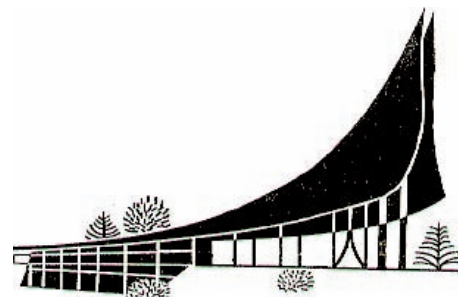


SOUNDINGS

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THE NEXT SOUNDINGS DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, OCT. 22

Oct. 17 - Nov. 6, 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct. 17 Services: 9 & 11 am K-6 begins in Sanctuary OWL Parent Group, Library - 12:30 pm Spirit in Practice, E.W., ... 12:30 pm Classic Book Gr., R. Burnham's home - ... 12:30 pm The Artists Way, M.H., ... 1:00 pm	18 O&AF Rehearsal ... 7:45 pm	19 Newcomer Orient Frank's Office, ... 7:00 pm Improv, Chapel, ... 7:30 pm Chamber Choir, Sanct. ... 7:45 pm	20 Chant & Meditation Chapel ... 7:00 pm "Awaken Your Creativity", Fell. Rm ... 7:00 pm Abolish Death Penalty, E.W., ... 7:30 pm Men's Choir, ... 8:00 pm	21 Read Aloud Day at Beardsley School Youth Choir - 5 pm Bell Choir - 6:45pm Women's Choir, ... 7:45 pm	22 SOUNDINGS Deadline, 12:00 Noon	23 Choral Workshop, Sanctuary, ... 10:30 am
24 UN Worship Service: 9 & 11 am OWL Parent Gr. Library ... 12:30 pm Spirit in Practice, E.W., ... 12:30 pm	25 <i>Odyssey</i> Program, Poetry, M.H., - ... 7:00pm Health Care Task Force, Fellow. Rm., ... 7:30 pm	26 Newcomer Orient. Frank's Off. -7pm Environmental Action, Fellowship Rm., - 7:30 pm Sex Ed for Adults Chapel ... 7:30 pm Improv, Sanct., ... 7:30 pm	27 SOUNDINGS Mailing - 9:30 am "Awaken Your Creativity", Fellow. Rm. - 7pm Chant & Meditation Chapel, ... 7:00 pm Men's Choir, ... 8:00 pm	28 Youth Choir - 5 pm Bell Choir - 6:45pm Women's Choir - 7:45 pm	29 Shawl Ministry, Meeting Hse., ... 12:30 pm UU Movie Discussion, M.H., ... 7:30 pm Classical Music Concert, Sanctuary ... 8:00 pm	30 Halloween Fun House, Chapel - ... 9:00am Bob Lavender Memorial Service, 2 pm Game Night, Foyer... 5:30 pm
31 Worship Service: 9 & 11 am Halloween fun House, Chapel - All Day OWL Parent Gr. Library ... 12:30 pm Spirit in Practice, E.W., ... 12:30 pm	Nov. 1 O&AF Rehearsal ... 7:45 pm	2 Microfinance, Fellowship Rm., ... 7:30 pm Chamber Choir, Sanctuary, ... 7:45 pm	3 Chant & Meditation Chapel ... 7:00 pm <i>Odyssey</i> : God in America: Film & Discussion, E.W. ... 7:00 pm Men's Choir, ... 8:00 pm	4 Youth Choir - 5 pm Finance Committee, M.H., ... 5:30 pm Bell Choir - 6:45 pm Women's Choir, ... 7:45 pm	5 SOUNDINGS Deadline 12 Noon	6 Circle of Care Facilitators, Meeting Hse., ... 10:00 am REEL Justice Film, Sanctuary, ... 7:30 pm

SERMONS:

October 17 ... 9 & 11 am "Circles of Care" Frank, with Jim Franceck <i>Our Affirmation includes a covenant to 'help one another.' Sometimes help is implicit...expressed in the process of making the effort to meet one another, and from those meetings the help flows naturally. It's 10 o'clock, do you know where your UU neighbors live?</i>
October 24 ... 9 & 11 am "Supplies to Virtue," United Nations SundayFrank Hall <i>Emerson acknowledged that some sermons could be deadly dull, but he also said, "There is a good ear in some listeners that can draw supplies to virtue out of very indifferent nutriment and a sermon though foolishly spoken may be wisely heard." Are you listening?</i>
October 31 ... 9 & 11 am Leaving Home Frances Sink, PhD, MDiv <i>On the spiritual journey there are many leave takings. Sometimes a surprise, sometimes planned, joyful, fearful, in company, or alone, leaving and arriving again and again is our spiritual destiny. The journey is how we grow. (Frances Sink, a member of our congregation and a Candidate for UU ministry, begins her ministerial internship at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Westchester in Mt. Kisco, NY, on November 1.)</i>

INTERFAITH COUNCIL OF WESTPORT AND WESTON PRESENTS

HEALTH CARE REFORM:



An Overview and Explanation of What it Means for YOU

**Sunday, October 24 at 4:00 pm
Unitarian Church in Westport**

“Health Care Reform: An Overview And Explanation Of What It Means For You” will provide a review of the federal and state health care reform legislation of the past two years and some of the significant changes that are going into effect right now.

There will be an explanation of the impact of health care reform on Connecticut, the economy, small businesses, seniors, retirees, young adults and people with and without health insurance.

The panel will include David Vita, Director of Social Justice at the Unitarian Church, Barbara Edinberg, Assistant Director of the Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition (BCAC) in Bridgeport, and Ken Esposito, congregational organizer for health care reform.



JAZZ FOR JUSTICE
Friday, November 12 at 8 pm
\$15 ticket



A benefit for our Social Justice Programs

Featuring some of the top players of Brazilian jazz
(along with a couple of
musicians from our own UCW community!).

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS

*Beardsley School Committee ~ Committee to Abolish the Death Penalty ~
Environmental Action Group ~ Interfaith Health Care Task Force ~
Labyrinth Peace Walks ~ Microfinance ~ Racial Justice Committee ~ Rainbow Task
Force ~ REEL Justice Film series ~ UN Committee ~ Westbridge Coalition*

October 11, 2010

Dear Friends,

Thirty five years ago, in my third year of ministry in Attleboro, I invented the Dear Friends letter. Well, I didn't actually *invent* it – in truth I got the idea from my friend and mentor, Herb Adams.

The idea is that every member and friend of the congregation would receive an old-fashioned letter in the mail twice a month. It would be personal, not preachy. It would help to create a sense of connection between me and you. It was inspired, in part, by the story of the Velveteen Rabbit – the part about becoming real, which, the story says;

“It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to the people who don't understand.”

I offer this simple statement and brief review of this letter as a way of telling you my response to the film about the invention of Facebook, by Mark Zuckerberg, *The Social Network*. Zuckerberg is now the world's youngest billionaire. The film is based on a book, *The Accidental Billionaires*. I waited for the movie.

While I felt sympathy for the pathetic Zuckerberg character, I found the film's story quite disturbing, especially seeing it a couple of weeks after Tyler Clementi's tragic suicide in response to his personal, intimate life being brutally exposed over the internet.

The film was, of course, *meant* to disturb, to ask us to think about the morality of big money, the ethics of competition, and the real-life value of friendship. In this regard *The Social Network* is highly successful, even brilliant.

Facebook was launched by Zuckerberg in 2004 as a way for college students to connect with each other. The user created a personal page and was able to offer requests for so-called *friends*, and to accept or reject offers made by others – to *be* a friend. At first it was a kind of exclusive private club since it was open only to those with certain email addresses, beginning with Harvard, then Ivy League schools. Within a couple of years it was opened to anyone over 13 and has grown to more than a half billion users.

The film isn't so much about Facebook but the drama behind its creation, especially about the damage to Zuckerberg's relationships – damage made public by his attempt to humiliate his former girlfriend by posting things about her on the internet, and damage to his one-and-only actual friend – it was all about money, control and power misused.

The Social Network is a study in character flaws – it's about the most basic human issues, concerns, hopes and fears. When viewed in the context of the real-life tragedy of Tyler Clementi's exposure on the internet and the suicide that followed, it is a warning, a blinking red light that tells us to stop before proceeding further...with caution. Facebook is only six years old, it is wildly popular, and ready to begin classes on appropriate internet etiquette. Real friends don't come instantly or easily, but they are worth the effort.

Yours,
Frank

The World As I See It, Albert Einstein

"How strange is the lot of us mortals! Each of us is here for a brief sojourn; for what purpose we know not, though we sometimes think we sense it..."

A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life are based on the labors of other(s), living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving...My passionate sense of social justice and social responsibility has always contrasted oddly with my pronounced lack of need for direct contact with other human beings and human communities. I am truly a 'lone traveler' ...I have never lost a need for solitude"

"My political ideal is democracy. The really valuable thing in the pageant of human life seems to me not the political state, but the creative, sentient individual, the personality; it alone creates the noble and the sublime, while the herd as such remains dull in thought and dull in feeling.

"The most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious. It is the fundamental emotion that stands at the cradle of true art and true science. Whoever does not know it and can no longer wonder, no longer marvel, is as good as dead, and his eyes are dimmed. It was the experience of mystery -- even if mixed with fear -- that engendered religion. A knowledge of the existence of something we cannot penetrate...it is this knowledge and this emotion that constitute true religiosity. In this sense, and only this sense, I am a deeply religious man. I am satisfied with the mystery of life's eternity and with a knowledge, a sense, of the marvelous structure of existence -- as well as the humble attempt to understand even a tiny portion of the Reason that manifests itself in nature."

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Every Day, Caroline Joy Adams

Every day
We are given a thousand waking moments
A thousand opportunities to learn, to grow, to choose
Thus, in as many of those moments as you can,
Choose Wisely.

Choose understanding and calmness rather than anger...
Gratitude rather than envy....
Compassion rather than judgment....
Awareness rather than denial....
Loving thoughts, words, and action
Over those that have the power to hurt...

And in this way,
Moment by Moment by Moment
We shall create harmony, healing and peace
Within ourselves...and for each other.

Perry's Ponderings ...

My eleven-year old nephew Elijah, who played with the UCW Wiffleball Ministry a few times, just moved to Arizona with my sister. In one of our last car rides before he left, Elijah thanked me for all I did for him. This summer we had a special trip to his first Yankee game, the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, and the Bridgeport Bluefish championship on his birthday. The places we went were special but it was the care and appreciation that we showed for each other that created a stronger bond between us.

After we dropped my sister and two nephews at the airport, my mother and I had a memorable heartfelt visit with my father's first cousin Robert and his wife Flo, who both have serious health issues and are moving to Florida. Cousin Robert was a dentist who once had an elderly client in dire straits. The man was an artist so Cousin Robert had him paint a picture. The man charged him an outrageous price, but Robert gladly paid it and then commissioned several more paintings. His wall space was already overflowing but, "After all, the man needed the money." Robert is now giving away his paintings before the move and my mother took one depicting the Paris hotel where my parents honeymooned, painted by that elderly man. Generosity often keeps giving in wondrous ways.

The 5th-6th grade class helped the Beardsley Committee sell pencils after services to raise money for much-needed school supplies. Afterward, Duncan asked if he could take some boxes home to sell. He went around his neighborhood and raised \$26 for the school, then added another \$12 from his own allowance. Duncan understood the true meaning of this activity and took it upon himself to put care into action.

In Children's Chapel, Trevor helped newcomer Lily feel comfortable and welcome. Lily later told her mother, "I love church!" It was Trevor's thoughtful care that made our congregation a new home for Lily.

I hope my nephew finds a welcoming atmosphere in his new community just as Lily did here with Trevor's care. We have many new families this fall and when we welcome each one of them as a new family member, we grow the feeling of warmth and care in our community.

RE CALENDAR

Sun, Oct 17

K-6 Start in sanctuary
12:30-1 OWL Parent Group,
Library

Sun, Oct 24

12:30-1 OWL Parent Group, Lib.

Sat Oct 30

9am-1pm 7th gr. Halloween
Prep, Chapel
5:30pm Pizza & Game Night,
Foyer

Sun Oct 31

9 & 11 Halloween Fun House
12:30-1 OWL Parent Gr., Lib.

"It's the Calm Before the Storm Game Night"

Please join us
for an all-ages
(Candy-Free!)

Pizza & Game Night
on Saturday, October 30.

Pizza at 5:30,
Games at 6:15.

Bring games of your choice.

Halloween costumes
encouraged!

Halloween story-
telling likely!

\$7 adults, \$5 kid
(\$24 max per
family).

Please RSVP to
203.227-7205 ext 20

or ucwevents@gmail.com



GOBLINS, GHOULS & GHOSTS

Dress up for your visit to...
The Halloween Fun House
Sunday, Oct. 31, during classes
at 9 & 11am
created by the 7th grade
Neighboring Faiths class

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP...

Lily Rappaport, Youth Program Dir.

Recently an 18-year-old Rutgers University student committed suicide after he was secretly filmed and broadcast on the Web. This incident illustrates the Internet's alarming potential as a means of tormenting others. Unfortunately, the misuse of cyber technologies is a disturbing trend in our society.

Cyberbullying is the use of email, instant messaging, text messaging, chat rooms, cell phones, or other forms of information technology to deliberately threaten or intimidate someone. It is different than other types of bullying because hurtful information can be transmitted broadly and instantaneously. Bullies can hide behind anonymity.

According to the National Crime Prevention Council, over 40% of all teenagers with Internet access have reported being bullied online; 81% said their peers engaged in the attacks because they thought it was funny. Bullies don't think it's a big deal or that they will get caught.

Last week the Wilton Library offered a presentation sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of Connecticut. The program, "Cyberbullying and Name-Calling: What Children Wish Their Parents Knew", raised awareness of bullying behaviors and provided practical information in how to respond effectively to this problem. Maria Mendoza-Smith (COA Advisor) and I attended this program and learned helpful prevention and intervention strategies.

In Sunday's Youth Group we examined this phenomenon of Cyberbullying and how it affects us all. We listed types of online bullying, including: 1) sending mean messages or images, 2) posting sensitive information or lies about another person, 3) creating a fake profile and pretending to be someone else, and 4) forwarding private messages, pictures or video to others.

Four key roles played in instances of bullying are the Bully, the Target, the Bystander and the Ally. The best way to fight bullying is to teach individuals to deal in a constructive way and to seek help. We can empower targets so that they can stand up to the bullies, teach the perpetrators empathy so that they understand how words and actions hurt, and teach bystanders to become allies.

Education is an important part of combating bullying and making the Internet experience a safer and more positive one for all.

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE
1 CHILD AT A TIME
Felicity Medinger**

After a few years of reading weekly to a 5th grade class at Beardsley, last year I decided to test the waters of mentoring as well. I was assigned a wonderful young 4th grade boy, and I met with him once a week (the same day that I read). We ate lunch together, played games, drew and talked a lot. As the year progressed we discussed pets, family, school and our likes and dislikes. We call each other by our first names—as good friends do.

We had a wonderful time at a special outing, duckpin bowling with all the mentors and mentees in the Bridgeport school system. But it was at the final luncheon that I heard a speech concerning the desperate need for more mentors. As my mentee and I ate our dinners, I asked him how he would feel if another boy or girl from his grade joined us the next year. When he agreed it would be fine, I knew I would be taking on another mentee.

This year I am mentoring Jovani and Luis, both in the same grade, and it is such a thrill to see their two smiling faces when I go to their room to pick them up for lunch. Both are sweet, polite, wonderful young men—just a bit immature and quiet. We laugh, we play games, play frisbee in a deserted hallway, or blow bubbles in the back parking lot. It is so hard to believe a child's life can be affected by just an hour a week of my company at school. I find now that the passing of my weeks are marked by my time with my mentees. I only wish I could somehow mentor even more children.

There is an upcoming Mentor Challenge meeting that I wish everyone with an hour a week would consider attending. It will answer all your questions about mentoring and reassure you it is truly just an hour a week in the school. Never in your lifetime will one hour of your time be so unbelievably important to another human being's life as mentoring. Please consider mentoring a Beardsley School child, or at the very least, attending the meeting. I am more than willing to answer questions if you would like to contact me. Mentoring creates memories that last a life time—for both of you.

Felicity Medinger 203.923.3664 or felicitymedinger@yahoo.com

**???? Health Care Reform:
Questions, Questions, Questions...**

Many people are suspect of health care reform, confused about its content, receive contradictory information, and are often then surprised by the actual content of the law. It seems that one thing we all can use is more clarity.

For the next few months you can put your questions about Connecticut's Sustinet Plan and Federal Health Care Reform in the envelope on the Social Justice bulletin board in the church foyer and our Health Care Task Force will try and answer them in Soundings.

Question: Why will people be forced to buy insurance and fined if they don't?

Right now everyone who has insurance is paying for health consumers who don't. The more people actually paying for health care, the lower each of our costs.

Everyone will have a choice whether to purchase insurance or not- and there will be subsidies to make it easier. People who choose not to purchase insurance will need to pay a fee so that health care is there if, and when, they need it. Otherwise people who have insurance will continue to pay for those who don't.

To drive a car you have to have automobile insurance in order to get a license. Is your body any less important?



**COATS PLUS*
COLLECTION
Sundays,
Oct. 17 & 24**

I am looking to collect coats plus* to donate to the Christian Community Action Coalition coat drive in Norwalk.

In late October, the CCAC sets up shop for one day at the Norwalk Police Headquarters in South Norwalk. People are invited to come in and take what they need.

There is a large Latino community that has benefited by the warm clothes in years passed.

What ever is left at the end of the day (and it isn't much), gets taken to the local homeless shelter.

Please be generous when cleaning out your closets. Think of those who will benefit by an added layer of warmth this winter.

Please leave donations in the basket under the coat sign at the Social Justice table in the church lobby.

***Coats plus hats, scarves, boots, sweaters, blankets and baby gear.**

For more info, or if you'd like to help out, contact Lisa McInnis: lisamc59@optonline.net

**A Father's Journey
from Rage to a Change of
Heart**

In the wake of his son's murder Bob Curley was determined to see his son's killers put to death. He became an unofficial spokesperson for an effort to reinstate the death penalty in his home state of Massachusetts.

After years of channeling the pain of his loss into rage, Bob had an encounter with two other murder victims' family members who opposed the death penalty. The encounter set Bob on a road that ultimately led him to oppose the death penalty himself.

**Sunday, October 17, at 4:00 pm
Quaker Meeting House
317 New Canaan Road,
Wilton, CT, 06897**

This event is sponsored by the Wilton Quakers and the Committee to Oppose the Death Penalty of the Unitarian Church in Westport

Looking for an "ELEANOR"?:

I'm an L.L. Bean child's rocking chair, medium blue with white painted "ELEANOR" across my back. I'm in great condition. Make a \$10 donation to the church and I'm yours! Call Martha at 203-454-3231.

The Flowing Motion – Qigong & Tai Chi Easy for Health— Returns!

If you attended the Summer Service on June 25th, you experienced the joy and bountiful energy that Qigong practice creates! (If you didn't, you missed something special!) . Jane Brody's recent article in the NY Times Science section (9/28/10) examines the benefits of Tai Chi (Qigong). Experience the Next Wave in wellness!

Come try a class and FEEL THE QI for yourself. No special clothing or equipment needed. Just wear something comfortable. It can be done standing, sitting or even lying down.

We'll meet in the East Wing at 7:00 p.m. Tea is served after class! A 7- week session begins Tuesday, October 12th

Fee: \$80 for the session -- \$15 drop-in (If you join after 10/12, we will prorate fee)

For more information & our complete class schedule go to www.theflowingmotion.com or call Darryl Manning at 203-856-8837 or email darrylmanning@gmail.com.

UU Movie Discussion Group Friday, Oct. 29



Our next meeting of the UU Movie Discussion Group will take place Friday Oct. 29th. Suggested movies for this month are: "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps", and "Jack Goes Boating" Potluck dessert at 7:30; discussion at 8. At the Meeting House.

Prop Needed:

The cast of Dancing at Lughnasa is looking for an open hutch as a piece of furniture for its setting of a country kitchen. We will use it from November 13 to November 21 in the church where the play will be performed. If you can help please call Jim Luongo @2038462642

Business Matters

He's at it again your Business Manager! By the time you read this you will have received or will soon receive your first quarter (June, July, September) pledge statements if you have a balance owed. If you are current (THANK YOU VERY MUCH) you will not receive a statement so as to save postage. In some instances you may receive a statement regarding your balance from last fiscal year (ending June 30, 2010). We are attempting to bring closure on that year so if you want to make special arrangements contact me.

You have a strong pledge base and, when everyone makes good on their pledge commitments, the church is on solid ground! If you owe please give thoughtful consideration to making arrangements with the business office for paying down or off the balance.

John Carroll

Business Manager/Church Administrator



Read Aloud Day at Beardsley School

Thursday, October 21

Read Aloud Day at Beardsley School, our adopted school in Bridgeport, will be held on Thursday, October 21st.

It's a fun and rewarding experience for readers, as well as for students and staff at Beardsley.

Would you like to join us?

Please sign up at the Social Justice table or contact Lorna Donnelly at 292-6391 or Jamie Forbes at 227-7205

"Show Me the Money," an Interfaith Program Examining Recession Banking, Issues and Answers

In response to the recession's widespread social and economic fallout, an interfaith community discussion titled "Show Me the Money; Banking and its Place in Judaism, Christianity and Islam," will take place from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 27 and Wednesday Nov. 3 at Fairfield University's Oak Room.

Conference organizers, an informal interfaith group of greater Bridgeport area Christian, Muslim and Jewish clergy and lay supporters known as "The Tent of Abraham," say the three religions have a rich history of response to questions of banking and lending which rarely is heard. Tent of Abraham members believe programs like the ones planned have borne fruit in Fairfield County in recent months, creating many helpful interfaith bonds.



Flowers for September

September 12

In memory of Estrid Coates from her children
from her children
Darryl Manning, Norman & Trevor Coates

September 19

Given by Jean, Neil & Todd Coleman

September 26

Given in memory of Henry Lemaire, former board member.
He and his wife, Connie, were active longtime members before retiring to Burlington, Vermont

Memorial Service Bob Lavender

There will be a Memorial Service for Bob Lavender at our church on Saturday, October 30th, at 2 pm Bob and his wife Carolyn, joined the church in 1960 and both have been very involved on the local, district and national level.

Mark Your Calendar

On Friday, October 29th, at 8:00pm, the Cypress Piano Quartet will present a concert of Classical music at the church.

Who are they? Sue Corey-Sahlin (viola) and Gunnar Sahlin (cello) will be joined by Maria Conti (violin) and Patricia Grimm (piano). These fine musicians are first class performers who have played exciting and uplifting music in venues around the United States, Europe and Asia. While each is a soloist in his/her own way, their combined efforts will bring to life music that is not heard very often. The Cypress Piano Quartet recently performed at the prestigious concert series "Music at One" at Trinity Church on Wall Street in New York City.

What will they play? The program includes the drama and exuberance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Piano Quartet in G minor, the distinctively Spanish dance rhythms and fiery emotion of Joaquin Turina's Piano Quartet and after a short intermission the luxurious romanticism of Robert Schumann's Piano Quartet in Eb Major.

Tickets are available at the door. Suggested donation of \$10. For more information, please contact Edward Thompson at 203-227-7205 ext.18, or ed@uuwestport.org

Bell Choir.....

The Bell choir is still looking for new members. If you are interested or would like more information for this fun, musical and focused activity, please be in touch with Ed Thompson or Debbie Handler

For those interested in the voice classes with Marcella, they will be happening starting on September 25th. Please contact Ed for more information. ed@uuwestport.org

Chalice Lighters - helping our neighboring congregations



Our New York Metro District of UU congregations (which includes lower CT) has a program called Chalice Lighters, by which congregations help one another with a capital project of some sort.

We will have a visitor on Sunday morning, Oct 31, to tell us about the 'Call' for this fall, and to ask for our help. Members are asked to individually make a \$10, more or less, donation, which will be used toward the named project. This time, it is 3 congregations that will benefit: UU churches in Lincroft and New Brunswick, NJ are teaming up to hire professional help to bring them programs on how to become congregations of generous people. They plan to share what they learn with other UUs in the district. The 3rd church is in Mt.Kisco, NY. They plan to use CL funds to augment their plan for sustainable growth through: hiring a ministerial intern (who is none other than our own Frances Sink, recent Yale Divinity School grad!); updating and expanding their facility; and expanding their community outreach.

Please welcome our guest that day, and be as generous as you can. Westport has helped dozens of congregations in our district; some day it will be our turn to receive.



CALLING ALL SANTAS

Hard to believe that Christmas is coming again.

Although months away still, I will soon need a count of people who want to play Santa to Beardsley School children. As you may know, for several years I picked up letters to Santa from the Bridgeport post office and many UU "elves" took them and answered them with gifts and cards from "Santa".

Last year we began to go directly to Beardsley School for our letters.

Principal Marshall worked with teachers and other staff to choose the neediest children/families of Beardsley, and the children wrote letters to Santa.

We will again be answering their letters this year, and I need to know who is interested in participating, so I can give them an idea of

how many children we can take on. If you would be interested, whether it is to do gifts for just one child or even a whole family, please contact me as soon as possible. Beardsley needs time to coordinate it all on their end. felicitymedinger@sbcglobal.net or call me at 203 923-3664.

Thanks! *Felicity*

visit our website at
www.uuwestport.org