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Search Committee Announces Candidate

The Ministerial Search Committee announced its candidate for minister at the Palm Sunday Celebration of Life. The candidate is the **Rev. Norbert (Norm) Stewart**, a 55-year-old Starr King graduate with a boundless enthusiasm for what a united and vibrant church can accomplish. He is currently completing a two-year interim ministry with a congregation in British Columbia, where he has helped resolve conflicts. **The committee believes that Norm is a great match for our church and invites you to meet him and his wife Kathryn during candidating week, May 12 - 19.**

The following information was on a flyer that was distributed after the service on March 24:

Current UU positions

* Interim minister of North Shore Unitarian Church, West Vancouver, BC

* Also serving as Director of Program for International Partnerships - a program to extend the work of the Partner Church movement to the UU Church of the Philippines and the Khasi Hills Unitarians in India.

Personal and family life

* Married to **Kathryn Smith** since 1996

* They have no children; however, at the young age of 21, Norm began raising a niece and nephew. He was a single parent for the next 12 years, and his niece's child now calls him "Grandpa."

* Norm and Kathryn are active Contra dancers who like music, theater, storytelling, traveling, biking, and hiking.

* Managed, officiated, and announced Arabian horse shows for 20 years

Education

* University work at Syracuse University, Cleveland State University, UNC Asheville in liberal arts, business, and computers. (1964-1989)

* M.Div. at Starr King School for the Ministry—Berkeley, CA (1999)

Work Experience

* Careers in industry, finance, agriculture and technology

* Has owned and operated his own business

UU Experiences

* Started attending UU Church of Asheville (NC) in 92-93; joined in 1995

* Ministerial intern at the UU Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 1999

* Religious education teacher, 3rd - 7th grades, 1998 & 1999

* Active in ministers' associations, district conferences, and General Assembly

The Search Committee believes that our congregation will find Norm Stewart to be a warm, personable minister who genuinely likes to interact with people. In his words, "community building is an area of church life to which I bring great passion and have gifts to share. I am a people person who works well with others, is accessible, and easy to relate to. You can expect me to be visible and involved in all aspects of church life."

From the Interim Minister

I congratulate **Norm Stewart** of North Vancouver, BC, the candidate for settled minister recommended by the Ministerial Search Committee. And I congratulate the committee. Norm and I are in contact by phone and email, planning for a seamless transition in ministry.

I also congratulate **John Miller**, who is replacing **Drew Patterson** on the Board of Trustees as Vice President and President-Elect. John was the first person to contact me last spring in First U's search for an interim minister. We have worked together on the Board, in financial planning, and on the Committee on Ministry. John brings extensive hands-on experience as past president of the Abraham Lincoln UU Congregation in Springfield, IL and as a member of the leadership team in the Central Midwest and Heartland UU Districts.

With regret I have learned of **Drew and Vickie Patterson's** decision to resign from the church. They have brought vital leadership to a number of areas of congregational life. It is my hope that, in the course of time, they may reconsider their decision and return to First U. The church needs people like Drew and Vickie. And Drew and Vickie need the church.

Three months from now, at the end of June, I will be moving on to another interim ministry congregation. In April and May I will exchange packets with a

number of possible churches. The selection process is similar to that for a settled ministry, with two major exceptions. An interim minister is appointed by the governing Board rather than called by the congregation. Also, an interim minister is appointed for a fixed term, usually one year, rather than under an open contract. I have greatly enjoyed my year in Louisville and I take satisfaction in our accomplishments as minister and people. I wish you success and happiness in your prospective pastoral relationship with Norm Stewart.

With the advent of spring I want, on behalf of the congregation, to extend greetings to all of our elderly, ill, and limited-mobility members and friends throughout the metropolitan area. We think of you often with gratitude and deep pleasure in our mutual association at First U. If it is possible for you to attend one or more services this spring, you will be warmly welcomed!

David B. Parke



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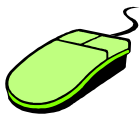
A big "THANK YOU" to all of the volunteers for the **Public Radio Partnership's Spring Fund Drive**. First Unitarian's Sunday, March 2, participation filled the whole day's broadcast with the First Unitarian Church name, and brought in much needed donations for the stations. On the phones, representing First U were: **Joan Beal, Glenn Ellison, Kyle Ellison, Jim Fry, Barbara Hambaugh, Joe and Kathy Kremer, Kate Lawniczak, Alice McKinley, John Miller, Roger Ohlman, Kris Philipp, Claudia Runge, Debbie Silverman, and Isabel Silverman.**

Many other volunteered, but the openings were already filled. But mark you calendars now; the fall fund drive is in September!

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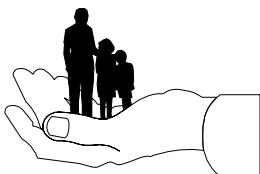
Stewardship

For Your Consideration

by Joanne Graf

for the Stewardship Committee

Some people think that annual stewardship campaigns are about money; they are wrong. Stewardship campaigns are about commitment.” (From *Asking Makes a Difference*, by Jerald L. King) **Having received pledges from 65% of our members and friends, more than half of those pledges represent a 35% increase over last year for an average of \$319.00 each.** Talk about commitment! In the face of our struggles over the last year and a half, we are still striving to maintain the commitments we’ve made to and with each other as we look ahead to the arrival of our new minister and consider the exciting options we have for becoming an even stronger downtown church presence.



I keep thinking back to the timeline of our church history that was put together at the congregational goal setting meeting in late October, to how precious the stories were of relationships, events, triumphs and troubles, and to how fortunate we are to have each other. **As you reflect on your response to this year’s campaign, I hope you are glad to have become acquainted with your generous self.** If you have yet to respond to your canvasser, or - perish the thought - haven’t yet been contacted, please take the canvass call as an opportunity to verbally express your commitment to our church community; and see the pledge card as an opportunity to have your wishes put into action. If you have not been canvassed, please call either **Bev Daly** or me.

And, next time you’re in our comfortable and attractive building, or feeling stimulated by a Sunday service, or talking with our office manager, or dropping your children off at R.E. or nursery care, or enjoying our music program, feel good about your support of these efforts, and thank your fellow members for theirs!

Shared Ministry

Looking in Both Directions

Spring--a time of rebirth and renewal. A time for anticipating the future and a time for assessing what has been. True for the church as committees start to think about annual reports and accomplishments over the past year, while at the same time looking ahead to a new church year and welcoming a new minister.

Thus it is with the Shared Ministry Committee. We are in the process of evaluating the past year at First Church. **What was successful? What do congregants feel good about? What activities elicited positive responses? What didn’t work as well and why?** We are excited about the future of Shared Ministry. Our merging with Nominating and Personnel will help to better serve the needs of members, friends, and committees.

As goals have been accomplished, we have recognized the need to update the role and job description of the Shared Ministry Coordinator. A task force has been organized to meet this requirement, with an eye to an expanded role for the Coordinator. Our objective is to have a proposal to present to the Board by the end of April.

Spring, a time of renewal--for our church, for our members and friends.

Best Wishes -- **Kathy Drehmel**

Shared Ministry Chair



Shared Ministry Coordinator
Laura Jennings

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Kitchen Cleanup Must Improve!

Barb Donnelly reports that she has recently thrown away gallons of food left in the church refrigerator after Sunday luncheons and other events. This is unthoughtful and wasteful behavior. **Please take left-over food to a shelter or take it home.** In addition, the counter is full of containers, some left there since Christmas!

REviews

This "REviews" column was submitted by **Melissa Draut**. Melissa teaches the 1st and 2nd grade R.E. class with co-teacher Keith Walker. They are studying the "Special Times" curriculum this semester, learning about holidays from our Judeo-Christian heritage.

This year the first and second grade class studied Lent, and did a service project as part of their lesson. The students and parents were very generous in making donations to fill Easter baskets for the children at Tingley House. This Lenten project was taken seriously by our class of students as they worked with care to fill the twenty four baskets.

We also talked about Tingley House and the plight of homeless children. xxx (xxxxx) conveyed a little of what he saw when we delivered baskets last year. The kids were very much like him, but they had to live in just one or two rooms with their family in a large building. (A March 24 *NYTimes Magazine* reports that the fastest growing segment of the homeless population is children, and that they are invisible because we don't see them on the streets. Thus, their plight is not at the forefront of the homeless issue.) Our class talked about the problems these children face, and how we enjoy so many basic things that these kids cannot.

xxxxx and xxxx xxxxxxxx along with their father **John** delivered the baskets this year. This gave the girls a chance to put real faces and a place along with their service efforts. So this lesson on Lent taught not only about the Christian tradition of Lent leading up to Easter, but also gave a lesson on compassion and service to others. After delivering the Easter baskets, xxxx xxxxxxxx wrote the following about Tingley House: "It seems to be a place where you can go for trust and support. It feels like it's a place far from home, but I wonder how the kids that live there feel?"

Melissa



RE Announcements

- xxxxxxxx xxxxxx was just named co-chair to the District Youth Steering Committee (DYSC). This is great news for xxxxxxxx, for our youth program (YRUU), and for our entire church as we become more of a presence in the Heartland UU District. Way to go, xxxxxxx!

- **Artist-in-Residence returns in May!** Music is one path in our ongoing search for truth and meaning. Each Sunday in May, participants will learn skills and songs on the mountain dulcimer, culminating in a First U Dulcimer Orchestra premier presentation during the R.E. Celebration of Life on May 26. May Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 in the Open Classroom. Open to ALL AGES, 1st grade and up (or younger with parental supervision). So get those dulcimers out of your attics and closets, take them down off the wall, and join us! Novices are welcome. Note that adults need not have children in R.E. in order to participate. Please pre-register by signing up on the R.E. bulletin board, or by contacting Lisa.

- **More about dulcimers:** We will have several dulcimers to loan out. Please let Lisa know ASAP if

you'd like to reserve one. If you'd like to "check out" a dulcimer to take home, you may do so with a refundable \$40.00 deposit. And if you have a spare dulcimer to lend us during May, please tell Lisa. (Did you know that the mountain dulcimer is the official state instrument of Kentucky?)



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Board BIZ

by Lynn Slaughter, Board President

On behalf of the Board, I want to congratulate our terrific ministerial search committee for their wonderful work. We are all very excited about meeting **Norm Stewart!**

On a sadder note, the church recently lost **Drew Patterson** and his lovely wife, **Vickie**, as members. They both made wonderful contributions to First Unitarian Church, and I know how much they will be dearly missed. Tragically, in the last two years, we've lost treasured members of our congregation on both sides of the polyamory controversy.

In view of **Drew's** and **Henry Lieberg's** resignations from the Board, we have done some shuffling around with our positions. **John Miller** has moved over from Treasurer to take **Drew's** spot as Vice-President in line to be President next year (this will be **John's** fourth stint as President of a UU congregation-talk about dedication!), **Joanne Graf** has moved over to take **Henry's** spot on the Board and will once again chair the Stewardship campaign, and **Doug Yoder** has joined the Board to take over as Treasurer. Since the spot that **Joanne** was filling (the remainder of **Eleanore Garber's** term) had just two months left on it, we left that slot blank. We are delighted to welcome **Doug** to the Board. I can't tell you how grateful I am to **John**, **Joanne**, and **Doug** for their willingness to take on these critical leadership responsibilities at a very tough time in our church's history.

I also want to review and update you about continued troubling developments in the polyamory controversy. Since taking office as Board President ten months ago, I've worked very hard to help make First U a loving place where we could celebrate and respect our individual diversity of belief and life style. Part of this effort has been working on resolving the polyamory controversy in hopes that we could all have a place at the table and dwell together in peace and mutual respect.

The November 5 decision of the Board reflects the conviction of six of the eleven Board members that while we unconditionally welcome all polyamorous members and friends, there is currently

no consensus within our congregation that we are ready to have the polyamory support-advocacy group be associated with the church.

Knowing that this decision would be upsetting to our poly members, I attempted to reach out to them and be as welcoming as I could be, short of associating the church with their cause. It was I who recommended to the Board that the group be allowed to continue to meet at the church free of charge, and it was I who gave a verbal okay to **Jasmine Walston's** question about flyers. At the same time, I gave her a suggested mockup of advertising that would not in any way associate the group with our church. I suggested she put the name of the group (at that time, they were not using "Unitarian-Universalist" in their name), its purpose and brief description, its meeting time, and a contact number. I felt this was a win-win situation. **Jasmine** would be able to advertise her group at church, but the church wouldn't be thrust back into the unacceptable position of appearing to be sponsoring or endorsing a cause that many of our members strongly oppose.

Jasmine ignored my advertising suggestions. The polyamory flyers which appeared at the welcoming table in the vestibule listed their meetings as taking place at First Unitarian Church and also included the chalice logo of their national organization. The flyers now contain the name, Unitarian-Universalists for Polyamory Awareness. While they have added a disclaimer that they are neither affiliated with our church or the UUA, you would need a magnifying glass to read it. I wasn't even aware it was on the flyer, until **Jasmine** mentioned it, and I went hunting for it.

This was clearly a violation of the intent of the November 5 Board decision to draw a distinction between our welcoming of polyamorous individuals and sanctioning their cause and group. I received numerous complaints from concerned members. As Board President, I therefore e-mailed **Jasmine** and asked her to change the content of the flyers, so as

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to avoid giving the impression that their group was a part of our church's programming.

Jasmine replied by refusing my request. The Sierra Club can put the name of our church on their flyers, so why shouldn't the poly group be able to? Their version of the chalice logo is copyrighted, and I have no right to say they can't use it, she said. She also told me they were resuming using their full name, Unitarian-Universalists for Polyamory Awareness, and that she regretted the discomfort this would cause for some congregational members, but they were going to do this anyway.

Legally, Jasmine has every right to take the position she has. In my view, however, this is a clear violation of the spirit and intent of the Board's November 5 decision. Beyond the gross disrespect of me as Board President is the much grosser and more serious disrespect of her fellow church members who have made it clear they are not comfortable with their church being associated with the cause and life style of polyamory. You would have to be deaf, dumb, and blind not to recognize that the current flyers give the impression that the group is officially associated with our church, which they are not.

As UU's, we practice congregational polity, and in this congregation, the Board is charged with making policy. The current policy, as decided upon by the Board on November 5, 2001, is that the polyamory awareness group is not a church group and should

not have the advertising rights and privileges of church groups.

I have finally recognized that there can be no negotiations with a group without a basis in trustworthiness, consideration of the needs of others and the community at large, and basic respect for those who dare to disagree with a particular agenda. Clearly, the Board and this congregation have some tough decisions to make regarding the Unitarian-Universalists for Polyamory Awareness group currently meeting free of charge in our building.



By-Laws Biz

The Board will be reviewing and voting on proposed by-law revisions received thus far at their April meeting. If any members or friends would like to take a look at the proposed revisions the Board has received and offer input prior to their April meeting, copies will be available in the Volunteers' Area.

Many thanks... **Lynn Slaughter**

Habitat Book Fair at Hawley Cooke Booksellers Monday, April 1 - Sunday, April 7

Tell the cashier you support Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville, and 20% of your purchases will be donated to Habitat.

Kroger Buck Sales July to March

Sales	\$13,000
5% Profit	650

Jewelry Sale Set for April 14



The Affordable Jewelry Sale will be held on **Sunday, April 14**, in the Social Hall. Donations of used jewelry can be left at the volunteer desk. We are also seeking items of better quality for auction, so root through your stash for items not worn anymore. Plan to stay and shop for wonderful finds after church.

If you would like to help or have questions, contact **Kay Woodworth** at xxx-xxxx (h), xxx-xxxx (w).

Church Members

Meet Drew Foxworthy

by Rose Stevens

With a plan to own and operate a lumber mill in Mauckport, IN, Drew Foxworthy arrived here in 1987. The deal fell through—so Drew became a self-employed forester, following in the footsteps of his Dad, who had been in forestry school at Purdue when Drew was born in West Lafayette, IN. Drew's family moved after his Dad's graduation, and he said, moved more—to West Virginia, West Central Ohio, Tennessee, and Lexington, KY, staying there until he graduated from Lafayette High School. He remembers that it was difficult moving around so much as a kid. Drew attended Eastern KY, was drafted into the Army, and finished his service in Germany in 1971. He went to Knoxville, graduated from UT in Forestry and located in Ohio for 13 years, then came here. As a self-employed forester Drew buys logs, converts about half of them to lumber and sells it and sells the other half as logs. He travels extensively, much of it in the southeast, buying different kinds of logs in different states.

Recalling his initial visit to 1st Church Drew says, "I was kind of wandering around. Maybe I looked like I was lost," and he met **Marge Warden** who said, "Oh, I'm not a member of this church," even as she was giving him information about it. A bit confusing, perhaps? He also met **Drew Patterson** and **Carol Wallace** his first day, luckily for him and us. They all made him feel welcome. He had learned about 1st Church from a close friend—both of them knew **Jim Rosen**, son of **Idell** and the late **Al Rosen**. Jim's Memorial Service was held here after his death and Drew's friend told him this seemed like a friendly place. As he was going through the emotional stress of a divorce Drew decided to give 1st Unitarian a try (despite his opposition to organized religion and the fact that he'd not attended a church since August, 1970). He thought he should come at least 6 times to see if he'd like it enough to stay.

He did—and he's not only a member, he is on the Finance Committee, one of those dedicated folks

who do our church accounting in-house (which we all appreciate). Events here that inspired Drew to learn more included a meeting on UU Principles (moderated by **Bev Moore**) and **Nell's** last Burger Bash, where he had a great time. Though he'd considered himself a humanist/agnostic Drew's beliefs were strongly impacted by the development of his close friendship with **Stephanie White** prior to her death. He now finds himself considering other possibilities. He came from a very regimented religious background, he explained, and he's found 1st Church to be intriguing—"no answers, but lots of questions."



He believes the depth of musical talent in our congregation is just amazing, and he's extremely appreciative of all those who share their talent in our services and events. He admires **Gary Falk's** jazz, and he recalled with enjoyment his own saxophone playing experience in his high school band (he hasn't played in years, he says). He likes the openness at 1st Church, the acceptance of other people's beliefs. One thing he would change if he could is in the financial realm. "We need more people giving Fair Share here," he believes. Coming from a different religious tradition, he found it surprising and distressing that we were not more generous with our pledges.

Drew now lives in Louisville—he and Carol Wallace were married in 2001. They have a wonderful blended family including Drew's four sons: **Todd**, 22, **Andrew**, 20, **Brian**, 18, and **xxxx**, 16, and Carol's son **xxxxx**, 13, and daughter **xxxxx**, 10. Smiling broadly Drew proclaimed himself very happy and said he's truly enjoying having a little girl now, too. The families get along well, a matter that was extremely important to him and Carol when their relationship became serious, and they work at keeping their family bonded. We're so glad you decided to join us, Drew, and we're thankful that you're willing to devote your time, energy, and talents to help this church and congregation.

Board Profiles

Meet Pat Allsion

(Fourth in a Series of Profiles of Board Members)

by Lynn Slaughter

If you're looking for a good example of why First Unitarian Church is known for its members gifted in the creative and performing arts, Pat Allison would be a terrific choice. Currently in her 21st year at the Youth Performing Arts School where she chairs the Theater Department, Pat is not only an EXCEL award-winning master teacher, but an accomplished actress and playwright.

Like so many dedicated members at First U, Pat didn't start out as a Unitarian-Universalist. Growing up on Louisville's south side, she was active in the Methodist church where she served as President of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and as an officer in their district youth organization. It was in church and at church camps that she began singing and performing and discovered her passion for the arts.

At age 14, she officially launched her performing career by winning a WHAS TV Crusade for Children talent contest. This led to monthly singing appearances on "Hi-Varieties," a WHAS television program for teens, as well as monthly appearances on their local radio variety show, Hi-Teens. "It was really exciting for me to be singing on the air every other week or so," says Pat. "I got very comfortable performing."

After earning a degree in theater at Indiana University, Pat headed for New York where she substitute taught and appeared on the "Ted Mack Amateur Hour." She recalls: "I sang well, but came in second to a guy who could play two trumpets at once!"

She returned to Louisville where she earned her MA in theater at the University of Louisville, became a mother to daughter, **Sonia**, and began teaching full-time. It was through her work directing students in plays that she became interested in writing them. Interestingly, her first play, *Brick by Brick*, was inspired by **Anne Braden's** remarkable autobiography, *The Wall Between*.

At her ten year Valley High School reunion, Pat began talking with her classmate, civil rights attorney **Bill Allison**. Previously, the two hadn't known each other well. "I vaguely remember him as the boy in el-

ementary school who played the trombone," says Pat. "In high school, we didn't hang out in the same crowds. In those days, I was the bookish one, and Bill was 'Mr. Valley,' a popular football player." At the reunion, however, once they started talking, they didn't stop. "I thought he was the most fascinating man I'd ever met," recalls Pat. Apparently, the feeling was mutual. The couple soon began dating and will celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary this month. In addition to **Sonia**, whom Bill adopted, they are the parents of **Katie**, 28, who works in politics, and **Will**, 24, who's an actor.

Pat and Bill began attending First U in the mid-seventies when they were raising their young family. What has kept them here for so many years? "The warm friendships we've made and the church's progressive outlook toward many issues are the big reasons," says Pat. "I remember after the fire how impressed we were with **Richard Beal** and the temporary church being located in the West End."

In addition to serving on the Board and singing in the choir, Pat has also done two stints on the Worship Committee, which she chaired, and has served on the Arts and Architecture Committee. "We have such amazing visual artists," she says. "Just like being on the Board, serving on the Arts and Architecture Committee gave me a better insight into how the church functions."

Pat hopes the church can continue to grow in membership and programs. A dedicated choir member, she'd love to see the choir get bigger, and for the arts to be even more incorporated into the services and life of the church. "The arts have always been where I feel most connected to my spiritual self," says Pat.

Just as the church will enter a new phase next year with the arrival of our next settled minister, Pat will also begin a new phase in her life. After 33 years, she will retire from full-time teaching and teach only half-time next year at the Youth Performing Arts School. "It was a big decision," says Pat, "but I feel I'm ready." We wish Pat much joy and meaning in this exciting new chapter of her life. She deserves it!

Harmony Habitat Plans Work Party

Harmony Habitat will soon open its group home for mentally retarded adults on a farm in Nelson County. Preparation of the house continues.

A work week end is planned April 12-14. Volunteers will camp out on the farm Friday night and/or Saturday night, work on the house and ground and enjoy campfire cookouts. All meals are provided by the Habitat. Recreational vehicles, tents and children are welcome.

If you would like to be a Harmony Habitat volunteer, please call **Peg Kesler** at (502) xxx-xxxx or email HABITAT321@aol.com.



Just a Reminder that Hemlock of Indiana-- *Hoosiers for Death with Dignity* will sponsor a talk by **Dr. Faye Girsh**, senior VP of The Hemlock Society USA, at First Unitarian, Monday, April 8, at 7:30 pm. **Idell Rosen** is treasurer of the Indiana organization.

WBC Plans Meeting to Re-Examine Purpose

The Welcoming and Belonging Coalition (WBC) was formed in reaction to what its participants consider threats to our church being welcoming and inclusive. Now it seems we have long-term work to do. So we are going to re-examine what we are about:

- What is the mission or purpose of the coalition really?
- What does inclusive mean in the church? How much of it do we want?
- What are the barriers to our being inclusive? What do we want to do about them?
- Is the name of the coalition appropriate to its mission?

Everyone who is interested or concerned about the extent and nature of inclusiveness at First Unitarian Church is urged to join us in an interesting, cooperative process to define clearly the WBC mission on **Sunday, April 7 from 1:00 to 3:00** in the library-after the luncheon sponsored by Interweave.

Tingley Volunteers Provide Valuable Service

Thanks to the small but dependable core of volunteers, our service project at Tingley House continues on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

In February **Tish Moore** came all four Tuesdays, and her husband, **Charlie**, twice. Other volunteers in the playroom were **Vickie Patterson, Trish Packowski, Rose Stevens, and Janet Rink**. **Chris Schmitt** was the only volunteer working with older children as tutor.

In March, Chris again worked as a "study buddy" as did **Roger Ohlman, Tim** and **Jane Martin Buckley**, and **Fran Fargen**.

Two new volunteers participated in March in the playroom, **xxxxx xxxxx** and **xxxx xxxxxxx** (from the senior high class). **Vickie Patterson, Peg Kesler, Kathy Kremer, and Janet Rink** also volunteered in March.

Two additional senior high class members have signed up for a Tuesday in April. Remember, this activity can be used to meet service hour requirements. Call **Janet Rink** at xxx-xxxx for more information or to volunteer.



Stop the War on April 20

Join fellow UU folk on April 20, 2002, at the march to **Stop the War** in Washington, DC. We plan to walk together under UU banners, other nonviolent signs, and American flags. If you can march, e-mail uuawo@uua.org. Please put "April 20" on the subject line and tell how many marchers are in your party. If you need a place to sleep, limited housing in the D.C. area may be available. Put "Need Bed/April 20" on the subject line. More than one hundred organizations have endorsed the "a20 march" online at www.a20stopthewar.org, where the UU spot in the parade line-up should be posted soon.

Church and Denominational Matters

Sunday Morning Adult Round Table (SMART)

Church library
Sharing at 9:30am
Program -- 9:40 until 10:45am

Upcoming Topics & Events

- **April 7: "Kentucky Civil Liberties Union."** Guest speaker **Jeff Vessels** will lead a discussion about current civil liberties issues.
- **April 14: "How Much Do We Deserve?"** Principles of distributive justice can help economics serve the common good. From a *UUWorld* article in the November/December 2001 issue. **Frank Slesnick** will lead the discussion.
- **April 21: "The UU Relationship."** The seven UU principles can guide us not only in our spiritual and public lives, but our intimate relationships. From a *UUWorld* article in the March/April 1999 issue. **Jasmine Walston** will lead the discussion.

Future events will be planned based on the expressed needs of the congregation, and the individual members who volunteer to share. Contact **Jasmine Walston** at jasminegld@aol.com or xxx-xxxx.

Successful Seder Dinner "Thank You's"

Hats off to **Idell Rosen, Joan Johnson, Brian Daly,** and **Debbie Silverman** for their leadership of the Passover Seder service on March 27. Idell carries on the Seder tradition at First U. Joan Johnson and the Congregational Services Committee organized the meal. Brian Daly, chair of the Activities Committee, was in charge of arrangements and volunteers. Debbie Silverman read the Passover service. Next year in Jerusalem!

An Invitation from Clifton

The Clifton Unitarian Church invites First U people to attend a showing of "People and the Land," a video on the Palestinian cause, on **Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m.** The Clifton church is at 2231 Payne St. in Louisville. **Todd Eklof**, Clifton minister, praises this treatment of the Israeli-Palestinian standoff.

New Hymnals Have Arrived

The new hymnals are in, and bookplates are being put into them. Anyone who purchased one for home need or would like to buy one of the extras for use at home should see **Geneva Fry**, chair of the Worship Committee. **Thanks to all of those who purchased books for the church.** And don't forget - if you have a church hymnal, please check it out through the library and return it promptly. Thanks!

Brownbaggers Plan Trip to Caesars

Brownbaggers have planned a most unusual outing for **Monday, April 8**, when they visit **Caesars River Boat**. Most members of the group have never been before but are quite curious to see what has been attracting so many people from all over the country.

The group will leave the Louisville area a little after 11:00 a.m., drive to New Albany, and take the river road to Caesar's. They expect to use the free valet parking to enter the large building called The Coliseum. Escalators will take the group to the main area where they will eat lunch at noon in the Legends Restaurant (delicious and reasonable). Then the group will visit the hotel and go down to the river boat at 1:30.

When the members of the calling committee call you, indicate whether you will attend and if you need transportation.

Be kind to our visitors and new members and friends.



Please wear your nametag!

Thank you.

FYI -- In a lovely "thank you" note sent to the congregation, **Amy Russell** expressed appreciation for the chalice necklace and scarf, as well as for the number of First U folks who attended her ordination.

Calendar: April 4 - 20

April

4 Thursday

7:30-9:00pm Choir rehearsal (rm 210)

7 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

(Change to Daylight Savings Time)

9:40am Adult Round Table (library)

9:45am Youth groups (upstairs)

9:45am Childcare/children's activities(upstairs)

8 Monday

11:30am Brownbaggers at Caesar's Palace

9 Tuesday

7:00pm Council Meeting (library)

10 Wednesday

5:30pm Search Committee (choir room-210)

6:30pm "Three Prophets" (parlor)

7:00pm Interweave (SH)

11 Thursday

12:00pm "Belonging" over lunch

6:00pm Finance (library)

7:30pm Choir rehearsal (sanctuary & rm 210)

14 Sunday

9:45am Youth groups (upstairs)

9:40am Adult Round Table (library)

9:45am UU parent group (RE library-211)

9:45am Childcare/children's activities (upstairs)

12:00pm CHURCH JEWELRY SALE (SH)

1:00pm Welcoming/Belonging Coalition (library)

15 Monday

7:00pm Membership (library)

16 Tuesday

6:00pm Board Meeting (library)

17 Wednesday

6:30pm "Three Prophets" (parlor)

18 Thursday

7:00pm Care Group (library)

7:30pm Choir rehearsal (rm 210)

19 Friday

6:30pm Pot Luck Dinner (SH, kitchen)

20 Saturday - Thunder Over Louisville

Just among ourselves

John Miller's mother, **Marjorie Miller**, died at her home in Springfield, IL, on Saturday, March 16. Marjorie had lived in Louisville and was a member of First Unitarian Church from 1973-1985. A memorial service will be held at First Unitarian in Louisville on Saturday, April 27, at 2 pm. The Church extends its love and sympathy to John and **Mindy Miller** and their family.

It was good to see **Myrrhanda Arkaen** in church on Palm Sunday! Please send good vibes and loving thoughts to Myrrhanda as she deals with her recent health issues and surgery.

Joanne Graf has a piece of beaded artwork in the student show that is hanging now in the Hite Gallery at UofL. This was her first creation using beads, but she says that she is interested in learning and doing more beading. Congratulations, Joanne!

Congratulations to **Malcolm** and **Suzanne Turner** upon the arrival of **xxxxxx xxxx Turner**, born March 7. Baby Elanor weighed in at 8 lb., 6oz. Many of us had the pleasure of greeting her at church on Palm Sunday.

Congratulations to **xxxxx xxxx**, daughter of **Ralph** and **Margaret Moss**, and a member of the youth group and senior high R.E. class. A senior at South Oldham High School, Ellie is the national winner of the A&E biography for the year, 2001, contest. She won a \$2500 savings bond award for her writing about J.K. Rawlings as the most influential person in the world for "preserving national sanity and escape" through the *Harry Potter* books. Her teacher received \$250 for school supplies and a series of A&E biographies which she donated to the school.

Congratulations to **Michael Megahan** and the **Children's Choir** for their impressive performance at our Palm Sunday Celebration of Life.

We honor the memory of **Anna Nahinsky Goodman**, mother of **Irwin Nahinsky** and grandmother of **Joanna** and **Beth Nahinsky**, who died March 22. A graveyard service was held at Cave Hill Cemetery on March 25. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the Nahinsky family.

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Celebrations of Life

Sunday services begin at 10:55 a.m.

April 7 *On Becoming Oneself. New Member Sunday.* **David B. Parke** will speak. What is the end result of cosmic evolution? I answer: a person. We welcome into membership in this church those who have signed the membership book since November 11. If you would like to join, please contact Isabel Silverman or the Interim Minister. Note: *Daylight Saving Time begins today.* Remember the formula: spring forward, fall back.

April 14 *A Musical Celebration of Spring.* The yearly service from the Music Committee will feature spoken words from our music staff and one or two of our members, guest lutenist/guitarist **David Walker**, and some homegrown musical talent from around the sanctuary. The choir will sing.

April 21 *The Roots of Genocide: Armenia 1915.* **David B. Parke** will speak. Eighty-seven years ago, before the word genocide was coined, a million Armenians were slaughtered by Turkish government troops. To this day the government denies its complicity in the crime. What happened? Why? How can we respond?