

STEEPLETALK



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Treasurer's Report by John Miller

--as of 12/31/01--

General Fund	Year-to-date <u>Actual</u>	Full Year <u>Budget</u>	% of <u>Total</u>
Revenue	125,762	206,500	61%
Expenses	109,759	235,620	49%
Over/Under	+16,003	-29,120	

At the halfway point of the church year, the above numbers are presented as a percentage of the full year—with 50% being “in line” with the budget. Income is still considerably above expected levels, with many new, early paid, and end-of-the-year pledges, and the very successful Service Auction.

Expenses are just slightly below the half-way mark, and we may still be on track to avoid part of the deficit budgeted for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. **We still need a very successful pledge drive to help pay for a new settled minister and the many programs we would like to offer.** Current church year and income tax pledge statements will be coming out in the next week or so.

Many thanks to Office Manager **Jen Lavery** for her considerable work in making our switchover to an internal accounting system so smooth, and allowing us much greater access to the financial picture of the church.

Annual Goal Setting Wonderland to Preview Coming Year

Are you wondering what great activities or excellent theological discussions you can join in next year? Get a preview of next year's events and help to create the new programs for the church.

The annual goal setting meeting is YOUR chance to shape the mission of the church, set challenging goals and make suggestions to our church committees. So, stop wondering and come to the goal setting meeting on **Friday, January 11**, in the social hall. The **potluck starts at 6:00 pm** and the meeting will begin promptly at 6:45pm. Childcare will be available.

Brownbaggers: How Do You Pronounce “Ough”?

Brownbaggers will begin the new year with a meeting on **Monday, January 14, at 12 noon in the church library**. Guest speaker **Anne Miller** will present a program on the life and writings of Theodore Geisel, AKA Dr. Seuss. (Just in case you think of him as a children's author, please note that one of his best-selling books is “You're Only Old Once.”) Why not invite a guest to this entertaining and informative program?

Bring your brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea are provided. If you have questions about Brownbaggers or the program, please call **Anne Miller (xxx-xxxx)** or **Katherine Kirwan (xxx-xxxx)**.

From the Interim Minister

The View from the Office

David Parke suggested that he yield his *Steepletalk* space to me for this issue to share observations from working in the church office. As interim office manager, I am on a mission from the Board and Personnel Committee to discover why I am the third person to hold the office manager's job in the two years since **Marge Warden** retired. Why has there been so much turnover in this position? What are the difficulties and rewards of this job?

What I am finding most difficult in the office manager's job is the mix of expectations for the position. The office manager is the rental agent for the building, the scheduler for all meeting space, the facilitator in terms of space, storage, record-keeping, finances, and supplies for all church committees, and the point of access to the building for those without keys. All these roles are best carried out by being available at all or most times to the church and the public. At the same time, the office manager is the church's bookkeeper, responsible for the accounting for 170 pledge units, paying all the church's bills, providing monthly financial reports, and issuing bi-monthly paychecks. Also, the office manager pulls together the Sunday bulletins and keeps the membership records up to date. All these tasks require unbroken concentration and are best done without interruption. Which work expectation is to take precedence? Being available? Or maintaining a steady

focus? Also, the amount of detail in record keeping and scheduling is staggering. Every week I live with the sad fact that I will field 596 details correctly but will let 3 or 4 details backlog or slide. And inevitably, the missing detail will be yours!

So much for the conundrums (and the occasional doldrums) of this job. Now on to four reasons I find the job rewarding.

1. I do not work alone! The job would be impossible without the volunteer receptionists who help handle many of the phone calls and visitors, as well as some office tasks. Regular workers are **Dorothy Grossman, Anna Hardesty, Barb Donnelly, Anne Miller, and Pam Steward**. In many ways other church members also share the office ministry of communicating and record keeping. **Charlie Mitchell** and **Jasmine Walston** are mainstays of the *Steepletalk* mailings; **Gary Drehmel** archives the Sunday morning audio tapes; **Brian Daly** keeps the computers up to date; note takers from the committees and **Jo Ann Dale** as board secretary all share an office ministry. To everyone: thank you! Keep us communicating.

2. I am delighted when our work together results in improvements for the church. Because of the time and gifts of **John Miller, Doug Yoder, Charlie Harper, and Drew Foxworthy**, we now do the church accounting inhouse. This is less expensive and more convenient. Idell Rosen recruited three newcomers to the volunteer reception staff; together we are working on divvying up tasks so that volunteer time is more productive. The 2001-2002 church staff members, a dedicated and cooperative bunch, now meet bi-monthly with **Geneva Fry** from the worship committee to see that worship planning is better coordinated. Wasn't it wonderful when staff cooperation, along with **Joanne Graf's** help, resulted in the children's Christmas cantata? **David Parke, Jackey Dorsett, Gary Falk**, and I made a first attempt at a Building Use Policy that was urgently needed. **Debbie Silverman** and a representative each from the Council, DAPR, and Social Responsibility will soon be making wise recommendations about revisions to this policy. Next month the membership committee and I will be working on the first church directory with e-mail addresses. The church benefits from this teamwork and careful attention!

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3. Nearly everyday I learn something new about the church. The church office is a treasure trove of church information and history. For instance, did you know that the local Universalists, not the Unitarians! were the primary providers of our stone sanctuary? In 1869 when the U's and U's began their joint building venture, the Universalists contributed \$50,000 to the building and the Unitarians \$19,000. That was probably why the church bore the Universalist name "Church of the Messiah" from 1871 to 1924.

I have also been glad to learn that the church's financial situation is not so dire as I have understood it from recent years' budget hearings. We are a fiscally conservative and well managed church. We own the building, and have an endowment of approximately \$700,000 whose income takes care of our capital expenses. We need only be a bit more generous in our pledges to cover the operating budget of staff and program expenses and the church will be fine. There is a plea here: please try to increase your pledge! The church is poised to grow as a very capable search committee finds the next leader in its history. Your gifts will make a difference to First U's future.

4. Nearly everyday I learn something new about being the church together. Working in the office is not for the faint of heart. The office is sometimes the crossroads for controversies in the church, and as the communication center the office is affected by the church's many griefs. It has been a tough December for this community. Four people have lost parents recently, **Kathy Eickmann, Sue Slesnick, Brian Daly, and Debbie Silverman.** **Kenton Atwood** lost his life-time partner. **Bev Moore** and all of us will miss the strength and faith of **Nell McGlothlin.** What I am learning at this crossroads point and from these losses is that what is most important is that we be kind to one another. People share more common difficulties than they do differences. I am beginning to trust that beyond our arguing, and by the grace of our common grief, we will remember the compassion that is at the bottom of us.

Now.... If I could only get to the bottom of my inbasket....

Back to the details,

Jenny

Hi Everyone! I wanted to update you on the December board meeting, which occurred after the last *Steepletalk* deadline. Believe it or not, we actually adjourned before 9:30pm. It wasn't the 8:30 time we were shooting for, but we've chosen to frame this as a glimmer of progress! We're now rotating facilitator, timekeeper, and process observer roles in our efforts to make our meetings more efficient and effective.

In the wake of concerns expressed by Church Council and a number of congregants about the need for more congregational input to the Building Use policy, the Board decided to create an ad hoc committee to study the policy. The committee will include the minister, custodian, office manager, and representatives from Social Responsibility, Denominational Affairs and Public Relations, Church Council, and a congregant-at-large (we selected long-time church member, **Debbie Silverman**, who's been actively interested and concerned about the policy).

We also decided to begin work on creating a workable structure for long-range planning. It's clear that long-range planning is not something that's going to happen at our chock-full monthly Board meetings! We hope to have a long-range planning team in place by this fall, and are currently studying models that other UU churches have found helpful. Our interim minister, **David Parke**, has been a particularly helpful resource on this matter because of his extensive experience with UU churches across the continent.

Speaking of David, I am so grateful to him for helping us identify ways we can more effectively reach out to the wider community by doing a better job of networking, including networking with our sister UU churches in the Louisville area. In his minister's report to the Board, he suggested establishing a Louisville UU Network which could explore ways we could jointly publicize Unitarian-Universalism and our churches and engage in more joint social responsibility and exchange projects. I'm really excited about this idea! **Pat Allison, Drew Patterson, John Miller**, and I all volunteered to work with David on this initiative in the new year.

Just a reminder that all recommended changes to the by-laws from church committees, Council, etc. are due January 15. Please leave them in my box at church.

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Reviews

January is the namesake of Janus the gatekeeper, the dual-visaged god with one face looking back, the other looking ahead. January, then, seems a fitting time to review the past and look to the future.

In that spirit, I'm grateful for what has been a very busy and fulfilling R.E. semester. Our adult R.E. programs were outstanding in their breadth and depth of focus. I congratulate all the children and youth 1st semester R.E. teachers and advisors for their leadership, and thank them for their commitment to our young UUs. I once heard a Methodist minister say that children intuitively understand that adults spend their time on what is most important to them. In committing their time each Sunday morning, our R.E. teachers tell our children and youth how very valued they are. Bringing that important message through the end of January are **Elizabeth Drehmel** (nursery); **Kathy Kremer** and **Rose Stevens** (preschool); **Larry Elder**, **Mary Griffin**, **Corie Smith** (Pre-K and Kindergarten); **Patty Kannapel**, **Carol Tobe**, and **Barbara Walker** (1st - 3rd); **Allen Prunty**, **Belynda Reardon**, and **Keith Wilhelmi** (4th - 6th); **Joan Beal** and **Henry Lieberg** (jr. high); and **danielle rogers-candee** and **Chris Tobe** (sr. high). Youth group advisors are **Abbie Potter** and **Bob Schaad**; **Jay Dolen** and **Carol Wallace**. Please let these wonderful people know how much we appreciate their important contributions to our children and to our church.

Our First U kids accomplished a lot this semester. They raised money for the American Fund for Afghan Children, Unicef, and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. They participated in the Day of the Dead artist-in-residence series and celebration of life, formed a children's choir, and learned about peace, social justice, and conflict resolution. Our Junior high group hiked the Red River Gorge, and transformed their experiences with nature into a children's worship service. Our Senior High (YRUU) group has planned an exciting youth con to take place this month. The Junior High OWL class has tackled some challenging issues about intimacy, sexuality, and relationships. All the classes and teachers pulled together to present a Holiday Celebration of Life that represented a true collaboration.

Looking ahead, here are a few highlights for the upcoming semester: another artist-in-residence op-

portunity for our elementary age children, and a reprise of the First Unitarian Children's Choir sometime in the spring. Our Junior High class will be learning about other religions and visiting places of worship in our community. And the Coming of Age rite of passage program for senior high youth will make its debut early this year. Our YRUU (senior high) group will be presenting a youth worship service in April. We'll be following a varied slate of curricula in our classes, mainly focusing on world religions and theology. In the world of adult R.E., we have another richly varied semester planned, including the Sunday Morning Adult Round Table (SMART); a UU parenting class; Feminism for Men and Women, pt. 2; Growth Through Loss, the Interim Minister's monthly Conversation series; and a 3 part discussion series examining Belonging, a report of the UUA's Commission on Appraisal.

We have another group of wonderfully committed R.E. teachers coming on for our second semester. We welcome **Phil Candee** and **Jayne Haslam** (preschool); **Melissa (Saffie) Misuraca** and **Kathy Thackeray** (pre-K and K); **Melissa Draut** and **??????** (1st and 2nd); **Bob Parish**, **Belynda Reardon**, and **Susannah Woodcock** (3rd and 4th); **Allen Prunty** and **Doug Taylor** (5th and 6th); **Lisa Summers** and **Aimee Szabo** (junior high), with **danielle** and **Chris** staying on with the senior high class.

With gratitude for all we've accomplished, and anticipation of all the good to come...

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Church Matters

Welcoming and Belonging Coalition

The Welcoming and Belonging Coalition is a group of First Unitarian members who formed recently as a response to the decision by our Board of Trustees to withdraw the privilege of the UUs for Polyamory Awareness Group to announce its meetings in *Steepletalk*. An important reason for existence of this group is to explore what it means to belong to First Unitarian Church and the obligations we owe each other. We are concerned as UUs that no other group of our members and friends has been denied that privilege and that the Board's action is contrary to the spirit of justice and humanity expressed by our choosing to be a Welcoming Congregation and contrary to the UUA Bylaw which prohibits member congregations from discrimination based on affectional orientation.

We believe the matter involves issues of social justice regarding a group of our members whose purpose is to increase awareness of their reasoned arguments for tolerance. This past Sunday, the Coalition authorized a request that the Social Responsibility Committee consider this issue in light of the Committee's power to bring resolutions concerning social justice before the Congregation. One of our members is also participating in a committee authorized by the Board of Trustees to recommend appropriate changes to the recently adopted Building Use Policy.

The WBC will also be attempting to engage the attention of our Congregation in three ways:

- (1) By offering a Study Group jointly with our Religious Education department on the UUA Commission on Appraisal Report on Belonging. **The study group will meet between 1:00 and 3:00pm** (the same time as OWL is meeting) **for three Sundays beginning on Jan 27.**
- (2) By supporting the Religious Education re-offering of the **Welcoming Congregation curriculum in March**, and
- (3) By **determining whether the Congregation ought to be involved in addressing this matter ei-**

ther at our Annual Meeting or at a special meeting of the Congregation.

Anyone interested in the Study Group-copies of the Report on Belonging can be ordered at \$12 each-or the Welcoming Church curriculum should contact **Carol Uebelhoer (xxx-xxxx or cuebel56@yahoo.com)** for further information.

If you are interested and supportive, or merely curious, or if you are opposed to allowing a group of our members and friends make announcements of their attempts to raise awareness about who and what they really are, then **feel welcome to attend the next meeting of the WBC in the Church library Sunday January 13, 2002**, starting 20 minutes after the services end. Or contact the officers of the Coalition: **George Schuhmann (xxx-xxxx) Chair, Marty Horrarr (xxx-xxxx) Co-Chair, or Bev Moore (xxx-xxxx) Secretary.**



Resolve to Volunteer at Tingley House

The children at Tingley House are hoping that one of your New Year's resolutions is to commit one Tuesday evening each month to them. Children ages 3 to 7 especially need your presence in the playroom to guide nurturing play.

Volunteers in December were **Peg Kesler, Vickie Patterson, Tim and Jane Martin Buckley, Rachel Knouse, Beth Frey, Tish Moore** (twice!), **Charlie Moore, Kathy Kremer, Roger Ohlman, and Janet Rink.**

Please call Janet Rink at **xxx-xxxx** or speak to her at church on Sunday if you would like more information or to volunteer.

Partner Church

(This delightful letter from the minister of our partner church in Romania was shared over the First U listserv; however, the editor thought that those not on the listserv would also enjoy it!)

Dear Brothers From Louisville!

On the passing carriage of time Christmas has arrived again and soon we'll leave behind the first year of the millennium, the year 2001. Beginning from November happenings have passed very fast. On October the 31st we held a ceremony in the memory of the Reformation. On November the 1st we had All Hallow's Eve and after the service we visited the graves of our past ones. The custom is to place flowers and light candles on the graves in sign of our honor and love. On November the 15th we held a ceremony in the memory of the founder of the Unitarian Church David Ferenc. (on which our children sang songs and recited poems) On November the 24th was 400 years since Enyedi Gyorgy (born in Nagyenyed), the third bishop of the Unitarian Church had died. In his memory in 1997 we had heaved a "koplyafa" in the garden.

For us Christmas is the most beautiful holiday, when we remember of Christ, the founder of the Christianity. On this day we hardly fit into the church. On Christmas Eve men and children sing

Christmas carols going from house to house. Everybody, big or small, young or old tries to bring love and happiness in the hearts of one another. Our children will take part in an act which is about the story told by Lucas the evangelist, and will sing Christmas carols and recite Christmas poems, in the church.

This year the price of the presents for the children was covered by the teacher from Virginia, who is a member of the Fredericksburg Unitarian Universalist Church and she is teaching English here in Nagyenyed for one year. Her name is Caroline Carver and she is in our church every Sunday. Christmas is the holiday of the family, too. On Christmas Day even the ones who are apart come home to celebrate together with the family. In every home there is a Christmas tree and on Christmas Eve the family is around it and sings carols.

Our sons are home, too, from Kolozsvar so we will be together. The spirit is beautiful although here is very cold. Our money is less but our hearts are full. For us it is very important to be together!

We wish You, for all members of the Church and the minister a peaceful, happy Christmas and a prosperous and wealthy New Year! Please give our, and the members of the Marosujvar congregation's greeting to the members of the Thomas Jefferson Church.

Rev. Sandor Botond and his family

Interfaith Events Mark Roe v Wade Anniversary

Pro-choice Supporters: Join a fellow UU in remembering Roe v Wade. This January is the 29th anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision, still an endangered species. Join Kentucky Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice in one or more of the following interfaith events:

☐ Faithful Witness for Choice Worship service, Sunday, Jan. 13, 4:00pm, Calvary Lutheran Church. Join **John Gage**, **Sarah Ewing**, and others to commemorate pro-choice activities in our community.

☐ Discussion, brunch and movie, *I Witness*, with **Hallie Joyce**, 10am, January 26, here at First U. Hallie is the guest speaker for the Roe v Wade dinner later that day. She is a UU herself, the founder of the Florida Religious Coalition for Choice, and is involved with

the Pensacola clinic. This clinic has been the site of many instances of domestic terrorism, including the murder of a doctor and an escort.

☐ The annual RCRC Roe v Wade dinner, January 26, 6:30pm, Crescent Hill Baptist Church. **Beth Wilson**, the director of the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project, will receive the Dr. David Gunn Award. Hallie Joyce will speak.

See, call, or email **Joan Beal** for information about any of these events.



RE Announcements

S.M.A.R.T.

- **Senior High Youth Con helpers needed. Friday, January 18 - Sunday, January 20.** Especially needed are night watch folks to stay awake and hang out with some really great young UUs. Shifts needing coverage: Friday, 11-3a.m.: one adult. Friday, 3-7a.m.: two adults. Saturday 11 - 3a.m.: one adult. If you can help, please contact **Lisa** at home or church or **Jay Dolen** at kjaydolensolo@aol.com, or xxxxxxx xxxxx at xxx-xxxx.

- **Second semester R.E. Teachers:** Teacher Orientation to be held on Sunday, January 27, 9:45 in the R.E. Library (upstairs).

- **First semester R.E. teachers:** Teacher support gathering to meet in the Parlor on Sunday, January 13, at 9:45.

- **OWL** continues through February 10, **Sundays 1:00 - 3:00 in the Open Classroom.**

Adult R.E.

- Sunday Morning Adult R.E. Offering: **Being a UU Parent**--Please join us for this 5 week discussion group on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the R.E. Library. (1/6; 1/13; 1/20; 2/3 and 2/10). If you have questions, please contact **Melissa Draut** (xxx-xxxx).

- Thursday evening Adult R.E. offering: Join **Rita Stern** as she convenes "**Growth Through Loss**" beginning January 10 at 6:30. Loss of all sorts is an inevitable part of life. How might we transform these painful and challenging experiences into personal growth, deepened self-understanding, and enhanced creativity?

- Please note that the **Parenting Teens Support Group** has been discontinued through the end of the year.

Sunday Morning Adult Round Table (SMART)

Church library -- 9:40 until 10:45am
Optional spiritual prelude--9:30 until 9:40

Upcoming Topics & Events

Beginning Jan.13, Sunday Morning Adult Round Table will offer a four week series on **current UUA Study Action Issues**: "An Alternative to the War on Drugs" and "Economic Globalization." **The text of a proposed Statement of Conscience is available in the library and in the volunteer area.**

- **January 13 -- An Alternative to the War on Drugs: Rev. Todd F. Eklof**, minister of Clifton Unitarian Church and leader of Clifton's Drug Policy Forum of Kentucky, will lead the discussion.

- **January 20 -- An Alternative to the War on Drugs: Jasmine Walston** will lead a discussion of the proposed Statement of Conscience and recommendations for revision.

- **January 22** -- Curriculum meeting at 7:15pm

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Meantime, we're excited about the upcoming **January 11 goal-setting meeting and potluck dinner**. By the time you read this, if you attended the January 6 service, you will have participated in offering your own input into our mission statement and visioning for the kind of church you're looking for. Your input is so important as we look to the future of our church community!

Speaking of your input, we had a terrific **congregational forum** in December. I hope you'll plan to attend our next one, **Sunday, January 13, at 9:45am in the Social Hall**. As you know, one of our major goals as a Board this year is improving our communication with you and being more responsive to your concerns and needs. Please give me a call at xxx-xxxx if you'd like to talk.

Thanks, and Happy New Year!

Lynn Slaughter, Board President

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Shared Ministry



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Seek and Find

from the Ministerial
Search Committee

We have passed another milestone! The Search Committee has spent an intense month studying sermons, social action activities and other ministerial information; we have carefully listened to each other's thoughts and questions; we have closely studied the congregational survey results yet again; and after three — count 'em, three — meetings between Christmas and the new year, the Committee is delighted to announce that it has narrowed the search to focus on three ministers.

The process of picking our “pre-candidates” from the nine ministers who expressed interest in First U was both more difficult and more harmonious than we anticipated. UU ministers are remarkably diverse and fascinating — each minister offers something very special and intriguing — and ranking them was difficult for each of us. Despite this, and despite the different life experiences and viewpoints each of us brings to the Committee, we were delighted to find close agreement in our choices for the likeliest ministerial matches for First U.

The Committee now proceeds to reference checking, personal interviews and “neutral pulpit” dates. Our plan is to narrow the field from three to one by late March or early April.

Do you like the idea of getting better-acquainted with a couple of your fellow 1st U members? If so, the Shared Ministry Committee could use your help. **The first week of January, we sent out letters of call to some of you, asking you to consider interviewing two church members about their needs, skills, interests, and what they want in a church.** If you have not yet received one of these letters of call and would like to participate in the process, we'd love to have your help! Please call or email me to let me know of your interest or to find out more about the interviews.

- **Brag Day** is fast approaching. Please plan to lunch with us after the Celebration of Life on Sunday January 20.
- **Upcoming Change in Contact Info:** Beginning the last week of January, my home phone number will be xxx-xxxx and my address xxxx xxxx xxxx Lane, Jeffersonville. My email address should not change. Happy new year, and see you in church! *Laura*

How About a Trip to Beautiful Downtown Frankfort?

Here's your opportunity to follow through on our congregation's resolution to support efforts to abolish the death penalty.

The Social Responsibility Committee is calling for volunteers who are willing to spend a day in Frankfort during the current session of the General Assembly. The **Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty** is organizing volunteers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during January, February and March. Volunteers should arrive in Frankfort at 9:00am to attend an orientation, then spend the day passing out abolitionist materials, carrying signs or contacting legislators.

Jay Dolen has offered to provide transportation for any volunteers from our church. Just choose the day you'd like to go and call **Peg Kesler (502-xxx-xxxx or 502-xxx-xxxx)** to make the arrangements.



Calendar: January 9 - 24

January 2002

9 Wednesday

5:00pm Nominating and Personnel (choir room)
5:30pm Search Committee (open Classroom)
7:00pm Interweave (social hall)
7:30pm Job Seekers (parlor)

10 Thursday

6:10pm Finance (library)
6:30pm RE - Growth Through Loss (parlor)

11 Friday

6:00pm Goal Setting - All Congreg. (SH/Kit)

13 Sunday

9:40am SMART - UUA Resolutions (library)
9:45am RE - Being a UU Parent (RE Library)
9:45am RE Teacher support meeting (parlor)
9:45am Board congregational forum (SH)
12:30pm CUUPS (parlor)
12:30pm Welcoming and Belonging Coalition (library)
1:00pm OWL (rm 205)
6:30pm Globalization workgroup (library)

14 Monday

12:00pm Brownbaggers (library)

15 Tuesday

6:00pm Board Meeting (library)

16 Wednesday

5:30pm Search Committee (choir room)

17 Thursday

6:30pm RE - Growth Through Loss (parlor)
7:00pm Care Group (library)
7:30pm Choir rehearsal (sanctuary & 210)

18 Friday

5:00pm YOUTH CON - entire church

19 Saturday

All day YOUTH CON (entire church)

20 Sunday

9:45am Being a UU Parent (RE Library)
9:45am RE - Parenting Teens Support (parlor)
12:15pm Brag Day Luncheon (SH)
1:00pm OWL (rm 205)

21 Monday

7:00pm Membership (library)

22 Tuesday

5:30pm DAPR (library)

24 Thursday

6:30pm RE - Growth Through Loss (parlor)
7:30pm Choir rehearsal (sanctuary & 210)



Just among ourselves

The Congregational Services Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the reception after Vespers. This includes those who set up and decorated the tables, poured coffee and punch, cleaned up afterwards, and set out cookies and other sweets donated by church members who, gradually, plateful by plateful, provided an endless supply of cookies for the hundreds in attendance that evening.



Get Well Wishes--Many of you know that **Kathy Drehmel** is recovering from a fall and is laid up in bed for several weeks. She is not allowed to sit and so is faced with the choice of staying flat in bed or standing. If you get a chance, please send a card; distractions will be welcomed! Get well soon, Kathy; we miss you.

Thomas Jefferson Unitarian will hold its **18th Annual Hootenanny** at the church (4936 Old Brownsboro Rd.) on **Friday, Jan. 25, at 7:00pm**. Bring your non-amplified instruments and sing and play with John Gage and others. \$3/person donation; kids under 12 free. BYOB --Munchies and setups provided.



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Celebrations of Life

Sunday services begin at 10:55 a.m.

January 13 *Great Expectations.* The **Rev. Cynthia P. Cain** will speak in a pulpit exchange. We welcome Cynthia Cain, minister since 1999 of the UU Church of Lexington. Of this sermon she writes, “A look, theological and otherwise, at how expectations can be an impediment to our happiness.” **David Parke** speaks in Lexington this Sunday.

January 20 *Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday.* An intergenerational service. **John Gates** and **Phil Cherry**, who inspired us a year ago, will be with us again. Dr. King's stirring “I Have a Dream” speech will be invoked by varied voices from the congregation. **David Parke** will recall the Black Empowerment controversy in the UUA in the late 1960s.

January 27 *Take Charge of Your Own Life.* **David B. Parke** will speak. Increasingly I feel the need to set the terms of my own life, and to encourage others to do the same. Following through on this principle may lead to a fundamental readjustment of one's priorities and relationships. It is, I find, a high risk strategy that coexists with another high risk strategy, namely the readiness to surrender. The choir will sing this Sunday.