



**LEE BOEKE BURKE: “One Big Family: The UU Partnership Council”**

**Feb. 3**

*Our speaker is the Outreach Coordinator for the Unitarian Universalist Partnership Council (UUPC), which is an affiliate of Unitarian Universalist Association. The mission of the UUPC is to foster and support partner relationships between North American congregations and congregations, schools, and agencies in all other countries where partnering is sought and welcomed. This includes countries where partners are already active, such as Romania, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, as well as other countries where new partnerships are now beginning, such as the Philippines, India, and Poland.*

Introduction: Jean Lawrence

**REV. PAUL BRITNER: “The Right Mix: Faith and Science of Joseph Priestley”**

**Feb. 10**

*Unitarian minister and scientist Joseph Priestley is credited with the discovery of oxygen, and he is regarded among the pantheon of great Enlightenment scholars. He is more important to most UUs, though, for having established the first Unitarian church in Philadelphia in 1794, and for carrying the message that faith and science can co-exist.*

Introduction: Elaine Snyder-Conn

**MARGARET DOZIER, MD: “Fundamentals of Jungian Analysis”**

**Feb. 17**

*The word “Psyche” derives from the Greek word meaning “soul or breath.” Like the soul, Psyche is that infinitely valuable, all too often unvalued, thing. In a time in which Psyche runs the risk of being reduced to “nothing but” a series of biochemical processes, Dr. Margaret Dozier presents to us images of its immensity and wonder. Having completed her degree in Zurich, Switzerland, Dr. Dozier is a Jungian analyst currently practicing near Silverhill.*

Introduction: Harvey Joanning, Ph.D.

**MORRIS BOSEY: “Building a Fellowship Through a Welcoming Positive Attitude”**

**Feb. 24**

*A retired professor and counseling psychologist from Niagara College, Morris Bosey is here for the winter from his home in Canada. He will talk about a growing movement called Positive Psychology, and discuss the positive spirituality of Matthew Fox’s “Creation Spirituality.”*

Introduction: Michael Patrick

**Everyone is invited to attend the Last Sunday of the Month potluck following the February 24 program. Please bring a dish to share and join us for fellowship and conversation.**

**Sunday Service 11 a.m., 1150 Fairhope Ave.**

Adult discussion group meets each Sunday at 10 a.m. Come join us!

Write 1150 Fairhope Ave., Fairhope, AL 36532. Tel. 251-929-3207. Visit our website at

**[www.fairhopeuu.org](http://www.fairhopeuu.org)**

## Documentaries to be Shown on First and Third Saturdays

On the first Saturday, February 2, we will show the movie: *The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil* (2006, 53 minutes)

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990, Cuba's economy went into a tailspin. With imports of oil cut by more than half – and food by 80 percent – people were desperate. This film tells of the hardships and struggles as well as the community and creativity of the Cuban people during this difficult time. Cubans share how they transitioned from a highly mechanized, industrial agricultural system to one using organic methods of farming and local, urban gardens. It is an unusual look into the Cuban culture during this economic crisis, which they call "*The Special Period.*" The film opens with a short history of Peak Oil, a term for the time in our history when world oil production will reach its all-time peak and begin to decline forever.

On the third Saturdays of most months we will have a repeat of one of the documentary movies we have shown over the past two years. It will be your chance to see a movie you missed, or to see it again and catch what you missed the first time, or have forgotten.

At 7 p.m. Saturday, February 16, we will show: *The Future of Food* (2005, 88 minutes), originally shown Oct. 7, 2006. This documentary explores the disturbing truth behind the unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods that have quietly filled grocery store shelves for the past decade. It also examines the complex web of market and political forces that are changing what we eat as huge multi-national corporations seek to control the world's food system.

If there is a documentary you want to recommend, or a suggestion of one you would like repeated, contact Ed Lawrence at

## Spirituality Discussion Group Starting in February

The Third Unitarian Universalist Principle reads: **“Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.”**

What is spirituality to you? Are you interested in exploring this aspect of UUism in a month-long discussion group?

The Unitarian Universalist Association Bookstore has an assortment of possible guides for such a discussion:

**Spirituality for the Skeptic: The Thoughtful Love of Life** by R.C. Solomon. Examining the ideas of great thinkers from Socrates and Nietzsche to Buddha and Kafka, the author explores a modern spirituality that encompasses enthusiasm for the world, transformation of self, rationality, and more.

**Everyday Spiritual Practice: Simple Pathways for Enriching Your Life** edited by S.W. Alexander. Contributors suggest ways to integrate your heartfelt beliefs into your daily life. Practicing martial arts, fasting, and quilting are just a few of the ways they've found to make every day more meaningful and satisfying.

**A Walk with Four Spiritual Guides: Krishna, Buddha, Jesus, and Ramakrishna** by Andrew Harvey. This book is described: Four spiritual guides, four classic texts, timeless wisdom for our complicated world.

If you are interested in joining this self-led group, there's still time to sign up. Please send an email to [uuruthg@gulftel.com](mailto:uuruthg@gulftel.com)

– Ruth Geraci

## Thursday Evening Colloquium Returns With History of Disbelief

The fascinating video series, *A Rough History of Disbelief* by Jonathan Miller, is back for viewing and discussion, due to popular demand.

Each of the three videos will be shown and discussed at a Thursday Night Colloquium (TNC) in February, from 7 –8:30 p.m.

Members and Friends of the Fellowship who missed the first showing back in August, as well as those who just want to see these videos again, are welcome to attend. The videos are each one hour long, leaving a half hour for discussion.

### TNC February Schedule

Feb. 7: Shadows of Doubt

Feb. 14: Noughts and Crosses

Feb. 21: The Final Hour

Feb. 28: TNC participants will discuss Truth.

– Bud Gardner

### Jonathan Miller

A critic once described the mind of Jonathan Miller as a turmoil of sizzling wires, connecting drama with anthropology, literature with quantum physics, linguistics with genetic theory.

The son of a distinguished child psychiatrist, Miller studied natural sciences at Cambridge and earned his MD in 1959.

At University, Miller was a member of the comedy troupe, the Cambridge Footlights, from which he was invited to join the satirical production, “**Beyond the Fringe**,” which many regard as the antecedent to **Month Python** and **Saturday Night Live**.

Since his detour away from medicine, Miller has spent 40 years directing theatre, opera and film for many of the most distinguished companies in London and New York.

His documentary, **A Rough History of Disbelief**, aired on PBS in 2007.

– from [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org)

## Ongoing Activities at the Fellowship Focus on Books

### Authors Discussion Group

The Authors Discussion Group, which meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Library/Office, has selected authors for the coming three months:

Jan. 10: Chris Bohjalian, discussion led by Pam Perkins

Feb. 14: Maya Angelou, discussion led by Ruth Geraci

Mar. 13: Kurt Vonnegut, discussion led by Jean Lawrence

The group welcomes new members to its discussion, which starts at 9:30 a.m.

– Diane Ehlers

### Non-Fiction Twice a Month



New participants are always welcome at the Non-Fiction Book Discussion, which meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month starting at 9:30 a.m. Bring your favorite work of non-fiction to share.

### One Game Night in February

Game Night will be held at the Fellowship on Saturday, February 9 from 6:30-9 p.m.

The second game night, usually scheduled on the third Saturday of the month, will be preempted this month by the Contra Dance.

## Our Social Action Page

### Volunteers Needed for " Eyes Wide Open " Exhibit—Meeting Jan. 31

The American Friends Society (Quaker) exhibit, "Eyes Wide Open", has traveled to a number of U. S. cities to increase the awareness of the cost of war. There will be a solemn and reverent approach to the material— not a demonstration, not a political approach. This memorial exhibit, which has been in Birmingham, will come to Mobile March 14 and will be in Fairhope at the time of the Spring Art Festival.

The exhibit started out as a display of loss of life nationally but, because of the escalating numbers, is now a display of each state's losses — as well as of Iraqi losses. The death of each of 70 Alabama soldiers lost in this war will be represented by a soldier's boot to which a name is attached; losses of Iraqi civilians will be represented by a display of 200 shoes. The names of fallen Alabamians and Iraqis will be read. Posters will provide the financial cost of each day of this war to Alabama.

Approximately 20 volunteers are needed to set up the exhibit, including arranging boots & shoes, to read names and speak with visitors. The Friends Society invites us to join them. Sign up on the sheet at the cookie table in the back of our Fellowship on Sunday mornings.

On Thursday, Jan. 31, there will be an important organization meeting for this event at the Friends Meeting House about a half mile east of the Fellowship at 9261 Fairhope Avenue, beginning at 7 p.m.

— Ann Chapman

### SAC Chairperson Needed

A new chairperson is needed for the Social Action Committee. Contact Ruth Geraci if interested.

### Well Done, FUF!

Congratulations to this Fairhope congregation! Your contributions for the Guest at Your Table fund drive totaled \$817.37 AND you bought \$540. in holiday cards. That's a total of \$1,357.37 being sent from FUF to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). (*See more about them below.*)

UUSC is the action arm of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Thanks from the many hearts you will have touched — from country to country to country.

— Ann Chapman

### How Our Donations Are Used

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) focuses on four major program areas to carry out our efforts to advance human rights and social justice. We work in partnership with local grassroots organizations in the U.S. and around the world, standing with these communities as they confront unjust power structures and challenge oppressive policies. We focus especially on issues of race, class and gender and their roles in perpetuating injustice and human rights abuses.

+Advancing economic justice. UUSC addresses the issues of globalization and privatization, focusing on defending workers' rights and supporting living wage campaigns.

+Defending civil liberties and access to democratic processes. UUSC and civil liberties partners work to defend individual freedom and rights.

+Promoting environmental justice. UUSC's primary focus in this area is promoting and defending the human right to water.

+Protecting rights in humanitarian crises. UUSC responds strategically to disasters, whether man-made or natural.

— excerpts from [www.uusc.org/programs](http://www.uusc.org/programs)

## Sustainability Forum

### More About the Jessups 'Lazy Organic Garden

During the Green Sanctuary Committee's recent program on sustainable living, I talked briefly about our organic garden, especially our use of easily available fertilizer such as dead leaves and pine straw, augmented with an occasional dose of chicken droppings. I'd like to elaborate a bit more here.

First, let's be clear that we garden without chemicals by default as much as by conviction. We don't enjoy spraying toxic stuff at roses (which I tried in England), or mixing into the soil materials we don't understand.

John does a lot of pruning and vine removal, as well as blow the driveways and mow the lawn from time to time, always keeping in mind that these things consume the earth's resources as well as his own. I also pull vines and occasionally prune, but primarily I'm the stooper and bender who tackles the endless weeds. Would-be oak trees are probably the most persistent, but there are also various grasses, invasive ferns and countless ugly things I can't identify. Never do any of our garden beds look completely neat and tidy, nor is any path without something growing in the cracks.

As I said during the program, we do not compost in a serious way, except for accumulating dead leaves, twigs and other debris in one place where it eventually rots enough to be useful.

Our borders meander and our lawn is laced with crab grass, clover and other species we can't identify, but it's all green if you don't look too closely. In spite of all these shortcomings, the garden's over-all effect is serene and park like.

What else is there to say? Any large garden is a lot of work, whether handled organically or

no doubt that our methods are about as efficient as any other. If you aren't already LOGs, give these methods a try. You might be surprised at your results.

– *Debbie Jessup*

**SUSTAINABILITY FORUM** is to be just what it says, a **forum**, in which everyone is invited to participate. Our intention is to be provocative, argumentative, contentious, but not insulting. Most of all, we hope the column's useful. The column will appear in the monthly newsletter as space allows, and is sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Committee. – *Debbie Jessup, Chair, Green Sanctuary Committee*

### Tools Needed for FUF

Our Fellowship Building is in need of tools to handle miscellaneous small repairs and projects. These are tools which may be in surplus in some of our households and perhaps could be acquired by donation rather than purchase.

Please contact Aaron Hinrichs if you have any of the following tools to donate:

1. Set of screwdrivers of various sorts and sizes
2. Hammer
3. Adjustable wrenches, nut drivers
4. Electrical pliers: fine point and lineman's
5. Cheap mechanic's pliers
6. Adjustable pliar
7. Carpenter's glue
8. Tool box to store the above

We need someone to sweep the sidewalks before Fellowship on Sunday mornings. Any volunteers? See Ruth Geraci or Ed Lawrence.

## Dance, Dance, Dance!

Our first Contra Dance was so successful we will be hosting another on Saturday, Feb. 23 7-9:30p.m. No previous experience is needed and you can come with a friend, solo or just to enjoy the music and fun.

In some ways Contra Dancing is like Square Dancing. The caller guides participants through a variety of dances, teaching each one before it is actually done to the music. Most dances consist of just a few simple repeated moves such as do-si-do and promenade.

The caller for this event will be Bill Donahue of Pensacola who has been calling dances for 50 years. Our own talented fiddler Heather Nutting will again be leading the musicians.

There is no charge to attend the event, though donations will be encouraged to cover the cost of the music and caller.

Bring a friend, bring your neighbor, come on down, and swing your partner!



### Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship Officers for 2008

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     Elaine Snyder-Conn  
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 Stuart Chapman, and Robin Fabel.

## Mark Your Calendar

**Sat., Feb. 2:** Movie: The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil 7p.m.

**Tue., Feb. 5:** Fellowship Choir rehearsal, 3 p.m.

**Wed., Feb. 6:** Back Porch Folk Singers, 3-4:30 p.m.

**Thur., Feb. 7:** Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 a.m.

**Thur., Feb 7:** Men's Harmony Chorus, 11a.m.

**Sat., Feb. 9:** Game Night 6:30-9p.m.

**Tue., Feb. 12:** Knitters' Group, 1-3 p.m.

**Tue., Feb. 12:** FUF Choir rehearsal, 3-4 p.m.

**Wed., Feb. 13:** Back Porch Folk Singers, 3-4:30 p.m.

**Thur., Feb. 14:** Authors Discussion Group, 9:30 a.m.

**Thur., Feb. 14:** Men's Harmony Chorus, 11 a.m.

**Sat., Feb. 16:** Movie: The Future of Food, 7 p.m.

**Tue., Feb. 19:** Knitters' Group, 1-3 p.m.

**Tue., Feb. 19:** FUF Choir rehearsal, 3-4 p.m.

**Wed., Feb. 20:** Back Porch Folk Singers, 3-4:30 p.m.

**Thur., Feb. 21:** Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 a.m.

**Thur., Feb. 21:** Men's Harmony Chorus, 11 a.m.

**Sat., Feb. 23:** Contra Dance 7-930p.m.

**Tue., Feb. 26:** Knitters' Group, 1-3 p.m.

**Tue., Feb. 26:** Fellowship Choir rehearsal, 3 p.m.

**Wed., Feb. 27:** Back Porch Folk Singers, 3-4:30 p.m.

### NEWSLETTER

Submit calendar events or articles specific to the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship for publication one week prior to the last Sunday of each month. For events, please include all pertinent information. Members and Friends are invited to submit poems, quotations or other brief words of wisdom to be published in the newsletter as space allows.

Provide written copy or email to editor at:

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