



In Touch

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF WICHITA

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President's Report

-Charles Merrifield

We will participate with other congregations in the Kansas and Kansas City area in a financial development workshop on September 27 at the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence from 10 am - 3 pm. The workshop will be led by Dr. Lisa Presley who is the financial staff member from the MidAmerica Region. Our Rev. Carter has spearheaded the organization of this workshop. This will be a good opportunity to meet with our colleagues across the state working on a common issue. We will want to have a good Wichita participation. I encourage you to carpool to Lawrence. Contact me for information about carpooling.

Concerning another topic related to financial development, we are planning a common read of Michael Durall's latest book, "Making the Annual Pledge Drive Obsolete." Michael Durall is the church consultant who visited us last October. His ideas have contributed much to the success of the church since his visit. We would like everyone in the congregation to read this book and to come together to discuss how we can apply his ideas. The book is short, less than 100 pages. The book is available in the church office for \$12.50, also through Kindle for \$10. Three discussion sessions are scheduled for the common read after church on October 19 and 26 and on November 2.

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A Concert Like No Other! Trevor Stewart Plus Winfield Favorites

Popular local musician Trevor Stewart will perform with Harp-Guitarist Brian Henke and the Night Travelers, including James McKinney, National Banjo Champion. The concert is at 8:00 PM, Saturday, September 13, at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Wichita, 7202 East 21st Street, North, Wichita.

Stewart plays the Chapman Stick and has performed at First UU several times for appreciative audiences. He says that it "must be the first banjo, harp-guitar, Chapman Stick concert" ever. James McKinney won the South U.S. Banjo Championship at age 15 and in 1982 he won the National Banjo Championship at [Winfield, Kansas](#), as well as first-place in dozens of state and regional championships. Brian Henke travels all over the US, but considers the Midwest, including Winfield, his main region. His music can be heard on New Age and Folk radio shows all over the world.

No admission will be charged, but a donation of \$10.00 is suggested. All ages are welcome at this Music Committee sponsored concert. Invite your friends!

Finance Committee Report

-Anne Bailey

The good news is: When all the pledges were tallied, we found more had been pledged than we originally thought. The not so good news is that the UUA dues are somewhat more than we had figured on. At any rate, if all pledges are honored this fiscal year, and all fund raising projects are successful, we will have more income than expenses.

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The deadline for In Touch and for the monthly calendar is the third Wednesday of each month.

Carrying Our 7th Principle Message to the Community: Eco-Fest 2014 And Bringing in some Bucks for the Budget, too!

Everybody at First UU is needed to make EcoFest 2014, Saturday, October 11, a success. Vivien Minshull-Ford and Marcia Ellsworth, co-chairs, have a hard-working core of volunteers to make sure everything happens. But many more are needed to pull it off. Read carefully, then decide where and how you'd like to help.

"Anywhere I'm Needed" - Vivien (683-9295), Marcia (688-5352)

Bake Sale - Goodies to sell. Vegan, please! Elaine Edens (684-9500)

Books - Donations (nothing gross or moldy, please). Marque Payne (587-7043)

Children's Room: Save & donate pop/beer bottle tops and small bottles. Denise Jackson-Simon (945-7622)

Collectibles, Antiques, Jewelry - Donations needed. Susan Hund-Milne (832-1599)

Clothing - Repurposed and Upcycles - Donations needed. Deborah Burnham (519-5878)

Flyers - Distribute in the neighborhood; many hands needed! Date(s) to be decided. LaRilla Combs (733-2089)

Personal Invitations: Postcards available at church on 9/14 and 21. Del Smith (612-0826)

Food Service: Help sell "EcoFest Chili" and refreshments during the day. Magda Garrett (684-0520)

Poster Distribution - Have posters! Need a driver to speed the task. (Del)
In Kind or Financial Support - Donate environmentally friendly raffle and door prizes or donate money for the same!

EVERYBODY! Go to First UU's Facebook, find the EcoFest Event and click "like," then invite all your Facebook friends to like the event. The EcoFest Event, created by Dianne Waltner, can also be accessed through this link. https://www.facebook.com/events/1436296203288390/?ref_dashboard_filter=upcoming

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: ...

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
...

Minster's Musings Ferguson Is Not About Ferguson

- Rev. David Carter

UUA president, Rev. Peter Morales, commenting on the protests in Ferguson, MO, wrote on August 20th, 2014:

Ferguson is not about Ferguson. It is about the systematic dehumanizing of people all over America. As Unitarian Universalists, we have faith that it need not be this way. We can create a world that is accepting, fair, loving, and diverse. We know we can make a difference. Look at our work for justice throughout our history.

I wrote the article below almost a month ago, just after watching the murder of Eric Garner. Rev. Morales' quote is a fitting "frame" to contextualize my message because, as he avers, we as Unitarian Universalists have been called on in the past to make this a better world, and once again, we are called. By prophetic witness, sustained love, and enlightened social activism we have and we will transform the world. A month ago I wrote:

A safe world, joyful and radiant with truth, beauty, and love is the goal of my ministry. And my love is not parochial, reserved for family and friends alone; it is for all. I care about the world I live in.

Eric Garner is dead, killed by the use of excessive force by Daniel Pantaleo, a New York City cop entrusted with protecting the lives and welfare of New York's citizens. But Pantaleo used an illegal "chokehold," a maneuver banned by the NYPD decades ago because it kills. Pantaleo should not have, because it is illegal, because it kills, and because Pantaleo was entrusted with a sacred duty – to preserve and protect life, not destroy it. Today, Eric Garner is dead. Left behind are his six children and bereaved wife.

Now, in the bitter aftermath of this tragedy, a cry of righteous indignation is being raised by people of conscience across the land: let there be justice! Still, one has good cause to wonder: will there be justice?

It is an important question. Public outrage is enormous. People are incensed by Mr. Garner's death. And, it is not only secular humanists who are bristling. Equally disturbed are people who self identify as religious. Could it be otherwise? Religious communities, no less than their secular humanist counterparts, advocate ideals opposed to violence and injustice:

*"Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Proverbs 14:31
"As the blazing fire of death, I cause great fear to whoever makes the least discrimination between himself and other living entities because of a differential outlook. Therefore, through charitable gifts and attention, as well as through friendly behavior and by viewing all to be alike, one should propitiate Me, who abide in all creatures as their very Self." Srimad Bhagavatam 3.29.26 & 27*

"All that we are is the result of what we have thought: it is founded on our thoughts, it is made up of our thoughts... a man[s]... acts follow[s] him, as the wheel follows the foot of the ox that draws the carriage." The Dhammapada 1.1

But even more than by the arguably unintended death of Mr. Garner, people of all persuasions and every rank and file are outraged by an even more pernicious injustice – the routinely invoked double standard that applies when the victim is Black and the victimizer White. Historically, Whites are vindicated and freed after killing Blacks. But, when the roles are reversed, historically Blacks suffer incarceration and the harshest condemnation. Trayvon Martin lost his life, his parents their teenaged son. Conversely, George Zimmerman, after being justified for murdering an unarmed boy, received freedom and enormous financial gain from the sale of his "memoirs" and paintings detailing his "ordeal."

Naturally, people of conscience are appalled – humanist, agnostic, atheist, and religious alike – and strongly opposed to such travesties. But still more pointedly, people of conscience decry and seek redress for the perversion of justice that occurs when double standards based on race, gender, economic status or any other fraudulent construct are routinely invoked to benefit some and unjustly harm others. Justice and reparations for the wrongs that have been committed are long overdue.

We as Unitarian Universalists have a long tradition of counter-oppressive social activism based on prophetic witness. Our accomplishments span not decades, but centuries: UUs have successfully fought for religious freedom, the abolition of slavery, the enactment of women's suffrage, the establishment of fair labor practices, and much more. As peaceful people, we choose to fight peacefully. One means is by adopting restorative practices in all our personal dealings. Restorative practices have been shown to help establish peace and social justice. Whatever our sphere of influence – however humble, however grand – we can contribute to a sea change. Let us.

* Numerous scientific studies in the fields of neurology, social and cognitive psychology demonstrate the pervasiveness of "hidden or unconscious biases." For example, see <http://kirwaninstitute.osu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/2014-implicit-bias.pdf> Ohio University's Kirwin Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity

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I saw some seagulls

I saw some seagulls
dodging cars
and wondered why.
Why trade morning mists
that rise from seas
turquoise blue
for scorching Midwest suns
that crack cement?

Lovely and forlorn,
they fly in random patterns
ordained by changing times.
A world that turns
too swiftly strews
its creatures to places
where dazed we search
for semblances of yesterday.

I clutch my lost list
and stand watching
while they hover
for a moment,
brave and beautiful,
above the K-Mart sign.

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UU PAGAN UPDATE

Church members who follow a Pagan path meet regularly, although we don't have a CUUPS group at the present time. Our September events are:

Full Moon Dance - Join us on Tuesday, September 9, beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Full Moon Dances are multi-faith, feminist spirituality and earth-centered chants set to easy folk dance movements. All ages and abilities welcome so be prepared to join in the fun. Bring your drums or other rhythm instruments.

The Mabon (second harvest) celebration has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, beginning at 6:00 P.M. This Seasonal Sabbat will include a celebratory ritual and potluck feast. Bring a generous dish to share.

Wichita Unitarian Universalist Polytheists Society. Call Kathy Hull (204-9956), Anne Bailey (650-4905), or Paula Peare (312-5235) for further information.

Adult Religious Exploration: Weekday UU History Video Course

"Long Strange Journey," the 6 week UU History course very popular with the Sunday morning Adult RE class, will be offered 10-11:30 am, Tuesdays, beginning September 2, at the church. No enrollment necessary; just show up, watch the video, and enjoy discussion. Even long time members of UU find this a fascinating look at our faith tradition from the beginning up to the present time.

RE Corner

- Denise Jackson-Simon (DRE)

A great BIG thank you to all of the congregation members who volunteered their time and talents this summer with our children and youth. You are appreciated. Though our numbers were low, your enthusiasm was not. Your commitment to our RE program is priceless!

Parents and children, we will be kicking off the "school year" with new lessons and activities which only work best when the kids are here. Please make UU a part of your week. We have fabulous, dedicated teachers ready and willing to spend Sundays with your children. There are many fun and educational things planned which will help your child understand and live the UU principles.

See you at church!

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:30p Holiday Party Group Potluck and Party	2 10:00a UU History Video 7:00p UU Craft Night	3 7:00p Committee on Ministry	4	5	6 12:00p Heart & Soul Memoir Writing Workshop
7 9:45a Adult RE 11:00a Worship Service 11:00a Children's RE 12:00p First Sunday Lunch 12:15p Congregational Meeting	8 6:00p Zen Friends 6:30p Ethical Eating Vegan Potluck	9 10:00a UU History Video 7:00p Full Moon Dance	10 7:00p Book Discussion 7:00p Worship Committee	11	12	13 12:00p Heart & Soul Memoir Writing Workshop 8:00p Trevor Stewart Concert
14 8:30a Adult RE 9:45a Adult RE 11:00a Worship Service 11:00a Children's RE 12:15p Leadership Council 6:00p Meditation Class	15 6:00p Zen Friends	16 10:00a UU History Video	17 7:00p Board Meeting Newsletter & Calendar Deadline	18 7:00p NOW Meeting	19 11:30a Eclectic Readers Group	20 12:00p Heart & Soul Memoir Writing Workshop
21 9:30a Seeking Circle 9:45a Adult RE 11:00a Worship Service 11:00a Children's RE 6:00p Meditation Class	22 6:00p Zen Friends	23 10:00a UU History Video 6:00p Mabon	24 2:00p Newsletter Folding	25	26	27 10:00a MidAmerica Finance Seminar (off site) 10:00a Caring Committee 12:00p Heart & Soul Memoir Writing Workshop
28 8:30a Adult RE 9:45a Adult RE 11:00a Worship Service 11:00a Children's RE 12:15p Music Committee 6:00p Meditation Class	29 6:00p Zen Friends	30 10:00a UU History Video				

Covenant of Healthy Relations Update

Our year-long work that went into writing and adopting the Covenant of Healthy Relations was only the beginning of an important journey. The Covenant's permanent home will be above the credenza at the entry. It has been enlarged and a frame will be custom made to display it to full effect.

The Covenant is our agreement to support an environment of respect, safety, transparency and honesty in communication allowing our community to relate in harmony. There are many ways to demonstrate each of these attributes.

This *In Touch* issue we highlight the first: Respect (showing regard and appreciation for others).

"I covenant to:

- Treat others with respect by listening with patience even when not in agreement.
- Refuse to denigrate others or to support the denigration of others by my silence.
- Support and encourage the personal and spiritual growth of others.
- Acknowledge that everyone makes mistakes. I will see forgiveness and offer forgiveness.
- Keep my opinions open to change while not insisting that others change their opinions.
- Listen to others' points of view in a non-judgmental way.
- Expect positive intent in the actions of others."

Every Week at First UU

Adult Religious Exploration, Sunday, 9:45 am – Corey Swertfager, 201-6921

Chalice Bookstore – Marque Payne, 941-8385

Social Justice Task Force, Sunday, 12:15 pm – Louis Goseland, 204-9972

(exception: when there is other church business, i.e, congregational meetings)

Zen Friends of Wichita, Monday, 6:00 pm – Bob Feleppa, 683-9295

Every Month at First UU

Board Meeting – third Wednesday, 7 pm – Charles Merrifield, 688-5352

Book Discussion – second Wednesday, 7 pm – Anne Bailey, 943-3861

Caring Committee – fourth Saturday, 10 am – LaRilla Combs, 733-2089

Craft Night – first Tuesday, 7 pm – Anita Culp, 744-2840

Dinners for Eight – dates vary, Marcia Ellsworth, 688-5352, Sigrid Trombley, 683-7075

Eclectic Readers – third Friday, 11:30 AM, Del Smith, 612-0826

First Sunday Lunch – Magda Garrett, 765-3352

Leadership Council – second Sunday, 12:15, Vivien Minshull-Ford, 683-9295

Meatless Monday (Ethical Eating) – second Monday, 6:30 PM, Dianne Waltner, 946-1115

Music Committee, fourth Sunday after church

Newsletter Deadline – third Wednesday, evening – Del Smith, 612-0826

Newsletter Folding – fourth Wednesday, 2:00 PM – Del Smith, 612-0826

Pagan Group – Seasonal ritual and potluck feasting – Kathy Hull, 204-9956, Anne Bailey 943-3861

As announced

Garden Group – Anita Culp, 744-2840

Meet Jenny Findling

-by Del Smith

If you've heard Jenny Hudson Findling sing it would be no surprise that she was a successful street performer (for one day) in Venice, Italy, "singing for her supper," and to pay for the hotel while on Christmas holiday. She's that good! This was in 1993 and the city's canals were quiet, making the acoustics perfect for an *a cappella* soprano. A poignant memory for Jenny is singing "I'll be Home for Christmas," bringing American GIs to tears.

How did this Texan who read the entire Bible at age 16 end up as a Unitarian Universalist? The path started in Chicago during her second year at an "Evangelism Camp" sponsored by Moody Bible Institute. The first year Jenny was enthusiastic about the witnessing required of campers and was credited with "saving" two or three souls. The next year, she began to doubt that the Bible was the word of God. She felt hypocritical when witnessing on the streets, at the beach and going door to door. Back home she met with the minister of the Non-Denominational Bible Church, who was respectful of her decision to leave the church.

At Austin College in Sherman, TX, Jenny quoted Joseph Campbell's "*mysterium tremendum*" (tremendous mystery) theory to her counselor. "You sound like a Unitarian to me," the counselor responded. So Jenny began driving 40 miles to attend the nearest Unitarian Church in Denton, TX.

The case for UUism was further made during a study year abroad (Germany) when Jenny met a life-long Unitarian (Jamey, now her ex-husband). The UU church she attended in Philadelphia offered a course, "Building Your Own Theology," and Jenny identified as an agnostic. After a move to Wichita in 2003, Jenny completed her PhD in counseling at the University of North Texas in Denton. Her practice focuses on children/play therapy, but she works with clients of all ages.

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Ministers Musing, continued

I wrote the preceding shortly after the heartbreaking and blatantly unjust murder of Eric Garner. Since that time, five more unarmed African American men (Michael Brown; John Crawford; Ezell Ford; Dante Parker, and Kajieme Powell) are known to have been viciously killed by armed and uniformed police. Transparently falsified "official" reports do nothing but exacerbate the outrage felt by protesters in Ferguson, MO.

<http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2014/08/3-unarmed-black-african-american-men-killed-police>

Fortunately, as in Garner's case, an eyewitness' video (see below) of Powell's murder effectively knocks down the "official" police report of his murder and reveals it for what it is, a deliberate distortion of facts attempting to cover up the reprehensible crime. <http://youtu.be/j-P54MZVxMU>

As I wrote a month back, I am drawn to restorative practices to transform the systemic inequities that blight our world. Every twenty eight hours in America, police or vigilantes extra-judicially execute a person of color. And, why is that? Most often the answer is the same: for the "crime" of "breathing while Black." As congresswoman Shirley Chisholm wrote:

"When the Kerner Commission told white America what black America has always known, that prejudice and hatred built the nation's slums, maintains them and profits by them, white America could not believe it. But it is true. Unless we start to fight and defeat the enemies in our own country, poverty and racism, and make our talk of equality and opportunity ring true, we are exposed in the eyes of the world as hypocrites when we talk about making people free - (excerpted from chapter 9 of "Unbought and Unbossed" by Shirley Chisholm)."

And, Chisholm's call to Love, like my own, is universal, not parochial. Elsewhere she wrote:

"In the end anti-black, anti-female, and all forms of discrimination are equivalent to the same thing: anti-humanism."

Peter Morales ended his article with these words:

"...let us stand on the side of love with those seeking healing and some measure of justice. In the long-term, let us rededicate ourselves to the work of building a world where events like those in Ferguson are unthinkable."

I say, amen!

President's Report - continued

Bonnie Till and I have been working on the September 7 congregational meeting to approve buying a sign in front of the church on 21st Street. Both of us are excited about the sign that we will propose. Recently we visited the selected sign company to examine the equipment of the proposed sign. It looks very good. Be sure to come to the September 7 special congregational meeting for the sign.

The church continues to be involved in social justice issues. Some of the projects concern restorative practices in the schools, the Food Bank, Ban the Box, voter suppression, and racial equality.

Please contact me if you would like to participate in any of these projects.

Charles Merrifield, 688-5352, cmerrifield@cox.net

Spotlight On: Communications Committee

- Del Smith

In Touch has a long history of letting people know what is going on at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Wichita. It's our monthly "village" newspaper, reporting news and calls to action by leadership plus some personal news. We note our connection to the wider UU movement (MidAmerica Region and Unitarian Universalist Association). It's a valued and continuing part of our church life, but not the only communication tool we use.

However, it's not necessarily the most effective way to spread the word about our beloved community. Once a month is inadequate for that task! The best way? The personal. Some may shy away from the word "evangelism," but think of it this way: simply reaching out.

An example of something everyone with a computer can do: Find the EcoFest 2014 Event on First UU's Facebook, "like" it, tell us if you are planning to attend, then invite everyone of your friends to the October 11th event. Simple, eh? But wait! Don't know how to find First UU's Facebook? Go to our website, www.firstuu.net and click on Facebook. Voila, you're there.

We know not everyone has a computer, but all can read the information about EcoFest 2014 in this and previous editions of *In Touch*. Tell your friends by any means possible.

The "official" Communications Committee: Del Smith, Rolando Gomez, Marque Payne, Jack Regehr, Louis Goseland and Vivien Minshull-Ford, with Anita Culp, office manager, ex officio. We get the information out. Our website is updated regularly with current and future activities. Social media is used nearly every day to let members and non-members know what's happening (Facebook, ListServ and Twitter). A weekly UpDate is distributed electronically.

Tell your friends and neighbors who we are and what we offer. We've got too many great things going to keep it among ourselves.

As members of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Wichita, we value our liberal diverse community and endeavor to work together for the good of the whole. Realizing that our different experiences and ideologies may lead to misunderstanding or disagreement, we promise to strive to support each other in our personal and community growth by entering into [a] covenant of healthy relations.

A Place To Share Your Memories

- Rolando Gomez,
Communications Team

Have a few photos of 1st UU happenings? Well we have a place to share your photos. We have set up an online photo album on Flickr. For those new to photo hosting, Flickr is a free online site that allows you to upload photos and unlike some social media it does not down sample or alter the photo.

Right now it only has a few pictures: check out <https://www.flickr.com/groups/1stuu/>. If you want to share join up and upload your memories.

First Sunday Lunch: Share the Harvest

Thomas Jefferson, America's "First Foodie," championed vegetable cuisine and sustainable agriculture. Monticello celebrates his legacy with a September Harvest Festival and First UU will have our own version after service on September 7. Jefferson wasn't a vegetarian as we understand the term today, but he was moderate in his consumption of meat and notable for the variety and quantity of vegetables he ate. Let Magda and Friends know what you can contribute.

September Worship Schedule

9/7 Rev. Carter: *Inside Unitarian Transcendentalism: Freedom and Responsibility at Loggerheads*
 UUs to this day are often torn between the call to self-realization as a means of bringing about social good and the call to social activism as a means of transforming the world. How or to what should we devote ourselves? This contemporary dilemma is an inheritance from earlier times when notable Unitarians were, as we are, at loggerheads over the enduring divide. Is an ideal synthesis possible?

9/14 *Homecoming & Water Ceremony*

Within the memory of some of our congregation, church services were suspended during the heat of the summer months, thus the first service in September was "Homecoming." The Water Ceremony has been a tradition in most UU churches for some years. Water – actual or symbolic, from near or far – is mingled together as we share significant events of the summer. In Wichita this tradition includes watering our Partner Church Tree with the ceremonial water after the service.

9/21 Rev. Carter: *Growing Our Church by Loving & Caring For Each Other*

Joyful relationships that strengthen life and create a better world is what church is all about. This sermon focuses on four very simple principles of community building that are keys for growing our church.

9/28 Dorlan Bales: *Role of Liberal Religion in Social Activism*

Dorlan Bales is with Sunflower Community Action, First UU's partner in social justice outreach.

Meet Jenny Findling, continued

Jenny is delighted that an active Social Justice program is finally happening. The lack was a concern of hers until our revitalization and return to our UU roots. Shared custody of sons Charlie and Emerson and her counseling practice means that her hobbies are pretty much homebound: writing songs and poetry.

Jenny usually sits near the back of the church. That "Building Your Own Theology" course sounds interesting and worthy of a longer conversation than one interview session could yield. Grabbing a cup of coffee after church and finding out more about it sounds like a plan!

"I know my humor is outrageous when it makes the Unitarians so mad they burn a question mark on my front lawn." – Lenny Bruce

Meditation, Mysticism & Consciousness

Kathy Hull is offering a four-week intensive class in multi-faith meditation techniques meeting Sundays, September 14 to October 5, 2014. Each session will meet 6:30 to 8:00 pm, at First Unitarian Universalist Church. Topics will include techniques useful for staying centered in the midst of chaos, healing trauma & reducing recovery time, conditional retraining and developing virtuous character traits. Techniques include chanting, walking & dancing meditations, especially helpful for those of us who need variety in our spiritual practice.

Fee for the class is \$60 in advance or \$20 weekly, \$50 in advance for Church members. Work-exchange scholarships & childcare available by arrangement. Fee covers textbook, journal and donation to the church. Preregistration is required! Call or text Kathy at 316-204-9956 to preregister and make needed arrangements.

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From Our Book Reading Groups

Wednesday Evening Book Club:

For something a little different, on Wednesday, September 10, we will meet at 7:00 to talk about *The Goldfinch*, by Donna Tartt. *The Goldfinch* is a mesmerizing, stay-up-all-night and tell-all-your-friends triumph, an old-fashioned story of loss and obsession, survival and self-invention, and the ruthless machinations of fate.

"*The Goldfinch* is a rarity that comes along perhaps half a dozen times per decade, a smartly written literary novel that connects with the heart as well as the mind....Donna Tartt has delivered an extraordinary work of fiction."--Stephen King,*The New York Times Book Review*. Call Anne Bailey 650-4905 for further information.

Eclectic Readers Group:

J.M.Coetzee's *Disgrace* (1999) is our selection for Friday, September 19. This prize-winning novel (both Booker and Nobel) is set in post-apartheid South Africa. "J.M. Coetzee's *Disgrace* is about a lot of things, but at its heart it is an anatomy of racial hierarchy change in contemporary South Africa.....A pitiless and errorless book about the condition of the human experience at the end of the 20th century..." Tony D'Souza

October's choice is *Howards End*, by E.M. Forster, considered by many to be his masterpiece. Coincidentally, both books have been made into movies: *Disgrace* in 2008 and *Howards End* in 1992.

We meet at 11:30 for a brown-bag lunch and lively discussion. Del Smith, 612-0826.