



Happening this Morning

9:30 am Forum: "Tea Party People--Who Are They and What Do They Want?"

Marie Davids, Moderator and Presenter

10:30 am Sunday Service: "Love and Service"

--RE Program and Rev. Margret A. O'Neill

Today

11:30am Mother's Day Peace Event As a special celebration of mothers and families, we will stand with the global organizations 'Standing Women, Gather the Women Global Matrix and Light Pages' for what mothers really want: a better world for mothers, children, and families. Immediately after our church service, men, women and children are invited to participate in this global moment affirming the unity of the world's women by standing for 5 minutes in our sanctuary united for peace, justice and care for our environment around the world. For more information about the movement see www.standingwomen.org.

Book Table Visit our book table after the service.

South Wing *A Show of Class*, Pastel Exhibition of works by Dorothy Okray and other students of Joanna Coke.

Finding your way around

Welcome, Guests! Stay and enjoy the pot luck lunch with us today. We would love to have you join us. Please let us know you are visiting, so we can properly introduce ourselves. After any service come by the blue table in the Courtyard to meet people and ask questions about our church. We value your presence.

Interested in knowing us better? Sign up for emails: www.uusarasota.com/emailsignup.php

Our community

Religious Education Gratitude Each year in May we celebrate the loving service provided by our Religious Education/Exploration (RE) staff and volunteers. These dedicated folks are the caring stewards of our future, not just for Unitarian Universalists, but for the future of the world and the youth we are preparing to lead it.

The RE teachers recognized today for their service this year are: June Bragalla and Mark Burrow (Pre-K - 1st Grade), Dana and Mary Lou Keller, and Carolyn Squire (2nd - 4th Grade), Isabel Oake (Chalice Circle Pre-K-4th), Chris and Catherine Bonner, Jim Redifer, Shawn Davidson and Carol Turner (Teen class).

We also recognize the staff who have worked in our nursery and classrooms this year: Teacher Assistant Angeline Parkin-Milambiling, and Child Care Workers Lauren Marie Ward and Joshua Linderman.

And this week we bid farewell to RE Director Ginny Griesé, who has been with the church since January 2005. One of "Miss Ginny's" great gifts was her creativity and vision in planning and implementing activities for children on Sunday mornings, engaging their minds and hands with compassion and playfulness of heart. Her loving presence will be greatly missed as she moves on to explore new opportunities in her life.

News From Your Ministerial Search Committee

The Search Committee has hit the ground running! To see our progress, check out the Ministerial Search Poster in the courtyard. Now, we need YOU! Ministerial Search Committee Focus Groups - your opportunity to tell us what you think and feel about your church -- will be conducted on three Sundays, May 16th, 23rd, and 30th, immediately after the service. We will also be holding focus group discussions with several church committees during May. If you are not in a committee focus group, please

sign up for a Sunday group at our table in the courtyard on May 9th and 16th. If you would like to speak with a Ministerial Search Committee member, they are Jim Raudabaugh, Ruth Sheridan, Ron Brown, Jeanie Craig, Ruth Agnew, Wilda Meier, Don Slate, Shirley Foss and Gayle VanPeenen.

Among ourselves: If you or someone you know needs caring, please call Dee Widder at 377-9028 or at WidderD@Verizon.net. To receive email updates on the health and welfare of the church community send your email address to Dee.

Donate flowers for Sunday to honor someone special or celebrate an occasion by signing up at the kiosk and calling **Nancy Sciore** at 922-0243.

Our Church Website

The website is full of interesting information for and about church members, and the content is constantly being updated and improved. Listen to a sermon or a Freethinkers program you want to hear again. Practically anything you want to know about the church is on our website. If you have forgotten the password for the Members Corner, please call the office.

The Website Scavenger Hunt Winner is **Sara Slate** whose name was selected at random from the Scavenger Hunt participants. If you wish to continue to explore our website, the Scavenger Hunt questions will remain online at www.uusarasota.com for another week. Successful hunters' names will be posted in the Members Corner.

HELP! The sound system is vital to our services. Three of our committee members will be gone for the summer months, and we need help NOW. The sound system is not difficult to operate. If you can run a tape recorder, you are qualified! Helping even one time a month will be a great service! Please contact June Brasgalla regarding what is involved. 379-6071

Thanks to the members of the Monday Evening Chalice Group for helping with the monthly UU Pot Luck under the seasoned leadership of Kathy and Tom Cook. Volunteers include Gayle Van Peenen, Sue Moreland, Jim Keeney, Sue Kennedy, Lynn Gilchrist, Jean Weiloch, Janet Mahler, Amanda Burrow, and Mac and Henny MacDowell

Our Commitments

May 11 Tues. Noon. The Social Justice Committee meets. In addition to our regular agenda we will participate in a focus group with the Ministerial Search Committee to contribute our input to the search process.

Volunteer Opportunities are available this month at Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army. Please sign up at the Social Justice Committee table in the courtyard.

Thanks for your generous contributions to the Bethesda House and All Faiths food banks. We collected a wall of cereal and much needed canned food for Bethesda House as well as \$1,848 for the All Faiths Food Bank last week. We continue to collect non-perishable food items each week throughout the year for the All Faiths Food Bank.

Upcoming events

May 10 Mon, 7:00pm The Film Forum meets to discuss "City Island", a comedy full of secrets starring Andy Garcia, Alan Arkin, and Julianna Margulies. Yes, this takes place in the Bronx! See the film at Burns Court. Judy Helgager will lead the discussion held in the South Wing. For information call Louise King at 379-0849 or at llking@comcast.net

May 12 Wed, 7:30pm Dances of Universal Peace A one-hour session of participatory meditation practice and dance. For more information, contact Klaus Obermeit. 780-7763 Jefferson Room. \$5.00

May 16 Sun. 12:30 pm Interweave Sarasota will have a potluck at the home of Jody McBrien, 5609 Whitehead St., Sarasota. Her number is 706-6381. Members of the Ministerial Search Committee will be present. They have scheduled our meeting as part of their listening tour focus groups. Ron Brown and Ruth Sheridan will conduct this focus group. Please bring your favorite topics along with side dishes and desserts. If possible please carpool from the church.

May 16 4:00pm Afternoon Concert Series Los Rumberos You knew David Munoz and Elise Amaral as Latin Rendezvous. They began as a

street band, playing for change Friday nights on Palm Avenue. That's where we found them and persuaded them to play at several UUCS services. Your response was overwhelming. We received numerous requests to bring them back in concert. Now, with two new members, they are called Los Rumberos. Join us! Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Tickets are available in the courtyard after services on May 9 and 16, at the church office, or reserve through the homepage article about them at www.uusarasota.com. A special wine and cheese reception will be held after the concert.

Learning opportunities

Chalice Groups for Deep Thinking, Deep Listening provide an opportunity to explore some of the important questions of life while developing friendships. Each Chalice Group, which meets twice a month, selects its own topics for discussion. Participants are asked to commit to eight sessions.

Three times a year, in October, February and June, members have the opportunity to stay in their current group, move to a different group, or stop attending a Chalice Group for awhile. **Several spaces will become available in June.** Some groups meet during the day while others meet evenings. One group is designated for 'self identified young adults'. If you want to sign up for or learn more about Chalice Groups for the June session, please visit our website (www.uusarasota.com) and/or visit the Chalice Group table in the Courtyard after the Sunday service on May 16, 23, or 30th to view the schedule and hear about the experiences of members of the groups.

Coming next Sunday, May 16

10:30 am Sunday Service: "Blowing in the Wind" Rev. Margret A. O'Neill

Change can make us feel uprooted, unstable, and we may become anxious and resistant. Change can make us feel powerful, more confident and open as we realize a higher possibility. What qualities in ourselves determine how we respond to the new opportunities in the ever-present process of change?

9:30 am Forum: "Why Is There a Preoccupation for Controlling Iran's Nuclear Activities?"

Pressure seems to be mounting for a military attack on Iran that could drag the U.S. into an unwise war that is not about issues of direct concern to the U.S. and that we are not prepared to sustain.

John Stinespring, Moderator and Presenter

