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Newsletter of the Durham Unitarian Universalists Fellowship

## Upcoming Services in April (at 10 am)

### **April 1st - Seder, Larry Vogelman**

### **April 8th - Easter Service, Thomas Pistole**

We will celebrate Easter with an intergenerational program titled "Let the Life I Lived Speak for Me." The words come from an American spiritual song. Easter is a time for reflecting on life. We will have an opportunity to reflect on our lives and share what we would like to be our legacy. Of course, there will be plenty of music and our traditional Easter Parade. Bring your bonnet—or not—and join us for this interactive service.

Once again Betty and Eric Nordgren will be preparing Easter breakfast for us. It begins at 9 a.m. They will provide eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee. We are all invited to bring bread, muffins, coffee cake, etc.

Another long tradition at our Fellowship is the Easter Egg Roll. After the morning service and coffee hour everyone is welcome to participate in this event. Bring some decorated eggs, some plain hard-boiled eggs, or borrow one from someone who is willing to share. This year we welcome a new Master of Ceremonies, Jim Nute.

### **April 15th - Extraordinarily Ordinary, Ed Lynn**

Rev Edwin Lynn, who has spoken at the Fellowship in the past, is the minister Emeritus of the Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church of Danvers MA., where he served for 33years. He was also a Denominational Counselor teaching the "Polity and Practices" course for 22years at the Harvard Divinity School. Edwin is a registered architect and author of the book TIREDD DRAGONS: Adapting Church Architecture To Changing Needs. His most recent publication and the inspiration for this service, is SHORE LINES: Life Lessons from the Sea"

### **April 22nd - Holocaust Remembrance, Larry Vogelman**

This year Earth Day, traditionally celebrated on April 22, falls this Sunday. On this morning the young people in our program will participate in a clean-up activity, around the Fellowship, and perhaps beyond. We welcome parents and friends to join us in this annual event. Everyone planning to participate should dress in work clothes (or at least not in dress clothes). Please bring garden gloves if you have them. We will have an alternate group activity in the event of rain. I hope to see a lot of volunteers for this activity.

### **April 29 - The Real John Sullivan (John lives in the General Sullivan House on the Oyster River)**

## New Website

Our website ([www.uudurham.com](http://www.uudurham.com)) has recently been updated (see below). The revised site includes a secure Members page for additional content (login will be set via email to all members), a photo gallery, and reference information for potential members. Links on the homepage to Facebook will be forthcoming. Please visit the site for needed information and make comments. Brett - webmaster

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**\*\*Earth Day Clean-up: wear yard cloths and bring a rake!**

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) AT DUUF.

As you may know, Thomas Pistole our RE Director for many, many years has informed the Board that he will be stepping down as of May 2013. That may seem a long way away, but it really isn't. His leaving will affect the entire Downstairs Fellowship program. The Board had an extensive discussion of Thomas' decision at and adopted a Timeline and Work Plan to address RE at DUUF, Thomas's replacement, and will be sharing its ideas with the Fellowship as things unfold.

In the briefest of terms, the Fellowship has to decide if it wants a simple daycare sort of program to keep the children occupied while the adults attend the service upstairs, or do we want something more in terms of RE for the children.

At previous Board meetings we have had many discussions about growing the Fellowship and increasing our membership. We have almost always come to consensus that future of the Fellowship is probably dependent on attracting more young families than anything else. Moreover, we believe that the RE Program is integral to growth and therefore we put a good deal of importance on it.

The RE Program has two main components. First is the Operational Aspect where teachers are recruited, students assigned to classes, supplies are ordered and made available, child care arranged for the youngest and a multitude of other tasks that need to be done if each Sunday morning if it is going to be a fulfilling experience for the children. These many tasks need to be accomplished every week.

The second is the Policy Aspect where curricula for the programs are obtained from the UUA, evaluated and selected for appropriateness and implementation at DUUF. Thomas has fulfilled this part of the program by attending regional RE meetings, being a member of Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA) and working with other RE directors from other churches and fellowships to make sure our programs are up-to-date and represent the latest thinking in UU RE.

Thomas has done an outstanding job in carrying out both these responsibilities which is often done behind the scenes and without much fanfare. The question facing the Board and the Fellowship is can these two parts of RE be carried on by a volunteer committee as we have usually done, or is the RE Program so important and burdensome that we need to go in another direction.

The board has met with Thomas to discuss his perspectives. In addition, I will arrange to meet individually and in groups with parents, teachers and other members of the Fellowship. The Board will be studying these questions and will bring the issue to the Fellowship at the Annual Meeting. If you have any ideas concerning RE at DUUF, please discuss them with me or send me an email at: [Michael\\_osullivan@uml.edu](mailto:Michael_osullivan@uml.edu)



Do you have some burdens?

## Committees Members

**President:** Bob Pavlik

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**Program Committee:** Carmen Buford-Paige (chair); Dottie Oliver; Betty Crepeau; Malcolm Smith; Michael O'Sullivan; Susan Bullivant; Larry Vogelmann

**Religious Education:** Michael O'Sullivan (chair); Thomas Pistole (DRE)

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**Rentals and Cleaning:** Edna O'Sullivan

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**Denominational Affairs:** Eric Nordgren

**Membership:** Ken Mitchell

**HEED/Webmaster:** Brett Gibson

**Nominations:** Jim Nute



Beata Umugwangwali speaks of forgiveness

## Our Mission Statement

The real test of our religion is the way we live our lives. The Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship affirms the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism. We seek to be a place in which each person's unique worth and beliefs are acknowledged and respected and where each person's voice may be heard – a place in which each may freely explore his or her own spiritual path. We join with others in reaching out to make the world more just, and commit ourselves to caring for the earth and all that makes up the web of life. We strive to be a source of inspiration, a forum for intellectual exchange, a wellspring of comfort to those in need and a nurturing, supportive community for each other and our children.



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