

# Channing Channel

Channing Unitarian Universalist Church 405-340-1213

## President's Corner

### Order vs. Chaos

"...order was freedom. To live in chaos was to live in a prison. Order freed the mind for other things."—Louise Penny

"How many things are there which I do not want."—Socrates

"The physics of clutter is that it will come into your office without your assistance, but it will not go away without your assistance."—Julie Mahan

We at Channing have been trying to declutter the office and other areas of the church building. It's sort of like weeding a garden. You no sooner get one area cleaned up than another comes to your attention.

The recent Surplus Sundays were part of an attempt to get rid of things we no longer needed. There is some question as to whether we ever needed them. It appears that sometimes an item is donated to us without our even being aware of it! We found we had four vacuum cleaners, for

### Goodies List for February

February 7<sup>th</sup>: POT LUCK

February 14<sup>th</sup>: Liz Duncan

February 21<sup>st</sup>: Linda Gray

February 28<sup>th</sup>: Virginia Daniel

**President:** Pat Hervey

**President-elect:** Dana Spears

**Secretary:** Linda Gray

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Katherine Williams, Val Zemke

**Newsletter Editor:** Kathleen Joslin

example. We don't need four vacuum cleaners. I'm not sure where they all came from. But once we determine which the best for our use is, the rest will have to go.

If you have something you want to offer to the church, please be sure you ask the appropriate person whether we could use it. That person would be the head of Building and Grounds, Bob Zemke, if it relates to upkeep of the church and grounds. If it's office supplies, contact Kathleen Joslin, our temporary Office Manager. If you're not sure whom to contact, talk with a member of the executive committee. Names are listed in the box above.

Thanks,

Pat Hervey, President  
Channing UU Church

### February Birthdays

Jana Leslie, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Nelson Daniel, February 9<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday to both of you!

### Condolences

Our condolences go to Anna Holloway on the loss of her mother on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The memorial service will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> in Virginia.

### Our Great Loss

It was with much sadness we learned of the death of our choir director, Rolan Decker. He died of a sudden cardiac arrest January 22, 2010. He is survived by his wife and four children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Channing will be making a memorial donation in his memory. He had directed the choir the previous Sunday in one of his own arrangements and, according to his family, was quite pleased with the performance. He will be greatly missed

### Please Keep Them in Your Thoughts

MaryLee Welch had surgery on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to remove the lower lobe of her left lung. The surgery was performed at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital. While the surgery went well, the resulting lab tests were not all she had hoped for. She has active cancer and will be getting chemotherapy. She was able to leave the hospital on Sunday.

Jo Clevenger is having treatment for breast cancer and is, by her own description "follicularly challenged". This is her second round with this disease.

Healing thoughts and energy will be appreciated by both of these women.

### For Those Interested in Our New to UU Orientation Class...

Hello Dear Guests,

Now that the holidays are over, it's time to set up the next New To UU Orientation session. We've set up these sessions in two parts which are modular (no prerequisites). The fall session covered Channing UU Church (our history, covenant and interest groups, the congregational structure; committees, Executive Officers and Board of Trustees). And the second session is described below.

- UU History
- What UU's Believe
- Who is William Ellery Channing
- What does it take to be a member

If you are interested in attending this session, please let us know your preference.

Sunday after church 12:30-2:00 pm

Saturday afternoon 2:00-3:30 pm

Saturday afternoon 4:00-5:30 pm with an optional dinner and fellowship after (choice of restaurant TBD)

If there are certain dates you will be out of town, let us know that too so we can try to work around your schedule.

Virginia Daniel, Membership Chair  
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## GROUPS

**Channing Women's Luncheon:** Meets the second Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. By popular acclaim, it will be at the Thai Spot Asian Bistro, May Avenue north on Memorial. All are welcome! Contact Lucy Almitra [lalmitra@cox.net](mailto:lalmitra@cox.net) 464-6128

**Stitchers:** February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM at the home of Liz Duncan, 715 Aberdeen Rd, Edmond, OK. Contact Kathleen Joslin at 340-5884 for information.

**Choir:** Meets at Channing on Thursday nights at 7:30-8:30 PM.

**Writers Group:** Writers and visitors welcome to share words and thoughts. Meets Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at the church from 12:15-1:15 PM.

**Theater Group:** Theater Group attends at least one play a month chosen by the group. Contact Liz Duncan at 348-2713 for more information.

**Literary Group:** Please see special invitation on page 5.

**Labyrinth Group:** Will walk at the First Methodist Church, Edmond 304 E. Hurd, on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. It is open from 6-8 PM so come and go at your own spirit's guiding. There are docents to explain this simple but ancient form of walking meditation, so come and join us even if it is new to you.

**Spiral Circle CUUPS:** Will meet Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the church for potluck and a program focusing on walking the Labyrinth which will be set up in the church sanctuary. In major competition to the Super Bowl, we will be celebrating Imbolc, a Sabbat honoring "the return of the light". Do join us.

## First Friday Night Movie

The First Friday Movie for February will be "Waking Ned Devine", a delicious comedy set in a small village in England. If I say anymore, it will spoil it for those who have not seen this film.

So come join us Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 PM, BYOB and snacks.

Please check the calendar at our website, [www.channinguuc.org](http://www.channinguuc.org) for up to date information on church events. This is an active calendar; events are added to it frequently. You are welcome to join any Channing Group!

## Hope Center

Remember to bring your non-perishable food items, especially protein-containing foods (canned meats, tuna, beans, grains), and household needs such as TP and paper towels, for the Basket of Hope for the Hope Center. Diapers are also very much needed. The basket is on the hearth in the foyer and Elouise Bell is our delivering angel. The folks at Hope really need our help right now as requests for food are going up dramatically at a time when donations of all the food banks in the city are shrinking. So grab an extra can of something good next time you're at the store and bring it Sunday.

## Care and Concern Note

Just as we were finishing this edition, we learned that George Taylor is in Mercy Hospital, Room 207, recovering from surgery. This was due to falls on two separate occasions. Please keep George and Lois in your thoughts.

## February Sermon Topic is “Love”

### February 7<sup>th</sup>: Anna Holloway

Sermon Title: Learning to Say It  
Love is a touchy subject in American culture. We have a hard time expressing it clearly to others. Why is loving people so scary? Here are ways we can learn to say “I love you” more easily and honestly to more people.

### February 14<sup>th</sup>: Scot Harvey

Sermon Title: Faith, Hope, and Love...and more?  
It is always nice to have faith, hope and love, but isn't always easy. Sometimes these are destinations for which we need maps and directions.

### February 21<sup>st</sup>: Donna Compton

Sermon Title: February. Valentines Day  
The theme of the 60's: “All You Need is Love”; and It's The Only Thing That There's Just Too Little Of”. Is it really “all you need”? Is it really the only thing there is just too little of? Is it enough to have bumper sticker love: “I heart you?” In English, the word “love” is multivalent. Other languages have more than one word for different kinds of love. Do we say it too much and mean it too little? Ah-let's talk.

### February 28<sup>th</sup>: Kathy Weaver

Sermon Title: Love: Left Brain, Right Brain, or No Brain?

A member of a Sunday school class at my Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) home congregation once stated: “God doesn't love us at all.” Once the class calmed down and put away the stake and lighter fluid, he continued: “God doesn't love us...God “somethings” us. God is so vast and unknowable that we are foolish to presume that God “feels” anything for us. We are the ones who equate the relationship with love.

What is the vast and unknowable “something” we impute to God and to our significant others? Can we really compare the relationship we enjoy with our most intimate friends and the Cosmic Nudge? There are more questions than answers in the exploration of the intersection between biology, spirituality and “something”. I invite you to join the conversation in the field of Neurotheology. Your synapses will never be the same.

## FORUM

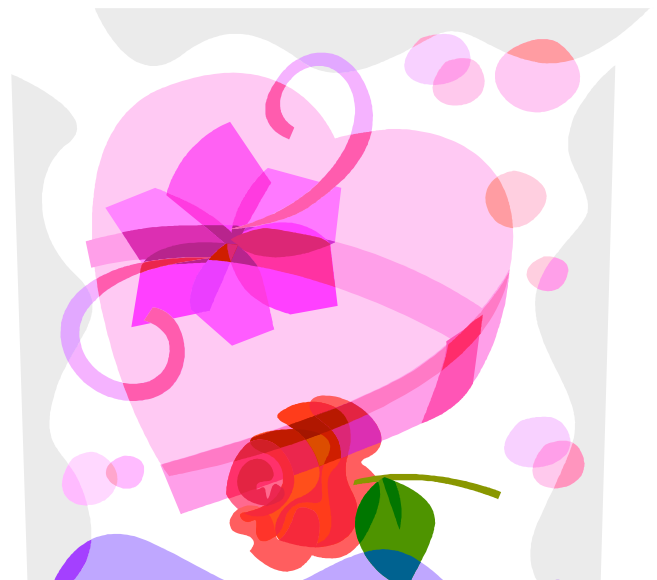
**February 7<sup>th</sup>:** Dr. Alan Levenson, Professor of Jewish Religious and Intellectual History at OU, will continue our series on the Bible and other sacred scriptures with the topic “How the Jews Read the Bible”

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Dorothy Driver will continue our series on Spirituality.

**February 21<sup>st</sup> :**  
**and/or**

**February 28<sup>th</sup>:** We hope to have a speaker from Oklahomans Against the Trafficking of Humans (yes we do have human trafficking in Oklahoma!)

And on the other Sunday we hope to have a speaker from the Islamic Society of OKC to speak about how Muslims see the books we call the Old Testament, and about the Koran.



## A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE AND CONTRAST LITERARY AND FILM WORK!

The next selection to be read by our Literary Group is E.M. Forster's Room with a View. According to the website the Literature Network, "This Edwardian social comedy explores love and prim propriety among an eccentric cast of characters assembled in an Italian pensione and in a corner of Surrey, England. A charming young English woman, Lucy Honeychurch, faints into the arms of a fellow Britisher when she witnesses a murder in a Florentine piazza. Attracted to this man, George Emerson—who is entirely unsuitable and whose father just may be a Socialist—Lucy is soon at war with the snobbery of her class and her own conflicting desires. Back in England she is courted by a more acceptable, if stifling suitor, and soon realizes she must make a startling decision that will decide the course of her future: she is forced to choose between convention and passion. The enduring delight of this tale of romantic intrigue is rooted in Forster's colorful characters, including outrageous spinsters, pompous clergymen and outspoken patriots. Written in 1908, *A Room With A View* is one of E.M. Forster's earliest and most celebrated works."

The book was adapted for the screen in 1986, in a movie starring Helena Bonham Carter, Julian Sands, and Maggie Smith; it won the Best Adapted Screenplay Oscar for that year.

The group will meet to discuss the book, Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Pat Hervey's home. Then on March 5th, they will see the movie at our First Friday Movie at Channing at 7:25 PM

Both book lovers and moviegoers are invited to attend the group discussion and the movie.

## LIMBS FOR LIFE

Most of you have heard the terrible stories from Haiti about people with broken bones or crush injuries who did not get care for several days and ended up losing a limb. Even in the best of times the loss of a limb in Haiti was a sentence to a life of destitution. There were very few services for amputees. The one prosthetics lab in the country was destroyed by the quake. Limbs for Life, a non-profit foundation is partnering with SPS Prosthetics and the Dominican Rehabilitation Association to provide personnel and resources in the Dominican Republic to make prostheses for Haitians until the lab can be rebuilt. It is estimated there will be 200,000 new amputees in Haiti, so please consider this organization as you decide where to make your donations for Haiti. The UUSC and UUA are also providing aid and resources for rebuilding in Haiti, so please be generous.

## Green Tip of the Month

All purpose cleaning product from Gary Ginsburg as seen on the Dr. Oz TV show.

1 tablespoon borax  
 3 tablespoons vinegar  
 2 cups water  
 1 tablespoon dish soap  
 Several drops of essential oil, such as lavender or peppermint.

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**The Church of the Open  
Mind and Open Heart**

Hi there, Bagel Loving and Bird Watching Winners!

Let's have a short meeting after church service on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We need to pick the days in March and April to go bird watching at Mitch Park. Look at the e-mail choice dates I sent each of you. We will try to do two groups- one on a Monday or Tuesday during the week and one on a Saturday.

Thanks!

Hal Yocum

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