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Sunday Services

June 5 - "Peter, Paul and Mary Magdalene: Apostles of Jesus", Rev. Justin Lapoint. What we can know about these three important leaders in the early Christian Movement.

June 12 - "Jesus, the Liberal – Christianity Then and Now", Rev. Claudia M. Frost. This is the second sermon in a series on world religions. From the days of the early Christian communities to changes through the centuries, we will look at the various understandings of the historical Jesus, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the ideals of Christianity. It's also Flower Communion Sunday. Please bring a flower for the "communal bouquet" to be chosen by another person during the service.

June 19 - Being There – A Father's Day Reflection – Rev. Claudia M. Frost – This is a good time to reflect on the changing role of Fatherhood. Over the last fifty years the demands and challenges have expanded into a new model of Fatherhood. Let us celebrate the contributions of those who make a difference in the lives of children.

June 26 - Lay/Music Service with Jimmy Merritt and Michael Mozingo

Every Sunday

9:45am - INTERGENERATIONAL
DEVOTIONAL

10:00am - ADULT AND YOUTH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

11:00am - CHURCH SERVICE

Religious Education

Adults: Bart Ehrman's Lost
Christianities lead by Robert Stolar

Children: UU Kids with Linda Jones
and Lisa Stolar

**Association of Universalist Women
(AUW) Meets on June 18 at 3:00 p.m.**



Green Tip from

"50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth"

Tires have a bigger impact on the environment than you might think. Simple things to do: Buy the longest-lasting, most fuel-efficient tires possible. Make sure your tires are properly inflated, balanced and rotated. Patronize those dealers who recycle. Support local efforts to recycle tires, to use more recycled rubber in tires, and to convert discarded tires into energy.



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Claudia's Notes

June 2011

Almost every day there is another invitation in my "in-box" for a special event at General Assembly (GA) or a plea to work for a few hours at one exhibit booth or another. It's hard to decide which events to respond "yes". I want to attend them all, but I suspect that's not possible. The official program of workshops, worship services, and specialty group gatherings has just recently been published and I have yet to block the time to map a course through the maze. ("Note to self: Must do soon").

General Assembly is an exciting gathering and I suspect this one is going to be very special as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary when the Universalist Church of America and American Unitarian Association officially came together as the Unitarian Universalist Association in 1961. This GA will be particularly inspiring because our district will be highlighted as the host district and you will most likely know many of the people participating on stage during the worship services and special programs.

I still harbor hope that some of you will decide to make the trip to Charlotte to experience at least some of General Assembly. The festivities start on Wednesday afternoon June 22nd with the District "ingathering" meetings and later in the evening the annual banner parade and opening ceremonies / anniversary celebration. The worship service preaching and the music are always top rate. The Exhibit Hall booths are not only informational but also festive and fun.

Saturday is a good day to sample GA if you can't come for the full General Assembly. Saturday evening is the special Ware Lecture. Karen Armstrong, religious commentator on the role of religion in the modern world and author of many books, (*The History of God, The Battle for God, A History of Fundamentalism, Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*) is the speaker this year. Also the Sunday morning worship is not to be missed. It is open to the public, so you won't need to be registered to attend. You can still register on-line until June 10th. The registration fee for one day Saturday attendance is \$145.00 at the late fee price. I hope our Chicken Pastry/Chicken Salad fundraiser results in helpful scholarship funds which prompt more of you to consider making plans to join thousands of fellow Unitarian Universalists from across the country as we reflect on our denomination's accomplishments of the last fifty years and our challenges for the future.

Alone, it's really difficult to capture the essence of a special experience and share it with others. If several of us go, we could make General Assembly come alive for all of us. We are allowed two delegates in addition to the minister. Will you be one of our delegates? The positions are still open.

"Happy Father's Day! Happy Summer! "

With Love, Hope, & Joy,

Claudia

