

# THE BRIDGE

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## March 2011



### Sunday Services

March 6, 2011 – “Live, Learn, and Let Go” – Rev. Claudia M. Frost - How wise are you in the realm of letting go? Do you have an idea of what is needed to move from a place of clinging and grasping (think win-loose) to a place of holding gently (win-win scenario). Let's explore the theology of letting go and what it has to do with diminishing suffering.

March 13, 2011 - Lay Service using the sermon, “What Gives Life Meaning? Reflections on the Pursuit of Happiness”, by Rev. Roger Fritts, Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, Bethesda, Maryland.

March 20, 2011 – “Be Changed” – Rev. Claudia M. Frost – Is Unitarian Universalism a Big T or a Little t transformative religion? Do you know the difference between conformational and transformational change? Have you been changed by this church and Universalist theology; changed by our people; or are you still on the sidelines waiting?

March 27, 2011 - Lay Service with Jimmy Merritt

### Every Sunday

9:45am - INTERGENERATIONAL DEVOTIONAL

10:00am - ADULT AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

11:00am - CHURCH SERVICE

### Religious Education

**The Adult Class will begin studying Lost Christianities lead by Robert Stolar -starting March 6.**

**Children's Class - UU Kids with Lisa Stolar or Ann Malpass**

**Youth Class - Being UU with Rev. Frost and Lisa Stolar - March 6th and 20th**

### Other Things of Interest!

2011 ANNUAL Eastern Carolina Cluster Gathering  
WHOSE ARE WE? WALKING TOGETHER: AN EXPLORATION OF COVENANT  
8:30 am (Registration) - 4:00 pm Closing Saturday, March 19  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wilmington

#### Duplin County Expo:

Our church will have a booth at the Duplin County Expo on Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5 in Kenansville, NC. We need volunteers for either Friday evening, Saturday morning or Saturday afternoon to man the booth. We also need brownies and cookies. Please sign-up in the Social Hall or e-mail the newsletter. Attending the Expo is really fun and you get to visit with many Duplin County residents.



## *Claudia's Notes*

*March 2011*

We may be a small denomination, but we are very busy. It's all too easy to only pay attention to what we do at Outlaw's Bridge. Yet, it's important for our growth and development to be aware and participate in the offerings of our fellow Unitarian Universalists both on the local and national levels. We need to help one another stay abreast of denominational affairs. Often congregations have a designated Denominational Affairs volunteer to keep members up to date on important events within the Cluster, the District, and the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA).

When is the last time you visited the UUA website? Though Rev. Peter Morales, President of the UUA, may be back by the time you read this newsletter, there is a blogpost by him, covering his two week journey to India visiting with several partners of the UU Holdeen India Program and the leaders of the Unitarian Union of North East India. The UUA website contains many other valuable resources for personal and congregational growth and development. I invite you to check it out. ([www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) )

We are connected in multiple ways to our fellow congregations via the Easter NC Cluster, the TJ District and the UUA. Five of our OBUC members recently attended a Kinston Fund visioning meeting in Greenville hosted by the TJ District. Board President, Jim Key hosted a Town Hall meeting early in the day to talk about issues related to the District with a focus on the recent regionalization decisions. We learned the Southland Unitarian Universalist Region is a cooperative venture between the four Southern districts of the Unitarian Universalist Association: Thomas Jefferson, Mid-South, Florida and the Southwestern Conference.

In December 2010, the Boards of Trustees of the four districts of the Southland Region came together to consider the challenges our faith faces and to begin the conversation about overcoming those challenges. Although the details of regionalization have not yet all been worked out, a document of how they have covenanted to work together has been created as The Orlando Platform. You can access the entire document on the TJ District website. ([www.tjdistrict.org](http://www.tjdistrict.org) )

The visioning meeting was an excellent opportunity for increasing awareness about the varied needs and hopes for the future held by the eastern NC congregations east of I-95 and the Universalist Convention of NC (UC-ONCI). The Kinston Fund Committee will review the visioning work of this gathering and make recommendations for the fund.

We will be participating in the Eastern Carolina annual cluster meeting on March 19th at the Wilmington Fellowship. Go to: <http://www.uugreenvillenc.org/cluster/index.html> for registration. Also, soon we will need to make decisions regarding delegates to general assembly. This is a terrific opportunity for many of us to attend since it is within driving distance. Registration will open in March.

There are so many opportunities there's not enough space here to tell you about all of them (Standing on the Side of Love Campaign, Chalice Lighters, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) If you would like to help keep us informed by serving as our Denominational Affairs person, please let me know. I would greatly appreciate it.

May the luck of the Irish be yours,  
Claudia

