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*First Unitarian Church nurtures and challenges the spiritual and intellectual journey for all generations and actively engages in building a progressive and just world.*

## Blue Sky Grant, the Tree, and other Legacy Campaign News

Submitted by Ed Dieringer  
Legacy Campaign

This last Sunday we celebrated with a groundbreaking ceremony; the addition we build affirms and promotes the inherent worth and dignity of every person. This addition will create fully accessible bathrooms, ADA correct access ramps, and an elevator that assures full access to areas of our campus not previously available to many. The location of this addition was chosen to be at the center our campus so that we are prepared for future expansion needs. Its construction, along with remodeling Eliot Hall, installing solar panels, and refurbishing the front of the Sanctuary, will mark the completion of the first phase of our Legacy Campaign Project. The process will, no doubt, test our patience. But our resolve to make a significant and positive difference for future generations will not be deterred.

I am also pleased to announce our recent award of a Blue Sky Grant of \$75,000 toward installing solar panels. This amount assures our ability to install the planned full array of solar panels. It also brings our total pledged revenues to just over \$2 million dollars. We have spent about \$600,000 so far on planning and our first building improvements. We expect to complete the first phase of construction by next September. Your early fulfillment, new, or addition to your pledge will go a long way to assuring that we meet our desired goals and in a timely manner.

Please contact Elaine Ball with any questions, concerns, contributions at [legacycampaign@slcuu.org](mailto:legacycampaign@slcuu.org) or 801-582-8687 x 7.

More Legacy Campaign News on page 6



Ground Breaking Ceremony - December 11, 2011  
Rev. Tom Goldsmith, Board President - Margaret McGann, Legacy Campaign Chair - Ed Dieringer. Photo by Steve Horton.

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# Reverently Yours

Rev. Tom Goldsmith



This is not necessarily a "Christmas Message," but it can be interpreted as one. In a season when we are instructed to hear the angels sing, either

metaphorically or literally, depending on one's faith's development, Frederick Buechner offers a different wisdom: "Listen to your life."

Buechner, who broke into the theological Top-40 charts as an ordained Presbyterian minister, writes novels about saints, offers a savvy theological viewpoint, and also speaks as a wise elder. He was born in 1926. He's at that age where he writes reflections looking back on life, and I'm at that age where I don't mind reading how other people look back on life.

From Buechner: "If I were called upon to state in a few words the essence of everything I was trying to say, it would be something like this: Listen to your life. See it for the wonder that it is. In the pain of it no less than in the gladness, touch, taste, smell your way to the hidden heart of it because in the last analysis, all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace."

These recollections were never intended to raise the spirits at Christmas, but this is a good time to be reminded of the wonder that our life holds, and the extraordinary events we have experienced. In the pain and gladness of it all, we seem to endure because of a certain grace that somehow finds its way to bless us. So much of our lives lie hidden in our hearts yet we must work our way towards a joyful discovery. Although it's a dreadful generalization, a certain

truth rings with his pronouncement that all moments in our lives are key moments.

Buechner echoes the Christmas story and makes it our story. Mary hid much in her heart; the shepherds followed their instinct of wonder; much duress surrounded Mary and Joseph; gladness and rejoicing followed the birth of their baby; indeed they were all key moments.

I wonder how much we truly "listen to our lives." What does that really mean? I think it holds more potential that simply taking inventory of occurrences that dot our life experiences. It might mean listening to all we have learned from unexpected gifts of joy, what we have lost and mourned, how we have proven resilient, fearful, and courageous through all that life holds. It's never a smooth ride, thus lessons abound. Lessons about who we are, how we love, how we share, what brings us comfort, what makes us weep. By listening to our lives we learn what we hold dear to our hearts, what is expendable, where our hopes drive us. And we learn that all we encounter are "key moments" because life flows as one continuous river with consequences for all our actions. Nothing is ever insignificant because it becomes a part of who we are.

This Holiday season, filled with met and unmet expectations, filled with angels and wonder and surprise and heartache and music and singing... take a moment of quiet or carve out a moment of quiet and listen to your lives. I hope you will find the gift of grace that has carried you through it all.

Warmest wishes for this holiday. TRG

## Intern's Corner

Jamila Tharp



I must admit I still have not done any Christmas shopping. Shopping is really not my "cup of tea". "Not my cup of tea" is a popular euphemism in our household instead of out and out saying "I hate... whatever." It particularly comes in handy when our family happens to be company at someone else's home for dinner and our 4-year old son shares with

the host that what he just tasted is "not his cup of tea" verses "I hate this soup!" Shopping in general is not my "cup of tea", but then add in this time of year and the intense consumerism and marketing of products that are thrust upon us, and it is enough to send me into denial that Christmas is coming.

Maybe part of that denial is driving me to take a short vacation with our 9-year old daughter to the redwoods in northern California. But mostly it is a much-needed time for respite, to pause, to walk in the redwoods, on the beach and to reflect upon this past year, and to connect with our old friends. Both my daughter and I are quite excited about this get away. Although, I have become a vegetarian since leaving northern California to move here, I believe it will be difficult to pass up eating local and fresh caught Dungeness crab. Christmas time is crab season off the shores of northern California.

Sometimes it's hard to get into the swing of the spirit of Christmas. Our lives and all the complexities that exist in them continue innocuous to the season. Sometimes our lives' difficulties are actually accentuated by this time of year. There is an expectation of "'Tis the season to be jolly" and well, things are not always so jolly.

All around us, there are fun and yummy festivities of light, food, parties and the promises of renewed birth in our darkest hours. What if we are experiencing difficulties though, whether that is in relationship, in health or in finances? It can feel all the harder and make us feel all the more isolated in community experiencing such hardships with such seasonal expectations of 'tis the season to be jolly.

I ask myself how I might be helpful for someone facing such difficulty? In the past, I have faced such difficulty and I know what that can feel like. One of the things our family began several years back is what my wife has come to call the "Compassion Bag". The "Compassion Bag" was born out of an experience that my wife, our daughter and I shared while driving in San Francisco City several years ago during Christmas time.

It was dark outside and we drove by people who were homeless sleeping on the sidewalk in the cold. We were warm, merry and singing to Christmas music on the radio when our daughter saw the people. There is nothing like seeing the world through the eyes of a child who feels her connection to humanity with such clarity of mind and heart. I remember it was her expressing her pain for; her deep caring for the people we witnessed sleeping bundled up on hard cold cement that prompted my wife and I to resolve to act compassionately and also to empower her (and now our boys as well) to act compassionately in the world.

We have the "Compassion Bag" that we keep on the floor of the front passenger seat filled with food. We keep apples, bananas, snack packs, lunch packs, etc... just for people who are asking for help or we see need help as we are driving in the car. We pull up to a stop light and someone holds a sign that reads, "Need money and food" or "Need job" or "Need gas money", etc... and we roll our window down and hand them food. Our children look for people as we drive and particularly on really cold nights like we are experiencing here in Utah we look extra hard to extend our good will. In these intimate momentary exchanges, we are not just handing food to the other, we are handing food to ourselves as we are reminded of our common and shared humanity, how fragile we all really are and that nothing, really nothing separates us from each other, but circumstances.



## Religious Education: News for the Village



Dear All,

I'm already really excited about 2012. In fact, I can hardly wait. Why? In January, we will launch two new religious education classes here at our church that, for me, are sort of a dream come true. These two new classes are the Upper Elementary (5th and 6th Grade) and the Senior High (11th and 12th Grade) Our

Whole Lives sexuality education classes.

In May of 2008, before I was employed by the church, I worked with our former Director of Religious Education LeeAnn Williams to submit a funding request to the Endowment Committee to support the development of expanding the Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education class offerings at our church. First Church had traditionally offered the Junior High OWL class, but had never offered other levels of this lifespan comprehensive sexuality education curriculum.

I was very nervous when I submitted my proposal and addressed the congregational meeting. I was new to this city and new to this church. It was already clear to me that sex ed was a tense topic in the Salt Lake Valley. (Understatement). And yet, this congregation voted unanimously to fund the request. Only one person besides myself spoke on the issue, and I believe his comment was along the lines of, "All the kids around here are taught about sex is 'Don't you dare.' It's about damn time we do something about that." I couldn't have agreed more.

It has taken three and a half years to lay the groundwork, train the facilitators, and present these new classes. While in some ways this has been a long journey, the OWL Coordinator at another church from whom we sought advice and guidance in our process told us that it would likely take us five years to get to this point. I guess that means that we are way ahead of the game.

So here is the plan. Last year, we offered the Early Elementary (1st and 2nd Grade) and Junior High (8th and 9th Grade) OWL programs. This year, we will offer Upper Elementary (5th and 6th Grade) and the Senior High (11th and 12th Grade) OWL classes. We hope to continue rotating these courses every other year to provide opportunities for our children to discuss their sexual and social development in a safe and supportive environment that affirms healthy sexuality and supports the value of diversity. Plans are also already underway to train facilitators to offer the Adult OWL curriculum here at our church.

I want to thank the congregation for your support of these programs. I truly believe that OWL is a critical ministry within the Unitarian Universalist movement that makes a tremendous difference not only in the lives of those who have opportunities to take the classes, but also in the lives of others with whom they will interact throughout their lives. I am honored that you share this belief and are willing to put resources into bringing this program to fruition.

In service,  
Mary

## RE Newsbits

### Senior High OWL Opportunity

An email invitation to register for Senior High OWL has been sent out to families of 11th and 12th graders who are registered for our Religious Education program. The OWL curriculum presents a comprehensive approach to human sexuality in an age-appropriate manner for six different age groups and is based firmly on the values of respect, responsibility, justice and inclusivity. This Senior High program is primarily geared toward 11th and 12th graders, though we would allow 10th graders who were not enrolled in Junior High OWL last year to enroll. This class reviews facts about anatomy and human development and also helps participants to clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. Specific workshop topics include sexual health, body image, STDs, contraception, gender, sexual orientation, sex and people with disabilities, conception, pregnancy,

birth, parenting, communication, intimacy, healthy relationships, power in relationships, reproductive rights, date rape, break ups, sex in the media, and more...

If you have a young person in this target age group and did not receive the interest survey in your email, please contact Mary at [dre@slcuu.org](mailto:dre@slcuu.org) so that she can send you the form with details and scheduling information. We are especially recruiting more boys in order to achieve a better gender balance in the class.

### Upper Elementary OWL Opportunity

An email invitation to register for Upper Elementary OWL has been sent out to families of 5th and 6th graders who are registered for our Religious Education program. The OWL curriculum presents a comprehensive approach to human sexuality in an age-appropriate manner for six different age groups and is based firmly on the values of respect, responsibility, justice and inclusivity. This Upper

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Elementary program is provides participating 5th and 6th graders an opportunity to learn about and discuss the physical and emotional changes of puberty. Topics include reproductive anatomy and physiology, family relationships, romantic relationships, gender identity, sexual orientation, sexual health and safety, communication, and personal decision-making. If you have a young person in this target age group and did not receive the interest survey in your email, please contact Mary at [dre@slcuu.org](mailto:dre@slcuu.org) so that she can send you the form. We are especially recruiting more girls in order to acheive a better gender balance in the class.

**Calling Adult RE Class/Program Facilitators**

Do you have an idea for an adult learning class or workshop that you could lead or co-lead? The Adult RE Committee would like you to consider sharing your ideas, experiences, and spiritual journey. We have existing UU curriculum on a number of topics (history, theology, parenting...), and we are also open to considering your original proposal or idea for a course or workshop. We seek to offer programs in the following curriculum strands: 1) UU History, Heritage, and Identity, 2) Theology, Scripture, and Religious Traditions, 3) Spirituality and Spiritual Practices, 4) Ethical Living and Social Justice, and 5) Personal Development and Support. Our Winter/Spring brochure will be published in late January; classes and programs should be scheduled from February to May. Please submit your class proposal

including a brief description, number of sessions, and times you would be available to teach to Mary at [dre@slcuu.org](mailto:dre@slcuu.org) by Sunday, January 8th for consideration by the Adult RE Committee.

**Join the Adult RE Committee**

We are looking for a few new volunteers. No experience necessary! Our next meeting will be in early January. We will share the plans that are already in place for winter/spring, review new course proposals, and develop plans for publishing our brochure and promoting our winter/spring courses. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mary at [dre@slcuu.org](mailto:dre@slcuu.org). The meeting time/date will be set based on availability of committee members, so get in touch now to be included in the scheduling poll.

**Holiday Events for Families with Children**

**December 24** - Christmas Pageant - rehearsal at 10 am; Family Worship Service and Pageant at 4pm. Please take kids of all ages into the service with you -- the childcare room will not be open.

**December 25** - One Intergenerational Service at 11 am. No RE Classes. Childcare is available for kids 5 and under. Please take older kids into the service with you.

**January 1** - One Service at 11am. RE staff will host a Happy Noon Year Party with games and snacks for kids of all ages during the service.

*Photos from the RE Holiday Party - December 10, 2011*



## Community Solar Project in Full Swing

Submitted by Sara Baldwin, Senior Policy & Regulatory Associate, Utah Clean Energy; Michael Mielke, Chair, Project Steering Committee; Arik Parker, Project Volunteer Coordinator; and Joan M. Gregory, Coordinator, Environmental Ministry

As the earth approaches its furthest point from the sun, bringing us closer to the winter solstice and holiday season, the First Unitarian Church is embracing solar power both for our church (see article on page 1) and for our homes! The new initiative, the *Salt Lake Community Solar Project*, is a partnership effort between the First Unitarian Church and Utah Clean Energy [<http://www.utahcleanenergy.org/>], a local non-profit organization dedicated to building Utah's clean energy economy.

The *Salt Lake Community Solar Project* aims to make it more affordable, simpler, and streamlined for Utah homeowners to invest in solar energy using an innovative approach known as *community bulk-purchasing*. This model brings a large group of potential solar buyers together to negotiate a discount on the installed price of solar PV, while also simplifying the process for the individual. By working together as a group, the end result is a simplified and streamlined process that will ultimately save you thousands of dollars and help you achieve your solar, sustainability, and self-sufficiency goals in the New Year!

Please visit the webpage to learn more and sign up to receive more information:

<http://utahcleanenergy.org/saltlakecommunitysolar>. (Please note, signing up DOES NOT COMMIT you to purchasing solar through the program, and you may opt-out at any time during the initial stages of the campaign.)

### The Next Steps for Salt Lake Community Solar

Over 150 individuals have expressed interest in participating in the Salt Lake Community Solar effort thus far, and there will be more workshops and opportunities to spread the word in 2012— we are going to need a lot of folks signed up in order to make this work! So, please sign up and spread the word so we can keep the momentum going!

In early 2012, the Steering Committee and participants will issue an official Request for Proposals (RFP) to the solar installer community to solicit a large number of competitive bids. Once the final contractor(s) are selected, we will know how many people are needed in order to achieve the bulk discount.

We will continue to communicate regularly to keep you informed. Please sign up to stay up-to-date

### What Can You Do in the Meantime?

- **Make your Home Energy Efficient First!** Simple energy efficiency measures will help you reap energy savings, improve comfort, and maximize the value of your solar investment! The first recommended step is to conduct an energy audit of your home to determine where you can make improvements. Here are some great resources:
  - Download the free Idea Book [[http://utahcleanenergy.org/files/u1/Idea\\_Book\\_10-23-08\\_part\\_1.pdf](http://utahcleanenergy.org/files/u1/Idea_Book_10-23-08_part_1.pdf)]
  - Use Utah Clean Energy's free Home Energy Checklist [[http://utahcleanenergy.org/files/u1/Home\\_Energy\\_Audit\\_Long\\_w\\_pics.pdf](http://utahcleanenergy.org/files/u1/Home_Energy_Audit_Long_w_pics.pdf)]
  - ENERGY STAR offers an online analysis: Home Energy Yardstick [[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=home\\_energy\\_yardstick.showStep2](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=home_energy_yardstick.showStep2)]
  - More tips and incentives at Rocky Mountain Power's wattSmart Program [<http://www.rockymountainpower.net/env/ws.html>]
  - Questar Gas *ThermWise Mail-in Audit form*, or schedule a *ThermWise in-home Audit*: call Questar Gas at (800) 695-7375. [[http://www.thermwise.com/home/Mail\\_In\\_Home\\_Audit.pdf](http://www.thermwise.com/home/Mail_In_Home_Audit.pdf)]
  - Visit Utah Clean Energy [[http://utahcleanenergy.org/how/homes/energy\\_efficiency](http://utahcleanenergy.org/how/homes/energy_efficiency)] or Energy Star [<http://www.energystar.gov/>] for more tips and info on rebates!
- **Serve on the Steering Committee** We are recruiting interested individuals who would like to be involved in the decision-making aspects of the contractor selection process and other elements of the project. Please contact Michael Mielke [mm2222ut@aol.com](mailto:mm2222ut@aol.com) if you'd like to serve on the Steering Committee.
- **Volunteer** We will be needing volunteers to help spread the word about this effort in the New Year. Please contact Arik Parker [arik@utahcleanenergy.org](mailto:arik@utahcleanenergy.org) if you're interested in volunteering.
- **Connect with Us!**
  - **Learn more:** [www.utahcleanenergy.org/saltlakecommunitysolar](http://www.utahcleanenergy.org/saltlakecommunitysolar)

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## Community Solar Project in Full Swing

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- “Like” us on Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Salt-Lake-Community-Solar/231785230221892]
- **Follow us** on Twitter http://twitter.com/#!/SLCSolar
- **Questions? Concerns?** Email: arik@utahcleanenergy.org

Please stay tuned as we continue to make progress on this exciting effort. As the earth makes its journey closer to the sun at the beginning of spring/summer 2012, we expect this effort to be in full swing! We hope you'll join us, as we empower our community with solar energy!



The Triple R Swap held on December 3rd was a huge success!

## Legacy Campaign News (continued from page 1)

### Where'd The Tree Go?

So.... If you haven't heard...seen... yes, the beautiful maple tree just north of our sanctuary is no longer there. Here's the story: Through all our planning, we always expected to be able to keep the tree in place. When the plow met the dirt, however, we quickly realized that to keep the tree where it was would highly likely cause its death. Several members of our Legacy Committee weighed each possible action and its expected impact in relationship to the environment, our project, the congregation, and our principles. At the center of our difficult decision process to sacrifice the tree now and replace it upon completion of the project was our seventh principle, "Respect for the (extremely complex) interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." I add the words "extremely complex" to emphasize that decisions such as this, require the consideration of all Unitarian principles, and a significant number of actual and perceived needs and interests, human and otherwise, competing and aligning, that are all interdependent. In other words, no one takes the sacrificing of

this tree lightly and it was done with our church's environmental ideals in mind. In fact, the entirety of our Legacy project has been well-marked with its focus on minimizing our environmental impact. For now, we can't help but view the open wound that marks the earth where the tree once stood. We mourn. And we must trust that, in due time, with our continued dedication to our Unitarian principles and environmental ideals, we will help Mother Earth heal this wound and will feel connected again.




Congregants gather round during the Legacy Ground Breaking Ceremony on December 11, 2011, followed by the fabulous cake, generously provided by Harty family.



## Congregational Briefs

*A post-holiday Zumba fundraiser  
for the Coming of Age class's trip to Boston*



**ZUMBA CLASS**

Come and join us to drop those pounds from the holidays and help COA kids to go to Boston. Zumba it's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party [www.zumba.com](http://www.zumba.com). No age limit. Enrique will be your instructor, he works at BodyWise SLC; he is fun and easy to follow.

Pre-registration: \$8 (RE table after services)  
At the door: \$10  
Babysitting available

**Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**1-2pm**  
**Elliot Hall**  
**First Unitarian Church of SLC**  
**569 S 1300 E**  
**SLC UT 84102**



Starting Sunday, December 4th, and continuing through Sunday, December 25th, you can make a donation of any amount to a charitable organization in honor of the person to whom you would be sending a gift.

The Council will provide you a donation acknowledgement in the form of a decorative card insert to send with your holiday card. You, as the donor, receive the tax benefit for having made the donation. The person who has everything receives a very nice acknowledgement of the donation given in their name.

This year's charitable organizations are: The Interethnic Health Alliance and The Fourth Street Clinic. Stop by our booth after the service for more details.

*-submitted by Michele Page & Sue Geary,  
Social Justice Committee Co-Chairs*

### Be Part of Our Caring Community

In order to provide support to our church community members, the Caring Committee will be asking everyone to provide care to others in need. This may include providing food, transportation, a visit or friendly telephone call to someone who lives in your zip code. If you hear of someone that may be in need, contact Andrea Globokar at 801-518-7461 or [caring@slcuu.org](mailto:caring@slcuu.org). Our goal is to provide support for church community members or help connect them to broader community resources.

### Attention Committee Chairs & Staff

Start thinking about your 2012-2013 budgets. Budget requests will be due on January 16, 2012.







### Give the Gift of Social Justice for the Holidays

Don't know what holiday gift to give the person who has everything? This holiday season, the Social Justice Council of the First Unitarian Church will again be there to help you give a gift while, at the same time, helping those who are less fortunate.

### Endowment Fund

There are remarkable people in our congregation. Honor the talents or the gifts of time by a church member or friend by making a contribution in their name to the Endowment Fund. Gifts to the Endowment Fund enable the fund to grow and support the mission of our church in perpetuity. Recipients receive a card acknowledging your gift.

# December 2011 / January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 Lessons & Carols 9 & 11 am (see below)  Christams Kool Jazz Vespers 7:30 pm  Giving Tree items due	19	20  Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	21  Winter Solstice Celebration 6 pm  	22	23  Coffee House 6 pm	24  Christmas Pageant 4 pm (pg. 5)  Candlelight Service 6 pm  
25  Sunday Service One service only at 11 a.m. (see below)  	26  Church office closed for holiday	27	28	29	30	31  Coffee House 6 pm
January 1  Sunday Service One service only at 11 a.m. (see below)  	2  Church office closed for holiday	3  Torch Submissions Due 10 am	4  Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	5	6	7  Folk Dance 6 pm
8  Sunday Services 9 & 11 am (see below)  Zumba Fundraiser 1 pm (pg. 8)	9  Board of Trustees meeting	10	11  Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	12	13  Coffee House 6 pm	14

## Sunday Services

**Sunday, December 18, 2011**  
 9 and 11 a.m.

“Lessons and Carols”

-Sentimental ditties and a full-choir resounding embrace of the holidays with Rev. Goldsmith, David Owens, David Zabriskie, Holly Stewart, the choir, and you!

**Sunday, December 25, 2011**  
 11 a.m. only

“Balance and Proportion”  
 -Rev. Tom Goldsmith

**Sunday, January 1, 2012**  
 11 a.m. only

“TBA”

-Jamila Tharp, Ministerial Intern

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**  
 9 and 11 a.m.

“New Year/New Morals”  
 -Rev. Tom Goldsmith



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First Unitarian Church now has it's own YouTube channel where we will be posting selected sermons and more.