



## Rev. Elations!



In a reverse of the “frog in the frying pan” situation, sometimes it is progress, not pain, which can develop so slowly that we forget to notice it.

As a woman who does most of my own home improvement work, I have experienced the most shocking sexism not in my life (where I am wonderful supported by lovely men)—but in the hardware store. There is the “do you know what you are buying little lady” problem. My favorite iteration of this happened when I was buying all of the rather obvious materials necessary to convert the plumbing on our home to all copper. The attendant saw how much I had in my cart and raced up to me, demanding to know what I was going to do with it all. His tone made it clear that he would not, could not, believe I would use anything for its intended purpose. What did he picture I wonder? A bizarre centerpiece? And then there have been the episodes of outright harassment—several times involving the annoyingly sexual terms for a lot of hardware.

But then--yesterday I went into the hardware store looking for an unusually sized outlet box, and everything was different. The very young man who helped me actually accepted my explanation of my challenge with the project, and made very helpful suggestions without ever questioning my competence. I think it was the first time I had ever had an adult conversation in a hardware store—where two people speak with mutual respect towards a common end. It was a revelation, and I shared that with my nice young helper. He was shocked by my accounts of my troubles past, and said, “I can’t even think of anyone my age who would do that.” Out of the mouths of babes.

Theodore Parker, the 19<sup>th</sup> century Unitarian minister said that “the arc of the universe is long, but it bends towards justice.” This quote was later repeated by Martin Luther King. Usually it is quoted with the assumption that the bending towards justice part is so slight that we can’t notice it. But every once in a while, in the right light, you can see it make the turn.

To Life!

*Dusan*

## Worship Schedule

October 3

*Mystic Apple.* An extended meditation on the inherent mysticism of fall.

October 10

*Jesus in a New Light.* Unusual renderings of the gospel that allow us to see its truths in a new way.

October 17

Guest-led service.

October 24

*Of Gods and Monsters.* What our obsession with monsters says about our concerns for the durability of the human soul.

October 31

*Samhain.* NUUC member Lyn Herron explains the fall nature-based holiday of Samhain.



## Children’s Religious Education

Our formal age-appropriate RE classes resumed on Sunday, September 19, with classes running concurrently to the 10:30am worship service.

Class formats are the same as last year—“Chalice Children” is for 3-5 year olds and meets in the back of Fellowship Hall. The “Explorers” (ages 6-11) and Youth “Seekers” (ages 12+) meet in Nielsen House, our religious education “house” located across the driveway from the church building. (The age groups are a guide; you are welcome to place your children to accommodate any special needs or circumstances.)

The complete and updated 2010-11 Religious Education Prospectus of class offerings may be viewed by visiting us at [www.nuuc.org](http://www.nuuc.org), click on “Worship and RE,” then on “Children’s Religious Education Program.”

If you would like to learn more about teaching or assisting with one of our classes for the Winter/Spring 2011 session, please contact Rev. Ritchie at 740-657-8081, ext. 2 or [RevRitchie@aol.com](mailto:RevRitchie@aol.com).

**Religious Education Open House Oct. 17**

## “Northern Light” Newsletter

The “Northern Light” is a monthly newsletter produced by North Unitarian Universalist Congregation and is distributed approximately the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

**Submissions:** The deadline for submissions is generally the week following the monthly Board of Trustees meeting. The submission deadline for November’s issue will be Thursday, October 21. If possible, submissions should be sent as a Word-compatible document attached to an e-mail to Jeri Dill at [nuucjdill@aol.com](mailto:nuucjdill@aol.com). Pasting the article into the body of the e-mail is also suggested in case of incompatibility of software.

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The Religious Education Committee invites all parents, teachers, members to a Religious Education Open House at Nielsen House after service on Sunday Oct. 17. Let’s get to know each other better, and discuss our plans and hopes for our children’s religious education.

## Nursery Observes Fall Hours

The NUUC nursery is staffed weekly to service younger-than-toddler age children. Unless otherwise noted, nursery hours are 8:45am until 11:45am (extended for certain meetings, etc. as noted).



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