



### 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

September 7 **Shiahs and Sunnis in Islam** Dr. Curtis Ryan returns to our Fellowship and will help us in our search for truth and understanding about differences and conflicts among Muslims in the Middle East. He is an associate professor of Political Science at ASU, specializing in international and Middle East politics, with particular interests in inter-Arab relations, Islam and politics, alliances, democratization and international security. He was also twice named a Peace Scholar by the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C.

*Presenter:* Dr. Curtis Ryan *Service Leader:* Sandra Oldendorf

September 14 **Jesus the Christ: One Person, or Two, or Maybe Three** For almost two thousand years the vast majority of Christians were convinced that they knew who Jesus was and is. This is Jesus 1, the Jesus of faith. However, during the past three hundred years, serious doubts have arisen about the reliability of this knowledge.

These doubts have instigated a quest for the historical Jesus, Jesus 2. This quest has expanded greatly during the past thirty years so that we now have a plethora of Jesuses. He does not pretend to know who the "real" Jesus is, but will try to point to some of the paths which might lead the curious seeker to a better knowledge of him. John J. Bateman is emeritus professor of Classics and Speech Communication at the University of Illinois and has also taught at Cornell University. He has edited and translated for the Complete Works of Erasmus in English being published by the University of Toronto Press several of Erasmus' writings on the New Testament. *Presenter:* John J. Bateman *Service Leader:* Connie Green

September 21 **Mary Poppins as You Never Knew Her** You are likely to recall the Disney movie about this legendary woman; now you can learn about the hidden depths of Mary Poppins, as well as about the surprising life of her creator, P. L. Travers. The five original books about Mary Poppins reveal her to be the facilitator of awakening to deeper meaning in life for children and adults. Travers studied with Irish mystics, Zen masters, Taoist adepts and famous spiritual teachers of her time. Our speaker, Rev. Tapscott, minister of the UU Church of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School, and St. John's College in Santa Fe, NM. She is an activist focusing on economic justice and environmental issues. She is currently researching Mary Poppins and her mysterious creator and plans to write a book about this iconic figure of literature. *Presenter:* Rev. Gail Tapscott *Service Leader:* Diane Graham

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*The September 28 Program is still being arranged. Watch for details in the Order of Service or on the BUUF-Yahoo group email list.*



Namaste, The Divine in me Honors and Blesses the Divine in You.

Greetings to all at our congregation in this month of September. As I reflect on the month I am reminded of several sacred days occurring throughout this blessed month.

One is **Ramadan** beginning around September 3, 2008. I understand Muslims fast during the daytime and eat food after the sun sets and this is done for about 29-30 days. Some Muslims believe fasting can help remove their sins.

I have practiced fasting once weekly, on Thursdays, for over 20 years. For me it is a reminder of all that I have and all that I am constantly blessed with each day. Fasting reminds me that food is a form of the divine and it is to be honored, not

## Christine's Corner of the World

wasted, and truly is a great blessing to share with others. Thursday is called Guruvar or the day to honor your spiritual teacher. I honor Goddess Saraswati, she represents knowledge, education and the creative arts. I choose to sacrifice not eating flour, grain, rice until the evening meal. I do consume fruits, yoghurt and nuts during the daytime.

On Sept 3 is **Ganesh Chaturthi** which is a Hindu festival honoring the elephant face God who represents being the remover of obstacles. This is a 10 day festival. Lord Ganesh idols are paraded through the streets in India and finally immersed in the ocean. Much celebration includes special preparation of specific food items, prayer songs and folk dancing. The celebrations seek to engage all the senses to share the joy of many blessings from Lord Ganesh. I plan to offer prayer songs and special food

items on this day of celebration. I know again I have been blessed and look forward to offering my gratitude and thankfulness.

Another holy day is **Rosh Hashanah** of the Jewish tradition, on Sept 30 and Oct 1, 2008.

Also on Sept 30 is Navaratri of the Hindu calendar. I understand Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year. I would very interested in learning more about the Jewish New Year from those that practice this tradition. Again this tradition to me seems like a time of reverence, going within oneself, reflecting on what has occurred and what is yet to come.

**Navaratri** refers to a 9 day festival that celebrates the worship of Three Goddesses, Durga (the god of power and strength), Lakshmi (the goddess of wealth) and Saraswati (the Goddess of

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### Boone Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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## Monthly Affirmation

Whether we like it or not, we have all been born on this earth as part of one great human family. Rich or poor, educated or uneducated, belonging to one nation or another, to one religion or another, adhering to this ideology or that, ultimately each of us is just a human being like everyone else: we all desire happiness and do not want suffering.

*Dalai Lama*

## Final Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws

### Article 6, Section 3.1– Restrictions on the Powers of the Executive Board

d. Sell, lease, or mortgage property without a vote of the membership.

e. Appoint a settled minister, an interim minister, a half-time minister, a part-time minister, or a lay leader without a vote of the membership at a regular or specially called congregational meeting;

f. Fill any of the positions named in Article 6, Section 3.1.e without a vote of the membership at a regular or specially called congregational meeting  
*Move f, g, and h to g, h, and i*

### Article 8–Special Congregational Meetings

d. Selling, leasing, or mortgaging property;

e. Appointing a settled minister, an interim minister, a half-time minister, a part-time minister, or a lay leader;

f. Filling any position named in Article 8.e;

g. Electing delegates to official meetings of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations or to the Thomas Jefferson District of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations;

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### Article 9. Committees Section 9.1–Standing committees

Much of the work of the Fellowship is carried out by Standing Committees.

Other committees shall be appointed *ad hoc* according to Section 9.2. The Standing Committees are

- a. Care and Concerns
- b. Facilities
- c. Finance
- d. Long-range Planning
- e. Membership
- f. Publicity
- g. Religious Education
- h. Service
- i. Social Action
- j. Special Events
- k. Three for the Common Good

### Eliminate Section 9.2– Other Standing Committees and Their Functions

Change Section 9.2.1–*Ad Hoc Committees to Section 9.2*

Change Section 9.2.2–  
**Nominating Committee to Section 9.2.1**

Change Section 9.2.3–  
**Search Committees to Section 9.2.2**

### Section 9.2.3–Search Committees

a. Ministerial Search Committee:

Line 4: The Search Com-

mittee shall consist of two (2) Board Members and five (5) members at large elected from and by the membership of the Fellowship.

b. Delete Section b.

c. Committee Membership: Chairpersons of all Committees other than Nominating, Search, and Three for the Common Good shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Board of Trustees.

*Renumber c as b*

### Article 10, Section 10.1– Qualifications

Any full-time, interim, or half-time minister of this Fellowship shall have or be eligible for ministerial fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Ministerial Association and with the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

### Article 10, Section 10.3.1

An Interim Minister may be employed upon a favorable recommendation by the Search Committee, a favorable recommendation by the Board of Trustees, and the vote of the congregation at a regular or specially called meeting. The Board shall specify the compensation and conditions of employment for the Interim Minister.

## Congregational Meeting

### September 28

**We are announcing a congregational meeting on Sept 28th, 2008, after the service, to vote on the by-laws revision, which will be shared as well before the meeting. Also proposed is a possible change to the time of our services on Sunday mornings from 11:00am to 10:30am. The suggestion surrounds having better parking availability and refreshments at 11:30 as well. We will hold a vote on this issue as well. We kindly ask everyone to come to this meeting to share your thoughts, concerns and opinions. This is your time to support what you believe and be a part of making the decisions in our congregation. If anyone has other agenda items to share please email them to [cd16529@gmail.com](mailto:cd16529@gmail.com)**

## 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 Fel-

lowship and the *Boonitarian*. 381 East King Street, Boone, NC 28607  
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Please submit any material for the newsletter by the 20th of the preceding month, including an-

nouncements, reports, Joys and Concerns, and changes to the membership listing and the newsletter mailing list: *Boonitarian* Editor Frank Veno venof@bellsouth.net or 828-264-8860

## Minutes of the August 9th Board Retreat

### Those present:

*Christine Dave, Zan Landowne, Diane Graham, Roland Moy, Connie Green, Robin Hunt, Glenda Hubbard and Carole Bollini*

The meeting started at 9:30 a.m. with a reading by Christine about peace, followed by brief introductory statements from all present.

### 1. Vision statement and goals for the coming year

These were reviewed. In connection with the 11<sup>th</sup> goal of fostering greater connections and collaboration with local faith communities, Connie read out the statement published by the Tennessee Valley UU congregation about the recent tragedy there. It was decided that while it is good that this statement be publicized nationally, it should not be used by the BUUF in an ad to a local paper. Rather it should be mentioned in our next service and a collection taken to send to the TVUUC to help run the statement in a national ad.

### 2. Committee Reports

\* **Program** committee, still chaired by Susan Miller. Members were congratulated on their good performance so far.

\* **Membership** committee. Danielle Catoe has volunteered to head it this year with Sara McCorkle assisting.

\* **Social Action** committee. We are still looking for someone to head this. One possible candidate will be contacted.

Pat Rusch was commended for her work with the Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate project this past year. Robin Hunt and Kathy Parham will be taking over the following Christmas order.

Robin mentioned also the project undertaken by the RE children to package chocolate for sale to raise money for surgeries for children.

There was discussion about increasing our intergenerational activities, by hosting intergenerational potluck lunches once a month around the same time each month for convenient planning by families and Connie mentioned the need to keep the activity of providing meals for Hospital House in the forefront of our congregational consciousness. It was also mentioned that we might become more involved in the Boone community garden.

\* **Long Range Planning** committee. It was felt that this committee may be superfluous now that we have established the vision statement that outlines our 2-5 year goals.

\* **Facilities, (Buildings & Grounds)** is now without a chair person. Two people were mentioned as possible candidates and will be contacted. Marilyn Derr, Jane Holiday and Rob Danford were commended for their work in maintaining the gardens around our buildings. It was noted that one Saturday in October is Hazardous Materials Collection Day and we need to take the paint out of the basement in time for this collection.

\* **Finance Committee** head is Roland Moy. He presented the Outline of Income and Expense by Year (2004 – 2008) for consideration by the board, together with Projected Budget for 2008-2009.

\* **Religious Education** committee continues to be chaired by Victor Mansure. An ad is going out for a Coordinator of Religious Education.

\* **Congregational Care** committee is co-chaired by Diane Graham and Kathy Parham. One recent project for a member family was discussed. Several members of the congregation have contin-

ued to volunteer support for this family in the form of babysitting.

\* **Greening** Committee continues to be chaired by Jim Barbee. Several items were mentioned in his report:

i) a new greening program for RE suitable for middle grades, in association with New River Earth Institute

ii) a commendation of BUUF members who are fulfilling the service component of the requirements for Green Certification by volunteering at the Community Care Clinic.

iii) the intention to join with local organizations in efforts at initiating wind energy projects.

iv.) the need to take available budget money to replace all the light bulbs.

One concern that falls perhaps under both Greening and Buildings and Grounds is the question about what to do about the line of trees at the border of the driveway between our buildings and the neighboring auto repair building. Christine read out the letter received from the owner about this issue and about their customers' cars being parked in our driveway. It was decided that we should get two estimates, one for pruning, and one for removing, the evergreens and then decide whether to remove them and replace them with smaller, tidier shrubbery. The name of the tree pruning service used previously should be given to Ben Edwards for him to contact them.

\* **Special Events** Committee has been headed by Jane Cherry. Karen Gross has been also very much involved, by organizing the recent Service Auction.

\* **Three for the Common Good.** Mary Reichel, Wendy Nicholson and Stuart Kaplan will now be the three members available for consultation by members of the con-

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gregation. They were described as “the eyes and ears of the Fellowship.”

\* **Campus Ministry Committee.** Richard Anderson and Karla Rusch are co-chairs. Christine will clarify the job description and proposed projects with the members of this committee.

\* **Publicity Committee.** There has been no official head, although Roland Moy and Karen Gross have worked on issues involved with this committee. Roland volunteered and was accepted as head of this committee. He suggested that rather than writing ads for local papers, it would be better to write press releases for specific projects. Jerry Rothschild was commended for the concise and effective announcements that he writes for the Sunday Service program flyer.

**3. Ministerial Consultant.** Connie made a motion that we have as a goal that we move towards hiring a consulting minister, serving the congregation part time. The motion was seconded and carried. It was recommended that one goal of our next pledge drive be to double the monies allocated for consulting minister and that in the meantime, we recommend to the Canvassing Committee that we double the amount of money allocated at present for ministerial consultant. Further discussion on this topic was ta-

bled till our next meeting.

### **4. Advertised Administrative Assistant position.**

The deadline for applications for this position is August 29, after which time applicants will be called for interviews.

### **5. Covenant Groups.**

Danielle Catoe visited the meeting in the afternoon to talk about these groups. She reported that the group her daughter Stephanie is running, named “Search for Truth and Meaning” is going well. They had 8 members last year, meeting twice a month, but plan to hold the meetings once a month this year. She is searching for a leader for another group for this year and will help to get the message out through e-mails.

Some suggestions from Board members were to put an announcement out in the newsletter, call people directly, put the request in the order of service flyer, define the meaning of “chalice group” in the newsletter and ask for quotes from chalice group members. The Board decided to build on the successes of last year and Connie volunteered to hold a chalice group meeting six times. In her position as new head of the Membership Committee, Danielle suggested regular meetings be held for new members and people who have attended only one or a few times. Connie mentioned she is maintaining a list of

“Friends” (visitors over the last six months.) Danielle suggested that we encourage people to come as “friends” even if they don’t want to join as ‘members.’ They can receive the newsletter online.

### **6. Unfinished business.**

\* It was suggested that we contact Richard Anderson to ask him if he would attend a student orientation with a power point presentation and we could offer a free lunch after service for students. September 7 was suggested.

\* An intergenerational potluck lunch for congregation and students was suggested. Jane Cherry has agreed to coordinate it.

\* We have to set up a congregational meeting to accept and vote on by-law changes and at this meeting we could propose a possible change of time of our service and hold a vote on this also.

\* After much discussion of the “refreshments” issue, we decided to offer some light healthy food with beverages before the service and provide this (and cookies?) again after the service either in the breezeway in fine weather, or at the back of Fellowship Hall in bad weather.

The meeting ended at 3 p.m. with closing thoughts by all the Board members and closing words by Christine.

*Respectfully submitted by Carole Bollini, Secretary.*

## Human Rights and LGBT Issues

**The Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) will play a path breaking role in next month’s human rights conference in Paris, sponsored by the UN’s Department of Public Information and presented in cooperation with the many nongovernmental organizations with consultative status at the UN. Held to commemorate the signing in Paris in 1948 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the event is cosponsored by UNESCO, the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Government of France. Titled “Reaffirming Human Rights for All: the Universal Declaration at 60,” the conference will be held September 3 - 5, 2008, at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. on outreach.**

## Intergenerational Potluck

On Sept 7th, 2008 after our service, we are having an intergenerational potluck. The main entree will be provided by our New Special Events Chair, Jane Cherry. Everyone is welcome to bring salads, breads, desserts and drinks to share. We are hoping to invite our Appalachian Students to join us as well. Come meet and greet each other in fellowship.



## Caution

**On Sundays, children are crossing the parking lot from the Fellowship Hall up to Fulghum House for Religious Education classes. Please drive slowly.**

**The Board will meet on September 7, 2008 at 12:20 pm in the loft. Anyone is welcome to attend.**



**Over 35 people now receive this newsletter online instead of on paper. If you think you might be ready for the switch, just email Frank at [venof@bellsouth.net](mailto:venof@bellsouth.net).**

## Chalice Groups

Chalice Groups, a refuge for those seeking spiritual growth, will resume their meetings in October. The goals of the Chalice Group Program are:

- Enhance Participants' spiritual journey and interconnection
- Enrich participants' understanding of UU principles and values
- Encourage service to the church and social action within the larger community

For more information and to sign up, call Danielle Catoe 828-898-3072 or email [dmcatoe@aol.com](mailto:dmcatoe@aol.com)

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knowledge and learning). The festival leads to spiritual growth of a person. It gives the person inner strength to fight against all odds of life. The courage to fight for the weaker section of the society and against all evils of the society. So 3 days are devoted to honor each Goddess. The festival signifies power, wealth, prosperity and knowledge. At this time I pray, honor, celebrate the divine again through

chanting holy prayers and songs, preparing special food items and sharing with family and friends.

Also on Sept 22, 2008 is the **Autumn Equinox**. At this time, the sun crosses the equator and day and night are of equal lengths. Nature in turn is changing as well as we move into another cycle.

What a truly blessed month we have during September. We will have an intergenerational

potluck on Sept 7, please check on details in this newsletter. On Sept 28 we are having a congregational meeting as well, please note this date on your calendar as well. I encourage each of to take some time to honor what connects with each of us and maybe challenge ourselves to learn more about a tradition we are not as familiar with. Many blessings to all,  
*Your President,*  
*Christine Sita Dave`*

# September 2008 Events

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

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## Reflection on Katrina Anniversary: “It’s Not Over Yet”

Nearly three years after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast of the United States, Derrick Evans has a simple message that he's trying to deliver to all who will listen: “It’s not over yet.”

Evans, a native of Turkey Creek, Mississippi, lost his home in the storm; his mother’s house was also destroyed. They lived in a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association) trailer for “about 18 months.” Evans said he realized, as the second anniversary of Katrina was approaching in 2007, that it was “not only the slow pace of the recovery and all its pieces” that bothered him.

“What was in my craw was [that] these powerful and truthful stories about that recovery [were not] getting out to the world. The

national media wasn’t telling the stories, or telling them well. And no one had pieced together a master narrative about the economic housing cultural crisis that hit four states.”

Evans is the founder of Turkey Creek Community Initiatives [www.turkey-creek.org](http://www.turkey-creek.org) (TCCI), an innovative non-profit community development corporation engaged in the comprehensive revitalization of coastal Mississippi’s impoverished, historic, and ecologically important Turkey Creek community and watershed. The Turkey Creek estuary was settled following the Civil War by African-American freed-men whose twenty-first century descendants now find themselves besieged near the geographic and commercial



epicenter of Mississippi's second largest and fastest growing city (Gulfport). TCCI is one of many community groups that received support from the Unitarian Universalist Association/ Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUA-UUSC) Gulf Coast Relief Fund <http://www.uua.org/news/gulfcoast/ourwork/21491.shtml>.

Find the full story on [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)