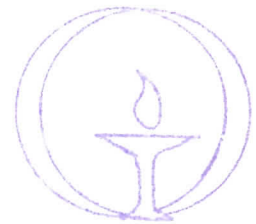


# UNITARIAN CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER April 1977

### DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 10, Easter Sunday, will be a recognition Sunday for new members. If you are thinking of joining our church, please speak to membership co-chairmen Jack and Augusta Bromley, or to the minister.

The APRIL 17 discussion will be on American foreign policy, led by Ingrid Luck, right after church.

Save this date - WED. MAY 4 - for the parish supper, annual meeting, and election of officers. A nominating committee has been named, with Horace Pease, chairman, and members Augusta Bromley and Betsey Roy.

The trustees will meet on APRIL 4, 7:30 pm, at Dorothy Berry's home.

### FOR THE CHURCH

Anyone having documents, books, photos, or articles pertaining or belonging to the church - please notify president Stanley Richmond. We are trying to collect such items for inventory and safekeeping.

The UUA General Assembly will be held in June at Cornell, Ithaca NY. We are entitled to send delegates, so anyone interested in going (at their own expense) should see Dr. Meserve or Stan Richmond and become an "official" delegate.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

April 3 Dr. Meserve  
April 10 Dr. Meserve  
April 17 Dr. Meserve  
April 24 Dr. Foote

### WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Apr. 6 Business meeting - Hostess Emma Wass  
Apr. 13 Sewing meeting - Hostess Marguerite Copp  
Apr. 20 Enterprise luncheon - Hostesses Corace Beal and Jean Beal  
Apr. 27 Silent auction - Hostesses Leona Royal & Ruth Royal

### SEXTON'S DUTIES

Apr. 3 Eleanor Carlson  
Apr. 10 Eric & Chris Benedum  
Apr. 17 & 24 Dorothy Berry & Phyllis Canfield

### FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE

The Chicago Children's Choir will give two concerts on Sunday, April 24, at the Universalist Church of Portland. Composed of youngsters from 8 to 18 years old, it was founded by a UU minister in Chicago, and has performed all over this country and in Europe.

The afternoon concert (3:45 pm) is especially for children, and will be followed by a supper. Free tickets for this and for the 7:30 pm concert are available from Helen Silver. Admission is by ticket only, and donations will be accepted there.

SUMMER CONFERENCES

FROM THE ALLIANCE

Twelve 1977 summer institutes are planned at the U-U Ferry Beach Camp in Saco, Me., including weeks for children, teens, and families, and on retirement, singleness, marriage, international affairs, and religious education. Besides the dormitories, there are also campsites which may be reserved. For full details, see the bulletin board.

Information on Star Island summer conferences is also posted.

PEOPLE

Congratulations to the Jeff Jacobs family on the arrival of Frances Rose, born March first!

On April 24 Dr. Meserve will be the preacher at All Souls Unitarian Church in New York City.

The minister is available for appointments either at the church or at your home, if you want him to call. All you have to do is telephone him at 244-7124.

Eddie Kamps is in charge of scheduling greeters for Sunday mornings. If you want to help out, let him know.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

Do you support a particular cause or have some special social concern you'd like to tell others about? Let us know, and each month we'll briefly describe someone's interests, so others of like mind can get in touch.

New names are still being taken for our mailing list. Call Helen Pease (667-4454) or Helen Silver (667-2027).

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A reminder: If you are the last one out of the building at any time, please be sure all doors are locked, lights off, and heat turned down.

It was voted at the March 2nd Women's Alliance meeting that, because of the high cost of coffee, it will not be provided after Sunday services. Those wishing to serve coffee after church services must furnish it themselves.

In 1976 the Alliance spent over \$130 for coffee, tea, paper cups, two card tables and other miscellaneous supplies for the church, and pledged \$800 toward the annual church budget. In other expenses, the Alliance also donates toward Meadville Theological School for the education of future ministers, Starwood Wildlife Foundation of Ellsworth, Clara Barton Diabetic Camp for girls in Oxford, Mass., which is sponsored by UU women, Camp Winnangwamauk for retarded children in Brooksville, Maine, plus having in other years contributed toward the Homestead Project and Meadowview, keeping in mind at all times hoping to donate in the thousands toward the building of an addition to our church. The beautiful blue carpeting throughout the church was furnished by the Alliance.

All the above is accomplished with an ACTIVE membership of only twenty-five ladies, only eight of whom with the help of their husbands, make over 2500 Maybaskets the sale of which brings into their treasury about a third of the money earned each year. Other means are by two fairs, in July and November, and a rummage sale each June, plus a silver collection at each business meeting, a silent auction, and an Enterprise luncheon.

As one minister wrote in his annual report to the church back in 1962, "we must express our deep gratitude to our Women's Alliance, without whose hard work there would be no Unitarian Church, no minister, and no annual report."



## Chauvinist's Progress

From time to time, as the mood strikes me and as urgency suggests, I pause and examine the condition of my male chauvinism. I seek such signs of authentic progress as may reasonably be cited, having received from my family and close friends a sufficient number of reminders of what a terrible MCP\* I have always been. At this time of reflection and earnest self-examination, I shall point to three experiences which have been helpful.

First, there was on TV the magnificent drama on the life of the French novelist and surely one of the most liberated women of modern times, George Sand (1804-1876). Sympathetically and accurately portrayed, I believe, Mme. Sand (perish the title "Mme.") impressed me as a human being of extraordinary intelligence, vitality, and love. Beside her the people she loved, and there were many, seem narrow in their sympathies and small in character. She was a great woman, and the Paris of the early 19th century in which she flourished was a hard place for a woman to flourish in except as the toy or possession of some man. Vive George Sand.

Second, I have recently read the novel of a slightly older contemporary of George Sand's, Jane Austen (1775-1817). In shame, I confess that I had never before read Pride and Prejudice. After some discreet but steady urging from several feminine associates, I read it. It is a work of art, illuminating the ordinary course of ordinary lives with sharp perceptions, skillful satire, and genuine appreciation of basic human values. Vive Jane Austen.

Then, quite recently, I found in The Christian Century an article by Rosa Shand Turner, instructor in English at Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest on "The Increasingly Visible Female and the Need for Generic Terms." Turner tackles a thorny problem: What to do about the pronoun "he" when we use it in a generic sense to mean anyone, any person of either sex. Her answer is what I had always thought was bad usage. Use "they" instead, she says. That's the way it was in English until some 18th-century grammarians took over. Use "one," "person," "humanity" rather than "mankind," "forebears" rather than "forefathers." These essential changes can be made without any loss to the language. So here is something specific for MCP's\* to start on.

The thing about overcoming male chauvinism is that as soon as you take one step more appear. Believe me, I know. For me it is a long, long road.

H.C.L.

\* MCP means male chauvinist pig, you MCP.