



# Fellowship News



## *Letter From the Interim Minister*

January 2012

Dear members of UUFBCO,

First and foremost, all blessings for you in this New Year! May your joys be great and your burdens light. May you find its challenges exciting and renewing. May you experience ever more love in your heart and compassion in your work.

Back in October, I mentioned the five tasks that are part of transition for congregations. Here they are again:

First, the congregation must claim and honor its past.

Second, the congregation must illuminate its unique identity.

Third, the congregation must clarify the multiple dimensions of leadership.

Fourth, the congregation must renew its connections with available resources.

And fifth, the congregation must renew its vision.



The tasks are not necessarily in order, nor are they a punch list of sorts. These tasks are completed at different paces. Now one task seems to pick up momentum, then slows and another races forward, etc. They are simultaneous not sequential but each has its own rhythm and that is not necessarily predictable. Sometimes a task may seem stalled, but only until one of the others moves forward.

This explain why I can not give you a map of the process with discrete moments. What we can do and will do, is evaluate where we are several times during the interim ministry. The first such evaluation is due on February 15, 2012, the second September 30 and the final one on June 15, 2013. The Board and I will do separate evaluations which we will share before they are submitted to the Transitions Office at the Unitarian Universalist Association. The mid-year evaluations give us a chance to make needed course corrections during the interim process. This will be immensely useful when we have our congregational retreat in March 2012 and engage in a visioning process for UUFBCO's future.

From my observations so far, I can say that I think that while change is virtually always unsettling, things are going more smoothly than I expected. I am learning your strengths, testing boundaries in terms of what you really think you must hold on to of the past, and offering some challenges to spiritual growth. Know that my heart is absolutely with you and your future. I admire your talents, your commitment and the passion you bring to what you do.

Look for an announcement soon about adult religious education offerings. I will be doing a series "The Genius of the World's Religions," and also offer multiple one-hour spiritual journey workshops for 5-10 people.

In the meantime, please be sure to sign up for the January 22 "Beyond Categorical Thinking."

*Rev. Orlanda Brugnola*

A Welcoming Congregation



## *Letter From the President*

*Not in his goals, but in his transitions man is great.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Members and Friends,  
Happy New Year!

I've been reading a lot about transitions lately. Much of the literature centers on our own Fellowship transition to calling a new minister. The other "transition" is personal and centers on my move from a happy and fulfilling 44-year professional career into a happy and hopefully long retirement this coming year. The issues are the same in both cases. There are endings, confusion, concern over what's next and time in a "neutral zone," a term coined by author William Bridges that represents the all-important space where we empty ourselves in order to learn how we want to fill ourselves once again. The "neutral zone" is the place where we can safely explore new things and new ways of thinking and experiencing our lives and our spirituality. 2012 is full of the promise of new things. We have many opportunities and events to help us learn about who we are and how we want to see our Fellowship in the future.

### **Midyear Business Meeting—Sunday, January 8 at 12:30 p.m.**

Over the past few years, the Board has held a midyear business meeting to let you know about how things are going at the Fellowship. This year's meeting is very important because we will be discussing, in detail, the ministerial search process which commences this winter. We will discuss the Ministerial Search Committee—the selection of its members, the significant responsibilities and the commitment of time and energy required of committee members and the steps and timing for the search process itself. We will also discuss our budget and the financial commitments we will need to make this year to meet all of our goals. A meeting notice and agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

### **Beyond Categorical Thinking (BCT)—Sunday, January 22—single service at 11:00 p.m. followed by lunch and workshop from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

You have probably heard me talking about BCT at the Sunday services. Jacqui Williams and Donna Dolham from the UUA Transitions office will facilitate this workshop to promote inclusive thinking and help prevent unfair discrimination in the search process for our new minister. Signup sheets are available at the coffee hour. Make sure to take a ticket and mark your calendar.

### **Congregational Retreat—Community Unitarian Church of White Plains—Friday, March 23 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

This is our opportunity to build community to determine what we, together, see as our vision for the Fellowship and our mission as UUs. The identification and articulation of our vision and mission will help us to call a Minister whose skills and characteristics are as representative of the congregation and our goals as possible. There will be lots to do and you can expect to work hard. But the rewards will be great because you will be creating the structure for the future of your spiritual home. More details will be available in upcoming emails and newsletters.

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## Time to return your *Guest at Your Table* gifts!

Jane Podell, Director of Religious Education

In recent weeks, our *Guest at Your Table* boxes and *Stories of Hope* have taught us about real people engaged in struggles for justice in the United States and around the world. It has also taught us about our power to change the world when we share our blessings to support the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and the many amazing people they partner with.

On Sunday, January 8, we'll close our *Guest at Your Table* program and ask you to return either your box of coins or you may also convert your cash and coins to a check made out to "UUSC" and complete the form on the box. If you miss bringing back your *Guest at Your Table* box on January 8, please return it to Jane Podell at your earliest opportunity.

Since there is a little bit of time left to learn about some of your guests...

.....Meet Patrick Lafontant, an artist and youth mentor who grew up on his own in a particularly disadvantaged neighborhood in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Fortunately, he found hope — and a new life providing art therapy for at-risk youth — with the Association for the Promotion of Integral Family Healthcare, a UUSC partner. Patrick's leadership grew with a new purpose after the earthquake, teaching art workshops for youth in his community. UUSC funding has not only allowed Patrick to continue pursuing his dream of being an artist, it has also contributed to his development as a leader and made it possible for him to mentor other youth.

.....Meet Dalia Ziada, who is shattering barriers to empower a generation of Egyptians who are experiencing democracy for the first time. Dalia started as a youth organizer by winning an essay contest and now helps other youth find their voice and advocate for their rights. Inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr., Dalia worked with UUSC to translate a comic book about the Montgomery bus boycott into Arabic. She handed out the comic and also trained youth activists about nonviolent protest leading up to the democratic revolution, and today helps educate about voter rights and encouraging civic participation.

Please remember that your gift to *Guest at Your Table* is tax deductible ~ be sure to complete the form on your box. And remember, gifts of \$100 are eligible to be matched by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock, to double the impact of your support! We'll announce the results of our *Guest at Your Table* program at the end of January. On behalf of UUSC, we thank and commend every person who has chosen to share their blessings through *Guest at Your Table*.



*Letter From the President (cont'd from page 2)*

*Your presence is needed to make this process and these events meaningful and successful for all of us. I urge you to please attend all of these events.*

**Babysitting will be available for all events.**

**Stewardship Campaign—Month of April**

In an earlier newsletter, I announced that our Stewardship Campaign would take place in February with Sharon and Greg Kullberg as chairs. The Board met with Sharon and Greg at our last meeting and decided together that, in light of all that we want to accomplish this winter and early spring, it would be better to hold the Stewardship Campaign in April. This way we will have a better idea of our goals and what we will need, financially, to attain them.

Lots to do and lots to learn. It is a very exciting time for all of us. The Board and I are delighted to be partnering with you on this journey and encourage your suggestions and questions.

*In joy,*

*Nenette Kress*

## **Ministerial Search Committee**

As we start the new year, we are embarking on the all-important task of searching for a new called minister. The first and foremost step will be to form a Ministerial Search Committee from among the congregation as a whole. The members of the Ministerial Search Committee will be selected in an open election by the Fellowship, which will be conducted in March 2012. An election committee is being formed and will be providing more information and holding discussions in January, including during the January 8, 2012 mid-year Fellowship meeting, about the process of running for the Ministerial Search Committee. All members interested in serving on the Ministerial Search Committee will be asked to submit a written application to the election committee. Applications will be made available in January. Each applicant should understand the following requirements of the job of serving on the Ministerial Search Committee.

Although the congregation ultimately will decide whether or not to “call” a ministerial candidate to serve as the new UUFBCO minister, the Ministerial Search Committee’s task is an enormous one, both in commitment and in importance. The Committee of up to seven members will be elected and charged by the congregation with carrying out the search process and recommending a ministerial candidate to the congregation. As such, the Committee should be as representative of the diversity within the congregation as possible, not only in terms of demographics but also with respect to every major area of the life of the UUFBCO, such as our religious education, social action and music programs, our worship and our administration. The Committee members will work together as a team from the time of the Congregational Retreat in March 2012, framing and preparing for the search process, through the selection and presentation of a ministerial candidate to the congregation in the Spring of 2013. The Committee will spend a significant amount of time and energy on its task, and must be aware of the responsibilities involved, which includes

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*Ministerial Search Committee (cont'd from page 4)*

conducting a congregational survey, reviewing application packets, checking references, conducting interviews, arranging for and observing preaching engagements by pre-candidates, helping to negotiate a ministry agreement and presenting a final candidate to the congregation for a vote. Based on guidance provided by the UUA, each member of the Ministerial Search Committee should be someone who is:

- A member in good standing of the UUFBCO, consistent with our By-laws.
- Known and respected by the congregation, with an overall perspective and commitment to the vision and activities of the congregation as a whole.
- Able to draw upon some history—not necessarily long-term—of UU involvement.
- Not partisan. Members of the Ministerial Search Committee must be more strongly committed to the congregation as a whole than to any subgroup.
- Well-informed about the demands and time requirements of Ministerial Search Committee membership. All those who seek a nomination to the Committee must attest that they have reviewed the UUA Settlement Handbook (*available at* [http://www.uua.org/documents/mpl/transitions/settlement\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.uua.org/documents/mpl/transitions/settlement_handbook.pdf)) and the UUA Resource Guide for Ministerial Search Committees (*available at* [http://www.uua.org/documents/mpl/transitions/resourceguide/resource\\_guide.doc](http://www.uua.org/documents/mpl/transitions/resourceguide/resource_guide.doc)), and affirm that they are willing and able to make the commitment described there.
- Willing and able to pledge attendance at every meeting of the Committee, and to give about 250-400 hours over the fourteen-month search process.
- Balanced by attributes: organizational ability, theological awareness, computer skills or other attributes well-suited to taking a meaningful role in the Committee's activities.
- Not serving on the Board of Trustees during the time of the search process.
- Committed to conducting a search that is fair and nondiscriminatory with respect to race, color, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age and national origin.
- Committed to maintaining confidentiality regarding potential candidates, but who is eager to keep the congregation informed regarding the process and progress being made.
- Capable of both self-assertion and compromise, and to seeking consensus.
- Open-minded and not prone to extreme reactions to ministers.

Well-suited to teamwork, rather than an independent worker.

Anyone who is considering service on the Ministerial Search Committee must attend the 11:00 a.m. service on January 22, 2012 and the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop that follows. The Search Committee also will be required to participate in the Congregational Retreat on March 23-24, 2012. One member of the Search Committee will be expected to serve on the Committee on Ministry for one term following the congregation's calling of a new minister.

*Robert Malionek*

## “Split the Plate” at UUFBCO



The Board has approved the SAC suggestion that there be one offering collection each Sunday with half of the non-pledge offering monies to be donated to a specific non-profit organization on a monthly basis.

The Split the Plate Program is one way the UUFBCO affirms and supports the Unitarian Universalist Principles which calls for us to outreach and generously serve our local, as well as our international communities.

During the month of January, SAC will "split the plate" with the Sienna Project, an organization originally suggested by Ginny Stillman. The Sienna Project envisions building schools in the small indigenous mountain villages of the Highlands of Guatemala, where there may not be enough classrooms or no classrooms at all. The national government pays teacher salaries, but does not provide funds for school buildings. In many indigenous villages children may never go to school.

This project is intended as a living memorial to Sienna Lavanhar, the daughter of the Reverend Marlin and Anitra Lavanhar who died suddenly and unexpectedly three days after her third birthday. The project was initiated by her grandfather, Marlin Lavanhar and uncle, Derek Lavanhar, who have established non profit organizations (NGOs) in both the US and Guatemala to make it happen.

Marlin Lavanhar and his wife Caroline, are seeking volunteers to help build schools in Guatemala through the Sienna Project which UUFBCO has been supporting for several years now through 2nd collections. This year, the trip is scheduled for February 25 through March 3. Marlin will be speaking at the January 15 Sunday Service and will be presenting a slide show from past Sienna Project projects, providing informational brochures and telling you about this year's trip. Ginny Stillman and Jane Hackenburg have both volunteered in years past and can talk more with anyone who is interested.

Read more about this project at <http://www.siennaproject.com>.

The Social Action Committee welcomes suggestions for "Split the Plate" offerings. Please give your suggestion to Lorraine Keegan or Bearní Croft.

*Thank you, Bearní Croft and the Social Action Committee*

***“Split the Plate” for the month of December benefited The Cortlandt Emergency Food Bank, for a total collection of \$889.50 donated to The Cortlandt Emergency Food Bank, along with approximately \$1,600 worth of food donated by UUFBCO for the 2011 year.***

## Noontime Meal Program

The December noontime meal was prepared by our own French chef, *Francoise LeGoues*, assisted by sous chefs *Sheri Brown, Bearní Croft, Laurie Golson, Jan Ruotolo* and *Ginny Stillman*. They prepared Shepherd's Pie with sautéed string beans and cookies for dessert.



In January, the Men's Group has an opportunity to show their skills in the kitchen.

UUFBCO's program feeds 100 hungry people from the Peekskill area on the third Tuesday of every month. *Thank you, Sondra Treadwell and the Social Action Committee*

## Sermon topics:

### January 1:

**Interim Minister Orlanda Brugnola**—“Imani—the Genius of Dr. Karenga”  
Only one service at 11 a.m.

### January 8:

**Interim Minister Orlanda Brugnola**—Sermon: *When the Three Kings Have Gone* at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. *Fellowship Choir* at the 9 a.m. service. *Keith Harris* performing at the 11 a.m. service. Mid-Year Business Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

### January 15:

**Interim Minister Orlanda Brugnola**—Sermon: *Sitting in Jail—Breaking Out* at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. *Tina Mayer* performing at the 9 a.m. service. *Phil Hess* performing at the 11 a.m. service. Sienna Project presentation (see page 6).

### January 22:

**BEYOND CATEGORICAL THINKING**—Only one service at 11 a.m. followed by 12:00 noon luncheon and workshop facilitated by Jacqui Williams and Donna Dolham from the UUA Transitions office from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Signup sheets are available at Sunday coffee hours. *Spirits in Harmony* performing at 11 a.m.

### January 29:

**Interim Minister Orlanda Brugnola**—Sermon: *Eye of Favor* at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. *Turner Ensemble* performing at the 9 a.m. service.



*January Sunday 'Split the Plate' will Benefit the Sienna Project. (See page 6.)*

*Minister Orlanda Brugnola's printed sermons are available after services by request.*

## SAC Updates:

- \* **Food Bank for Westchester**— UUFBCO will be packing foods at the new Elmsford facility in February or March. Date TBA
- \* **Roundtop Commons**—The first residents at this fair and affordable rental apartment complex are expected to move in this March. UUFBCO will be welcoming these residents to the community.
- \* **Catskill Area Cleanup**—Sheet rockers, carpenters and others are needed in Prattsville to help restore the buildings destroyed by flooding. UUFBCO will be planning a small group visit to aid in the restoration. If you want information about volunteering individually, please contact Lorraine Keegan.



*Lorraine Keegan (Lorraine.Keegan@yahoo.com)  
and the Social Action Committee*

## Sunday Music Schedule Winter 2011-2012



Sunday morning rehearsals for both choirs start 30 minutes before the service.

**The Fellowship Choir** meets every Thursday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and is open to musicians of all levels from Jr. high through adult.

**Spirits in Harmony** is a female chorus. Membership is by audition only.

**January 8:** 9:00 a.m.—Fellowship Choir: *Hold Fast to What is Good*  
11:00 a.m.—Keith Harris

**January 15:** 9:00 a.m.—Tina Meyer  
11:00 a.m.—Phil Hess

**January 22:** 11:00 a.m.—Spirits in Harmony (only one service)

**January 29:** 9:00 a.m.—Turner Ensemble

**February 12:** 9:00 a.m.—Spirits in Harmony  
11:00 a.m.—Spirits in Harmony (Prelude Only)

**February 19:** 11:00 a.m.—Keith Harris

**February 26:** 9:00 a.m.—Fellowship Choir: *In the Morning, Joy*  
11:00 a.m.—Fellowship Choir (Prelude Only)

**March 4:** 11:00 a.m.—Westchester Chordsmen

**March 11:** 11:00 a.m.—Spirits in Harmony

**April 1:** 11:00 a.m.—Fellowship Choir: *Gather by the River to Pray*



### January Volunteers

**Flowers: Volunteers Needed for all January Sunday Services: 1/08, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29**

**Greeters: Today, Sunday, 1/01/12—11 a.m.: Lorraine Keegan (only one service)**

**Sunday, 1/08—9 a.m.: Susan Peet, 11 a.m. Need Volunteers**

**Sunday, 1/15—9 a.m.: Sondra Treadwell, 11 a.m. Need Volunteers**

**Sunday, 1/22—11 a.m. Al Morgillo (only one service)**

**Sunday, 1/29—Need Volunteers for both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.**

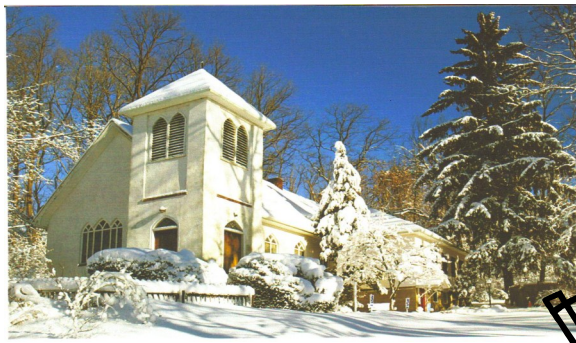


**Greeters and Flowers are needed for the majority of the upcoming Sunday Services.**

**To Sign Up to Greet or Bring Flowers** please contact **Susan Peet** at [peetster24@yahoo.com](mailto:peetster24@yahoo.com) or go to [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com), click the tab that says Find A Signup, and then search by Administrator's email: [uucroton@gmail.com](mailto:uucroton@gmail.com). It will bring up both Greeters and Flowers and you can sign up for either or both. The sign-up site allows you to claim a recurring time slot, such as "first Sunday of every month, 9:00 a.m. service," or choose a few Sundays throughout the year. It's easy and you will be sent a reminder automatically.

You can also check open dates on the Greeter and Flower signup sheets posted on the Fellowship foyer bulletin board. *Thank you.*

*Rita Ruotolo, Administrator*



## January Meetings & Events



**Jan 5, 12, 19, 26—Fellowship Choir Thursday Rehearsals** from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Babysitting available.

**Jan 2—Social Action Committee** meeting Monday, 7:30 p.m.

**Jan 7—Leadership Council** meeting Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Jan 7—RE Overnight Event—Fellowship Reserved** from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m.

**Jan 8—Mid-Year Financial Meeting** Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

**Jan 9—Membership Committee** meeting Monday, 7:30 p.m. at the Fellowship.

**Jan 10—B&G Committee** meeting Tuesday, 7 p.m.

**Jan 11—Fellowship Board** meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Jan 14—RE Committee** meeting Saturday, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Jan 17—Tuesday Noontime Meals: Men's Community Circle Group.**

**Jan 20—UUBCO Book Discussion Group** meeting Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Maria Morrissey.

**Jan 21—Sanctuary Reserved** at 10 a.m. for Concert Rehearsal.

**Jan 22—Beyond Categorical Thinking Service and Workshop at the Fellowship.**

Single service at 11:00 a.m.; lunch from 12:00 to 1:00; workshop to follow immediately.

**Jan 29—Sanctuary and Hall Reserved** at 2 p.m. by G. Kullberg for **Memorial Concert and reception.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to Section 5.4 of the Bylaws of the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Briarcliff-Croton-Ossining, Inc., the mid-year corporate meeting of the Fellowship will be held on **January 8, 2012 at 12:30 p.m.** at 2021 Albany Post Road, Croton, New York. The purpose of this meeting is to review the budget, discuss stewardship, hear committee reports, learn about the transition and search process and conduct such other, additional business as members may deem necessary. All members of the Fellowship of Briarcliff-Croton-Ossining, Inc. are invited to attend and be heard.



## January Birthdays

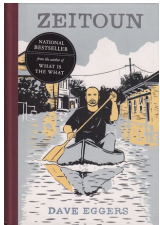
1/01 Janet Englund; 1/02 Megan Meehan; 1/06 Susan Peters;  
1/09 Kevin Donahue; 1/10 Don Parrish; 1/12 Sally Simon;  
1/16 Aiden Breneman-Pennas; 1/20 Roslyn Baker, Bruce Pearl;  
1/22 Marjorie Redleaf; 1/24 Ellen Mayer; 1/25 Lucinda Manning.

## BCO Briefs

### The Book Discussion Group



Our next meeting is on **Friday, January 20** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Maria Morrissey. Please RSVP to Maria at [mdm139@hotmail.com](mailto:mdm139@hotmail.com).



#### **Zeitoun: David Eggers**

When Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, Abdulrahman Zeitoun, a prosperous Syrian-American and father of four, chose to stay through the storm to protect his house and contracting business. In the days after, he traveled the flooded streets in a secondhand canoe, passing on supplies and helping those he could, rescuing stranded people, feeding trapped dogs, and marveling at the sometimes surreal beauty of the devastation. Was it God's plan that he help others? he wonders. Then people in uniforms take him at gunpoint and incarcerate him. There are no charges, only the guards' insistence that he is al Qaeda and Taliban. Zeitoun's odyssey 23 days of grueling imprisonment, held incommunicado and deprived of all due process is but one nightmare of many lived after Katrina. Eggers's riveting nonfiction book, three years in the making, explores Zeitoun's roots in Syria, his marriage to Kathy—an American who converted to Islam—and their children, and the surreal atmosphere (in New Orleans and the United States generally) in which what happened to Abdulrahman Zeitoun became possible. In the wake of disaster, we often cling to stories reassuring us of the very things we claim to value most. Heartbreaking and haunting.

*Jan Ruotolo (voxmom@gmail.com)*

### **Community "TAG SALE"**

Two Bulletin Boards are being placed on the back wall of the lower level. Make a donation to the church by placing photos of items you wish to dispose of. Post the suggested price as well as your phone number.

The buyer contacts you to arrange pick up or delivery and gives you a check made out to UUBCO.

#### **It's that simple and the church gets the money!**

KIDS will have their own Bulletin Board and will be donating their money to the church as well.

This is a great way to recycle toys and furniture.

Any questions: Call Lynda Karanikolas at 914-245-8107



Register for a Community Circle group today. Think of it as your little neighborhood in the larger UUBCO community. It is a place for sharing, caring, learning and growing. Several groups have openings.

*Contact Rev. Orlanda or Linda Griffin for more information.*

## Cortlandt Emergency Food Bank Support

For over 20 years, our Fellowship has supported the Food Bank with weekly collections of food and other items. It all started as a Girl Scout project by Lauren Croft in 1989 and has been carried on by SAC ever since.

The UUFBCO continues to support the Food Bank by collecting food items during the worship services of the adults and the children. Children are asked to bring either boxed mac and cheese, tuna fish, or jarred baby food; adults are asked to contribute jarred spaghetti sauce, soup, powdered milk or canned fruits or vegetables.

Please visit the food Bank on facebook:

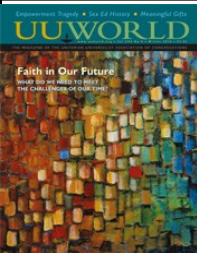
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cortlandt-Emergency-Food-Bank/158884300828687?sk=wall>

Thank you for your continued support of this vital community resource. *Bearni Croft and Bob Hudson*

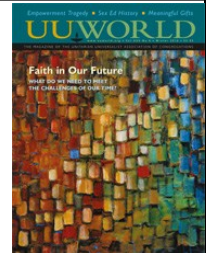


**The Fellowship continues to have an e-recycling program.** Please drop your empty inkjet cartridges in the recycling box located on the table in the Fellowship entry foyer. *Thank you for your contributions.*

Michael Schwartz is collecting books, magazines and greeting cards (type given with donations/samples) for the female inmates at **Bedford Hills Correctional**. Please remove name and address labels leave them at the Fellowship in cardboard boxes labeled. Drop them off at the Fellowship in cardboard boxes labeled attn.: M. Schwartz. *Thank you.*



**When you have finished your UU Worlds, please put them in Susan Peet's mailbox. The Membership Committee will put them into wonderful reusable visitor bags to welcome our visitors!**  
*Thank you.*



## Croton Montessori School

Ages 2 - 6

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## **OUR FELLOWSHIP'S MISSION STATEMENT**

*adopted by the Congregation in 2005*

We are an open, inclusive religious Fellowship, striving to build a beloved community that fosters the search for personal truth, social justice, and spiritual growth;

We are committed to nurturing the connections that draw us together;

We are committed to a liberal religious education based on the respectful exchange of ideas;

And we are committed to reaching out to help build a more just and compassionate world.

## **PRINCIPLES OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM**

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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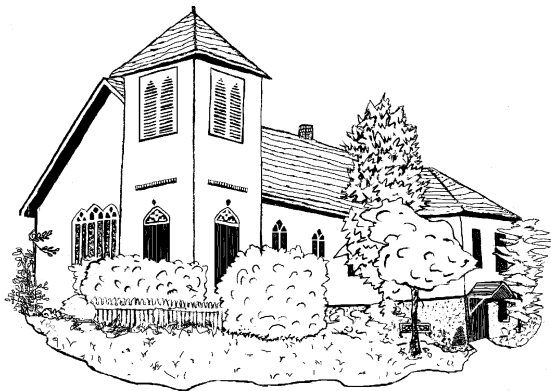
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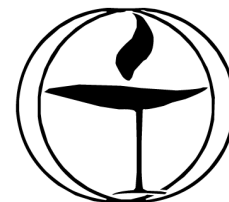
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## Programs for January 2012

### *January 1*—Interim Minister Orlanda Brugnola

“Imani—the Genius of Dr. Karenga”

Only one service at 11 a.m.



### *January 8*—Interim Minister Orlanda Brugnola

Sermon: *When the Three Kings Have Gone* at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Fellowship Choir at 9 a.m., with *Keith Harris* performing at 11 a.m.

Mid-Year Business Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

### *January 15*—Interim Minister Orlanda Brugnola

Sermon: *Sitting in Jail—Breaking Out* at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

services. *Tina Mayer* performing at 9 a.m., with *Phil Hess* performing at

11 a.m. Sienna Project presentation.

### *January 22*—BEYOND CATEGORICAL THINKING

Only one service at 11 a.m. followed by 12:00 noon luncheon and workshop from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. *Spirits in Harmony* performing at 11 a.m.

### *January 29*—Interim Minister Orlanda Brugnola

Sermon: *Eye of Favor* at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

*Turner Ensemble* performing at the 9 a.m. service.