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Tim's Trial - Delayed Yet Again (and Again)

Environmental Ministry

In the last 2 weeks, Tim DeChristopher's trial has been postponed – not once, but twice more – first to The Fifth of November, and now to Monday, December 13, 2010 with jury questioning on December 10th. While previous delays have been due to hearings and scheduling conflicts, no reasons were given for these new delays. However, this new date just gives us more planning time to surround the trial with events and actions that celebrate those who have stood up to injustice and oppression in the past and actively support people like Tim who are doing so today.

Tim was not the first person to run up the prices on oil and gas leasing auctions, but he is the first to face time in prison for it – being charged with two felonies and up to 10 years in prison. As five leaders of the climate movement (Dr. James Hansen, Naomi Klein, Bill McKibben, Robert Redford, and Terry Tempest Williams) have said in their letter [<http://www.peacefuluprising.org/join-the-climate-trial-20100208>] calling for support at Tim's trial:

"This kind of trial is nothing but intimidation—and the best answers to intimidation are joy and resolve. That's what we'll need in Utah."

We will not be intimidated, rather, as we voted in our First Unitarian Church Congregational Meeting on May 23, 2010, we will *"stand in unity with this peaceful, non-*

violent, and extraordinarily bold and courageous act of civil disobedience."

Despite the delay, efforts are now underway to prepare – no matter when the trial takes place. Environmental Ministry will be hosting events during the fall where you can get involved – come to take part in the creation of banners and signs, come to learn more about the trial and the issues, come to learn the songs we will sing and get to know the people who will take a stand with you, come to learn about the rights of jurors, come to practice the skills of direct action. Dates of upcoming gatherings in preparation will be published in the Order of Service, *The Torch*, and on the Environmental Ministry Mailing List. To join the Environmental Ministry mailing list, email: green@slcuu.org.

*-submitted by Joan M. Gregory
Coordinator, Environmental Ministry*



Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker was the final speaker in our 2010 Summer Forum Series on 8/22/2010. Photo submitted by Steve Horton.

Reverently Yours

Rev. Tom Goldsmith



It all comes together: A chorus of crickets in the evening sounding the end of summer; a new smell in the air hinting of autumn; a bevy of black-eyed susans lining the roadways as colorful conduits to a new season; a quiver of five-year olds sharing their excitement with me that “real” school was about to begin; right on schedule, the owls have announced the return to their nests just a few feet from my home; leaves slowly let go of branches and appear crinkly on the ground. These are all signs that summer, by far the briefest season of all or so it seems, is about to roll up its good times for storage in our memories. Serious work and common routines stand at the ready to resume their places in our lives. It’s a ritual we know well at this time of year, accompanied of course, with the resumption of active church life.

As though signaled by a crashing gong, worship, choir, religious education, adult programs, social justice, environmental ministry and small group ministries all swing into action simultaneously. From the laid-back Summer Forum tradition to an intense reentry into frenetic church life, First Unitarian Church moves from its summer calm to a blur of activity. The premise is that we all received proper rest to restore our vigor for the church year ahead, And usually this assumption proves true.

On vacation this summer I had a chance to meet some people who were openly suspicious about a UU church in Salt Lake as though pondering what it would be like having NASCAR in mid-town Manhattan. It seemed to-

tally incompatible to them as they skeptically asked about the degree of activism among us UUs in Salt Lake. It was a proud moment for me, and I only wish I could have captured their astonishment on camera. Our activism, social outreach, community involvement – call it what you wish – remains unalterably that which defines us, gives us purpose, meaning, and strength. It ties us to our tradition while providing the ultimate vehicle that invites new people into our community and keeps fresh the vision of religion remaining relevant to society. Our social justice energy serves as the key to our growth.

By the time we reassemble, I will have participated in a luncheon with the Roman Catholic Bishop and a summit of religious leaders at the Lutheran Church. Both activities will urgently examine the Utah legislature’s blatant manifestation of racism and xenophobia directed at the illegal immigrant population. We will be busy this fall.

We will be busy in many ways: The Capital Campaign is humming with new physical evidence of its progress; the Carnegie Hall-tested choir will resume their vocal prowess with new performance sites set God knows where; the “co-interim” has been dropped as our new and for real DRE, as Mary Kroener-Ekstrand assumes full leadership with a brand new staff on hand to bring our church the very best in religious education. And finally, everyone’s favorite part of reentering those church doors is being in fellowship once again with friends who matter to us. See you in church...soon.
TRG

We are grateful in acknowledging a generous donation from the estate of
Barbara Samuels
 and for her efforts in supporting First Church over the years.

Board Walk



So here we are at the beginning of a new church year. It's trite, but true: absence has made *my* heart grow fonder for the weekly refreshment and challenge of our Sunday services. As I return to the first fall service, I feel a glow of familiarity and love surrounding me. This isn't just in the Chapel, but in the warm welcoming fellowship of our community. I'll wager that I'm not unique in this emotional tie I have to First Church.

It's a time of new beginnings, and resumption of old challenges. Our Legacy campaign is focusing on expanding and renovating our present structure. Remember how much you receive here when you make a pledge to this effort.

Your Legacy dollars are being well spent. We'll see changes to our physical surroundings very soon: perhaps as you read this. The old house north of the church has become a safety liability, so after salvaging everything possible, and following correct and ethical procedures and codes, it will be razed. The space will be well used by church groups. The steps and steeple will be strengthened soon, too.

In the R.E. building, you'll see Mary Kroener-Ekstrand's happy face in her new role as permanent director.

Sonja Decker, Board of Trustees

Mary has excellent training in curriculum and knows our children well. Look forward to an innovative year.

Our church has so much to offer. And all it takes to get involved is to **Join** in.

- There are no auditions for the choir, come and sing.
- Our Environmental Concerns committee is a leader in SLC. **Join** in.
- The refugees continue to come to SLC and our valiant committee never fails to welcome them with furnishings and support. **Join** the IRC Committee.
- Teaching our children and youth is rewarding. **Join** the teachers.
- We partner with Mountain View School. They need us. **Join** in.
- Welcoming and ushering are weekly joys. **Join** once a month.
- Do you enjoy coffee after church? **Join** the committee.

I've listed about one tenth of the ways you can become a partner in community. In September we have an activities fair which will inform and entice you to experience all we are here at First Church.

In the meantime, I'll see you all at church!

Legacy Campaign Help Needed Now

Legacy Campaign

Whether you have lots of dollars to donate or only a few, there are other important ways you can help make the Legacy Campaign a success. Below are some of our urgent needs:

- **Website:** We would like to have a custom campaign website. It doesn't need to be fancy or complicated. We envision it being built in Wordpress or Dreamweaver or something else simple. If this is an area you've got skills in, now would be a great time to donate some in-kind service to the campaign.
- **Canvassing:** People give to people. And we need people like you to help us reach out to other peo-

ple and ask them to contribute to the campaign. It's really not as scary as it may seem and the best part is you get to make new friends or catch up with old acquaintances while working on behalf of a great cause. Give a little of your time to make this campaign successful!

Please contact Becky Lawlor at 582-8687 ext. 7 or legacycampaign@slcuu.org if you can help.

Religious Education - News for the Village



Dear All,

Today as I write this piece, it is really the end of summer for me since I just put my kids on the bus and sent them off to the first day of school. I've spent a great deal of time this summer thinking and dreaming about our religious education programs -- our strengths, our needs, and our future. Now that summer is over, it is time to stop navel gazing and launch this ship! But to do so takes a lot of person power -- it's time for me to leverage the energy and efforts of all, because it is only with your help that we will be able to offer the vibrant, engaging program that we hope for!

We still do need a few more volunteer RE teachers to be "fully staffed" in our classes for children and youth. Please contact me right away if you are willing and able to make this critical contribution to our program. As you may know, our teachers work in teams, so you will rotate turns with others teaching about 1-2 times per month. We can work around your individual availability and scheduling needs. I provide training, curriculum, classroom materials, and support throughout the church year to our teachers, so you will

RE Newsbits

Teacher Training set for Sat. Sept. 11th

Our fall Teacher Training is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11th from 9am - 1pm at the church. I hope that all volunteer RE Teachers for children and youth will be able to attend this important session at which you will ...

1. get oriented to our program and policies for the year,
2. discuss effective teaching strategies for use in the religious education classroom,
3. pick up a copy of your class curriculum, tentative class list, and teacher manual,
4. meet your teaching team and work out a teaching schedule,
5. fill out background check paperwork and sign our volunteer code of ethics,
6. ask questions as needed in order to start your teaching year with confidence and composure.

Ingathering Set for September 12

Our annual Ingathering service is the time when we reconvene and launch our program for the new church year. As

not need to go it alone or reinvent the wheel.

The RE Council may be restructuring the children's programs at the 9am service time based on volunteer availability and enrollment numbers. In years past, we have tried to have the same number of volunteers and run the same number of classes for fewer kids/families. This year, we are considering a program redesign that calls for multi-age groupings and a more intergenerational approach. Stay tuned for more information on this in September. If you would like to be involved in this or other important program decision making, why not join the RE Council, which regularly addresses such issues? Our next meeting is on Monday August 30th, so please contact me right away if you would like to participate.

As Thich Nhat Hanh says, "We have more possibilities available to us in each moment than we realize." I hope that as we begin the church year, you are considering the possibilities available to you to engage in our congregation, to participate in our our programs, and to strengthen our community. I look forward to working with and for you.

In Service,
Mary

always, children and youth will gather on the front lawn before the service and parade into the sanctuary together in a dazzling display of youthful energy and enthusiasm set to the beautiful music of our Chancel Choir. Please plan to join us!

Volunteers Needed for Summer Fun Program

On Sunday Aug. 29th and Sunday, September 5th, our church will still be on our summer schedule of one 10am service. The RE program will make the most of the last weeks of summer with a Summer Fun program of crafts and games out on the playground. We will need several volunteer parent helpers on these days to help supervise and engage the kids. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Mary Kroener-Ekstrand at dre@slcuu.org or at 801-582-2033.

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RE Newsbits (Continued)

Register Children and Youth for Fall RE

Every child and youth who participates in our RE classes needs to have a Registration and Commitment Form filled out and signed each year. The registration form helps us make sure we have current contact information for your family as well as information about your children's ever changing needs. The registration form also asks for parents of children in our RE program to indicate the ways that they will help out as volunteers during the year to ensure that our program is fully supported and of the highest quality we can make it. The 2010-11 Registration and Commitment form is available on our website and will be emailed to families who were registered in our program last year so that you can fill them out, sign them, and bring them to church with you with any applicable registration fees. Forms will also be available at the RE table in Eliot Hall before and after the services

beginning August 29th. It would be very helpful for us to have our registrations by Labor Day, so we can build our class rosters, finalize RE Teacher staffing based on enrollment, and update our church records for this year.

Upcoming Dates in Religious Education

Aug. 29 - One Service at 10 am, Summer Fun
 Sept. 5 - One Service at 10 am, Summer Fun
 Sept. 11 - Teacher Training
 Sept. 12 - Ingathering - Services at 9 and 11 am, Fall RE Kick-off

Religious Education Contact Info

Mary Kroener-Ekstrand, Director of Religious Education
 dre@slcuu.org or 801-582-2033

Time to Register for Small Group Ministry for the 2010 - 2011

Small Group Ministry Registration

Please drop off registration at the church office or mail it in. For those new to our church, Small Group Ministry is a great program for fellow Unitarians to meet once a month in a small group to discuss a variety of things from religion to morality to 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 do you prefer? Please circle

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Which day do you prefer? Please circle

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

email address _____

Would you be willing to be a facilitator? Do you want to be a young adult group?

Auction 2010

Auction Committee

Attend: *November 13 - Save the date* – AUCTION 2010 will be an incredibly entertaining, welcoming and well-publicized event you won't want to miss! Be witness to this event's theme, *Standing on the Side of Love*, in support of our LGBT and immigrant brothers, sisters, and families - and support the work of the First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City in these and so many other community-building and social justice endeavors.

Auction co-hosts will be **Sister Dottie S. Dixon** and First Church's own **Rebecca Heal of the Saliva Sisters**. The **Fourth Annual Fairly-Free Thinker Award** will be presented to **Carol Lynn Pearson**, poet, author, and playwright, most notably of *"Facing East,"* which will re-run in SLC in 2011. Special guests include Valerie Larabee of the Utah Pride Center. Auction tickets are \$45 in advance/\$55 at the door. **Attendance is limited to 350**, so register and buy tickets *today!*

For the first time, tickets, registration, sponsorships and donation forms can all be completed ONLINE at slcuu.org. Click the auction button on the side bar and follow the instructions.

Donate: To meet of our financial goals, we need the entire village to participate. There are many ways to donate goods and services. Donate desirable tangible items like gift certificates, jewelry, time shares and vacation homes, cool knick-knacks, etc. Or share your talents by donating art, handmade crafts, hosting a dinner, an event or an adventure, etc.

Sponsor: Our goal is to have SPONSORSHIPS to cover all expenses, approximately \$11,000, so all auction proceeds go directly to support the work of First Unitarian Church in our community. As you may be aware, unlike

event tickets or donated items, SPONSORSHIP amounts are 100% tax-deductible charitable giving.

Volunteer: Donation solicitation and Day-of/Night-of support is needed. Please contact Teresa or Sandi at auction@slcuu.org to volunteer or with any comments or questions.

Many thanks to our hard-working **AUCTION 2010** committee:

Co-Chairs: Ed and Teresa Dieringer/Doug and Sandi Greene. **Committee Members:** Barbara Pence, Bill Reed, Cathy Chambless, CJ Sadiq, Conae Holmes, Constance Smith, Diane Johnson, Don Walton, Elaine Nielson, Harold Koch, Jane Grau, Johanna Whiteman, Julie Maughan, Kathy Albury, Kathy Payne, Kathy Reavis, Ladd McClurg, Laurene & Anthony Vickers, Lindsay Mattes, Lori Shields, Marcia Reese, Margaret McGann, Marianna and William Lowder, Mark Gardiner, Mary Voelker, Nancy Douglas, Nancy Lindsley, Nancy Rasmuson, Nikki Blackburn, Ray & Chris Twite, Ron Anderson, and Vickie Steffey.

-submitted by Teresa Dieringer

**Harnessing Love's Power
to Stop Oppression**

**STANDING ON THE SIDE OF
LOVE**

First Unitarian Church
Auction 2010

November 13th 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Rice-Eccles Tower

Honoring Carol Lynn Pearson,
author and playwright

Co-Hosted by Sister Dottie S. Dixon
& Rebecca Heal of the Saliva Sisters

September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 29 Sunday Service 10 a.m. (see below)	30	31	September 1 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4 Folk Dance 6 pm
5 Sunday Service 10 a.m. (see below)	6 Labor Day Church closed	7 Torch Submissions Deadline 9 a.m.	8 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	9	10 -Coffee House 6 pm -Food Co-op orders due (pg. 8)	11 RE Teacher Training 9 am (pg. 4)
12 Ingathering Sunday Sunday Services 9 & 11 am (see below)	13	14	15 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	16 Open Minds Book Group 7 pm (pg. 8)	17	18
19 Sunday Services 9 & 11 am	20 Torch Submissions Deadline 9 a.m.	21	22 -Sandwich Making 4:30 p.m. -Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	23	24 Coffee House 6 pm	25 -Co-op pick up 9-10 am (pg.) -Contra Dance 6 pm

Sunday Services

Sunday, August 29th One 10:00 a.m. Service Only
"Slack Tides"
 -Rev. Tom Goldsmith

Rev. Tom Goldsmith and Music Director David Owens are back in the Sanctuary this Sunday! Please join us as we gear up for the new church year.

Sunday, September 5th One 10:00 a.m. Service Only
"Father and Son: A Labor Day Reflection"
 -Rev. Tom Goldsmith

Sunday, September 12th 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Ingathering and a Sermon: "The Examined Life"
 -Rev. Tom Goldsmith



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Congregational Briefs

Open Minds Book Group

Next meeting is Thursday, September 16, 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. We will discuss the book *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer. In our October meeting on the 21st, we'll discuss *The Immortal Cells of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. All are welcome.

Allies Dinner for Equality Utah: *Gaining Ground*

You are invited to join other members of First Unitarian Church at the 9th Annual Allies Dinner for Equality Utah: *Gaining Ground*

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Grand Ballroom

6pm Cocktails 7pm Dinner

Tickets: \$100 per person

Benefiting Equality Utah Political Action Committee: Equality Utah Political Action Committee works to expand the number of fair-minded elected officials in state and local government.

Andrea Globokar is the table captain for First Unitarian Church tables at this festive occasion. Members of First Church, Tami and Jane Marquardt are being honored. For more information go to www.equalityutah.org and sign up to attend and sit with other members of at our ta-

bles. Be sure to list Andrea Globokar as your table captain when you register.

UU Lunch Bunch

A family-friendly group for anyone and everyone who would like to get together for lunch and chat with like-minded people. Meet at the Restaurant on Sundays at about 45 minutes after the last service. For more information contact Sonia Hult at 801-904-3709 or lunchbunch@slcuu.org

Sept. 5: **Z'tejas** 191 S. Rio Grande Street

Sept. 12: **Olive Garden (Sugarhouse)** 2272 South 1300 East

Sept. 19: **The Dodo** 1355 East 2100 South

Sept. 26: **Café Trio** 680 South 900 East

Crossroads Community Food Co-op

September shares should be ordered by 9/10 for pick-up on 9/25 between 9 and 10 a.m. here at the church.

You can order online or print forms to mail in at: <https://www.foodco-op.net>. Place orders by mail (new address) -- 1726 South 700 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84104; phone - (801)746-7878; For more information, contact Nancy Lindsley at 801-583-8566 or crossroads@slcuu.org.