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TRANSFORMATION**

(Our program theme)

Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge
Many Beliefs . . . One Community . . . A Better World
9:30 and 11:15 AM Sunday Worship
Classes & nursery for our children provided at the 9:30 & 11:15am Services
Classes for Middle and Senior Youth provided at the 11:15am Service

OCTOBER 2015

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October 4, Sunday Morning Worship Services ***The Power of the Ticket***

People, *Get Ready*, because the church is going through a year of transformation. We will explore the power of engagement, the power of giving and the power of connection. Budget hearings: in church office after each worship service.

October 11, Sunday Morning Worship Services

What Good is Anger?



Here's a message on a universally human emotion, often referred to as a deadly sin. The deities of antiquity were among the angriest of us all. What good is there in the fire of anger? Can it be harnessed for change?

Today: *Congregational Town Hall Meeting* at 12:45

October 18, Sunday Morning Worship Services ***Welcome Marty McFly***

According to the movie *Back To The Future*, Marty McFly is supposed to arrive in the future this week. He is traveling from 1985, so this Sunday we will get ready to welcome him. Budget hearings: in the church office after each worship service.



October 24, Saturday: VOTE in state-wide Louisiana elections

October 25, Sunday Morning Worship Services ***What Good is Pain?***

No one in pain can handle clichés or platitudes about pain. Let's dispense with the nonsense. But for persons in positions of responsibility (parents, managers, directors, team leaders, church volunteers, etc.), let's answer the question about the good in pain.

Upcoming Service: November 1, Sunday Morning Worship

A Theologically Liberal Football Apologetic With football season in full swing, we examine a religiously liberal response to the football fever in today's culture. Bring in your completed *train ticket* for our 2016 stewardship drive. *All Aboard*, everyone!

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OCTOBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 4: OWL for Grades 7-9 9:30 am, Budget Hearings 10:30 am & 12:30 pm, Open Circle Book Club 7 pm

October 5: Tai Chi 6 pm

October 6: Gentle Yoga 9:30 am, Ministries Staff Meeting 2:30 pm

October 7: Adult Choir, Recorders, Governance Task Force, Roots, 6:30 pm

October 9: Guest Speaker Walt Stanton on Immigration 7 pm

October 10: Archives Team 9 am

October 11: OWL for Grades 7-9 9:30 am, Congregational Meeting 12:45 pm, Victor White Poetry & Social Justice Workshop 6 pm

October 12: Tai Chi 6 pm, Women's Book Club 7 pm

October 13: Gentle Yoga 9:30 am, Adult Growth & Learning Team 6 pm, Socrates Café 7 pm,

October 14: Adult Choir, Recorders, Roots 6:30 pm

October 15: PFLAG meeting 7 pm

October 16: Gentle Yoga 9:30 am,

October 17: Memorial Service for Eric Clark Primm 2 pm

October 18: OWL for Grades 7-9 9:30pm, Budget Hearings 10:30 am & 12:30 pm, Bible Skeptics 5 pm

October 19: Tai Chi 6 pm

October 20: Board meeting 6:30 pm

October 21: McKinley High School Performing Arts Recital 9:30 am, Governance Task Force, Adult Choir, Recorders 6:30 pm

October 22: Everyone's Non-Fiction Book Club 7 pm

October 24: Red Stick Pagan Kids Samhain Celebration 10 am

October 25: OWL Grades 7-9 9:30 am, Halloween Party 5 pm

October 26: Tai Chi 6 pm

October 27: Gentle Yoga 9:30 am, Archives 4:30 pm

October 28: Adult Choir, Recorders 6:30 pm

CRUMP EXPRESSWAY

-a column from **The Reverend Steve J. Crump**

October is Stewardship Month here in our church: *All Aboard* Members. We're moving forward and funding the church for 2016. You'll be receiving in the mail your ticket for the *JUJustice Express!* Be generous. Be thoughtful in your giving. We're living out the values and moving towards the goals that this congregation set for its destination. [Watch for your pledge card and material in the mail.](#)

Theologians call the doctrine of the church *ecclesiology*. Here is my condensed ecclesiology:

1 We, as individuals and as a congregation, are a work-in-progress because we are ever working on justice, love, tolerance, and home.

2 We receive no scorings and no final grades. We all get incompletes.

3 We are human. We have been broken. We have our flaws. Yet, in our resiliency and in our willingness to mend, to learn, and to love, we are capable of extending compassion to others. Healing happens in community.

4 We may not be able to name or are reluctant to name that reality which sustains or maintains and commands our respect, but we make an attempt to point to that reality.

5 For some of us that naming involves a word like God, or spirit, or many names, or no name at all. But for each of us, something is felt that is larger than ourselves. Some call it human community. Others call it the cosmos itself.

6 Love must be the key in our church, otherwise likes and dislikes would rule the day like a kind of marketplace mentality that competes for wants and desires.

7 We strive to be in right-relationship which means we keep coming back to make amends and avoid the silent-treatment that our culture often promotes.

8 We value manners, courtesies, thoughtful speech, honesty, discretion, and forgiveness.

9 We honor disappointment and call it by name even when its name is failure.

10 We joyfully work on what *home* should be for ourselves and for others simultaneously. That means we are a forward-looking, hopeful, generous, and justice-seeking people.

Literacy: Bible literacy is important, so much so, that our Religious Education program begins *Timeless Themes*, a UU curriculum on bible stories for **grades 1-6 at 9:30am on Sunday October 4**. Parents are the key ingredient to making our class a success because they have to believe bible literacy is important. Stephen Prothero, author of [Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know and Doesn't](#), says Americans can't name the four gospels, know little about the books of Moses, don't realize there are Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic versions of the Ten Commandments, and think "God helps those who help themselves" is in the bible. It's not. Biblical themes, symbols, stories, and scriptures are so enmeshed in American culture that we can barely understand economics, history, and politics without a wider understanding of the bible. Anyone contemplating entering the field of law would be well advised to study the first five books of the bible.

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Assistant Minister's Column

by **The Reverend Nathan A. Ryan**

There are any number of reasons to give to the church. No one can tell you what is the correct reason to give. It's really something for you and your family to discern. There are different rationales, however.

I most commonly hear about pledging as a way of paying for services rendered. To say that another way, I hear people decide their pledge based on what they received from the church. A formula might look like: 35 services attended + 7 instances of pastoral care + 14 religious education classes + 63 cups of coffee = annual pledge.

Certainly this is a good starting point, but it doesn't take into account the full scope of the church. These services rendered are not just here for you or for me. They are here for everyone. They are here for the people we have yet to meet. They are here for generations who haven't been born yet.

It also doesn't take into account the abstract and vital functions of the church. It doesn't seem possible to measure the cultural and societal impact our church has had. I wish I could quantify how many people were given hope, how many people were told that they are worthy, how many people found sanctuary, or found their true selves because our congregation is in Baton Rouge.

Measuring your pledge against how important the church has been in your life and the transformation of the city is a way to think of giving. Viewing pledging that way helped me give for a few years, but it didn't sustain me spiritually for very long. Now I prefer to think of giving as a spiritual practice.

When I give I feel more connected to the world, to other people. I feel more connected to my church, and I feel more invested in the world. I feel a sense of pride and joy. More importantly (because I shouldn't just give so that I will feel better), giving away a percentage of my income reminds me that I didn't earn it all alone. It reminds me that I owe something to a world that gives me so much.

When you give to the church, I hope you will do it generously and with an open heart. You can bring in your pledge cards by November 1st or pledge online. Remember, the more you give, the more Louisianans will hear that they are worthy of love and justice.

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In our new class offering for children, we will not be engaged in indoctrination –exposure is *not* indoctrination. We plan to be age-appropriate in the selection of stories and how they are presented. Who are these people of the bible: Cain, Abel, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, Samson, Delilah, Adam and Eve? By spring of 2016, we should be ready for stories found in the Gospels. Let us not, by default, give the bible away to the demagogues. Our religious tradition won some hard fought ideas (freedom, justice, universal salvation, and the humanity of Jesus) [based on scripture](#). We are ready for your child. All we need is support from our parents.

Religious Education News

The Reverend Beth Williams,
Director of Religious Education

Children's Choir Informational Meeting, Sunday October 4, 10:45 am (between services.) UCBR Choir Director, Trey Davis, will be meeting with parents of children and youth who are interested in participating in a choir. Come and learn about musical possibilities and level of commitment required.

Timeless Themes: Stories from the Hebrew and Christian Bibles is a UUA curriculum for elementary age children that introduces the rich Biblical literature that is central to our Unitarian Universalist heritage. Beginning October 4, it will be offered in our Big Sundays of Surprises class for grades 1-6 at 9:30 am.

Red Stick Pagan Kids celebrate Samhain Sabbat, Saturday, October 24, 10 am, Fellowship Hall.



Be a Part of the Halloween Party Team - We need lots of volunteers to help make our Halloween Party a success. Jobs include helping out with activities, being a rover, and helping to set up and breakdown tables, equipment and decorations. It is time to get in the Halloween spirit! If you can help, please contact **Beth Williams** at education@unitarianchurchbr.com. We would love to have you be a part of the team.

Roots

Roots is an introduction to Unitarian Universalism and our church led by our Assistant Minister **The Reverend Nathan A. Ryan**. Our next six-hour class will be on Wednesdays, September 30, October 7 & 14, 6:30 – 8:30pm. Sign up at the book table.

Branches

Invitation to Branches: Branches groups provide a way for participants to form deeper relationships and to explore life topics (e.g. love, loss, Christmas) - Intimacy and Ultimacy in a safe small group, with carefully chosen and trained leaders. Groups meet monthly for two hours, mostly in members' homes, and consist of 8 - 12 members. If you're a church member or Roots graduate, we have a place for you now

President's Column

Melanie Mayeux, Board President

As we continue our transition to policy governance, a frequent topic of conversation among the leadership is about roles and relationships. The conversation usually centers around the role of the Board of Directors and its relationship with Steve, the Ministry Team Leader. Steve and other staff members have undoubtedly had many discussions about their new roles and responsibilities as well. But what about the congregation? What is their role? How do the members fit into policy governance? Not surprisingly—they are at the heart of policy governance.

In his book *Governance and Ministry*, Dan Hotchkiss discusses three congregational roles. The first is that of **governors**. As the name implies, as governors, members of the congregation come together to make formal church decisions. A perfect example of this was the recent congregational meeting when members voted to approve the annual vision of ministry and the stewardship goal developed to achieve that vision.

Hotchkiss defines the second congregational role as that of **ministers**. If as governors, congregants participate in church management and decision making, as ministers they serve the church community by providing countless volunteer hours performing all sorts of duties. This congregation's willingness and eagerness to be "ministers" is one of our greatest strengths. We care for one another in times of need, we work for social justice, we sing for each other on Sunday mornings, and we provide much of the labor needed to run the church.

The congregational roles of governor and minister are not unique to policy governance. After all, we were doing these things well before we started our transition to the new model. However, the third role discussed by Hotchkiss – the role of **discerner**—may seem new, especially in its application. As discerners, members contribute to strategic planning or participate in visioning sessions to discover "what good the congregation truly exists to do" (Hotchkiss, 78). For example, last year many of you took part as "discerners" in town hall meetings and in the speed-visioning sessions. You will have similar opportunities this year. The first is the upcoming congregational conversation on October 11, when after the second service we will gather in small groups to engage in what Hotchkiss calls a "holy conversation," which will be focused around an open question presented by the Board. Lunch and childcare will be provided. I encourage you to play your part and join us in this important work.

Whether it is voting at a congregational meeting, volunteering to serve lunch at the local soup kitchen, or reflecting in small groups about how we fulfill our mission, we all have the opportunity (and responsibility) to assume our roles as governors, ministers, and discerners. Some of us will take on all three, some of us one or two. No matter what the level of participation, we must always remember that our willingness to perform our roles strengthens the fabric of our community and helps achieve our mission.

Social Justice

Bobby Thompson, Director of Social Justice

Emrys "Walt" Stanton will be speaking at our Church, **Friday evening, the 9th of October at 7pm.** Emrys Stanton is a native Arizonan who has spent the last ten years engaged with immigrant justice movements in southern Arizona. Stanton's activism has included leaving humanitarian supplies in the desert for people crossing the border, providing first aid and food to people deported to Mexico, helping with blockades to prevent deportations and police raids, and supporting immigrant-led movements to end law enforcement practices that target undocumented communities. He has appeared in federal court twice for charges related to his activism, including a littering ticket for leaving jugs of water near the border that was appealed all the way to the 9th circuit court. Stanton holds a BS in Geography and Regional Development from the University of Arizona, and a Masters of Divinity from Claremont School of Theology. He is currently the intern minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix, and plans to continue doing community based work as a faith leader.

Justice for Victor White Poetry Workshop, Social Justice Open Mic & Dialogue, & March Against Police Violence

Join us in support of the week of action to raise awareness of the Victor White case and demand police accountability and reform. Justice for Victor White Poetry & Social Justice Workshop **Sunday, October 11th from 6-8 pm** at the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge Fellowship Hall, 8470 Goodwood Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806. This inter-generational workshop is open to all. We'll learn more about the Justice for Victor White movement, participate in a writing workshop with the local poet Chancelier "xero" Skidmore, and raise our many voices for justice together.

Justice for Victor White Open Mic & Dialogue-- **Tuesday, October 13th from 8-10 pm (doors open at 7:30 pm) at the Art Council's Firehouse Gallery, 427 Laurel Street, BR, LA. 70801.**

Come out for a night of poetry and social justice dialogue. This special edition of the Eclectic Truth Poetry Open Mic is dedicated to the ongoing struggle for racial justice and police accountability in Louisiana. Come ready to listen, to share a poem if you choose, and to build solidarity through dialogue.

March Against Police Violence—**Saturday, October 17th in New Iberia.** We would like to carpool. If you plan to go please contact **Dawn Collins** at dcollins76@gmail.com or **Bobby Thompson** numbernine@cox.net. Co-sponsored by the Justice for Victor White Committee, Forward Arts, Baton Rouge Poetry Alliance, and the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge Social Justice Team.

For more information about the Week of Resistance go to www.JusticeForVic.com or to talk with the lead organizer contact Denise Gobert at (337) 444-4545 or JusticeForVictorWhite@gmail.com. These events are free and open to the public. Spread the word.

Shared Offering for October is: Front Yard Bikes is a community bike shop that focuses on teaching all participants of all ages how to fix and maintain bikes. Skills that are taught and developed include mathematics, physics, and mechanics. We also promote inclusivity, mentorship, recreation, and academic achievement with all participants.

Besides the educational efforts of Front Yard Bikes, we want to provide all participants with reliable transportation in the city of Baton Rouge. FYB also appreciates the fun aspects of riding a bike that provides youth with extracurricular activities like racing, riding to community gardens, riding to pools, fishing holes, and more.

The heart of our program is compassion for kids from low-income families that are willing to work for what they get. The founder's spiritual beliefs that God will provide has been his primary motivation for meeting weekly with the kids in South Baton Rouge Subdivision since July of 2010. These kids deserve the opportunity to learn, to grow, and to ride in a safe place. God willing, we can make that a reality.

OUTREACH

Becky Cureau, Director of Outreach

Our expressed "hope to make this a better world" is demonstrated in many ways, and one of these is our long-time support of the IRIS Domestic Violence Center, formerly the Battered Women's Shelter, through shared offerings and donations of household and other items. Another need which has been called to our attention and which we will support is donation of luggage for use by Center residents when new and safe housing is available, usually in distant locales. This all-church volunteer project is an opportunity for members to clear closets, attics, and store rooms of no-longer-used luggage in good condition - including children's luggage - and a way to be part of our outreach to a segment of our community that needs our support. **Be on the look out for announcements of a forthcoming two-week collection period in weekly e-announcements.** In the meantime, speak to **Dottie Kelly** or **Becky Cureau** should you have questions or can assist with delivery to the IRIS Domestic Violence Center after each week of the two week collection period since our church's storage space is limited.

Another ongoing outreach to the community which we support is the Baton Rouge Food Bank's goal of providing food for those in the Greater Baton Rouge and surrounding areas who depend on this resource to supplement their food needs. Please continue to bring your donations of canned and packaged staple food items and place in the Food Cart in the breezeway - an easy but intentional way to "help make this a better world..."

And speaking of the Food Bank: now that Fall is here it's a good time for our annual volunteer service at the Food Bank's warehouse. We have confirmed a date for Saturday, October 24 and will need at least 15 volunteers. This is always a fun activity as our volunteers work together packaging food for distribution to Food Bank recipients. **Signup will begin on Sunday, October 4.**



Becky Cureau, Communications Chair

While the new parking lot and other exterior improvements to our church campus have been front and center for the past months, the September 13 Congregational meeting provided the opportunity for members in attendance to be reminded of another important goal of the Great Expectations Capital Growth Campaign: the addition of staff for efficient administration of our church. Introductory to the presentation of the proposed Operating Budget for 2016, **Reverend Steve Crump**, Ministry Team Leader and *ex officio* of the Great Expectations Steering Team, announced the hiring of a part-time Business Administrator and introduced **Heath Hebert**, who explained aspects of the proposed 2016 Operating Budget. Reverend Crump announced that following development of a job description; a part-time Director of Communications will also be hired in the foreseeable future, which will complete implementation of the goal. The earlier hiring of our Assistant Minister, the Reverend Nathan Ryan, was the first step in implementation of the stated GE Campaign goal of "Expanded Staffing: Increase Our Capacity for a Growing Membership and Ministry."

The second item on the agenda was an update of the status of the parking lot and other outdoor projects. GES Team Leader **Neal Stoltzfus** introduced Team members **Becky Cureau, Diana Dorroh, Bill Rountree, Vicky Smith, and Sally Wood**, who gave brief highlights of project areas:

- I. Parking Lot Construction Planning (new entrance, enhanced parking, handicapped spaces, lighting, and plantings)
- II. Plantings and Drainage (underground piping to handle the first inch of rain, water source to maintain plantings, new trees and green areas)
- III. Peace Stones and Memorial Area (Memorial area for scattering, spaces for gathering, benches for quiet meditation)
- IV. Walkways, Entrance, and Courtyard (Plantings, outdoor space, fountain)
- V. Reserved Space (Planning for future growth, expansion, and a new vision)

Neal Stoltzfus discussed Next Steps, which included an update on pipeline requirements and relocation of sewer pipes. He noted that architectural drawings were expected to be finalized and available for review by the GES Team within the coming weeks, and, once approved, let out for bids by Reich and Associates. The actual start date for construction will depend on the schedule of the winning contractor, with the anticipated project time to be approximately 90 to 120 days to completion. Weather and other unforeseen delays notwithstanding, the happy take away from the updates was that the closing months of this year will find us moving from "Great Expectations" to a "Great Realization" in early 2016. Stay tuned.

The Beat Goes On

Leah Hartman, Music Program Director
Trey Davis, Choral Director

We're having a lot of fun with a wide variety of music this fall. This month, you'll hear some interpretations of the classic Curtis Mayfield song "People Get Ready" in October, and a choral arrangement of the beautiful song Ashokan Farewell, well known from the Ken Burns documentary *The Civil War*. Our multi-talented choral director Trey Davis will be our guest pianist for the services on October 4.

Singers are needed in the choir this fall! All music lovers are welcome to join us. No experience or music-reading skills are necessary--just a willingness to learn and share your love for music. We meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Email our choir director **Trey Davis** at choral@unitarianchurchbr.com for more information.

Parents interested in having their children participate in a children's choir can meet with choir director **Trey Davis** on October 4 at 10:45 am in the choir room to discuss the possibilities.

If you have an event or special person in your life that you'd like to recognize by contributing flowers to the Sunday services, please sign up at the table in the fellowship hall. There are openings for dates in the fall.



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. Contact group leader **Christy Howard** at christyrhoward@gmail.com.

We Need Greeters

Requirements:

1. Enjoy coming to our church
2. Want to see our church grow in solidarity of community.
3. Remember how good it feels to be accepted.
4. Be willing to learn more about our church.
5. Be willing to come a bit early for worship service

Responsibilities:

1. Smile brightly, sincerely and say "Good Morning, we're glad you are here" to others as they arrive.

All else is lagniappe. It becomes easier with practice.

The psychic rewards are transformative.

Contact Dottie Kelly at uucbr_dottie@cox.net if you are interested in becoming a greeter.



LUNCH BUNCH

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

October 4: **Arzi's**, 5219 Government St.
www.arzisbr.com

October 11: **La Madeleine**, 7615 Jefferson Hwy.
www.lamadeleine.com

October 18: **Nagoya**, 15130 Market St. (off Coursey)
www.nagoyacafela.com

October 25: **Zoroona**, 6900 Siegen
www.zoroona.net

(There will be no Circle Supper for the month of October.)

Each Sunday reservations are made at the selected restaurants for 1pm. As our group has grown considerably over the last year it is especially helpful for us to arrive as close to that time as possible. Service is interrupted when we have multiple guests arriving very late, which often results in longer waits. Lunch Bunch is designed to provide an opportunity for informal fellowship, and, with a large group, it will never be a quick "eat and go" experience. However, your Fun & Fellowship team is always striving to make it run smoothly and be a fun, positive experience for everyone. We love having so many UU's and guests participate and appreciate your help doing that.

Aluminum Can Collection

Thanks to all who have brought beverage cans to the church providing extra proceeds for our operating funds. Effective immediately, **we will no longer collect cans.**

Beyond our control, the price we receive for the metal has dropped so dramatically there is no incentive to expend the labor required for sorting, re-bagging, and transporting for so little return.

Please recycle your cans at your residence and continue helping our environment. Apartment dwellers without curbside recycling can bring recyclables to waiting recycle trucks at the parking lot on the corner of N. Donmoor Avenue and Florida Blvd. (behind Shanghai Chinese Restaurant at 6989 Florida) on the third Saturday of each month, 8 am- 12 pm.

Continuing Activities

Everyone is welcome to attend & newcomers are encouraged.

Bible Skeptics: Sunday, Oct. 18, 5pm, church office. Reading: *Book of Ezra*

Open Circle Book Club: Sunday, October 4, 7pm, church office. The book is *The Man Who Mistook his Wife for a Hat* by Olivier Sacks

Tai Chi: Mondays, 6pm, Fellowship Hall

Women's Book Club: Monday, October 12, 7pm, R6. The book is *Cotton Crest Curse* by Michael Rubin

Humanist Film: Monday, November 2, Room 1, 6:45 pm, the movie is *The Fifth Estate*.

Gentle Movement: Tuesdays, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall

Socrates Café: 2nd Tuesday each month, 7pm, R6

Church Board: 3rd Tuesday each month, 6:30pm, church office.

Adult Choir: Wednesdays, 6:30pm, choir room

Recorders: Wednesdays, 6:30pm, R3 (Advanced Group, 1st Wed.)

Everyone's Non-Fiction Book Club: Thursday, October 22nd, 7pm, R6. The book is *How We Got to Now* by Steven Johnson

Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG): 3rd Thursday, 7pm

Attention All Problem-Solving Type Persons

The Archives Team needs a piece of equipment that is not in the budget. We need a Flat File Cabinet that will hold architectural drawings, posters, artwork, and other large paper documents. The standard size is usually 36" x 42" or 44" and color gray metal. The smaller units have about 5 to 8 thin drawers. Since the floor space would be the same, any number of additional drawers will be welcome.

Does anyone have one they could donate? Or perhaps someone could locate a used one on E-Bay and buy it for us? They are available from \$100 to \$1200 this week (before shipping).

It is not a glamorous item, but it is something REALLY needed to preserve precious parts of our history.

Please contact **Dottie Kelly** (uucbr_dottie@cox.net), or **Allison Hall**, (office@unitarianchurchbr.com) if you can be a part of this project.