



MAKING THE CONNECTIONS

# First Unitarian Universalist Church of Essex County

January 2014

Where every mind is free and every soul is welcome!

## RESPONSIVE READING: "So First UU said to Darrell--"

The following was recited and presented to Rev Darrell Berger at his farewell celebration on Tuesday, 5 November 2013.

*Starting with a search--  
We found an advisor, counselor, friend;  
We part now with a smile, a tear and a few words...*

### **Giver of Wisdom**

"Remember to think about  
Here when you are there;  
There when you are here."

### **Speaker/Preacher**

Calm and kind, carrying on and joining in  
as a baby takes the floor and carries us into joy.  
Somewhere Buddha is smiling.

### **Teller of Tales**

Tell us again how it was in the place where you came from...so long ago, but  
only yesterday.  
We all have an Ohio inside of us.

### **Maker of Memories**

Polity and pulpit;  
Leadership and spiritual guidance;  
Fun and friendship; beer and baseball stories.

### **Healer**

Unwavering faith that the lost can be found, the hurt can be healed and the  
broken can be put back together. You believe it and you live by it.

### **Lifelong Quester and Questioner**

Wanderer and traveler to distant lands;  
You found a home in our humble house for a brief spell along the Greater Journey.

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## MARK IT DOWN

- ◆ Sunday, 5 January 2014, Social Action Meeting, 12:30 PM, Parish Hall
- ◆ Tuesday, 7 January 2014, Celebrations & Music, 7:30 PM, Sonen Room
- ◆ Tuesday, 14 January 2014, Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Sonen Room

January Sunday Services

Services start at 10:30 AM

05 Jan Beloved Community Sunday Social Hour Host - Georgiana Hart

12 Jan *A New Season, A New Lease on Church* Rev. Gordon Clay Bailey  
 Musician - Dave Braham, Senior Usher - Georgiana Hart, Social Hour Host - TBA

As we step into a new year we have an opportunity to alter the course of our lives and the trajectory of this congregation's life. The New Year and all of the hoopla about leaving the bad behind and stepping into the new gives us both the audacity to dream ourselves anew along with the justifications to do so. Please join us for a service about the future of this congregation, you and how you can make real steps this year towards our best selves and a better UU.

19 Jan *Universalism, Our Best Hope For A Peaceful World* Rev. Gordon Clay Bailey  
 Musician - Dave Braham, Senior Usher - Gregory Giacobe, Social Hour Host - Georgiana Hart

Our world has fought many wars over religions. We in fact continue to be plagued by religious intolerance and dare I say a lack of acceptance of other beliefs to this very day and in this very community. This service is about what I think is the greatest idea known to religiosity, Universalism! Join us for an engaging theoretical and philosophical experience.

*Reverend Gordon Clay Bailey graduated from The University of the District of Columbia with a dual BA in Anthropology and Sociology, and earned a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in the District of Columbia specializing in Urban Ministry. He is presently the Consulting Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Pomona, NY, and has served Unitarian Universalist congregations in Garden City, NYC, Washington DC, Utica and Oneonta NY in various ministry positions. A Board Certified Clinical Chaplain and Pastoral Counselor with the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy, he is also a candidate at the Harlem Family Institute for certification in Psychotherapy. Additionally, Rev. Bailey has a small Consulting, Counseling and Coaching practice with institutions, individuals and families and is Founder/President/CEO of New York Interfaith Associates, Inc., a new not-for-profit organization devoted to Interfaith Dialog, Clinical Pastoral Education and practical training (CPE/T) as well as Spiritual Care. He is married to Lisa Stiffler Bailey and they have four children (Jennifer, Devin, Ethan, Darien) between them and one grand daughter (Kai). They currently live in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan.*

[East-West for this month has been pre-empted.]

26 Jan *Langston Hughes - In Poetry, and Jazz* [Jazz Sunday] Rev. Ben Bortin  
 Dave Braham - piano, Ray Johnston - woodwinds, Hassan Shakur - bass, Greg Buford - drums,  
 Senior Usher - TBA, Social Hour Host - TBA

Langston Hughes would often go to jazz night clubs to write what turned out to be timeless poetry. His aim was to transmit in words what he heard in the sounds and rhythms of jazz. His was an uncommon eye into the African American experience, but beyond that, into life itself. The results led him to be known as the Black poet laureate of the twentieth century. A look at the life, the spirituality, and the poetry, with jazz backdrop, of Langston Hughes.

*Rev. Ben Bortin served UU congregations in Duluth, MN for eight years, and Staten Island, NY for 21 years. A graduate of Starr King School for Religious Leadership, he currently serves as Membership Coordinator at the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock, in Manhasset, NY. He serves on the Board of Project Hospitality in Staten Island (which assists homeless and low-income people), and is past President of the UU United Nations Office.*

RESPONSIVE READING: "So First UU said to Darrell-" (continued)

*Peerless Leader*

Possessed of gifts greater than gold--  
Empathy, integrity, honesty, humility, wisdom, compassion,  
Humor and an open-hearted capacity for love...

We, the People of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Essex County, today bestow on you our most precious treasure: Our respect, esteem, appreciation, thanks and love.

Guest At Your Table 2013 Round Up

Starting 12 January 2014, we ask that you return your Guest At Your Table envelopes or notify that you have mailed it directly. Please hand in or notify by 26 January. If you misplaced or lost your envelope and still wish to make a donation before we close our *Guest* program for this church year, please speak with Gregory Giacobe, UUSC Local Representative, after service during coffee hour.

For those of you who took a *Guest* envelope and are planning to return it through the church, write a check payable to the "UUSC" with "Guest At Your Table 2013" in the memo line. Also, **don't forget to fill out the donation form located on the flap of your donation envelope.**



If your donation is close to or above one of the membership levels, **please consider joining UUSC.** General membership is \$40, **Dual Adult** membership is \$75, **Youth/Student** is \$10, and **Senior** is \$20. All unrestricted donations (those not designated for any specific UUSC program or activity) of \$100 or more is matched by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset NY.

You can now also give online. Go to [www.uusc.org/givetoguest](http://www.uusc.org/givetoguest). Please be sure to list the First UU Church of Essex County as your congregation. Also, please notify us of the amount and if you decided to become a UUSC member. Thank you.

*Heavenly Nostrils*

by **Dana Simpson**



# January 2014

| Sun   | Mon       | Tue  | Wed       | Thu                                 | Fri       | Sat       |
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|   |           |  | 1         | 2                                   | 3         | 4         |
| <b>5</b><br>BELOVED<br>COMMUNITY<br>10:30 AM<br>Social Action<br>12:30 PM | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>Celebrations &<br>Music<br>Sonen Room<br>7:30 PM | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>                            | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> |
| <b>12</b><br>SERMON: A<br>New Season, A<br>New Lease<br>10:30 AM          | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>Board of<br>Trustees<br>Sonen Room<br>7:30 PM   | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b>                           | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> |
| <b>19</b><br>SERMON:<br>Universalism,<br>Our Best<br>Hope<br>10:30 AM     | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br>Newsletter<br>Deadline | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b> |
| <b>26</b><br>SERMON:<br>Langston<br>Hughes<br>10:30 AM                    | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b>                           | <b>31</b> |           |

Unitarian Universalist Women's Association  
Metro New York  
*cordially invite you to attend our*  
**Annual Buffet Lunch & Lecture**

## **Local Health Concerns: Radon in Cooking Gas**

*Will fracked gas turn your kitchen  
into a radioactive hazard?*

**A Talk with Elizabeth Glass Geltman**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2014**

**12 Noon - 3:30 PM**

**\$12 - 20 (sliding scale)**

**Men welcome!**

**at "The Gallery"**

**The Community Church of New York**

through the red door at 28 East 35th Street  
(between Park & Madison Aves. in Manhattan)

More Information: 212-724-0438



### **Elizabeth Glass Geltman**

is an Associate Professor and the Program Director of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences at the CUNY School of Public Health. Prof. Geltman is a graduate of Cornell University and Georgetown University Law Center.

She is the author of seventeen books on issues concerning environmental and natural resources policy, including RECYCLING LAND, MODERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW and A COMPLETE GUIDE TO ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS.

She is a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars and is widely published in scholarly journals. Her primary research examines environmental risk assessment, environmental management systems, brownfields redevelopment and environmental, health and safety issues concerning shale gas extraction.

Follow her on Twitter as she explores issues in shale gas extraction (aka fracking) on public health and the environment:  
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**February 1, 2014 UUWA Annual Meeting & Program**

**We are on the web: [essexuu.org](http://essexuu.org)**

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**Custodian: Anisha Sanders**

**Administrator: Greg Giacobe**

**WE VALUE:** Community... Exploration... Fellowship... Spirituality... Liberal Religious Education... Diversity... Freedom... and Action.

**OUR VISION:** To be a life-affirming liberal religious community where people of diverse beliefs, ideas and background come together to provide spiritual and intellectual growth to one another and to work together in Orange, New Jersey for a greater good in the world.

**OUR MISSION:** To study and practice religion in freedom and fellowship. To provide support and care for our community and the community at large.

Founded in Orange in 1890 as the First Unitarian Church of Essex County, the congregation has worshipped in the present Sanctuary since its construction in 1892-3. The Church continues the ministry of the Union Universalist Society (also known as the Church of the Redeemer), founded as the First Universalist Society of Newark in 1834.



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