



## Sunday Worship Services

Services begin at 11:00 am. Adult Religious Education meets at 9:30 am.  
Coffee and Conversation 10:30 - 11:00 am

August 3: **A Musical Celebration** featuring our own talented Trudy Muegel, Glenn Muegel, vocalist Lauren Hayworth, and guest musician from Charlotte, Todd St. Armand. A variety of instrumentation will be heard, among them the marimba, cello and keyboard. The musicians will perform works from Rubinstein, Schumann, Dvorak, and Haydn as well as Vivaldi.

August 10: **Getting Body and Soul Back Together:** In the early centuries of the Christian Church, body and soul got separated, and the body has had a bad rap in Western culture ever since. We will explore how the church influenced our attitudes toward our bodies, consider the consequences, and think about how we can get body and soul back together. *Presenter:* Rev. Sarah York

August 17: **Earth Mother as Goddess:** We all walk the earth on different paths. We have some idea of the inherent rights and evolutionary connections we have with the earth. But over the past 2000 years many of us have begun to shy away from the earth as the mother goddess of all. Derwin Sherwood will describe his religion as a Gaian and share his ideas about the love and life provided to us by the earth mother goddess. *Presenter:* Derwin Sherwood

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August 24: **To Pray or Not to Pray: Sam Ervin and the Conflict Over Prayer in School:** Dr. Karl E. Campbell, an associate professor of history at ASU, wrote **Sam Ervin: Last of the Founding Fathers**, which won the 2007 North Carolina Book Award. Sam Ervin defended civil liberties while he opposed civil rights. Dr. Campbell will present Sam Ervin as a real human being with strengths and shortcomings who achieved greatness at an important moment in our history. *Presenter:* Dr. Karl Campbell

August 31: **Mexico's Crisis and the Immigrant Question:** In 1976, Mexico's economy collapsed and has never recovered. Periodic downturns, as in 1984 and 1994, aggravated an already bad economy. The North American Free Trade Agreement did nothing to strengthen Mexico's situation. As a consequence, the collapse of jobs, wages and working conditions forced millions of Mexicans to emigrate to avoid starving to death. Dr. Jeffrey Bortz, professor of History at ASU, will discuss ways the United States and Mexico can cooperate to create better working conditions in both countries and the make their relationship a viable partnership. *Presenter:* Dr. Jeffrey Bortz



## Christine's Corner of the World

vices in the coming year.

- ◆ Our fellowship will be having a service auction.
- ◆ School and college classes begin.

How do we face the changes?

- ◇ We can be resistant to them.
- ◇ We can be nervous about them.
- ◇ We can try to prepare ourselves for them.
- ◇ We can also learn to flow with them.
- ◇ We can try to surrender to them in a positive way.

I know I learn much about myself through changes occurring each year. I am nervous about my new job. I am excited for Kumar and Darshan with the changes occurring in their lives. I look forward to celebrating Lord Krishna's birthday. I am planning for our board

retreat. I know I look forward to the inspiring services from Re. Sarah York. Our service auction sounds like fun and fellowship together. Exciting and new energy emerges from all going back to school. What ever the changes occurring this month, I will challenge myself to be open to the possibility of learning something new about myself through these changes. I hope we can all join together to support the many known and unknown changes we all will face this month.

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.*

In Shanti and Namaste,  
Your President,  
Christine Sita Dave`

Change can be

- Challenging
- Difficult
- Known
- Unknown
- Accepted
- Not accepted
- Time to grow
- Time to emerge with a new perspective

I, along with our community, will be experiencing several changes in the month of August.

- ◆ I begin a new job.
- ◆ Our son, Kumar, will be entering college.
- ◆ Our son, Darshan, will be getting engaged.
- ◆ The celebration of Lord Krishna's birthday occurs.
- ◆ I host our BUUF board retreat.
- ◆ Rev. Sarah York serves us for 8 ser-

## Monthly Affirmation

**A mind committed to compassion is like an overflowing reservoir--a constant source of energy, determination, and kindness. Or this mind can be likened to a seed: when cultivated, it gives rise to many other qualities, such as tolerance, inner strength, and the confidence to overcome fear and insecurity. The compassionate mind also is like an elixir: it is capable of transforming bad situations in beneficial ones. Therefore, we should not limit our expressions of love and compassion to our family and friends. Nor is compassion only the responsibility of clergy or healthcare or social workers. It is the necessary business of every part of the human community.**

—Dalai Lama

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## A Note from Sarah York, Ministerial Consultant

take vacation.

What is the difference between a Consulting Minister and a Ministerial Consultant? A Consulting Minister serves the congregation as their minister, and is generally part-time. He or she assumes duties such as pastoral care, worship, staff supervision, and ex-officio membership on the Board and committees, and shares leadership with the Board. A Ministerial Consultant does not serve as the minister of the congregation in these ways, but is available for an hourly fee to help the Board and lay leadership create a strong, vibrant community of lay leaders.

Since there may be various groups or leaders who would like ministerial consulting, Board President Christine Dave will receive requests for my time,

and decide how I might best serve you within the time you have budgeted. My expertise, aside from serving several congregations of all sizes over the last 26 years, is helping congregations in transition. As an interim minister, I have focused on assisting congregations with several tasks, with the chief goal being to enable the congregation to renew its vision, strengthen its stewardship, prepare for new professional leadership, and engage its future with anticipation and zest.

It is my hope that you will use my time to help you strengthen your ability to minister to one another while you consider your ministerial and staffing needs. I look forward to becoming better acquainted with you and your special community.

*Blessings,  
Sarah*



*Sarah York will occasionally submit a column for our newsletter. Here is her first.*

Dear Members and Friends of BUUF,

It has been such a pleasure to serve in a consulting role with you during this past year, and I am looking forward to continuing in this role this year. I will be coming up a little more often, which will give us more opportunity to get acquainted. According to my agreement with your Board I am available as a Ministerial Consultant for up to 2 hours a month in addition to working with the Sunday Services Committee to do about one Sunday service a month except in January and February, when I

**Our retreat and board meeting for old and new board members will be on Aug 9, 2008 at Christine's home. Please call 264-1893 or email [cd16529@gmail.com](mailto:cd16529@gmail.com) if you are planning on attending.**



## What You Need To Know About The Boonitarian

We are pleased to send you this monthly newsletter about the Boone Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (BUUF), because you are a member, friend or simply interested in what we do.

BUUF belongs to the national Unitarian Universalism Association, and we pay \$66.00 per member annually to the national and regional organizations for their services. Your annual financial pledge or contribution are invited to

sustain the Fellowship and the *Boonitarian*. 381 East King Street, Boone, NC 28607 [www.buuf.net](http://www.buuf.net) 828-264-4456 [buuf@bellsouth.net](mailto:buuf@bellsouth.net)

Please submit any material for the newsletter by the 20th of the preceding

month, including announcements, reports, Joys and Concerns, and changes to the membership listing and the newsletter mailing list: *Boonitarian* Editor Frank Veno [venof@bellsouth.net](mailto:venof@bellsouth.net) or 828-264-8860

## Silent Auction will accompany BUUF Service Auction on Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

### Silent Auction

Do you have an unused or unappreciated item you do not have space for anymore or maybe you have a beautiful piece of art you made? If you bring it to BUUF's silent auction perhaps someone would love to bid on it and if sold you will have helped BUUF's general fund for the future. Consider donating any unused or unwanted item taking space in your home or consider donating that beautiful piece of your art work. Bring it in when you come to the service auction and it will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall with a tag and minimum bid recommendation. Either before the service auction or during the intermis-

sion bidders will have time to write down a bid on the tag. After the service auction winners will be announced.

#### Silent auction items submitted to date for bid include:

- ◇ *Rain barrel*
- ◇ *Photo art*
- ◇ *Rain Stick from Mexico.*
- ◇ *Notepad with original design of our church.*

### Service Auction

*Homemade quart of soup, dinner for six includes wine, gourmet French dinner, German sauerbraten with red cabbage, friendship bracelet workshop, Feng Shui consultation, Tarot Card reading, and your service offering.* Could you do several hours of lawn work, take someone out on your boat, or design

a service? Offer something special to bid! Have fun thinking up something to donate.

Don't miss out. Watch for offerings you want to bid on. And bid on something you want. All funds go to BUUF.

Unitarian Universalist Congregations who have annual service auctions generally net donations equal to about 10 percent of their annual budget.

Contact Karen Gross at 336 982-2100 or [karen-gross@skybest.com](mailto:karen-gross@skybest.com) or Francine Barr at 828 297-7381 or [barrfran@yahoo.com](mailto:barrfran@yahoo.com) to offer your services to list for bidding.

Volunteers are also needed to help with registration and tracking of bids on auction night as well as for the dessert and coffee detail. -Karen Gross

## Have you got time?

According to [www.timeday.org](http://www.timeday.org), Americans are facing increasing 'time poverty.' They believe that we are "overworked, overscheduled and just plain stressed out." They state:

- *We're putting in longer hours on the job now than we did in the 1950s, despite promises of a coming age of leisure before the year 2000.*
  - *In fact, we're working more than medieval peasants did, and more than the citizens of any other industrial country.*
  - *Mandatory overtime is at near record levels, in spite of a recession.*
  - *On average, we work nearly nine full weeks (350 hours) LONGER per year than our peers in Western Europe do.*
  - *Working Americans average a little over two weeks of vacation per year, while Europeans average five to six weeks. Many of us (including 37% of women earning less than \$40,000 per year) get no paid vacation at all (excerpt from [www.timeday.org](http://www.timeday.org))*
- The UUA shares this concern. Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie, sen-



ior minister of the Arlington Street Church is quoted as saying, "Introspection, reflection, connection—everything that deeply nourishes us—takes time. A spiritual life takes time. The challenge is to work to live, rather than live to work..."

*Excerpts from [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)*

## Part-time Director of Religious Education Sought

The Religious Education Committee will soon be accepting applications for a part-time Director of Religious Education. Initially the job will concentrate on issues relating to organization (e. g., the calendar of childcare workers), communication (e.

g., among the teachers, the RE committee, the treasurer, and the fellowship), recruitment of childcare workers and volunteers, and record-keeping. At this point the job will involve about **four hours of work per week**. With further financial support

from the fellowship and therefore more hours of paid work, we hope the following fiscal year the job can expand to include areas such as attending RE leadership workshops, investigating and evaluating RE curricular materials, and overall curriculum planning throughout the RE program.

More specific information on the job and the application process will follow later in August and in the September Boonitarian. For further information please contact Victor Mansure, chair of the RE committee, at 828-263-8680 or at mansurevn@bellsouth.net.



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## Seeking: New Administrative Assistant 10 hours/week

The BUUF has created a new 10 hour a week administrative assistant position. Please read over this position description carefully and consider if you or someone you know might be interested. Please help us spread the word—this new position could make a big difference in helping us reach our shared goals. Apply by sending a resume and cover letter to Christine Dave, 381 East King St, Boone, NC 28607.

### Administrative Assistant Duties

1. Open and sort mail
  2. Check and respond to phone messages
  3. Type order of service
  4. Format, type and proofread newsletter
  5. Copy and mail print newsletter; distribute online version
  6. Work with webmaster to keep website updated
  7. Maintain records for UUA and TJD
  8. Maintain lists of members and friends
  9. Maintain list of religious education students and families
  10. Order and purchase supplies.
  11. Keep the office tidy and its supplies arranged efficiently.
- And other duties, as needed.

**Skills needed:** Computer skills, including Word, EXCEL, and a publishing program as well as excellent interpersonal skills.

**This is a 10-hour per week position.** We would like the hours to be spread out over at least 2 days or evenings. Salary: \$15.00 per hour.

**Volunteer Opportunities**  
**We invite you to take the opportunity to honor a special event in your life, such as an anniversary, birthday, holiday, loss, joy, or other celebration by offering to bring the flowers for the service on that special day. Zan Landowne and Shirlee Edwards contribute most of our beautiful flowers each service. Please contact Zan at 262-0918 if you would like to commemorate a special time in your life. Our fellowship is a supportive and kind place to share what touches each of us.**

## UU Perspectives: The Relationship Between Religion and Science

By Rev. Gary Kowalski, author of bestselling books on religion and science

Put on your bifocals to read from the book of Genesis and you're relying on the same laws of optics that astronomers use to tell us the universe could not possibly have been created the way the Good Book says. The irony would be delicious if it weren't so dangerous.

At least since the time of Galileo, science and theology have been in conflict. While the vast majority of Americans profess belief in a deity, ninety-five percent of biologists in the National Academy of Sciences call themselves atheists or agnostics.

The chasm between the two camps is worrisome. For if religion has the power to unleash the best and worst in human nature—from Mother Teresa to Osama bin Laden—technology has the ability to harness the creative and destructive potential of the universe itself. The world can no longer afford either heartless science or mindless faith.

But like a pair of bifocals, science and religion may simply offer differing lenses on our experience. One lens focuses our curiosity, while the other magnifies our awe. The point where the vision converges is in mystery.

Whether discussing divinity or dark matter, a little humility is in order. Isn't plain not knowing better than being absolutely sure of "facts" that just aren't so? Neither science nor religion

can completely unscrew the inscrutable. Ultimately, both may be better at questioning our answers than answering our questions.

Science punctures our certainties through a process of falsification. Hypotheses can be invalidated but never conclusively verified. Every assertion about the cosmos contains a grain of tentativeness.

And theology is not so different. "Proofs" of God are seldom convincing (except to those who already believe), and every statement about the ineffable by its very nature is partial and imperfect. Like physicists, who know that an electron can sometimes behave like a particle and other times like a wave, but realize that neither simile matches the utter peculiarity of the subatomic realm, theologians need to recognize that creeds and doctrines are far from capturing the wonders they purport to describe.

Faith comes to us in the form of questions and quandaries. In the book of Job, for example, God speaks in the interrogative mood rather than imperative. "Brace yourself," the Almighty warns Job. "I will ask questions and you will answer." From the whirlwind, God queries, "Where were you when I created the heavens and the earth? Have you comprehended the vast expanse of the world?" A lengthy list of inquiries ensues. "Who sired the drops of dew? Do you know when the mountain goats are born, or attend the wild doe when she is in la-

bor?" And as a result of this relentless quizzing, Job is finally reconciled—not because he has been given any answers or rationalizations that could account for his fate, but because he has been forced to encounter the enigma of existence at deeper, more daunting levels.

Einstein was one who cultivated a taste for mystery. In the last decades of his life, he was regarded as a bit of a crank by other physicists, bent upon a seemingly quixotic quest for a unified field theory when scientific fashion was headed elsewhere. Now, fifty years, later, researchers have rejoined Einstein's pursuit, understanding that while he never did obtain his elusive quarry, he was at least asking the right questions, drawn on by an almost romantic attraction. "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious," he wrote. "It is the source of all true art and science," and also a source of authentic spirituality.

"To know that what is impenetrable to us really exists, manifesting itself as the highest wisdom and most radiant beauty which our dull faculties can comprehend only in their most primitive forms—this knowledge, this feeling," proclaimed Einstein, "is at the center of true religiousness."

The lens of science and the lens of faith can complement each other if we realize that neither one offers a complete picture of the universe we inhabit...

*Excerpted from [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)*





# August 2008 Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>FE Fellowship Hall; FO Founders House; FU Fulghum House <i>Italic items are NOT BUUF sponsored events</i></p>		<p>To reserve space for any meetings or functions, contact Terry Taylor 264-4109 or taylorlts@hotmail.com</p>		1	2	<p>3 9:30 a Adult RE 10:30 a Children's Choir 10:30 a Beverages, FO 11:00 a Service, FE Noon Coffee hour 6-8 p Christ's Church</p>
4	5	<p>6 Order of Service Deadline 6 pm Potluck FO 7:15 pm Choir</p>	7	<p>8 FSN Share Group, FO</p>	<p>9 Board meeting and retreat  7 pm Service Auction</p>	<p>10 9:30 a Adult RE 9:30 a RE Committee 10:30 a Beverages, FO 11:00 a Service, FE Noon Coffee Hour Noon Social Action 5-7 p CUUPS, FO 6-8 p Christ's Church</p>
11	12	<p>13 Order of Service Deadline 12 n Book Club 6 pm Potluck FO</p>	<p>14 5:30 pm Sunday Service Committee</p>	15	16	<p>17 9:30 a Adult RE 10:30 a Beverages, FO 11:00 a Service, FE Noon Coffee Hour 6-8 p Christ's Church</p>
18	19	<p>20 Order of Service Deadline 6 pm Potluck FO 7:15 pm Choir</p>	21	22	23	<p>24 9:30 a Adult RE 10:30 a Beverages, FO 11:00 a Service, FE Noon Coffee Hour 5-7 p CUUPS, FO 6-8 p Christ's Church</p>
		<p>Newsletter Deadline Email venof@bellsouth.net</p>				
25	26	<p>27 Order of Service Deadline 6 pm Potluck FO</p>	<p>28 5:30 p Hospitality House</p>	29	30	<p>31 9:30 a Adult RE 10:30 a Beverages, FO 11:00 a Service, FE Noon Coffee Hour 6-8 p Christ's Church</p>

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If you are willing to receive your newsletter by email rather than in print, please email Frank Veno at [venof@bellsouth.net](mailto:venof@bellsouth.net).

Over the past few years, the BUUF Board has discussed the pros and cons of switching to an online newsletter. This past year, we have taken many steps to become a greener congregation. Converting from a print newsletter to an online one would greatly reduce paper waste and energy usage, with the added advantage that it would save us money. In order to explore this option, the Board proposes we distribute both an online newsletter and continue with the print newsletter for the next three months. During this time, we invite you to inform us if you would be willing to switch to the online version only. It is important that we know which email address you wish us to use. Please email this information to Frank Veno at [venof@bellsouth.net](mailto:venof@bellsouth.net).