

hated my job in marketing, and decided it was time to go to graduate school for a master's in English. Since we detested the extreme winters of the northeast, I only applied to schools in the South! My stepdad, George Lewis, grew up in Oxford, and suggested Ole Miss. We came to visit and loved it so much we bought a house and moved here before I was even formally accepted at the school! George's sister, Sue Hodge, and her kids, still live here, so it was an extra bonus that we had family in the area. I never actually finished my degree, but we're here for the long run.

Walter is a computer programmer and works from home, and also a fencing coach for the Oxford Fencing Club. We have three kids (so far): Audrey, who'll be three on 2/17, and twins Max and Mollie, who were born last year on 4/13.

I run the Oxford Parents of Multiples Club and am the chair of the playgroup for the University Dames. I love cooking (and eating), reading, playing computer games, crafts, watching my kids learn, and reality shows on TV!

Anne Quinney

I've been living in Oxford with my dear cat, Fleur, since 2000 when I took a position in the Modern Languages Department at the university. I had recently lived in Durham, North Carolina while attending Duke University for graduate school but my true "home" I felt was Paris, France where I lived for most of my twenties. Originally from Providence, Rhode Island, home of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of America, I was familiar with Unitarian congregations although it took me six years of living in Oxford and exploring different paths to identify what my spiritual needs as an adult were which led me back to the Unitarian fellowship here.

My main passions and hobbies are fortunately also those linked to my profession. Aside from my love of speaking French, watching French movies, following French politics, and reading French classics, I love to cook and I have recently cultivated an interest in organic farming and socially conscious food production. I'm in the early

stages of starting a Slow Food 'convivia' and would be thrilled to talk about this sometime with any interested individuals in our community.

UUCO 10 year Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration

Mark your calendars!! Plan to come!!

We are very pleased to announce the 10 year Anniversary and Home Coming for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Oxford!! The festivities will be the weekend of March 23-25 and will include:

Friday, March 23: Stone Soup Supper, at the Phillippi Warren house

A long tradition at UUCO, this Stone Soup supper is also a celebration for the Phillippi Warren family being back in their house after a devastating house fire more than a year ago.

Saturday March 24: Homecoming party, with music provided by Toni and Billy Stevens

This will be a family-friendly party that all are welcome to attend. There will be a short program to welcome everyone, to acknowledge our founding members and to welcome those who have come back for a visit.

Sun, March 25: Sunday service: A celebration of 10 years with the Rev. Barbara Jamestone as visiting Minister. Rev. Jamestone is the Minister at the Unitarian Society of Hartsford. She has been associated with UUCO at many key moments and we are very pleased to have her as our visiting minister for the weekend.

There will be a potluck lunch following the Sunday Service.

>>>>>> FROM YOUR BOARD <<<<<<

Summary of January 13, 2007 UUCO board meeting.

At this meeting the board had the cheerful task of reflecting back on the good events of the first six months of its year, with successes noted in

programming for Sunday services, activities for children, and a board that enjoys working together. The financial report included positive news of the congregation's generosity in supporting a struggling local family through the early winter. The congregation's extra efforts resulted in almost \$600 being made available to provide heat, clothing and other necessities. The board was particularly proud of the involvement of the youth, who donated time as well as proceeds from their own fund-raising efforts for this. The board approved a set of purchasing guidelines to reflect our values, as well as building use guidelines. There was brief discussion of the expanding youth groups and our need to find comfortable, safe space for their Sunday activities, with plans to follow up on the topic. The next board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. Congregation members are welcome to see the full minutes after they are approved at the March meeting. They will be available from secretary Luanne Buchanan or president Gail Stratton.

UUCO board meetings are open, but if someone wants something on the agenda, they need to contact president Gail Stratton a week before the meeting.

>>> **AROUND THE UU COUNTRY** <<<

A B&B experience will be hosted by Cedar Lane UU Church on the Washington DC beltway during the National Cherry Blossom Festival (night of April 13- thru afternoon of April 15). Transportation to and from the airport, the Metro subway entrance, and church service on Sunday is included. A brief city tour (or Metro pass), reserved seats at the Annual Cherry Blossom Parade and a dinner at church Saturday evening are also all part of the festival package. (Participants will receive a package of tour materials and recommendations, including Metro maps, designed to make any spontaneous touring on your own easy.) Cost: \$250/single; \$500/couple. Registration form must be received by March 19, 2007, accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of 50% of the total cost. A flier with registration form is posted on the bulletin board and at www.cedarlane.org/cbfestival.pdf.