

## MOVIE NIGHT: FRIDAY, JAN. 9

In keeping with our commitment to be a truly welcoming congregation, Bell Street Chapel sponsors a monthly movie night featuring films that examine gender-identity issues. In December, our holiday offering was a laugh-out-loud comedy, "Mixed Nuts," a Nora Ephron film with an all-star cast, including Liev Schreiber as a charming transsexual, Chris.

In January we will feature a 1992 British film based on a Virginia Woolf novel. Our licensing agreement does not allow us to identify the film by name in public communications, but anyone who wants to know more may contact Carol Crowley at [ccrowley8@cox.net](mailto:ccrowley8@cox.net).

As always, we will share a potluck dinner before the showing of the movie and follow it with a short discussion led by Genevieve Peri. Over the years we have seen many excellent and acclaimed films and have had some great discussions. 2009 promises more of the same. So do join us on Friday, Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m. in Eddy Hall. Bring a nonalcoholic beverage or some food to share – and bring your friends!

~Carol Crowley



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**“Love is the spirit of our church  
and service is its law.**

**This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,  
To seek the truth in love,  
And to help one another.”**



■ JANUARY  
■ 2009

# BELL STREET COLUMNS

NEWSLETTER FOR THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF BELL STREET CHAPEL

## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

SERVICES BEGIN AT 10 A.M.

TODDLER CARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AVAILABLE

### 4 | JANUARY

#### THE PROMISE, THE HOPE AND THE STAR

*Rev. José Ballester*

This intergenerational service will explore and celebrate the festival of the Epiphany. In the Latino Community this is the traditional time to exchange gifts. Additionally this service will include the annual Fire Communion.

### 11 | JANUARY

#### I'M NOT A CHRISTIAN BUT I LIKE JESUS

*Rev. José Ballester*

This service title is self-explanatory.

### 18 | JANUARY

#### HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

*Tom Lamora*

His life, his faith and his struggle for social justice.

### 25 | JANUARY

**TBA**

## ON THE ROAD TO PROVIDENCE — HOPE AND PROMISE

It seems that every year, around this time I become giddy with anticipation as the New Year approaches. I await the New Year with its promise of renewal and new beginnings and yet there is this nagging doubt that tells me this is an artificial holiday based on arbitrary demarcations of time, seasonal weather phenomenon and astronomical superstitions. Despite the reality behind the celebrations, I await the moment 2009 is declared by whatever raucous means is in vogue at the moment.

While I no longer make New Year's resolutions (I couldn't stand the guilt when I failed) there are certain things I hope to accomplish, if they are within my power, and certain things I hope will happen. For some time I have been rather critical of the current administration in Washington, D.C., and I wish the new administration all the best. I hope to be able to work locally to help bring about many of the changes that were promised, and I hope to inspire others to do the same. And if the new administration fails to live up to its promises, I hope to be as vocal and critical as in the past. Our nation is suffering through rough economic times and I hope to work locally to help alleviate some of that suffering among individuals and families, and I hope to inspire others to do the same.

Rhode Island still has not embraced marriage equality and there are instances of violations of individuals' inalienable rights. I hope to work locally and nationally to bring about legislative reforms that will restore people's rights, and I hope to inspire others to do the same.

Children throughout this nation are being taught to embrace values based on hatred, fear and misunderstanding. I hope to work

locally and nationally to promote values based on love and understanding, and I hope to inspire others to do the same. Actually I will do more than I hope; I will make a promise – a resolution, if you will – that I will teach at least one children's religious education session and hope to do the same for the adult religious education. I challenge the members of the Religious Society of Bell Street Chapel to participate in the religious education programs here.

And there are numerous more hopes and promises I make but they are far too many to list here. If you wish to learn more about them, please join us on Sunday morning as we worship together and express our values. Better still, let us roll up our sleeves and live our values, live our faith, by working locally and nationally to bring about the goodness we dream about and I hope we can inspire others to do the same.

~ José Ballester

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# CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS

## LEADERSHIP AND CHANGE

For the past four months, the Governing Board has started each board meeting by watching "Leading Change in Your Congregation," a video series by Gil Rendle from the Alban Institute and released by U.U. University. The Alban Institute is a nondenominational resource center for congregations.

The video series has focused on facilitating change from a leader's perspective. Typically, church leaders try to "fix problems." If we notice the church is not meeting some need, we look to fill that need, often by forming a subcommittee. Leadership for change requires something a little bit different. It requires that leaders become more attentive to the process than the solution, listen closely to the congregation and have a high tolerance for ambiguity.

In the December video, Rendle discusses the "roller coaster of change." When change is announced, the energy of a congregation initially increases, but as change is always accompanied by a loss, negative feelings arise, and energy diminishes. Often congregations make decisions when the energy is at its lowest point. It is at this point when members either recommit to the congregation and embrace change, or leave. Once a congregation makes a decision about change, its energy increases and becomes more productive. Church leaders are often ahead of the congregation, both in terms of decreasing negative energy and increasing positive energy.

Bell Street Chapel finds itself in such a position of change. We are in the process of defining ourselves, and making some important decisions about our future direction. We are now on the "roller coaster of change." While the ride promises to be bumpy at times, it's going to be a lot of fun.

*In peace,*

*Dan Greco*

*At-large Governing Board member*

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the February issue of *Bell Street Columns* is Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. There will be no exceptions to this deadline. If you miss it, your article will not run next month. Please submit your articles as a Word attachment – not just in the body of the e-mail unless you have trouble with attachments – to Meredyth Waterman at [MeredythW@aol.com](mailto:MeredythW@aol.com).

*~Meredyth Waterman*

## EVENTS

On Sunday Dec. 7, Jesse Holstein, Heath Marlow and Jeff Louie from the Providence String Quartet performed their second annual concert at Bell Street chapel to raise money for Community Music-Works. About 80 people attended and all proceeds from the concert will go to the Fred Kelley Memorial Scholarship fund. They played the Mendelssohn D-minor and Tchaikovsky A-minor piano trios.

Some Bell Streeters have expressed an interest in attending "A Gathering of Fiddlers and Fishermen," a performance at Common Fence Music in Portsmouth on Jan. 17. The cost is \$12 and this is the first year Common Fence is taking reservations for this always-sold-out concert. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome to bring in drinks and snacks with more food and beverages available in the hall. This is a unique concert where a variety of local artists are welcomed on stage. If you are interested, bring \$12 to Ellen Kellner by Jan. 4 so she can make a reservation. We need a minimum of six sign-ups to consider it a Bell Street cultural event. Ellen Kellner is the contact person for this event. You can reach her at [odiebijou@cox.net](mailto:odiebijou@cox.net) or (401) 949-3128.

Mark your calendar for the January mid-year meeting on Jan. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. following morning service. This will be a lunch/brunch potluck and the Events Committee will post a sign-up on Jan. 11 to ensure a variety of offerings and give you an opportunity to volunteer for the set-up and clean-up.

Beth Jackson, a former president of Bell Street Chapel, has sent us some information on a movie series co-sponsored by her church, Murray Universalist Church of Attleboro, that seems apropos with our launch of the study of ethical eating. It is their winter film series, "The Green Reel: Films for Sustainable Living." The first film, "King Corn," will be on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at Agudas Achim Synagogue, 901 North Main St., Attleboro. This movie is about two friends who plant an acre of corn and learn about genetically modified seeds, powerful herbicides and the realities of modern farming, which promotes our fast-food life style. These film showings are free and open to the public. Let Ellen Kellner know if you are interested in attending so we can carpool to Attleboro for the Jan. 25 movie. The next two movies will be shown on Feb. 1 ("Escape from Suburbia") and Feb. 8 ("Everything Cool").

*~ Ellen Kellner,*

*Events Committee chairperson*

## REVISION OF THE ANTI-WAR RESOLUTION

Please join the Parish and Social Concerns Committee on Tuesday, Dec 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House at as it considers a revision of the resolution opposing war in Iraq.

The resolution, which was approved on Jan. 12, 2003, is as follows: "As Unitarian Universalists, we hold to the goal of a world community with peace, liberty and justice for all. Therefore, we call on our national leaders to use creative, peaceful means to resolve conflict with Iraq, to stand with other nations in the international community who are working for the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, to support the international promotion of human rights and to cease advocating preemptive war. We support the members of our congregation who are taking public stands for peace and encourage them to witness for our religious community"

Help our committee wrestle with the following questions: Should Bell Street change this resolution so it is more relevant to today's world? If so, what changes should be made? Can a revised resolution guide the actions of church members? Where should we carry the Bell Street Chapel banner? If a revision is agreed to, it will be presented to the congregation at its meeting in January.

*~Joanne DeVoe,*

*Parish and Social Concerns Committee*

## SHARE THE PLATE PROGRAM

At its December meeting the Board of Trustees passed a proposal that is gaining popularity among many Unitarian Universalist congregations that both increases revenue and spurs involvement in social justice projects: Every week, a portion of the Sunday collection is given to some charitable organization.

Beginning in January 2009, we will take the open offering (non-pledge payments and contributions that aren't designated) and award half of that amount to some charitable organization working in Rhode Island whose mission is consistent with our U.U. principles and practices. Each month a new organization will be selected in consultation with the Parish and Social Concerns Committee, and the entire split of the offering for that month would go to the charitable organization. Selected organizations would be encouraged to provide information or speakers during their designated month.

The selected organizations will be 501 (c) (3) not-for-profits and strong consideration will be given to organizations with volunteer opportunities.

This program will be evaluated after three months.

*~Rev. José Ballester*

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

	Actual 7/1-12/4	Budgeted 7/1-12/4	+/-
Total Income	64,196.09	54,701.97	+9494.12
Total expenses	55,672.41	54,654.94	+1017.47
Total +/-			+8476.65
Pledge Income	29,803.00	20,551.20	+9251.80

**Financial Outlook**

So far, we have received significantly more income (\$64,196.09) than we have budgeted (\$55,672.41). This is almost entirely due to the fact that we are way ahead of our pledges (\$9,251.80) by almost 50 percent. This is very atypical compared to recent years. This is primarily a positive, but does pose some concerns. One positive is that we are paying all of our bills and have more money in our checking account than we have had in recent years. It is almost certain, however, that our income will shrink in the winter months, precisely when our spending needs are greatest (increased oil costs and snow removal). This means despite our improved financial health, we must continue to be prudent with our spending. Our expenses are approximately \$1,000 over budget. This is primarily due to committees spending over budget and an increase in spending on supplies.

While our financial health is moving in the right direction, and we should feel good about its movement, it is important to realize that we have a budget that includes a part-time minister, small committee budgets and we do not pay fair-share dues to either the Unitarian Universalist Association or the Ballou-Channing District. And given that one of our congregation's hopes is to afford a full-time minister in the next several years, we should continue to be cautious in our spending. We should feel good about our efforts to right our financial ship, which we now appear to be doing.

Phillip Smith, Treasurer Jim Gillis and I encourage questions, feedback regarding matters of finance and the budget and new members.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Gregory Greco  
Finance Committee Chairperson

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It has been wonderful to have so many families participating at Bell Street this fall. The Religious Education program will continue meeting twice a month through May. The program will be the second and fourth weeks January through March and the first and third weeks April through May. The children will continue to participate in the church service until the story for all ages is over. Then they will go downstairs with two teachers. They will share their joys and concerns during a short worship experience and then participate in a reflection of the ideas explored during the story for all ages.

The children are also encouraged to join in helping to make sandwiches for Crossroads on the first Sunday of each month.

The sessions for January and February will be Jan. 11 and 25 and Feb. 8 and 22. For more information contact Kate Gillis at [kgillis@netzero.net](mailto:kgillis@netzero.net).

~Kate Gillis

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## AMONG US

*"The first of January is another day dawning, the sun rising as the sun always rises, the earth moving in its rhythms, with or without our calendars to name a certain day as the day of new beginning, separating the old from the new."*

~Kathleen McTigue

In this column we celebrate milestones and other life events, request healing thoughts for those in need, and remember departed loved ones. If you have information you would like to share in this column, or if you know of anyone in need of assistance, please contact Carol Crowley.

Thanks to all who attended and made Bell Street's annual holiday party such a big success. We ate, played pool, ate, sang holiday songs and, oh yes, ate some more. Any Bell Street potluck event has the greatest food! Thanks to Ellen Kellner, Tommy lafrate and Genevieve Peri for providing the instrumental accompaniment to the singing. The party was a terrific beginning to the holiday season.

Happy birthday to Steve Barreto, Kristi Martel, Tom Lamora and Judy Taylor.

Good luck to Ellen Smith who will have surgery again in January. We wish Ellen an uncomplicated course, a speedy recovery and an excellent result.

We also wish a rapid and complete recovery to Dee Allain, who had thyroid cancer surgery and a cervical spine operation recently. It is good to see you back at church, Dee.

Love to Carl Freese, who continues to recuperate well from his recent heart transplant.

Goodbye to Carrie Webster, who will be relocating to Boston, and to Tommy lafrate, who is moving to New York City. We will miss you both so much and hope you come back to visit Bell Street.

We also wish to note the anniversary of the death of Maureen Taylor, the mother of Carey Taylor-Noble.

And, finally, wishes for a very healthy and fulfilling New Year go to all members and friends of Bell Street Chapel.

~From the Membership and Caring Committee

## BOARD BITS

In this monthly column we summarize the recent activities and decisions of the Governing Board of Bell Street Chapel. It is our goal to keep you as informed as possible about what we do at our meetings, as we represent and are answerable to you, the congregation. Also, we remind you that all our meetings are open. We would be happy if members of the congregation attended. If you would like to make suggestions for the agenda, speak to the president, Don Laliberte.

The December meeting of the Governing Board was on Dec. 9. We were joined by Greg Greco, chairperson of the Finance Committee. Before the official start of the meeting, we viewed and discussed another segment of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) video on leadership and change.

Greg Greco filled us in on the financial state of our congregation. We are currently very healthy financially and have been able to repay much of the money that was borrowed from the Handicapped Accessibility Fund in previous years. We will soon begin plans for the 2009 canvass. Our hopes for the future include enough growth of the congregation and its income to afford a full-time minister, a director of religious education, a cleaning service and full payment of our fair share to the UUA and the Ballou-Channing District.

Meredyth Waterman, the liaison to the House Committee, reported that the necessary repairs and maintenance to the outside of the chapel have been contracted out and, indeed, have begun. We expect the job of covering the heating pipes in Eddy Hall and the children's room to start soon. (*Editor's note: The pipes in the children's room have been covered since that meeting.*)

An ad hoc committee will be formed to develop a congregational mission, vision, and covenant. Rev. José Ballester will assist and serve on this committee.

We will donate the use of Eddy Hall to several nonprofit organizations whose work is consistent with our mission. These organizations include the Family Life Center, Sojourner House and Rhode Islanders Sponsoring Education (RISE).

We agreed with the plan of the Religious Education Committee to hold religious education (RE) classes about every other week, with the goal of increasing to weekly classes at some point. Weeks when there are no RE classes, the service will be more inclusive of the children attending. Kate Gillis will serve as the liaison between the Worship and RE Committees.

That is a summary of the important work of your Board in December.

~Carol Crowley  
Secretary

## HELP WANTED: PAINTERS

As you may have noticed, work has begun on some maintenance issues on the outside of the chapel, mainly painting and other care of the woodwork to preserve it. The House Committee is looking to do some work on the inside of the chapel, too, with an eye toward making the place a little brighter and more welcoming. Some work has already been done in the child-care room, including removing the carpet and building boxes over the heating pipes to protect the children (and hide the unsightly pipes.) We are going to be adding similar boxes over the

pipes in Eddy Hall, and we plan to embark on a major painting project throughout much of the downstairs portion of the church this winter. While the other work has been done by contractors, we plan to do the painting ourselves. (The

Board of Trustees has agreed to pay for the paint if we supply the labor.) We plan to paint the child care room, the mezzanine area and all the vestibules as well as Eddy Hall. This is a big project, but we can do it and we can make it look really great if we can put together a dedicated crew of folks who love Bell Street and are willing to put some effort into doing it well. The plan is to work on select Saturday late mornings and afternoons. We're in particular need of help from experienced interior painters, but any patient person willing to put in the effort is welcome. We would prefer a commitment to try to participate in as many painting days as possible rather than having different people every time, since we want to do this job as professionally as possible. If you would like to join our painting crew, please contact Meredyth Waterman at [MeredythW@aol.com](mailto:MeredythW@aol.com) or (401) 451-2322.

~Meredyth Waterman  
House Committee





# CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS



## JANUARY | CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PH=PARISH HOUSE | S=SANTUARY | EH=EDDY HALL | MPL=MEET IN PARKING LOT | MO=MINISTER'S OFFICE | OS=OFFSITE | L=LIBRARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8 am Meditation (EH) 11 am Eating Art Show (EH)
<b>4</b> 9 am Choir (S) 10 am Service (S) 11 am coffee hour 11:30 am sandwiches (EH) 4 pm Books Through Bars	<b>5</b> 6 pm Empire Review (S)	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Worship Committee (PH)	<b>7</b> 6 pm Order of Service deadline	<b>8</b> 7 pm Membership Committee (PH)	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Movie Night (EH)	<b>10</b> 8 am Meditation (EH)
<b>11</b> 10 am Service, RE 11:30 p.m. Cleaning Blitz (S), RE Committee (RE), Discussion group (PH) 4 pm Books	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Finance Committee (PH) 6 pm Empire Review (S)	<b>13</b> 6:45 pm Governing Board (PH)	<b>14</b> 6 pm Order of Service deadline	<b>15</b> 7 pm Gay Bingo (OS)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8 am Meditation (EH)
<b>18</b> 9 am Choir (S) 10 am Service (S) 11 am coffee hour 4 pm Books Through Bars 8 pm newsletter deadline	<b>19</b> <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> 6 pm Empire Review (S)	<b>20</b> 7:15 pm House Committee (PH)	<b>21</b> 6 pm Order of Service deadline	<b>22</b> RISE event (EH)	<b>23</b> 6:30 RIIFFF film (EH)	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9 am news fold 9 am Choir (S) 10 am Service, RE 11:30 am Congregational Meeting 4 pm Books Through Bars	<b>26</b> 6 pm Empire Review (S)	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Parish & Social Concerns (EH)	<b>28</b> 6 pm Order of Service deadline	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## NEWSLETTER WRITING

In the year and a half or so that I've been editing Bell Street Chapel's newsletter, I've been impressed at the effort and thought that church members put into articles they submit.

I used to work as a newspaper reporter and did some editing in college, and I like to use the skills I picked up then when I work on *Columns*. But you don't need to be a pro to write an engaging, informative newsletter article. Here are a few tips that will help make your article effective and interesting:

1. Keep it as short and simple as possible. Space constraints limit us to 500 words per article, but less is more since you'll lose readers' interest after a while.
2. Check to make sure you've included all five W's: Who, what, when, where and why. "When" and "Where" are particularly important for us, so remember to include dates, times and places.
3. Avoid acronyms and things that anyone new to Bell Street might not understand. For instance, say "Parish and Social Concerns Committee," not P&SC. Remember, our newsletter is mailed far and wide.
4. If you tell readers to contact someone, give them their contact info — but make sure that contact person is OK with having that info published in the newsletter and on our Web site.
5. Write in full sentences, like you're talking to someone. You don't have to make it fancy, just readable.
6. Don't rely on fancy fonts, boldface or capital letters to get your point across. We have a standard font, so I'll go and change it on you anyway.
7. Think ahead. The newsletter comes out at the beginning of each month.
8. Don't miss the deadline, which is published in each edition, but is generally the second-to-last Sunday of the month at 8 p.m.

Thanks for reading, and for writing!

~Meredyth Waterman,  
Bell Street Columns editor

## ETHICAL EATING

### — THE UUA STUDY/ACTION ISSUE FOR 2008-2012

**STUDY:** The reflection of Susan Letendre at our Sunday service on Dec. 14 described the negative effect that American farm and trade policies have had on the people, especially the farmers, of Latin America. I began to think about our government's farm policies, wondering how they came about and who benefits from them. As usual, I turned to Michael Pollan's book, *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, and found some answers. I recommend this book to anyone interested in more details than I can provide here.

We have already learned from previous ethical eating newsletter columns that it is not only the residents of foreign countries who are harmed by our government's agriculture policies. The farmed fish and feed-lot cattle forced to eat cheap U.S.-subsidized corn, an unnatural diet for them, are less healthy than their wild and pasture-fed counterparts. And so are the human consumers of these corn-fed fish and beef, which have an unhealthy ratio of omega-3 to omega-6 fatty acids.

So who does benefit? American farmers? Not at all. The diversified, self-sustaining American farm has all but disappeared in the U.S.A. Most of the remaining farmers grow monocultures of inedible commodity crops like corn (not the delicious sweet corn variety) and soybeans. These farmers have to buy food for their own families' tables and many of them have to take second jobs to do so.

What about our environment? The farming of monocultures, as opposed to the traditional farming practice of rotating multiple crops, exhausts the soil, requiring large amounts of chemical fertilizers made from fossil fuels. Runoff from synthetic fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides pollutes water.

So who benefits? Susan Letendre gave a hint when she mentioned Monsanto, A.D.M. and Cargill. These and other large corporations sell chemicals, genetically modified seeds and processed food full of high-fructose corn syrup, cornstarch and other products derived from government-subsidized commodity corn and soy. These highly processed foods are cheap — sometimes much less expensive than local whole foods. The American public consumes huge quantities of these in sodas and other beverages, cereals and other processed foods, becoming unhealthy and obese — but big business is thriving. Yes, that is who benefits from American farm policy. Thank you very much, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Our farm policies date back to the 1970s and are in serious need of revision. I wonder who President-elect Obama's choice for Secretary of Agriculture will be and what the next administration's priorities will be. The health of the U.S. public, farmers, the environment, our animals and our neighbors? Or big business? We shall see.

**ACTION:** Our action for this fall has been the "Eating Art" installation now on display in Eddy Hall. Audrey Greene, Carol Wiseman and Tina Holden-Shea headed up this action and did a terrific job. We have some wonderful art — ceramics, painting, glass, sculpture and living art (worms!!). Some of it is beautiful, some is whimsical and some is very serious. It all has to do with food and eating behavior. The opening was Dec. 13 and we had an excellent turnout, including quite a few people from the general community. Soon we will start planning other actions. Any ideas? See Carol Crowley.

~Carol Crowley  
(ccrowley8@cox.net)