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## Sunday Services

**March 27** Tony Tremblay *Exploring New Brunswick Culture*

**April 3** Membership Committee *New Member Sunday*

**April 10** Sue Steen *What Lifts Me Up* Sue will share the unique perspective she has gained while studying the Wisdom of Kabbalah over the past year and a half.

**April 17** Three speakers from the Fellowship *What Drew Me to Unitarianism*

**April 24 & May 1** TBA



## Women's Pot Luck

The next monthly women's pot luck dinner will be held April 29, 2011. We gather at 6 PM and eat at 6:30 PM. Janet Crawford will host the evening at her home, 155 Aberdeen St. Discussion topic: What raises you up? Does it always work? Tell us about it. For more information contact Joan Brewer at 455-5169 or [jebrewer@rogers.com](mailto:jebrewer@rogers.com)



## Young Children's RE Facilitator

Wanted: Religious Education Facilitator for the Young Children's Group

Dear members and friends of the Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton,

On behalf of the Religious Education Committee, I'm writing to ask for your assistance with the recruitment of the facilitator for our young children's group. The young children's group facilitator Heidi recently resigned her position due to family reasons. We are looking for someone to replace Heidi to be the facilitator for our young children's group starting May1, 2011.

Currently, there are 3-6 kids age 1 to 8 attending the young children's group during services on Sunday. To accommodate the different needs of the children in the group, a babysitter is also available to assist the facilitator in the class room.

The following is a description of what we are looking for. If you know someone, who you believe may be interested in coming in for an interview, please forward the information to the person or let us know by contacting Mei Huang at [xuemeih1@gmail.com](mailto:xuemeih1@gmail.com) or 450-3076. We appreciate your support!

Wanted: Religious Education Facilitator for the Young Children's Group

Job Description:

The Religious Education Facilitator for the young children's group:

- Prepares and teaches lessons on Sundays according to the curriculum chosen by the Religious Education Committee.
- Cares, nurtures, and supervises a class of approximately 3 to 8 children with the assistance of a babysitter.
- Participates in RE planning and special events such as apple picking, Christmas party, picnics, etc.

- Commits to a minimum of 1 hour of preparation for the class; 2 hours at the fellowship on Sundays with the children, monthly RE committee meetings, and occasional special events.
- Reports to RE committee monthly and engages parents with lesson plan updates via weekly email.
- Receives an honorarium of \$50 per Sunday for the service.

Suitable candidates are fond of working with young children. First aid/CPR training and talent/experience for teaching is an asset. A criminal records check is required.

To ensure mutual suitability, there will be a two month mutual evaluation period during which feedback from facilitators, children, parents, and RE committee members will be considered.

If you are interested in the position, please send your cover letter and resume with references to Mei Huang (Chair, RE committee) at xuemeih1@gmail.com. We thank all applicants for their interest. Those chosen for interview will be contacted.

Mei Huang  
Chair person of RE committee



## A letter from Sendai

Things here in Sendai have been rather surreal. But I am very blessed to have wonderful friends who are helping me a lot. Since my shack is even more worthy of that name, I am now staying at a friend's home. We share supplies like water, food and a kerosene heater. We sleep lined up in one room, eat by candlelight, share stories. It is warm, friendly, and beautiful.

During the day we help each other clean up the mess in our homes. People sit in their cars, looking at news on their navigation screens, or line up to get drinking water when a source is open. If someone has water running in their home, they put out sign so people can come to fill up their jugs and buckets.

Utterly amazingly where I am there has been no looting, no pushing in lines. People leave their front door open, as it is safer when an earthquake strikes. People keep saying, "Oh, this is how it used to be in the old days when everyone helped one another."

Quakes keep coming. Last night they struck about every 15 minutes. Sirens are constant and helicopters pass overhead often.

We got water for a few hours in our homes last night, and now it is for half a day. Electricity came on this afternoon. Gas has not yet come on. But all of this is by area. Some people have these things, others do not. No one has washed for several days. We feel grubby, but there are so much

more important concerns than that for us now. I love this peeling away of non-essentials. Living fully on the level of instinct, of intuition, of caring, of what is needed for survival, not just of me, but of the entire group.

There are strange parallel universes happening. Houses a mess in some places, yet then a house with futons or laundry out drying in the sun. People lining up for water and food, and yet a few people out walking their dogs. All happening at the same time.

Other unexpected touches of beauty are first, the silence at night. No cars. No one out on the streets. And the heavens at night are scattered with stars. I usually can see about two, but now the whole sky is filled. The mountains are Sendai are solid and with the crisp air we can see them silhouetted against the sky magnificently.

And the Japanese themselves are so wonderful. I come back to my shack to check on it each day, now to send this e-mail since the electricity is on, and I find food and water left in my entranceway. I have no idea from whom, but it is there. Old men in green hats go from door to door checking to see if everyone is OK. People talk to complete strangers asking if they need help. I see no signs of fear. Resignation, yes, but fear or panic, no.

They tell us we can expect aftershocks, and even other major quakes, for another month or more. And we are getting constant tremors, rolls, shaking, rumbling. I am blessed in that I live in a part of Sendai that is a bit elevated, a bit more solid than other parts. So, so far this area is better off than others. Last night my friend's husband came in from the country, bringing food and water. Blessed again.

Somehow at this time I realize from direct experience that there is indeed an enormous Cosmic evolutionary step that is occurring all over the world right at this moment. And somehow as I experience the events happening now in Japan, I can feel my heart opening very wide. My brother asked me if I felt so small because of all that is happening. I don't. Rather, I feel as part of something happening that much larger than myself. This wave of birthing (worldwide) is hard, and yet magnificent.

Thank you again for your care and Love of me,

With Love in return, to you all,  
Anne



## Some April Festivals

**April 19:** Pesach or Passover begins at sundown on the 18th and continues until the 26. This is the time of year when Jews commemorate the story of the Exodus when the Children of Israel escaped slavery in Egypt.

**April 21:** At sundown on the 20th, begins the twelve day Bahá'í celebration of Ridván which commemorates the commencement of Bahá'u'lláh's prophethood. This is the

most holy Bahá'í festival.

**April 24:** Easter Sunday this year. Arguably the most significant festival in the Christian calendar, Easter may fall as late as April 25, so this year misses the latest possible date by one day. On this day, many Christians will celebrate the resurrection of the living God. While many countries have names for this feast based on their word for the Passover, with which the Passion of Christ is associated, English countries are interesting for using the name Easter which appears to be associated with the pagan fertility goddess, Ēostre, whose festival was celebrated at the same time of year. Her symbols of fertility, such as eggs and rabbits, still feature prominently in the Christian festival.



*Resurrection*  
by Matthias Grünewald



## The Sunday Service Committee Invites Your Input

The members of the worship committee are planning services for the remainder of the current year. At this time we are looking for presenters from within our TUFF community. Are you interested in being the speaker for a service? Do you have any ideas for a suitable presentation? Would you like to participate by being the service leader or maybe just doing the children's story? Or perhaps you have a suggestion for a speaker from the community at large. If so, please speak to one of the committee members. Your input is important.

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## Help Young Adults to ACM

You may have heard that there is a push to get a large group of Young Adults (18-35 year olds) to the CUC's Annual Conference and Meeting in Toronto this May. If you have, you may be wondering why you and your congregation should care, and whether it's worth it to you to try to help your young adults to attend. Here are 5 reasons I think that every UU congregation and fellowship, as well

as every individual member, should do what they can to support this project.

### 1. Multigenerational Community

Do you want to be a truly Multigenerational Community? Then you need to support your members (and potential members) at all stages of their lives. This means you can't afford to forget about the needs of bridging youth, or of young adults and young families who find your congregation. Welcome them and show them you're willing to work to support them, and they'll be more likely to stick around.

### 2. Growth

Want to grow your congregation? Don't forget about young adults! The invitations you extend now to participate in the life of your congregation, and the experiences these young adults have at the ACM this year, will encourage them to come back to your congregation and become more involved! This includes becoming members and pledging to support the congregation that supports them.

### 3. Community Building

Community projects and creative fundraising events are a great opportunity for people of all ages to interact in new ways, and to get to know one another.

### 4. Leadership

Are your current leaders burnt-out and over-committed? Want someone else to take on some of those key roles? Young adults, especially those that grew up UU, are a great source of new leadership, and are often ready for these roles sooner than other new members. If they feel supported by your congregation, they will be much more willing to take on these roles.

### 5. New Ideas

Young adults have different experiences and different perspectives from many of your other members, which can be a great way to rejuvenate your congregation!

If you're convinced and want to help, talk to any young adults in your congregation to see if they're interested in attending the ACM.

If they are:

- \* Offer to help them fundraise to cover their costs - contact me at christine.mishra@gmail.com for a list of creative fundraising ideas!
- \* Ask your board to consider providing travel subsidies to help them get there
- \* You can also offer to pay part or all of the registration fees for a young adult in your congregation, OR contact me to get matched with a young adult from somewhere else in Canada who could use some help.

Other ways to support Young Adults and make them feel

more welcome in your congregation include extending a personal invitation to a young adult to take on a meaningful role; asking your Sunday services committee to consider putting on the Minding the Gap service (you can find a complete kit for this service on the CUC website) to get the conversation about young adults started; and finding ways for people of all ages to make real connections and friendships.

Here's to creating more multigenerational communities!

Christine Mishra  
Co-Worship Coordinator on the  
Young Adult Planning Group

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## CU\*UL School (East)

July 14-17 at Mount St. Vincent University, Halifax, NS

Canadian Unitarian Universalist Leadership School ("CU\*UL School") is a uniquely rich training opportunity for present and future congregational leaders. See the CU\*UL School page of the CUC web site for details.

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## In Memoriam, Marie Rushbrook

Our friend Marie Rushbrook died on Monday, peacefully by all accounts, at Thomas Hall. She and her sister Regina Clarke, who died recently as well, grew up in the Universalist Church in Harvey. The pulpit in the fellowship comes from their home church, made as it was by Regina and Marie's uncle. Marie brought Regina (kicking and screaming, somewhat) to TUFF for the first time, after which they both supported TUFF as well as they could, during their final years. You may remember the memoir written by Regina, and published in sections from time to time in Touchstone.



Marie was generous, calm, and lovely in a hundred ways, and nursing staff never had trouble taking care of her gentle soul. The world cannot help but miss her sweet presence among us.

The obit, printed below, reveals a productive and happy life, but it does not mention that Marie married her husband, the father of her children, twice, and divorced him twice. "The divorce finally took," she said.

She was a dear, dear person, and i am glad to have known her.

**From Swan's Funeral Home**

Marie C. Rushbrook of York Mills and Fredericton, NB

passed away on March 14, 2011 at Shannex Thomas Hall, Fredericton. Born at York Mills, NB on April 11, 1923, she was a daughter of the late Howard and Lottie (Nesbitt) Little.

Marie graduated from Sherbrook Hospital Nursing School in 1946. Before her marriage, Marie worked at the Children's Polio Hospital in Fredericton. In later years, she nursed at Sunnybrook Hospital and then for the Department of Public Health in Toronto, ON until her retirement. Marie loved music and was a gifted piano player. She studied music throughout her youth and although she could easily read music, she had a remarkable 'ear'. She could hear a song on the radio once, then sit down at the piano and play it. Marie and her sister, Regina, loved to harmonize on the old tunes of the 30's and 40's and were a great asset to any family gathering or party. Marie was an avid cross-country skier and she loved to travel, especially by car. She loved the spontaneous adventure of the open road. In 1986, she and Regina drove across Canada and back, to visit Vancouver's Expo.

Marie is survived by her children, Susan Gladiuk (Ron), Abbotsford, BC and David Rushbrook (Lucie), Whistler, BC and her grandchildren, Gabriel Matteau-Rushbrook and Camie Matteau-Rushbrook; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Marie was predeceased by her son John Rushbrook, her sister, Regina Clarke and her brothers, Edwin and Roy Little.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Allen, Dr. Cameron and all the nursing staff at Shannex Thomas Hall for their genuine concern and kind care of our mother, especially over the past several months.

In keeping with her expressed wishes, Marie's remains have been given to Medical Science. At her request there will be no funeral service.

For those who wish to make a donation of remembrance, please choose a charity or organization that you feel strongly about.

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## In Memoriam, Peggy Fenety

Peggy Fenety (born Margaret Anne Campbell) died March 15th of complications arising from a stroke at the age of 83. Peggy spent most of her childhood in Montreal until the family moved to Glenwood in the St. John River Valley during WWII. She continued her studies in Montreal at MacDonald College until the boyfriend she had met at Browns Flat during summer holidays, Bill Fenety, proposed at the end of the war. They were married in Fredericton where they raised four children, Steven, Dan, Joan and Amy. She worked at the Political Science Department at UNB until her retirement at 62. In retirement she was a 'girl on the go.' She loved spending time with

her grandchildren and following their lives as they grew into young adults. She enjoyed meeting new people and delighted in bowling with her friends, swimming at the YMCA and travelling the world. She found great solace in nature and would happily spend hours at her cottage, the Sanctuary, puttering in her garden, watching the loons on the lake and the birds in the field. Peggy also took a keen interest in the world of business and enjoyed keeping on top of the financial ebbs and flows. She will be sorely missed by her children and her grandchildren Dylan and Alana Gullison and Erin Fenety. There will be no visitation by request. The funeral service took place at The J.A. McAdam Chapel, 160 York Street, Fredericton on Friday, March 18th, 2011 at 2:00 PM with Rev. Kelly Burke officiating. For those who wish, memorial tributes made to the charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family.

Peggy Fenety was one of the early Unitarian Fellowship members.

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## Dying With Dignity

The newest issue of The Voice is complete and posted online for all members and eVoice Subscribers. This 8 page issue covers a diverse number of subjects, and we are sure you will find all articles to be interesting.

Inside you will find:

- \* 'No Need to Go to Switzerland', an article that explains how our own Client Support Program can offer you dignity at the end-of-life while working within the current Canadian Laws. (Page 1)
- \* 'Youth: A Fountain of Hope', a beautifully written story by a DWD Canada member on the experiences by her entire family around her mother's death. (Page 3)
- \* 'Financial Feature', is a two-page spread that explains where the organization is sitting financially and the various ways we can all help - you'll be amazed at how easy some of them are. (Pages 4 and 5)
- \* 'The Political Bullies in America Have Won' and 'Victory in Montana' Two articles on what is happening just to the South of us. (Page 6 and 7)
- \* And so much more! 8 full pages of ever so much more.

As always, we are thankful to our members and supporters who had submitted pieces for this issue. Thank you all so much!

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We hope you enjoy the newsletter - we welcome any comments, compliments and feedback.

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## All Narrowness Limits Love

All narrowness limits love.  
 In the East, as in the rest of the world,  
 humanity is breaking itself into narrow groups  
 based on cast, creed, race, nationality, religion or culture.  
 All this is due to ignorance, prejudice and selfishness.  
 It can only be mended by fostering a spirit of mutuality  
 which will derive its strength from a sense of the inviolable  
 unity of all life.

Creative leadership will have to recognize and then emphasize the fact that all men are already united, not only by their co-partnership in the divine plan for the earth, but also by the fact that they are all equally the expression of the one life. No line of action can be really fruitful unless it is in complete harmony with this truth. There must be love for friend and foe, good will, patience and forbearance. Man must try to remedy his own defects instead of clamouring about the faults of others. The world will soon realize that neither cults, creeds and ceremonies on the one hand, nor passionate striving for material welfare on the other, can ever bring about real happiness – but that selfless love and universal brotherhood can accomplish it. The future of humanity is in the hands of those who have this vision...

From “*Listen Humanity*”  
by Meher Baba



## Social Focus

*Editor’s note: this is repeated from last month at the request of the board*

### Introduction

Over the last couple of years the Board of Directors has from-time-to-time discussed the level of involvement of the Fellowship in local social actions. At its monthly meeting on February 20th the UFF Board of Directors approved a project which calls for a process to be implemented on a pilot basis that will see the Fellowship adopt a “Primary Social Focus” for the 2011-2012 year. Following is a description of the process. There will be opportunities to ask questions and seek clarification about both the rationale for this project as well as the process itself during upcoming services. Please give this important project your attention. Thank you.

Tom Hanley  
On behalf of the Board

### A Proposed Process for Selecting a “PRIMARY” Social Focus by TUFF on an Annual Basis

February 21, 2011

1. Any member or friend of the Fellowship may request to address the congregation with respect to a social issue in which they have an interest and which they think should be adopted by the Fellowship as its “primary” social focus

for the coming year. Prior to making their request, however, they must find at least two other members or friends of the Fellowship who are also interested in pursuing the same social issue.

2. The request to address the congregation and information relating to each social issue (including any proposed social actions) shall be submitted to the Chair of the Social Responsibility Committee.

3. The scheduling of the presentations to the congregation will be made by the Chair of the Social Responsibility Committee in cooperation with the Chair of the Sunday Services Committee. Only one presentation may be made on any given Sunday.

4. Presentations to the congregation may take the form of a whole Sunday Service or may be presented in a shorter format. In either case it is expected that the group will include information about the social issue, provide some background as to why they have an interest in this particular issue, and how they would like the Fellowship community to be involved. The presentation to the congregation may be supplemented by circulating information via e-mail and/or by an article in *Touchstone*.

5. Presentations should be made prior to the annual meeting in June with preference given to the months of April and May.

6. In preparation for the Annual General Meeting in June the Chair of the Social Responsibility Committee will prepare a synopsis of each social issue being proposed for adoption as the “primary” social focus of the Fellowship for the following year.

7. During the AGM, the sponsor of each proposed social focus may address the meeting in support of their proposal. Their remarks will be limited to three minutes.

8. Following the presentation of proposals the members in attendance at the AGM shall vote to determine the primary social focus for the coming year (July to June). **As per our By-Laws, “...two-thirds of the members in attendance must vote in favour of a social action in order for it to be adopted ...in the name of the Fellowship.”** (This may require more than one round of voting.)

9. The adoption of a “primary” social focus by the Fellowship commits the Board and membership to support that particular cause to the extent possible for the year indicated.

10. The adoption of a “primary” social focus by the Fellowship does not prevent individual members or small groups from supporting other social actions in which they have an interest.

11. Consideration of a “primary” social focus shall become a standard agenda item as part of the Fellowship AGM.

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