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**UUSP
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Statement**

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Unitarian Universalist Church of St. Petersburg

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Waves Of Love From Jim

During the week of July 12 – 18, I had the joy and privilege of attending the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network annual conference, held this year in Madison, Wisconsin. So for this summertime month, in lieu of the usual separate minister blurb and music notes in our Scope, here are a few observations and takeaways from that week as seen through the eyes of someone who was on the prowl for new ideas that would inspire us to grow even deeper and larger in our religious community back here in St. Pete.

The Madison Unitarian Society is a church steeped in tradition while also leading the charge of creating a green architectural model. With one half of the physical plant having been designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and the newer half having been built green, this sacred space offered many insights that we can learn from. There’s signage everywhere for guests: where do our kids go? Where are the bathrooms? Where’s the coffee? (Very important signage for religious liberals!). Even the parking area is marked with closer parking spaces available for both guests and those in their “primetime.” After service traffic flow between the sanctuary and their coffee area/kitchen is open and inviting. This coffee/gathering area also contains tables for their various ministries to use on a rotating basis each Sunday. The space is well organized and clean, with spotless bathrooms containing ample soap and towels. The entrance into the sanctuary contains a greeter stand with prepared welcome packets while the sanctuary itself is clear of paper clutter.

With those potential lessons learned, however, I will proudly write that their space, while presented neater and tidier than ours has been, pales in comparison to the beauty of our Spanish mission style sanctuary and Gilmour Hall. We only need continued elbow grease to step up to the next level of presentation, and that mission has already been launched by *Mike, Laurie, Deb, Tina & Dave* as we clean, organize and paint our inspiring sacred space. Additionally, our newest staff member, *Steve Nelson*, has worked tirelessly to clean and organize our facilities. Further, *Dave Coale*, who has championed our Congregational Life Ministry, is currently working on not only creating new welcoming packets but also a CD for guests to learn more about this special place.

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President's Column

The Unitarian Universalist Association held this year's GA in Minneapolis on June 23-27. In attendance were 3,835 Unitarian Universalists including 146 youth. Highlights included:

- Adoption of a Peacemaking Statement of Conscience that calls UUs "to the work of peace building, peacemaking, and peacekeeping," and to "advocate a culture of peace through a transformation of public policies, religious consciousness, and individual lifestyles."
- Welcoming two new congregations -- San Gabriel Fellowship of Georgetown, Texas and Heartland Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis, IN. Total number of GA member congregations is now 1,052.
- Approval of "Immigration as a Moral Issue" as the Congregational Study/Activity Issue (CASI) for the next three years.
- Participation in activities at Twin Cities Pride.
- Approval of Actions of Immediate Witness (AIW), including "Clean up the Energy bill," "Gulf Coast Environmental and Economic Justice," and "Oppose Anti-immigrant Measures."
- Visits from US Representative Keith Ellison and Senator Al Franken. (Check out the videos!)

Lots of videos and articles can be found at www.uuworld.org.

Teresa Kelly, who attended this year's GA, will also hold a brief discussion after service on August 15 for anyone who wishes to know more.

With gratitude,
Teresa

'Creating Peace' Statement of Conscience

The result of five years of congregational study, the Creating Peace (formerly Peacemaking) Statement of Conscience passed at General Assembly 2010.



"Mindful of both our rich heritage and our past failures to prevent war, and enriched by our present diversity of experience and perspective, we commit ourselves to a radically inclusive and transformative approach to peace."

Articles to Scope:

You can submit via email to pubs@uustpete.org or place your article in the *Scope* mailbox at the church office. The deadline for *Scope* is the 20th of every month.

Please sign all submissions. Due to space constraints, lengthy articles may be edited and non-time sensitive articles may be held for subsequent issues.

Some General Assembly Notes

Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice CSAI

Delegates at the 2008 General Assembly in Fort Lauderdale, FL, selected "Ethical Eating" to be the 2008-2012 Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

The Congregational Study/Action Issue is an invitation for congregations and districts to take a topic of concern and confront it, reflect on it, learn about it, respond to it, comment on it take action—each in their own way. A CSAI is NOT a statement—it is a question.

Read the complete text of [Ethical Eating: Food & Environmental Justice](#).

Download the [Ethical Eating Study Guide](#) for individuals and congregations (PDF, 51 pages).

Download the [Ethical Eating Worship Resource Supplement](#) (PDF, 33 pages).

[Key Dates](#) in the Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice CSAI Process.

Between Sundays: Taking Unitarian Universalist Values to Business

From; Dr. Leslie Polgar, Rev. Jim Sherblom, John Smith, Daniel Boyce

Denominational growth means welcoming visitors. From a workshop at General Assembly 2009, we learned that we too often repel businesspeople. But Unitarian Universalists and ethical businesspeople share common values. This workshop aims to develop materials and processes to reach out to businesspeople seeking to practice shared values in the workplace.

Gilmour Gadflies Wants YOU

To attend our next schedule meeting at; Pia's Trattoria (3054 Beach Blvd S. in Gulfport) for our August outing. Please contact Allen Becker via email (alspasadena@gmail.com) or by phone (341-1511) if you want to join us. <http://www.piastrattoria.com/>

From their website; "We have one goal - we want to spoil you with fresh, natural foods, prepared with lots of love in a romantic, cozy Old Italy atmosphere."

Gilmour Gadflies is a group for anyone who would like to eat dinner out with a great group of church friends.

HOW DO I BECOME PART OF THE FUN: Make a reservation

AT LEAST A WEEK IN ADVANCE

**(if your plans change please let us know we call in a count to the restaurant
by Tuesday before the event)**

We need your name and the number of people coming.

Also; A volunteer is needed for the 2011 calendar year. Here's a hint of what is involved;

Making sure the restaurants can handle a group on Sunday night (YOU GET FINAL SAY IN WHAT RESTAURANTS)

Making reservations at the restaurants

Signing up participants

Communicating with participants

August 2010

This calendar is available on the church website. Please go there to check updates and the accuracy of the information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> <u>10:00am</u> <u>Discussion</u> <u>Group</u> <u>11:00am</u> <u>Sunday Service</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> <u>4:00pm</u> <u>Rehearsal</u> <u>6:45pm Picnic</u> <u>In The</u> <u>Playground</u>	<u>7</u> <u>7:00pm</u> <u>Wedding</u>
<u>8</u> <u>10:00am</u> <u>Discussion</u> <u>Group</u> <u>11:00am</u> <u>Sunday Service</u>	<u>9</u> <u>4:45pm Beacon</u> <u>House</u> <u>6:00pm</u> <u>Homeless</u> <u>Ministry</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> <u>7:00pm BOT</u> <u>Meeting</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> <u>6:45pm Picnic</u> <u>In The</u> <u>Playground</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> <u>10:00am</u> <u>Discussion</u> <u>Group</u> <u>11:00am</u> <u>Sunday Service</u> <u>12:15pm GA</u> <u>Update</u> <u>6:30pm Gilmour</u> <u>Gadflies</u>	<u>16</u> <u>7:30pm Webinar</u>	<u>17</u> <u>12:00pm</u> <u>Facilitators'</u> <u>Meeting</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> <u>6:45pm Picnic</u> <u>In The</u> <u>Playground</u>	<u>21</u> <u>10:00am</u> <u>Church</u> <u>Inventory</u> CANCELLED
<u>22</u> <u>10:00am</u> <u>Discussion</u> <u>Group</u> <u>11:00am</u> <u>Sunday Service</u>	<u>23</u> <u>4:45pm Beacon</u> <u>House</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> <u>6:45pm Picnic</u> <u>In The</u> <u>Playground</u> <u>7:00pm Yoga</u>	<u>28</u> <u>9:00 am Clean-</u> <u>Up</u>
<u>29</u> <u>10:00am</u> <u>Discussion</u> <u>Group</u> <u>11:00am</u> <u>Sunday Service</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>				

UUA Trustee Tidbits

Joan Lund, August, 2010

As you know by this time the Resolution to keep General Assembly (GA) 2012 in Phoenix, AZ passed at this year's GA by a very large margin; and it will be a "Justice GA". Over the next four years leading up to this GA our Association and hopefully every congregation within will be devoting study time and energy to making GA 2012 overwhelmingly successful. The delegates indicated their concern about our nation's immigration issues by passing Congregational Study Action Issue (CSAI): Immigration as a Moral Issue, as our next four year study. Also as an Act of Immediate Witness (AIW) the Assembly called for immigration reform at the state and federal levels.

We must be leaders in insuring human rights for immigrants and refugees, and to acknowledge this as a moral issue. We need to continue to witness against Arizona SB 1070 and its implementation. The dignity of all the world's humans is central to UU principles and values, and I strongly encourage your congregation get involved in one or more of the many topics for immigration study and action. These include, but are not limited to: educating ourselves on the definitions and international agencies accountable in the issue; the economic impact of immigration on countries and individuals; the ways immigrants enrich the society in which they settle; myths vs. realities regarding immigrants; and who the immigrants are in our communities. Also we UUs need to participate and support events that support the rights and dignity of migrants and refugees, and efforts to change both national and international laws; and develop intentional awareness and programs of cultural sharing, inviting immigrants to be a part. I suggest looking at the GA Agenda from our meeting in Minneapolis for the full printing of our current CSAI.

Among other actions our AIW calls for us to join in tourism and product boycotts of Arizona in order to apply economic pressure on the state, to call on the U.S. President to reassert the federal government's exclusive control over the laws pertaining to immigration, to monitor legislation in other states and witness against similar anti-immigrant proposals, and to persist in our efforts until humane/just federal comprehensive immigration is achieved.

It is important that we UUs do more than just verbally support those in our faith who are "walking our social justice talk". Please know I am available to converse on issues that concern us all: jlund@uua.org or 813-931-9727. I also hope you are enjoying a relaxing summer as you continue to important work in your congregation.

Here's a "Heads UP" for Newcomers and New Members

Want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and the unique mission of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Saint Petersburg? Would you like to learn what is involved in becoming a member of our Congregation? Come to "UU 101" in Conway Hall on October 10 following Sunday service.

UU 101 will last for about 1-1/2 hours (12:30pm to 2:00pm). Childcare will be supplied upon request. The program will be led by our Ministers, Board of Trustee members, and church officers.

For more information, contact Dave Coale.

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Greetings from your Migrant/Immigrant Ministry

Share the Plate Sunday – August 22nd

One half of the non-pledge portion of this Sunday's collection will be used to purchase back-to-school supplies and clothing for one of our two adopted families. Some of you met Maria and two of her children at the film and potluck dinner at our home in May. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

All 10,000 Crime Victim Visas Issued for This Year – including those for Martina and Alan

Our other adopted family recently hit a milestone. Some of you met Martina and Alan at a First Sunday luncheon this past spring.

A portion of the Operational Funds allocated to Social Justice projects were used to pay for medical exams and vaccinations that are part of the visa application process. Members of the Migrant/Immigrant Ministry also helped set up the appointments and take Martina and Alan to them, as they do not have a car. Gulfcoast Legal Services, which has two members on our Ministry, processed and filed the associated paperwork. Thank you UU St Pete.

The government has issued all 10,000 visas available this year for immigrant crime victims who help authorities investigate and prosecute perpetrators. This is the first time the government has hit the statutory U visa limit since the program became active two years ago.

The visas were created as part of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000. They are given to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes in exchange for cooperation with law enforcement.

In 2007, attorneys for immigrants who had been victims of crime sued the government for failing to issue any visas. Only 52 were issued in 2008. About 6,000 applications were approved last fiscal year.

Another 10,000 visas will be available in October, when the 2011 fiscal year begins. Until then, the government can grant interim legal status to non-citizens whose applications are approved for the visas so they can work.

The milestone highlights challenges law enforcement officers face in investigating and prosecuting crimes involving mostly illegal immigrants. Many are too afraid of deportation to report crimes. *Critics of the new Arizona immigration law fear the law may affect immigrants' willingness to assist law enforcement.*

Modern-Day Slavery Museum On the Road Again

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers' slavery museum, which visited UU St Pete this spring, heads north for a three-week tour from Charlottesville, VA, to Salem, MA.

Another Prosecution for Forced Labor in Florida Fields

A recent federal indictment alleges that dozens of Haitian nationals were the victims of human trafficking when they were delivered to rural Alachua County and forced to work on area farms.

The indictment states that once the Haitian workers arrived in Miami they were denied access to their own passports and visas, effectively preventing them from going anywhere other than the farms where they were to work.

The indictment also alleges that the workers were underfed, "supplied substandard housing and few beds, and denied necessary medical care, causing the workers to suffer chronic hunger, weight loss, illnesses and fatigue." At least one worker told investigators about being forced to work in fields recently sprayed with chemicals so harsh they left her with permanent scars.

According to the indictment, those who complained about the conditions were threatened with being deported and became fearful of the three co-conspirators.

Help Plan Outreach and Social Actions – August 17th

The Migrant/Immigrant Ministry meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Church Office. Help us plan outreach projects such as food collections, migrant camp visits and the Holiday Gift Distribution as well as social actions.

Happenings and Events

Celebrations Anniversaries

Jim & Marilyn Barber
7th
Dave & Karen Coale
17th
Kent & Jane Fanning
18th
Mark & Cheryl
MacNeill
25th

Birthdays

3rd -Deb Carter
14th -Barbara Rowell
15th -Chris Comas
16th Margie Stafford
19th -Bill Wallace
21st Margie Manning
25th -Dean Robinson

A Month of Sundays

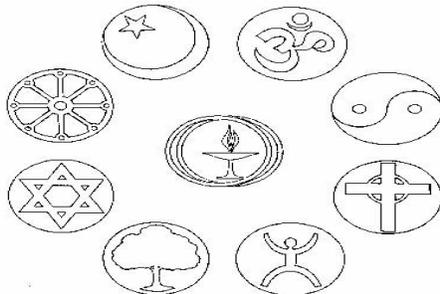
Aug 1, "From Homelessness to Independence" Pastor Phil Miller-Evans, Executive Director of Family Promise Inc.

Aug 8, "UU Musical Theatre" Rebecca Culver

Aug 15, "Art in the Park" St. Petersburg City Councilwoman Leslie Curran

Aug 22, "Family Promise" Reggie Craig

Aug 29,"Religion Beyond Belief"
A reading of the Reverend's Peter Morales' sermon from the West Central Cluster Revival.



Yoga Infused with Music

Friday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. in Gilmour Hall.

Christine will add a lot to the UU and Yoga community at UU St. Pete. For those who just want to attend and listen to the music and join in the kirtan it will only be \$20, instead of \$25. 10% will go to UU St. Pete.

Saturday, October 9, 2010 (All day)

The West Central Cluster of UU Congregations is planning an Arts and Crafts Fair for Saturday, October 9, at the Spirit of Life Unitarian Universalist Church in Odessa. The Arts and Crafts Fair will be combined with the annual Cluster picnic. We are surveying the ten Cluster congregations to determine the interest of artists and crafts people. The fair will be held under the Pavilion at Spirit of Life -- a beautiful covered location. If there is interest in doing this, registrations will be sent later. There will be a small fee to have a display area. If you are interested in being a vendor, please email wcc.fduaa@earthlink.net. Include your name, what you would be selling, and a return email address. Please reply by July 1. We hope that many will want to participate.

Religious Education

Our country recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act. This milestone presents families with a great opportunity to talk about broad social changes brought about by legislation. (My most vivid memory of legislation affecting me personally was the indoor smoking ban, when suddenly I no longer got a headache every time my family went out to eat.) Cast your mind back to a time when accessibility was not legislated. We have become so accustomed to Braille signage and wheelchair ramps that we hardly notice them anymore, but there was a time when straightforward accommodations like these were considered a luxury or privilege rather than a civil right.

Put forth some examples for your kids to think about. "What if you wanted to invite a friend in a wheelchair—maybe our late friend Barney-- to meet you for lunch. But what if the restaurant you wanted to go to only had steps instead of a wheelchair ramp? Some of our friends wouldn't have the ability to get into the building." You can also ask them, "What new progressive things do you think you might happen in the NEXT twenty years?" You might ask children to guess what changes will come about, and what stories they will tell their children. Just as we talk about how different things felt before cell phones and computers, they might someday find themselves explaining how racism, homophobia, and sexism were much more common back in 2010. Careena Cornett, DRE

Save the Dates for Future GAs!

- June 22-26: **2011 Charlotte, NC**
- June 20-24: **2012 Phoenix, AZ**
- June 19-23: **2013 Louisville, KY**
- June 25-29: **2014 Providence, RI**

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During the UUMN conference, music was of course at the forefront of our experiences during the week. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet with Unitarian Universalist composers and musicians from the U.S. and Canada, including Rev. Jason Shelton (Standing On The Side Of Love) and Canadian Joyce Poley (When Our Heart Is In A Holy Place), while dining with other musicians in attendance from our Florida district. Master classes with renowned musicians such as composer Stephen Paulus and conductor Stephen Alltop, breakout sessions with roundtable dialogue on topics such as growing musical programs and strategies for small churches, and music reading sessions reviewing over a hundred new pieces of music for liberal churches were highlights of this information packed week. I gained many insights into enhancing our UUSP music programs while networking with fellow ministers and musicians from churches large and small. While gathering information to assist us in taking our own next steps, I also delighted in making everyone aware that Unitarian Universalism and music were alive and well in St. Petersburg.

With those potential insights gained, however, I will also proudly write that our musical program and our music ministry participants here at UUSP have given our congregation far above what is the norm for churches our size. I heard throughout the conference from many churches proudly proclaiming that their Adult Choirs had grown to over 25 members once they hit a congregational size of over 350. Our good singers have done that now! I also heard with fear and trepidation the word “handbells,” as certainly few members of the church would devote time to a ministry that difficult. Our good ringers have dedicated their time and talents to doing this for us! I also heard how difficult it is to arm wrestle guitarists to play on Sunday mornings. Our FredS add so much to the hymns! I also heard how impossible it is to take time off on Sundays for lack of a quality pianist in the congregation. We have Dorothy! (who made it possible for me to attend this conference).

Our music ministry is on the cutting edge of both literature and technology, appealing to a diverse range of members through an eclectic approach encompassing styles from Baroque and Classical to folk, jazz and Broadway. I mentioned our MIDI (and its ability to create from a single performer the sounds of a symphony orchestra or a jazz band) a few times during the week and was greeted with blank stares. So many liberal churches, including that glorious one in Madison, still have only a piano in their sanctuary. No organ...no MIDI...no folk or rock band. Our powerful Unitarian Universalist message would be further enhanced throughout the country if other churches, fellowships and societies would embrace a wider range of worship styles with the technology to support quality music experiences in worship. To that end, I've asked Rev. Kenn Hurto to allow our UUSP musicians to join me in leading one of our district's Tuesday webinars this season on the use of music in worship. Although we here at UUSP have a lot to learn as we grow, we also have a responsibility to share those best practices that have served us well.

This most recent professional education experience in Madison gave me many ideas and insights which will further enhance our worship this Fall. That week away also reminded me of how special our community in St. Pete truly is. Let's continue to clean and greet and sing and ring and grow deeper and grow larger in the same spirit and for the same reasons we do all that we do...to give dignity, meaning, worth and joy to all our days.

Waves of love, Jim

Board of Trustees Elects New Vice President

Tina Spangler was elected Vice President of the Board of Trustees at the July Board meeting. Her talents in organizational development and her willing spirit will be a tremendous asset to the Board and our community.

What happened at General Assembly?

Teresa Kelly will provide an overview of the major activities and her personal observations from the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association on August 15, 2010 beginning at 12:15.

Living our Mission –Part 1

Every Sunday a member of the Board welcomes the community to worship reciting our mission statement: “To provide a compassionate and welcoming community, inspiring spiritual and intellectual growth and serving as a beacon for social activism and service.”

One of my major focuses this year is assessing how well we live our mission-and it is OUR mission. No one area is more important than another in the total community. Even though we each may have areas that spark our passion, balance of all three areas is important-and at times, challenging. Over the next three months I will share my thoughts on each of the three areas of our mission.

So, what are WE doing to provide a compassionate and welcoming community and what still needs to be done?

The Congregational Life Ministry (formerly known as Membership) is a cornerstone of this part of our mission. New welcome packets are being developed which will include a CD with video from UUA as well as members of UUSP-look for Dave Coale with the video camera and get ready for your close-up.

Serving as a greeter/usher is an easy way to meet new people and help set a positive tone for our visitors' first experience. It doesn't take a lot of your time but it is a crucial element in helping us attract new members that keep our community growing and vibrant. Can you help one Sunday a month when you are going to be here anyway?

The new sound system is installed in the sanctuary, and while a few tweaks are still needed, I think it is a vast improvement. It also allows us to utilize elements of the old system in Gilmour Hall so announcements during coffee hour won't require the banging of pots and pans to get everyone's attention. Thanks to the Communications Working Group for all their work.

The Pastoral Care Ministry was revitalized this past year under Alec Craig's leadership, but more volunteers are needed to support our members and friends in times of need- and more of our members and friends are in need.

In the fall, Pat Robinson will be leading the effort for UUSP to become a welcoming congregation and there will be a variety of ways to become involved in this effort.

Our beautiful church is the gathering place for our community. Over the past year, a number of projects, both large and small, have been completed to make our buildings safer and more attractive. There is always so much to do in a historic property, and I have yet to figure out how to keep something from getting dirty or worn out.

We need to know what our assets are so we can best protect them and plan for replacement when needed, so on Saturday, August 21st you can volunteer to help with the church inventory. Arrive at 9:00 and bring something to share for lunch. If we have enough people we should be done by early afternoon. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

Or, come out and help Building and Grounds with a church clean up on Saturday August 28th. Many hands make light work as we try to prepare for the beginning of our new church year in September.

If you can't imagine Sunday without coffee hour, volunteer to make the coffee. Yes, it means coming to church earlier (9:30) to get it brewed but you can go out for breakfast before the service. Our Hospitality Ministry graciously serves the coffee; so you get to sit back and bask in all the grateful faces after service. Sign up sheet is in the kitchen.

Gilmour Gadflies provides an opportunity to socialize with each other at a different restaurant each month. Allen Becker has graciously coordinated this effort for the past year, but has expressed the desire to take a break. Locations and dates have been decided through December, and a new coordinator will be needed. Are you the host/hostess with the most/mostest?

So, what do you think? What are we doing to make this a compassionate and welcoming community? What more can be done? Please help in any way you can- even the smallest stone sends ripples when it falls into a pond. Those ripples can become our “Waves of Love”.

Clean Up Crew Needed for Saturday, August 28

Take a look at the progress made in upstairs Gilmour and the pre-nuptial room (formerly the Brides' room) - we want to continue the effort and get a lot more done before homecoming. Please join us for what is very tangible, gratifying work that helps us show off our facility with pride. In addition, we will create a tremendous esprit de corps!

When : Aug 28 Start: 9 AM Finish: On your schedule

What: Cleaning, repairing, painting, decorating/rearranging

Who: people who can and want to do hard labor without having committed a crime; people with an eye for interior decoration; people with talent for construction, repair, etc.

RSVP: Laurie Clements (clemclaw@yahoo.com) or Tina Spangler (tinaspangler@me.com) -- this is so we can create a plan and purchase supplies based on what we think we can accomplish

Bring food/ snacks, for yourself or for sharing and bring humor and good spirit.

Stand Up Florida Rally

A group of LGBTs and allies have planned a protest of the National Organization for Marriage tour bus, which will stop in Tampa on Sunday, Aug. 8. Stand Up Florida, in coalition with several ally organizations including the Courage Campaign, hopes to counter the tour's message of "one man, one woman" marriage by showcasing LGBT relationships. As of press time, Tampa is the only Florida stop on the NOM bus tour.

"The National Organization for Marriage is a group that opposes GLBT rights," said Anthony Farver, executive director of **Stand Up Florida**. "This group further affronts the LGBT community by advocating that marriage is a union solely between one man and one woman."

As of press time, Farver said that more than 100 people were planning to attend the protest of the tour. Details on the location of the protest are still pending and will be based on information released by the tour itself, which hadn't announced where it would stop in Tampa. When a location is announced, protestors will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

UUA Florida District seeks new Lifespan Program Consultant

Our District has a job opening for "an acting", two-year, 1/4 time position in lifespan faith development. If you have interest in religious education, working with congregations and growing Unitarian Universalism.

Appropriate candidates will:

- Be active, committed Unitarian Universalists;
- Be a member of one of our District Unitarian Universalist congregations or the Church of the Larger Fellowship;
- Be a member of LREDA and/or UUMA;
- Have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher;
- Have experience in lifespan faith development;
- Have experience or be willing to obtain training in organizational development and systems theory;
- Be able to travel to District congregations for on-site consultations;
- Be able to participate/travel to UUA Southland training events (currently January & August) and the UUA General Assembly.

The full job description is posted on the District website:

<http://www.floridadistrict.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/>

[FLD ActingProgramConsultant JobDescription July2010.pdf](#)

Please send recommended candidate names & contacts, or your resume (in .pdf or .doc format) via email to:

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UU NOTABLE NEWS From Rev. Herbert Vetter, Director Harvard Square Library

HOSEA BALLOU: *THE CHALLENGE TO ORTHODOXY* by Ernest Cassara is a Harvard Square Library free online book now available worldwide. The cover of the book features the announcement by Theodore Parker that Hosea "went through the land proclaiming this great truth, and he has wrought a revolution in the thoughts and minds of men more mighty than any which has been accomplished during the same time by all the politicians of the nation."

<http://www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/ballou/Introduction.html>

KENNETH PATTON: *THE WAY FOR THIS JOURNEY* is selected as a free online book, a "selection of the naturalistic and humanistic teachings of Asia which I have found to be pungent, beautiful, and profoundly true." Our Harvard Square Library edition is illustrated.

<http://www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/TheWayForThisJourney/Introduction.html>

FREDERICK MAY ELIOT: *SAMUEL MCCORD CROTHERS* is the story of the long beloved minister of the Church in Harvard Square while also being a durable author for a national audience.

<http://www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/crothers/crothers.html>

RABINDRANATH TAGORE *SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION*

Since Tagore's birth in 1860 to his worldwide recognition as the first Asian recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913, he has been an exemplar of liberal religion in society, the arts, and education.

<http://www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/Tagore/>

CONRAD WRIGHT: *THE BEGINNINGS OF UNITARIANISM IN AMERICA*

This story of the intellectual revolution in the second half of the eighteenth century that crystalized liberal religious thought is told by the eminent Harvard historian of religion --- available worldwide free online.

<http://www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/wright/Introduction.html>

O. BROOKS FROTHINGHAM: *TRANSCENDENTALISM IN NEW ENGLAND* is a free classic online by Google.

http://books.google.com/books?id=MFE-AAAAYAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_v2_summary_r&cad=0

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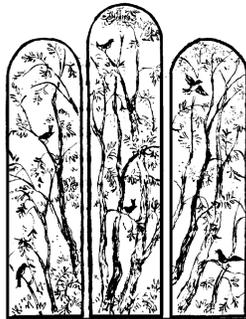
If you're not familiar with the work of Steven Wright, he's the famous erudite scientist who once said, "I woke up one morning and all of my stuff had been stolen.. and replaced by exact duplicates!"

His mind tends to see things a bit differently than the rest of us mortals.

Here are some more of his gems:

- 1 - I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- 2 - Borrow money from pessimists - they don't expect it back.
- 3 - Half the people you know are below average.
- 4 - 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name
- 5 - 42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- 6 - A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- 7 - A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- 8 - If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.
- 9 - All those who believe in psychokinesis, raise my hand.
- 10- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- 11- I almost had a psychic girlfriend, but she left me before we met.
- 12- OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- 13- How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- 14- If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- 15- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- 16- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

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