

Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge

Many Beliefs . . . One Community . . . A Better World

9:30 and 11:15 AM Worship

Classes & nursery for our children provided at the 9:30 & 11:15 AM Services

Classes for Middle and Senior Youth provided at the 11:15 AM Service

December 2012

Coming in January 2013, our Newsletter goes online. Visit our website: www.unitarianchurchbr.com

Sunday Morning, December 2

Santa on the Psychoanalytic Couch ~ He is omniscient and he is omnipresent – some have spotted him as early as July. What of our spiritual condition is reflected in all we project on and expect of Santa? We hear music from another century played by our Baroque Ensemble.

★ The Christmas Tree is up in our church and awaiting: ***The Christmas Tree Decorating Party***, for young and old, 5 PM today, with ornament making, carol singing, and refreshments.

Sunday Morning, December 9

Beyond giving. Generosity is not only a hallmark of the holiday season. It is an important element in a rich spiritual life. Assistant Minister, Nathan Ryan, will lead a service on giving and its transformative impacts on the world and the soul. The choir sings two anthems and a string ensemble from LSU School of Music will play Prelude and Offertory.

★ **TODAY at 12:45 PM** to VOTE on the question of this congregation ordaining **Nathan Ryan** to the UU ministry.

★ Saturday Evening, December 15, 7:30 PM

Holiday Concert by the New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus ~ This year, members of our church choir are participating in the concert. Tickets online or at the door.

Sunday Morning, December 16

The Jesus Avatars ~ Some say he never existed at all. Some say he is a *composite* of several historical figures. Still others argue that there is the inauthentic versus the authentic picture of this pivotal figure of the world's largest religion. The choir sings an anthem by Felix Mendelssohn and we hear a Mozart 4-Hand piano sonata.

Friday Evening, December 21

Potluck Chili Supper at 5:45 PM and Winter Solstice Service at 7 PM (all ages) ~ We cast the circle and celebrate the rebirth of the sun on the darkest night of the year. We extend the spirit of hospitality to each other and the new season upon us.

Sunday Morning, December 23

The Impromptu Pageant ~ Back by popular demand, both services create an on-the-spot casting of the Christmas pageant. Experience the miracle of it all coming together. This is an *All Community Sunday* with children and adults participating.

Monday Evening, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:

6:45 PM Prelude, 7 PM Service ~ with the exquisite candlelight, music, choir, and guest musicians, members celebrate together with friends and relatives from near and far-away places. Guest violinist **Thomas Oswald**, flutist **Melanie Lançon**, and pianist **Michael Dawkins** join the choir and worship team for a festive evening.

Sunday Morning, December 30

They Changed the Way We See Ourselves

The Worship Guild creates each year at this time a short list of those remarkable persons who died this year, persons who left new ways of seeing the world. **Ross Hoppe** and his instrumentalists along with the **HeartVoice Trio** celebrate the lives of remembered musicians.

Sunday, January 6, 2013

Junk Thought Removal for the New Year

Have you witnessed the presence of *junk thoughts* in our society? Steve conducts a new year ritual for the symbolic removal of junky thoughts. Let us wipe the slates and start the year anew.

Office Hours are Monday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM

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Ours is a no-smoking no-firearms campus.

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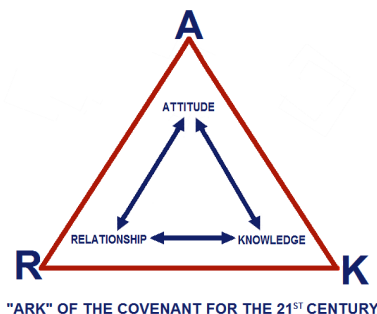
Marguerite Davis – Connections, co-leads with **Dottie Kelly**

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We vote on Sunday, December 9 at 12:45 pm. We vote on the question to ordain **Nathan Ryan**, our assistant minister, into the Unitarian Universalist ministry. Assuming a positive vote, an ordination (to be scheduled in 2013) will be historic for this church –the first time in our history we've ordained a minister. Only a congregation can ordain in our religious tradition. Please attend the congregational meeting.

Consider this geometric depiction about which I spoke this fall. (See illustration below designed by church member **Don Hoppe**.)



ARK? What does it mean? I first read of this creative way of explaining how attitudes change in **Sacred Ground: Pluralism, Prejudice, and the Promise of America** by Eboo Patel. (Patel is next year's UUA Ware Lecturer at the General Assembly in Louisville in June.) Patel, founder and director of *Interfaith Youth Core*, explains that we can bombard our opponents with books and pamphlets and facts, but the real change of attitude occurs in face-to-face relationships. For example, when a co-worker or neighbor of yours learns that you are a Unitarian Universalist, the very context of her/his appreciating your loyalty and character as a co-worker or neighbor brings respect to the other aspects of you, your religious affiliation, for example. The UU church now becomes more than an abstraction for the person who knows you and calls you by name.

We can read literature on Islam or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints – anyone can do that - but until we meet someone for conversation, calling each other by name, perhaps sharing a meal or ritual, our attitudes are likely to change very little. At church we invited Muslims after 9/11, and, in August, invited Sikhs, **Nikki** and **Gurcharan**, after the murderous rampage at the Gurdwara in Oak Creek, WI. Then, we invited two Mormons, **David** and **Deric**, who appeared in a pulpit-dialogue here in September. Facts can be found on a website or a reliable book on world religions. But in community, knowledge is incomplete without the face-to-face encounter. Have you experienced the action of *ARK*, attitude, knowledge, and relationship, working in positive ways in your life? Historians, political scientists, and sociologists often describe the inner workings of *ARK* as they describe the assimilation process of our nation, the blending and mixing of others from other continents into one nation. This nation is not a melting pot. We are a gumbo, where particular ingredients are identifiable and good. May face-to-face interaction continue to operate in our lives. This church would be meaningless without it. *ARK* is key to personal, spiritual, and transformational change. I call it *creative interchange*. Some would call it God. See you in church in December.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"In the end we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, we will understand only what we are taught." - Baba Dioum

I really like this quote, as it brings to mind some of the important purposes of a covenant community. In that spirit, and in addition to all the ongoing work of your church's board, councils, committees, staff and volunteers, we have several important efforts and activities for the membership this month.

First, a special congregational meeting for the membership **vote to ordain Nathan Ryan will be held on Sunday December 9, 2012**. The congregational meeting is set for **12:45 PM in the Sanctuary**. See page 4 for the meaning of ordination.

The Stewardship committee continues to receive pledges both for the 2013 operating budget, and the 3-year Great Expectations capital fund drive. The Finance committee is working on the 2013 budget, and we need all members to complete 2012 pledges as soon as possible in December, to support their efforts.

Pre-paid financial commitments to the operating budget or to the Capital Drive are appreciated. The sooner we build up the funds, the sooner projects can begin.

The Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold its next **regular monthly meeting on December 6th, 2012, at 7:00 PM** in the church office meeting room. Interested members are welcome to attend. Here is my contact information: 225-931-6270 or email me at michael_hebert@bellsouth.net.

From the Stewardship Committee

Online pledging is now available under Give on the church website. To enter your financial commitment to the Annual Budget (Jan-Dec, 2013) please visit <http://www.unitarianchurchbr.com/give/form> and visit <http://www.unitarianchurchbr.com/give/financial-commitment-great-expectations> to enter your commitment for the Great Expectation Capital Growth Drive (2013-2015).

Assistant Minister's Column

By **Nathan A. Ryan**

“It's not dark because it's Christmas. It's Christmas because it's dark.” This sage observation from a ministerial mentor of mine still rings true. Christmas time can be challenging for many people. This is the time when many remember those who used to be here, days long past, and reflect on our own lives. These are the darkest days of the year. It's no coincidence that we cope with the lack of sunlight by hanging lights on our porches and trees or by placing candles in our windows.

Just as we try to find ways to bring light into our homes, the church is here to bring light into your life (and it has been doing so since its founding more than 60 years ago). We have loving volunteers who are available to be with you in your darker times. We send cards to those in ill health, who lost a loved one, or had major life transitions. We can provide food and assistance when needed. Every Sunday the Listening Room (located in the hallway just off of the fellowship hall) is staffed by a Pastoral Care Associate. They are there to listen when you need to talk. Please note, while this may be therapeutic, it is not therapy, and the Associates do not perform counseling. They simply listen. The combined efforts of the Congregational Care Committee (CCC) and the Pastoral Care Associates (PCAs) help build a world we want to live in – a world of love and caring.

My Christmas hope is that you let us know what is going on in your life. Please call or email me to tell me when you are going to have surgery, when a family member is sick, or you just need to talk. Only through asking can we build a stronger community.

The Meaning of Ordination: Only a congregation in our tradition can ordain. Ordination is often called the highest demonstration of power that any standing congregation can exhibit. Our Board is asking the congregation on December 9 to vote to ordain Nathan Ryan. Having completed seminary and now credentialed by the UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee, Nathan could have asked any UU congregation to ordain him; however, he is asking us to ordain him, bestowing the title of *The Reverend* as part of his name, enabling him to participate fully in the rights and privileges of ordained clergy in this church, in Baton Rouge, and in society at large. Ordination is an empowering action on the part of any UU congregation. It is a ritual action with historically deep roots in the Unitarian Universalist tradition. Assuming a positive vote by the congregation on 12/9, we will plan an ordination ceremony for a Sunday evening in the new year.

By **Ila Stoltzfus, Director of Music**

And another year is coming to an end, but not until we have experienced 2012 Holiday Season. Our month of celebration includes some beautiful music for our Sunday services and special events.

On December 2, Baroque ensemble, **Michael Taylor**, recorder; **Leah Hartman**, harpsichord, **Ila Stoltzfus**, viola da gamba, return to provide music for this first Sunday of Advent.

The Adult Choir sings two anthems for Sunday December 9; a setting of *O Magnum Mysterium* composed by our own church member David Lindenfeld, and setting of *Sure on this Shining Night* by Morton Lauridsen. Both pieces have a quiet strength about them. A guest string ensemble from LSU brings additional music to this service.

On December 16, the choir sings an anthem by Felix Mendelssohn, *Behold a Star from Jacob Shining*. **Leah Hartman** and **Ila Stoltzfus** will play movements from a Mozart four-hand piano sonata.

On December 23, with the Impromptu Pageant we will hear the children's choir, directed by **Cathy McManus**. They will be rehearsing each Sunday in December after church for about 30 minutes in the choir room.

December 30 is our annual Requiem service to commemorate the deaths of well-known figures in the entertainment, political, academic, and literary world. The **HeartVoice Trio** returns to sing and **Ross Hoppe** and his band will provide instrumental music for this service.

The New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus returns on December 15 at 7:30 to our sanctuary for a concert celebrating the season and celebrating 30 years as a musical organization. Because our church has the venue for their Baton Rouge concerts, they invited our choir to sing in this concert. We will sing two anthems from our repertoire and will join them for the finale.

Our Christmas Eve service includes our choir, the **HeartVoice Trio**, and instrumentalists **Thomas Oswald**, violin; **Melanie Lançon**, flute; and **Michael Dawkins**, piano.

“For so the children come
And so they have been coming,
Always in the same way they came –
Born of the seed of man and woman.

No angels herald their beginnings.
No prophets predict their future courses.
No wise men see a star to show where to find
The babe that will save humankind.
Yet each night a child is born is a holy night... “ -- Sophia Lyon Fahs

Let us make room in our hearts for all the children of the world in this holiday season.

Christmas Tree Decorating Party: Sunday, December 2, 3 - 5 PM. Kids of all ages are invited to join us as we have a merry old time creating ornaments, singing Christmas carols, and making the tree look beautiful. Please bring a festive snack to share.



Gulf Coast Rally: Online registration will be available beginning December 4 for this Rally for Senior Youth, January 18-20, 2013 (MLK weekend) at First Unitarian Universalist Church in Houston, TX.

Youth – Adult Committee: Come to an organizational meeting on Sunday, December 9, for a Youth – Adult Committee (YAC) at our church. A YAC is a committee of youth and adults responsible for leadership at youth events as well as overseeing and coordinating these events. Additional goals often include fostering youth empowerment and keeping open lines of communication between youth and adults. The YAC organizational meeting will take at 5 PM in the Senior Youth room. Contact **Shannon Cavell**, shansc@cox.net for more information.

Winter Solstice Worship Service: Friday, December 21, 7 PM. Experience the magic of this longest winter night at our multigenerational worship service. Bring your most mouth-watering chili recipe to the potluck chili dinner before the worship service at 5:45 PM.

Impromptu Christmas Pageant: Sunday, December 23, 9:30 and 11:15 services. There will be music, love and laughter as the young and old of the congregation bring the Nativity story to life in this All Community Worship Service.

Guest at Your Table Boxes: Don't forget to feed your spare change, or even better, a generous check, to your Guest at Your Table box this month. Bring boxes back in late December or early January to support of the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.



Social Justice & Outreach

Becky Cureau, Director of Outreach
Bobby Thompson, Director of Social Justice



- Our church offers many ways to live out our principles. Our **Kid's Café** list sponsored by the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge has been completely filled Thanks to you. The wrapped, labeled, gifts are to be turned in no later than Sunday, December 9th.
- **Orders for pecans and pecan candies for the holidays from the Southern Alternative Cooperative (SAAC)** can now be placed online at www.shop.uusc.org by clicking under "Shop with compassion" on the right sidebar. Located in rural southwest Georgia, SAAC is a Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Fair Trade partner and is the only African American-owned pecan-shelling facility in the United States and is run by women. Fair trade is a set of principles and practices that more equitably distributes wealth and provides producers and farmers with a living wage. Supporting Fair Trade is central to UUSC's commitment to strengthening human rights and dignity for workers in the global economy. Orders from SAAC are typically received from five to seven days, so order early for delivery before Christmas.
- Our final volunteer project for the year is service at the St. Vincent de Paul Dining room on Wednesday, December 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sign-up continues at the Adult Activities Table in the breeze way through Sunday, December 9th. It is an opportunity to serve the noontime meal provided by SVDP to needy families and homeless individuals in our community along with other UU volunteers. Email rcureau@cox.net if you would like to augment community volunteers serving mid-day meals at SVDP during the Christmas holidays, or if high schoolers need to earn volunteer hours on weekends or during the holidays.
- The surplus of turkey, sides, and desserts from our bounteous Thanksgiving Dinner helped supplement a noontime meal at the Holy Grill. Ample thanks to **Dottie Kelly** and other kitchen helpers who packaged the food, and to Dottie and **Maggie Brolin** for making the early Monday morning delivery. The Holy Grill is a project of the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge, which welcomes such contributions in support of its much-needed food service in the Zion City area of North Baton Rouge.
- Many thanks for your generous donations of staple items for Thanksgiving meals for those served by the Baton Rouge Food Bank. The need to assist the Food Bank in its mission of providing food for those in need in our community and surrounding areas is ongoing, so please continue to bring staple items for our Food Cart located in the breeze way.

Roots Class

- **Roots**, is an introduction to Unitarian Universalism, and our church led by our **Assistant Minister, Nathan A. Ryan**. Our

next class will be Wednesdays, November 28, December 5 and December 12, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Please sign up at the book table.



Are you a young adult (aged 18-35ish) member or friend of UCBR? Whether you're brand new to the church or a familiar friend we hope you'll join our young adult group, **GenUU**, for an activity! Here's what we have scheduled in the coming months:

Sunday December 16th: A Sunday full of fun with GenUU. Join fellow young adults for worship at the 11:15 service. Continue fellowship as we break bread together at a local restaurant. Then meet back up at the church from 2-4pm to tackle the next session from our Ethics curriculum "Cultivating a Virtuous Character". Join us for one or all of these activities.

Thursday January 24th: 6:30-8:30pm. Come to room #7 of the RE wing of UCBR for the next session from the UUA Ethics curriculum. This time we discuss "Natural, Legal, and Human Rights."

Sunday February 17th: A GenUU filled Sunday! Come to the 11:15 service to enjoy worship with fellow young adults. Stick around to pick out a restaurant so we can chat as we eat together. Then it's back to UCBR from 2-4pm to look at "Narrative Ethics", the next session from the Ethics curriculum.

Thursday March 21st: 6:30-8:30pm. Join GenUU in room 7 of the religious education wing of the church for a session from our Ethics curriculum. What insight about yourself will you glean from our discussion about "Relational Ethics"?

Sunday April 14th: This Sunday join other young adults for worship at the 11:15 service. Stick around to break bread with us at a local restaurant after the service. Then meet us back at the church from 2-4pm for the last of our Ethics discussions: "Understanding Ethics from the Margins".

Spring Retreat: April 19th-21st! Write down this date now in your scheduling device so you can be sure to attend. GenUU retreats offer time for learning and discussion, worship, and bonding with fellow young adults.

Please contact group leader **Christy Howard** (christyrhoward@gmail.com) for further info.

WORKSHOP

Grief During the Holidays ~ remembering the loss of a loved one, recently or long ago, conducted by **Rick Pitcher**, (Chaplain of Hospice of Baton Rouge) **Sunday, December 16, 3 PM**, Choir Room. No sign-up necessary. Just Drop in to listen or to share.



Lunch Bunch

All times are 1 PM, on Sundays after church services.
Everyone is always welcome.

December 2 ~ Albasha, 2561 Citiplace

December 9 ~ Teppanyaki Hibachi Grill, 7677 Andrea Dr.

December 16 ~ Monjuni's Italian Café, 711 Jefferson Hwy.

December 23 ~ Zoe's Kitchen, 7707 Bluebonnet

December 30 ~ Give Guys, 2380 Town Center

CIRCLE SUPPERS

Our next Circle Supper will be hosted by **Gloria Bockrath** and **Foye Lowe** on Saturday, December 1, 6:30 PM

GREEN SANCTUARY

Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale Slated for Dec. 1 ~ Baton Rouge residents can buy a discounted backyard compost bin or rain barrel, plus pick up some free mulch on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Memorial Stadium, located at 1702 Foss Street. Residents should enter the stadium from Scenic Highway. Compost bins that retail for \$100 will be on sale for \$30 and rain barrels that retail for \$150 will be available for \$45. Nature's Best Organics will offer free mulch, one scoop per pick-up truck or load-your-own container, while supplies last. Please visit the Recycling Office website at www.brgov.com/recycle for more information.



Our Capital Growth Campaign is well underway, and we are in sight of achieving the goals of our Strategic Growth Plan. As a reminder, those goals include:

A Safe and Accessible Campus and Memorial Area: Our Parking Lot. Our church campus will be more welcoming with a new and redesigned parking lot with marked spaces and new landscaping. Well-lighted areas will ensure safety and security at night. Our meadow, with the Peace Stones as a central focus, will create a beautiful and respectful setting for memorial services and meditation.

A More Sacred and Accessible Space to Gather in Diverse Worship: Our Sanctuary. Our long-time dreams of a raised chancel will allow greater visibility from any place in the sanctuary. Children in multi generational worship will be better able to see the minister and others participating in worship services and other occasions. New theater lighting, a state-of-the-art audio system, built-in projector equipment, and new carpeting will result in an aesthetically inviting environment for children and adults alike. And yes, we can look forward to a reduction of that pesky glare from our land-mark circle window!

Increased Capacity for a Growing Membership and Ministry: Expanded Staffing: Our over-loaded professional and volunteer staff is already realizing the benefits of having an Assistant Minister. However, only two years of funding for the Assistant Minister's position is currently available, so permanent funding is needed in order to increase the potential of advancing our goals of social justice, programming, and greater presence in the larger community. Additionally, several other positions are needed to help with administrative and technical functions to support professional staff. Additions to administrative space are also needed.

The goals of our "Great Expectations" Capital Growth Campaign evolved from the hopes and dreams for what our growing church could be, articulated by members who gathered in Cottage Meetings held in members' homes more than three years ago. Their achievement will be joyously shared by all who make generous and sacrificial pledges to our Capital Growth Campaign. If you have not already done so, join others who have pledged to make dreams for the continued and future growth of our church a reality.

Becky Cureau, Communications Chair; Capital Growth Campaign

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

Everyone is welcome to attend & newcomers are encouraged.

- **Visitor Q & A with one of our ministers** ~ 1st Sunday of each month, R7, immediately after each service.
- **Bible Study For Skeptics** ~ How was the "mythical Christ" created? Next meeting: Dec. 16, 5 p.m. in the church office. Reading: chap. 7 from Bart Ehrman's book "Did Jesus Exist?" Everyone's welcome. Lagniappe tidbit: "Bah humbug!" was first created by a Unitarian author, Charles Dickens. Contact **Emily Toth** emtoth14@Yahoo.com.
- **Open Circle Book Club** ~ meet on December 2 at 7:00 PM in the church office. The book is *The Gold Coast*, by Nelson DeMille. Contact **Bob Dorroh** - bobdorroh@gmail.com.
- **Tai Chi** ~ every Monday at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Contact **Margie Belk** - marjoriebelk@bellsouth.net.
- **Freethinkers Humanist Movie Night** ~ meet December 3, 7 PM to view *Whale Rider* a 2002 Family Drama – 101 minutes - a young Maori girl's fight to fulfill her destiny. Contact **Connie Holmes** - cholmes25@cox.net.
- **Women's Book Club** ~ meet Monday, December 10 at 7 PM. The book is *Not becoming my mother and other things she taught me* by Ruth Reichl. Contact **Carolyn Stutts** - stutts@cox.net.
- **Freethinkers** ~ meet December 17, 7 PM, R7 to watch *Why we fight*, a 99 min documentary about war-making provided by Pierre Sargent. Discussion to follow the film. We're open for future presentation of topics as offered. If there is no presentation scheduled we meet for unstructured discussion. Contact **Connie Holmes** - cholmes25@cox.net.
- **Gentle Movement Class** ~ Tuesdays & Fridays at 9:30 AM, Wednesdays at 5:15 PM. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring your yoga mat. Contact **Carol Harrison** - dcarolha@comcast.net.
- **Socrates Café** ~ meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM, R6. Contact **Wayne Parker** - rwemerson1957@yahoo.com.
- **Adult Choir** ~ Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Contact **Ila Stoltzfus** music@unitarianchurchbr.com.
- **Recorders** ~ the advanced group meets 1st Wednesday of each month, 6:30 PM & the beginners group meet every Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Contact **Marvin Bishop** - mbishop@curtisswright.com.
- **Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)** ~ 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Contact **Carol Frazier** - cjfrazier@bellsouth.net.
- **Meditation** ~ Thursdays at 7 PM. **The group will not gather on December 27 & 29.** Contact **Jean Hansen** - jhansen720@aol.com.
- **Everyone's Non-fiction Book Club** ~ The startup meeting will be January 10, 7 PM discussing *The Invention of Air* by Steven Johnson. Contact **Bruce Toth** - tothbr@cox.net.
- **The Open-minded Home Group of Narcotics Anonymous** ~ meet every Wednesday at 8 PM in R7. We will share our experience, strength, and hope. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using. We encourage all curious about recovery to attend. Contact **Logan Kinamore** - doktorlck@gmail.com.



This season opens the heart, welcomes the stranger, splurges on un-necessaries,
shares the bounty, spreads the warmth, embraces justice, delights in the presence of children,
and lights the way so that we might see how to live all the other seasons of our lives.

(Steve J. Crump)

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