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ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY

Save These Dates Triple R: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Submitted by Joan Gregory
Coordinator, Environmental Ministry

- Saturday, August 27, 2011
- Saturday, December 3, 2011
- Saturday, April 14, 2012

10 am – 2 pm
Eliot Hall
First Unitarian Church
569 S 1300 E, SLC, UT

Purpose: Share what we have with each other, our neighboring community, families being resettled in Salt Lake City by the International Rescue Committee and with others in need.

How this works:

- bring what you don't need (working items only like clothing, jewelry, books, music, videos, school supplies, kitchen & household items, linens, working electronics, toys & games – no large furniture please) & put them on a table
- take what you need from what others have brought;
- no money is exchanged;



PAT BAGLEY WAS OUR FIRST SPEAKER FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER FORUM SERIES ON JUNE 19, 2011. PHOTO BY STEVE HORTON.

- bring only what you don't need, take only what you do need;
- what is not taken will be donated to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) & others in need;
- the church does not have space to store donations before the swap, if you are not able to bring items on the day of the swap, consider asking a member, a friend, or a neighbor to drop items off during the swap hours;
- ALL are welcome.

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To subscribe/unsubscribe, notify Jennifer at 801-582-8687 ext. 5 or torch@slcuu.org

Reverently Yours

Rev. Tom Goldsmith



To new members, inquisitive guests, long-time members, and everyone else in-between who may want to commit 90 minutes or so a month to get

deeply and richly acquainted with more people from this extraordinary congregation – three words: Small Group Ministry.

Small Group Ministry is one of the more successful programs that run through UU churches across the country. We are about to launch our seventh year this September. Anywhere from about 8 to 14 people meet to discuss delicious

topics for which only your own life can prepare you. In other words, there are no reading assignments or tasks or than commitment to a group and being yourself. The groups provide warm avenues for sharing with one another and also develop attachments in which great caring is manifest.

We have currently nine groups and some folks want to try new groups and others want to remain. Your choice, but EVERYONE has to register. We may need one or two more facilitators so please indicate if you wish to do so. Facilitators meet the first Tuesday evening of every month with me to learn the program. Please send in your registration forms or pick one up at the church.

Small Group Registration

Please drop off registration at the church office or mail it in. For those unfamiliar with the program, it offers discussions once a month on religion, morality, and human stories. It is not a political discussion group, book group, or therapy group. It's Small Group Ministry in which we have an opportunity to connect with one another more meaningfully.

Which night or day do you prefer (Please check two):

Nights: Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____ Fri _____

Days: Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____ Fri _____ Sat _____

Name _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Check if you wish to be considered as a possible facilitator _____

ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY NEWS

Tim DeChristopher's Sentencing Hearing July 26th

Submitted by Joan M. Gregory, Coordinator,
Environmental Ministry



JULY 26th is fast approaching ... the day of Tim DeChristopher's Sentencing Hearing. On that day, we will stand once again in SOLIDARITY with Tim. The real criminals—the carbon criminals—destroying our natural world and attacking our climate—they are the ones who should be prosecuted, not peaceful activists.

The government wants to make an example of Tim, in order to intimidate and deter other peaceful activists who are fighting for justice. *It's not going to work.* We are not going away. We will continue to show the nation, the government, the fossil fuel industry and the world that the climate justice movement will not stop creating the just, healthy world we all want and need to see.

12:30 pm Solidarity Rally - Exchange Place Plaza - across the street from the Frank E. Moss Federal Courthouse, 350 S Main St, SLC.

3:00 pm Sentencing Hearing - Frank E. Moss Federal Courthouse, 350 S Main St, SLC

Details are still being finalized. Please check the Peaceful Uprising web site for details and updates: <http://www.peacefuluprising.org/>

Tar Sands Call to Action

Submitted by Joan M. Gregory, Coordinator,
Environmental Ministry

Bill McKibben, Dr. James Hansen, Wendell Berry, Naomi Klein and others have issued a CALL TO ACTION. They are asking us all to consider doing something hard: *going to Washington, DC in the hottest and stickiest weeks of the summer and engaging in civil disobedience that will quite possibly get those who participate arrested.* From August 20th – September 3rd a peaceful

protest is planned in Washington, DC to defuse the largest carbon bomb in North America. With people power and time-tested tactics of civil disobedience - thousands of people from across the continent will join in a wave of sustained sit-ins. Together they will amplify their voices and escalate the movement and stop the Keystone XL pipeline to the Canadian tar sands.

The Tar Sands are the most environmentally devastating project on earth, involving extracting oil from a mix of clay and other materials, from underneath Canada's Boreal forest. The refining process is complex and very energy intensive.

TransCanada, one of the largest companies involved in tar sands exploration, has proposed a 1,661 mile, 36-inch extension of the newly built Keystone Pipeline from Alberta, Canada to oil refineries of the United States. This would expand the capacity for refining oil produced from Alberta tar sands by approximately one million barrels per day.

As you know, the planet is steadily warming; 2010 was the warmest year on record, and we've seen the resulting chaos in almost every corner of the earth. And as you also know, our democracy is increasingly controlled by special interests interested only in their short-term profit. These two trends collide this summer in Washington, DC, where the State Department and the White House have to decide whether to grant a certificate of 'national interest' to some of the biggest fossil fuel players on earth. These corporations want to build the so-called 'Keystone XL Pipeline' from Canada's tar sands to Texas refineries.

And it is not like tar sands are a distant threat, plans are in the works for tar sands mining here in Utah – the first in the United States if this goes forward as planned. US Oil Sands, a Canadian mining firm which recently acquired Earth Energy Resources, now holds the leases and mining rights to over 31,000 acres of State Trust Land in Eastern Utah. Over 48 of 145 well cores have already been drilled, and the company hopes to be up and running commercially by as early as January 2013. More information: <http://www.peacefuluprising.org/first-tar-sands-mine-planned-for-us-quadruples-in-scope-test-drilling-begins-20110708>

Bill McKibben, Dr. James Hansen, Wendell Berry, Naomi Klein and others have issued a CALL TO ACTION. They are asking us all to consider doing something hard. Think about it, read about it, mull it over in your mind, talk with others, ask questions, make plans: <http://www.tarsandsaction.org/>

Religious Education: News for the Village



Dear All,

I am happy to report that our annual high school Mission Trip was once again a big success. As you may know, nine YRUU participants and four adults traveled to Navajo and Hopi reservation lands in Arizona for a week in mid-June. While there, they had opportunities for both cultural experiences and

hands on service. Some of their

reflections on the trip are included in this issue of the Torch along with some photos to give you some insight into their experience. Thanks to all who supported them throughout the year as they prepared for this program.

In Service,

Mary

2011 Service Trip Reflections

From Jennica Davis, Youth Advisor

Our first stop on the 2011 service trip to the Navajo and Hopi reservations was the Satella's house in Keams Canyon. Dee Satella, the son in our host family, makes his living as a traditional Hopi potter. We got the chance to see him fire one of his biggest and most beautiful bowls, hand painted using clay and natural pigments from the earth. First he builds a fire, then places metal roofing shingles atop the coals. He places pottery shards under and all around his prize pieces to protect them from the heat. Then he builds a beehive shaped dome of sheep dung around the bowls. We each placed some dung on the dome and got to feel the extreme heat and smoke of the kiln. The fire consumes the beehive and bakes the clay inside, turning white clay into red because of the iron that oxidizes in the clay. While waited with great anticipation for Dee to reveal his finished pieces, we worked on the Satella's property, weeding grandma's house, putting new tar paper on their roof and building a shade house to escape the summer heat. Just before lunch, we went back to the kiln, all the dung had burned into coals, and he gingerly removed the hot pottery shards. His shoulders slumped just a little at the first sight of his gigantic bowl. "There must have been an air bubble on the lip of the bowl, you can see a piece that has broken off." Many days of coiling, painting and patiently waiting for it to dry went into this piece that he could



have sold for a handsome sum. But with this chip in the bowl, he would only be able to sell it at half price. A sense of disheartened contemplation set over all of us as we pondered what it meant to go through all that hard work, just to see the uncontrollable elements take over and leave you with unexpected disappointment. "Well, my mother who taught me my trade always told me," Dee said, his gentle, calm demeanor unchanged despite the outcome, "that you can either walk away or move on. You can let something like this take away the joy of the work, or you can try again." Those were exactly the inspirational words we needed to hear as we set out on our journey of hard work and learning through trial and error. Sometimes the greatest gifts for growth come through unexpected outcomes.

From Audrey

This was the craziest trip I've been on with the church so far. Each trip I've learned a lot. In Boston and New Orleans I learned more about our religion and at the organic farm I obviously learned about farming and on these native reservations I learned about the Navajo and Hopi cultures. We learned about what their rituals are, what they find offensive (like wasting water) and we even got to go to a traditional Hopi dance! I loved working and building to improve their homes. We visited Cheryl Marzak's Hopi parents and we did a little bit of reroofing to their house and we did a ton of weeding around grandma's house, they had like 5 dogs. After two days we went to Winnie's hogan on the Navajo reservation and reroofed her Hogan and also did a ton of trash clean up and took a surprise trip to the dump with a refrigerator, a spring form bed frame, random wire, and a lot of other things that were randomly found on Winnie's land. One day most of us took a trip for a cool hike in Canyon De Chelly, but three of us stayed behind and worked on the roof. Those people were Cheryl, Graham, Owens, and me. I'm so glad I stayed behind, Owens and Graham actually convinced me. I loved how it was just

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the four of us, which I think made us more efficient. We also worked on the shade house and instead of cutting branches off of trees and laying them on top of the wooden frame we found some planks over by the coral and hauled them over and nailed them down that will last much longer than wiring down branches, though it did only cover 4/6ths of it, we agreed it was better off. I loved doing that because of having to shimmy around on the logs on top. We worked hard, but it was rewarding. The Navajo and Hopi people were so grateful and generous too.

From Jonathan

I had a good time on the mission/service trip. I helped out as much as I could although I wish that I could have helped out more. I had some hard times and small issues with some of the people, but that will not be elaborated on. I thought that it was the best one I had been on because I had a few friends there with me and one of them was able to help and comfort me when I was having some emotional issues. I am quite glad that I went on it and thought that it was worthwhile.



RE Newsbits

Now Hiring: Youth Advisor

First Unitarian Church is seeking a part-time Youth Advisor to run our high school youth group - YRUU. We seek a creative, energetic person who is familiar with Unitarian Universalist values, can work effectively with high school youth and their families, and will support the success of our youth programming in a variety of ways. Specific tasks will include running the Sunday evening youth group meetings, planning special programs and events for teens, and keeping program records. This is a 5 hour per week position, which requires regular Sunday evening hours as well as occasional hours on evenings or weekends for meetings and special events. The Youth Advisor will also have the opportunity to travel with youth to district conferences and to participate in our annual

Mission Trip. To apply, please submit a letter of application and resume to Mary Kroener-Ekstrand at dre@slcuu.org. A full job description is available on the church website at www.slcuu.org

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Congregational Briefs

Volunteer Opportunity

The Buildings & Grounds Committee is building a team of volunteers to help with weeding. If you can spare an hour or more at any time to help in this effort, please contact Layne Owens at sexton@slcuu.org or call 801-290-801



Calling All Ushers & Welcome Table Hosts!

4 ushers + 2 welcome table hosts per service = 12 people per Sunday for 42 weeks (10 weeks off for summer forum) = 504 volunteers needed.

If each of our 362 members would serve one or two Sundays a year we would have this effort covered. What is even better is to volunteer one Sunday a month as a team with someone you like!

Greeting our members, friends, and visitors is a joyful activity. The Welcome Team is the 1st point of contact for visitors and sets the tone for the Sunday morning experience. These are important positions and an easy way to give back to your community. You are coming to church anyway, get involved with a committee that is

Sunday-centric. That means no evening committee meetings!!

No need to worry about how it is done. There are step-by-step written procedures and on-the-job training will be offered each Sunday beginning August 21. Contact Christine Ashworth to sign up NOW! email: cash@xmission.com, cell: (801)589-1919

Open Minds Book Club

The next meeting is Thursday, July 21, at 7:00 p.m. in The Haven. The book is **Prayers for Sale** by Sandra Dallas. The book for August 18 is **The Lakeshore Limited** by Sue Miller. All are welcome.

Crossroads Community Co-op

First Unitarian Church is an official host site for the Community Food Co-Op of Utah, helping people get access to affordable, nutritious food. August orders should be submitted by August 5th can be picked up on August 20th between 9 and 10 a.m. here at the church. For more information, please contact Nancy Lindsley at crossroads@slcuu.org or 801- 583-8566.

From the Auction Committee

The First UU Auction is going online this Fall! We are launching our first foray into an online auction and e-commerce. We need some great offerings from you. Can you offer trips, a cabin, a house, jewelry, or other wonderful things collecting dust in your home? It needs to have a value over \$100. For gift baskets, we will require pick-up at First Church to save on mailing costs.

Need more information? Contact your Auction Committee by emailing auction@slcuu.org or:

- **Teresa Dieringer**
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- **Sandi Cameron Greene** sadeklein@gmail.com 801-483-2233;
- **Chris Fraizer** cbfraizer@comcast.net 801-262-7152.

Endowment Fund News

Generous contributions have been received:

In Memory of

Wayne Trenbeath

from Tom and Marcia Reese

Contributions may be given to the Endowment Fund to honor a special event, in memory of a loved one, or to acknowledge contributions to our community.

Legacy Campaign News



Meet Elaine Ball, Legacy Campaign Administrative Assistant

Elaine Ball has been a member of First Church since May of 2010. An active member of the Humanists of Utah and a recently Certified Humanist Minister, Elaine co-founded the University of Utah student group, SHIFT – Secular

Humanism, Inquiry and Freethought, in May of 2009. She is currently the Executive Director of the Utah Coalition of Reason, uniting and offering resources to freethinkers across the State of Utah. "I am honored to be the coordinator for the Legacy Campaign this year," Elaine says. "First Church offered me a church home when I never thought I could find one again. When I heard of the Legacy Campaign when I began attending years ago, I knew that I wanted to be a part of keeping this church alive and well in our community. I never dreamed before coming here that people in my community were offering what is offered here, and I want generations of UUs to come to enjoy what I found when I first came through these doors.

Elaine's contact info:

email: legacycampaign@slcuu.org
 phone: 801-582-8687 ext. 7

Eliot Hall Floor Fundraiser

Salt Lake dance groups use Eliot Hall at First Unitarian Church as a dance hall. They are holding a fundraiser to help support replacement of the wood dance floor in Eliot Hall with the same kind of floor that allows dancers in Salt Lake to continue to enjoy this exceptional recreational space.



When:

Sat, July 30, 2011

Where:

Eliot Hall

Time:

6:30 - 10:00 pm

Cost:

\$15/person. Groups of 5 or more: \$10/person (you must arrive as a group)

Come enjoy hors d'oeuvres and silent auction. Stay for a variety of music & folk dancing with the Zivio and Loose Shoes Contra dance bands. All are welcome.



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Torch Dates 2011-2012

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All submissions are due by 10 a.m. on the submission due date.

*Due date on Tuesday due to Monday holiday

**3 week spacing due to Christmas and New Year holidays

***Summer Torch schedule begins

Torch dates are subject to change. Please check each Torch issue for schedule changes.

July / August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 Summer Forum 10 am (see below)	18	19	20	21 Open Minds Book Club 7 pm (pg. 6)	22	23
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Summer Forum

Don't miss these upcoming Summer Forum Topics! Summer Forum happens each Sunday during the summer at 10 a.m. Childcare is provided.

*** July 17th** Dr. Anya Plutynski - *Intelligent Design and Evolution: Arguments and Counter-arguments*

*** July 24th** Dr. Robert Alan Goldberg - *Paranoid Politics in America Today*

*** July 31st** The Bleeding Heart Liberals with Rev. Harold Straughn, narrator; Special guests

Madeline Abel- Kerns, soprano; Brian Kerns, tenor and composer; Steve Keen, keyboardist - *Movement Music: Songs That Changed America*

*** August 7th** Chief Burbank, SLC Chief of Police - *The America I Believe In*

*** August 14th** Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman - *Conservative and Reformed - In One Congregation*

*** August 21st** Candidates for City Council - *A Conversation with the Homeless*



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