirts with our UU logo (contact Linda Royster if you'd like one), and hope to get folks together to wear them while helping with **Blacks Run Clean Up Day, April 11**.

And since summer, we have sponsored HUU's monthly Potluck Sunday **"Feeding the Community"** **food drives**, benefiting Patchwork Pantry.

Thanks to all who support these projects!

writes Rodi (coordinator): <http://blueridgebeltane.org/>

Charlotte Shnaider writes, "WHY NOT AN ECONOMY OF **REAL WEALTH**? In the latest issue of Yes Magazine, David Korten (who I heard at the GA in St. Louis in '06) writes a wonderful editorial about how real wealth is not 'money.' It is 'the tangible things that support life-food, shelter, clothing. Of course, the most valuable forms of real wealth are those that are beyond price: love, a healthy, happy child, a job that provides a sense of self-worth and contribution; membership in a strong, caring community; a healthy vibrant natural environment; peace. Our Wall-Street-driven economic system makes fantastic amounts of money and actively destroys all these many forms of real wealth.' He makes clear a lot of what's been going on. I heartily recommend reading it. Check out [yesmagazine.org](http://yesmagazine.org), Spring 2009. Coincidentally, I brought a copy of this for the church bulletin board on Mar. 29, when the topic was General Assembly. I'm getting extra copies of this issue, as it is all about growing and eating local food."

This year, 2009, **our building turns 100 years old!** For the history of this site, which our congregation purchased in 1994, see <http://huuweb.org/history.html>. How might we celebrate??

## **Earth Day Service April 19**

Elizabeth Scott, preparing to do the April 19 Sunday service, borrows this blurb from the First Unitarian Church of San Jose, which put together a similar service for its small group ministry sessions:

"If our planet Earth were run like a hotel, each of us would have to provide a valid credit card at the beginning of our stay. Then, if we caused any damages during our visit, we would be charged for them at checkout. If this were so, chances are good that we would be more careful, knowing that even the smallest of the actions harming 'Hotel Earth' would appear as an item on our bill..... Clearly, this is not how it works. Still it's worth reflecting on what sort of guests we are in the marvelous Hotel Earth. Our relationship with the Earth has a huge impact on the choices we make and on whether or not we take action in the face of local and global environmental changes."

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**"Fear less, hope more. Eat less, chew more. Whine less, breathe more. Talk less, say more. Hate less, love more; and all good things will be yours."**

**--Swedish proverb**

## **Pledge Drive**

The 2009-2010 pledge drive is under way. Knowing what to expect from pledges helps us to put together an accurate budget for the coming fiscal year. If you have not yet turned in your 09-10 pledge, you can pick up a pledge card at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday and drop it in the collection basket, or you can email your pledge to [ralph@huuweb.org](mailto:ralph@huuweb.org). – *Ralph Grove, Treasurer*

## **The "Stores" After Church**

Support HUU with **grocery scrip** and **Equal Exchange Coffee!** Both are available after Sunday services.

**Martha Sider** has kindly volunteered to coordinate sales of fair-trade coffee, tea and chocolate following several years of Sarah Cheverton faithfully managing the "store."

**Elizabeth Scott**, meanwhile, recently took over the "scrip" fundraiser from Elinor Fankhouser. Elizabeth writes:

"What is scrip, you ask? A somewhat outdated term, these days... When we first started the program, local grocery stores sold us paper gift certificates for us to resell to our membership. Those paper certificates are now plastic gift cards with a magnetic strip on the back, tracking how much you spent.

"The 2 grocers in our program operate a little differently. The Kroger card is free. You take it to the customer service desk and load it with as much money as you want. As you spend it down, HUU gets a small rebate from Kroger (5%).

"Food Lion provides gift cards in specific denominations. On hand, we have gift cards in the \$100 and \$50 denomination (ideal for family or personal grocery shopping), and a few \$20 and \$10 denomination cards (ideal for gift-giving). Food Lion sells the cards to HUU for 5% less than the face value, so the church essentially gets a small donation from Food Lion for each card sold."

## **Notes**

Attention all knitters and knitter wannabes: Let's reconvene the **Knitting Guild!** Please contact Holly Labbe ([hollynscott@hotmail.com](mailto:hollynscott@hotmail.com)) 828-3417 to express your interest, and we will work together to get the Guild back up and running. It's a great chance for fellowship, as well as community service as we create knit goods for those in need in the Harrisonburg community.

The Blue Ridge Beltane Committee is sponsoring a **Beltane Festival** in Stanardsville, Va., May 8th-10<sup>th</sup>,

## HUU Calendar

**Events not otherwise indicated take place at the church. Services, children's religious education (while in session) and/childcare begin Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Please join us after church for a potluck meal the first Sunday of each month.**

**Everything listed here is subject to change! – for updates, see the weekly Order of Service, e-news and/or [HUUweb.org](http://www.huuweb.org). For inclement-weather closings, check WHSV-TV, WSVB (550 AM), <http://www.wHSV.com/closings> and/or <http://HUUweb.org/>**

### **Sunday, April 5:**

- Cheryl Talley will present "Moving Beyond Racism."
- Potluck following service...and Feeding the Community food drive.

**Saturday, April 11 (morning):** Harrisonburg's annual Blacks Run Cleanup. (HUU will participate).

**Sunday, April 12:** The Rev. Kirk Ballin will present "Evolution: Perpetual Easter."

**Sunday, April 19:** Elizabeth Scott will present "Checking Into Hotel Earth."

### **Sunday, April 26:**

- Nan Goland & Jennifer Taylor-Ide will present a musical service.
- "New UU Meeting" – for new members and anyone interested – following the service.

**Date to be announced: annual congregational meeting.**

### **Sunday, May 3:**

- Harvey Yoder will present "Families of Origin."
- Potluck following service...and Feeding the Community food drive.

**Sunday, May 10:** To be scheduled.

**Sunday, May 17:** David Lane and Michele O'Connor will present "Coyote."

**Sunday, May 24:** Rev. Marilyn Smith Heishman will present "War Should be a Four-Letter Word."

### **Sunday, May 31:**

- CYCORE (our children's religious education program) will present a service.
- Scheduled 5<sup>th</sup>-Sunday "Town Hall Meeting" following service.

### **Sunday, June 7:**

- Elizabeth Scott will present "Deep Ecology – Local Foods."
- Potluck following service...and Feeding the Community food drive.

### **Sunday, June 14:**

- The Rev. Emma Chattin will present a service.
- Picnic with Waynesboro UU congregation.

**Sunday, June 21:** Bernie Mathes will present "Flower Communion/Miss Rumphius."

**June 24-28: Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly, Salt Lake City, Utah\*\***

**Sunday, June 28:** The Rev. Bob Hughes will present a service.

### **Sunday, July 5:**

- Scott Cole will present "Patriots' Voices."
- Potluck following service...and Feeding the Community food drive.

## **\*\*UU General Assembly**

The two candidates for election as the next UUA President (to succeed the Rev. Bill Sinkford) are the Rev. Peter Morales (see [www.moralesforuuapresident.org](http://www.moralesforuuapresident.org)) and the Rev. Laurel Hallman (see [www.hallmanforuuapresident.org](http://www.hallmanforuuapresident.org)). Rev. Morales is emphasizing support for small congregations, and has the endorsement of "Small Talk," the newsletter by Rev. Jane Dwinell (who has visited our congregation; see pg. 3). Hallman is supported by UUA Moderator Gini Courter.

The president will be elected by delegates at "GA," held this year June 24-28 in Salt Lake City. Did the March 29 Sunday service by three frequent GA-attendees tweak your interest in serving as a delegate? Contact our board.

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