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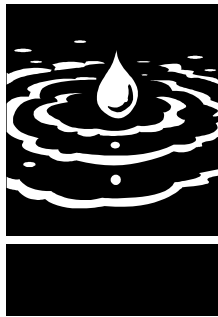
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Welcome Home Norm And Kathryn

A warm welcome to **Norm Stewart** and **Kathryn Smith** who arrived in Louisville after a 2600 mile drive from Vancouver, BC. The movers unloaded them on Aug.1, and Norm reports that while they still have many boxes to unpack, they are beginning settle. Norm will attend the annual First U leadership retreat on August 16 & 17, and his ministry with us begins officially on September 1.

Save Your Summer Water

The next "Ingathering" (Sept. 8) will be the first time that **Norm Stewart** will be preaching as our new minister. In order to mark the event, he requests that everyone save some water from some meaningful event or place this summer to bring to that service in the fall. So if you are going to Transylvania or are just hanging in your own backyard, save a film canister or pill bottle of water to bring to church for a water ceremony at the "Ingathering."



Trash Force Panel Discussion

Trash Force is sponsoring a community panel discussion entitled "Food: the Rural-Urban Connection" between 12pm and 3:30pm on Sunday, August 11 at IUS.



From 12pm-1pm farmers will be selling produce, food samples may be purchased and **Terry White** will be playing his banjo and guitar. At 1pm, Trash Force will have a press conference about the importance of knowing about where your food comes from. At 1:30pm a panel including an organic farmer, a chef, a farm work organizer and a food safety coordinator will discuss questions such as hormones in foods, organic food production, genetic modification, food safety, and fast food. There will be time for questions and **Greg Gapsis** will moderate.

Trash Force is the southern Indiana group whose members take the church's office paper to be recycled and whom the **Social Responsibility Committee** has supported in the past.

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Interweave		S.M.A.R.T	

Plan to Attend “Priscilla” Party!

by Doug Swanner

7:00pm, August 14, Social Hall

Well, it seems that we may be creating a motif here. This month’s Interweave is yet another film. Not a documentary type though, but a film that needs to be seen to be believed. This month is all about fun! We are viewing the cult classic *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* August 14. Again, as during last month’s viewing, popcorn will be provided; please BYOB (Bring Your own Beverage).

Priscilla isn’t a person; she is a bus, and she is purple. The people crossing the desert aboard her are of a “different” sort. Extreme personalities in extreme situations, the film even makes fun of itself - an Australian classic, full of camp, laughter, and fun clothing effects. Please come and laugh with us; all are welcome!

Sunday Morning Adult Round Table

Church library

Sharing at 9:30am

Program -- 9:40 until 10:45am

We continue our Summer Series on the UUA’s Seven Principles, to complement **Jennifer Lavery’s** Summer Celebration of Life Series.

August 11: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all

August 18: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

August 25: To be announced

After this series is over, Adult Round Table will continue in August with other events and programs. Sunday mornings in the fall are in the planning stages, and your input is needed! These programs will be based on the expressed interests of the congregation and the individual members who volunteer to share. Contact **Robert Parish** after service in the Social Hall, or at home: email rdparish@aye.net or phone xxx-xxxx and leave a message



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Music Notes

by Michael Megahan
Music Director

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer and finding ways to beat the heat! The first meeting of the “new” music committee was held in late July, and we tried to get a good start on the coming year. We hope that present and former choir members, as well as others who might be interested in singing with us this year, will mark these dates on your calendars!



- **August 22:** Rehearsal (short) and party - 7pm
- **August 29:** Rehearsal - 7:30-9pm
- **September 5:** Rehearsal - 7:30-9pm
- **September 8:** Rehearsal - 10am, Service - 10:55am (**Norm Stewart's first Sunday** - We will probably sing a piece that we read through in May - “Torrents in Summer” by Elgar)

I do not yet know the Sundays on which the choir will sing but hope to have that info very soon. We will try the same basic schedule as last year, that is, Thursday rehearsals, 7:30 to 9 and Sunday rehearsals 10am on Sundays when the choir will sing for the service. We will get a complete calendar when the dates are decided.

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REviews

Hey, everyone, I'm back! Relaxed, refreshed, and ready to go. Many thanks to the huge mob who've kept the R.E. ball rolling over the summer. Special kudos to: **danielle rogers-candee** of the R.E. Committee for organizing and coordinating summer children's R.E. programming (continuing through August 18th); **Jasmine Walston** and **Bob Parish** of the SMART curriculum team for running a summer-long adult Round Table series; **Carol Uebelhoer**, chair of adult R.E.'s Welcoming Congregation task force for carrying on with plans to bring this important program back to our congregation this fall; and **Jo Ann Dale** of the Adult Programming Planning Team for her brilliant ideas and considerable efforts to expand and consolidate our adult R.E. programs with the advent of a weekly “Chalice Night,” coming this fall. Read on for more information, and please stay tuned to future REviews columns and the First U listserv. I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

Yours with love, *Lisa*



R.E. Announcements

Attention all youth, Grades 6-12. Beginning this fall, Middle School YoUUth Group and Senior High YRUU will **meet Sunday evenings at church, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** instead of Sunday mornings. This change, requested by the youth and adult leadership of the youth groups, represents a major step in the development of our youth programming. Be a part of it!

Reviews

Youth Group Potluck, Kick-Off, and Parent Orientation: Sunday, September 8, 6:00-9:00 pm. Put this date on your calendar. All youth, plan to attend - bring a potluck dish and your parents!

Important dates

August 25: 9:45am. **Teacher orientation** 2nd floor R.E. Library. Curriculum books will be distributed at this time, and coffee and pastries will be served. If you're unable to attend, please notify Lisa as soon as possible.

August 25 & September 1: Alternate R.E. activities for children, preschool - 5th grade.

September 8: First hour programming for children resumes at 9:45 a.m. in the Open Classroom. **Intergenerational Ingathering Celebration of Life at 10:55** (childcare provided for Kindergartners and younger). **Youth group kick-off, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

September 15: Regular R.E. classes begin, 10:55 a.m.

Chalice Night Set for this Fall

by Jo Ann Dale

First U is inaugurating regular Wednesday night programming starting this fall. It is called **Chalice Night**, and we hope it will include something for everyone. A simple meal will be available for purchase from 5:30 to 6:15. We will have a short lay-led service from 6:30 to 6:50, and then we will disburse to activities that may include book discussion groups, Paganism 101, a conversation room, Quilting 101, meditation, yoga, interfaith studies, classes on planning a service, children's social justice activities, board games, and a wide assortment of Adult RE programs. Childcare and nursery care will be provided.



We are still developing the schedule for the year, and your input will help us. Do you know of a program you would like to see offered? Is there a book you would enjoy discussing in a group? Is there a topic of particular interest to you? Would you like to know more about a specific program, such as "Common Fire: Leading Lives of Commitment in a Complex World," "What Is Marriage For? The Strange Social History of Our Most Intimate Institution," "Taking Retirement: A Beginner's Diary," "LifeLines: Holding On (And Letting Go)," "Faithful Choices: An Adult Program in Clinical Ethics and Religious Values," "Spirituality in Everyday Life," "Buddhism"?

Stop by the Adult RE table after summer church services or contact **Lisa Willner** or any member of the Adult Programming Planning Team (**Jeff Matthias, Beverly Moore, Bob Parish, Jo Ann Dale**). Most importantly, plan to have fun and fellowship at any or every Chalice Night--Wednesdays beginning September 18.

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Friday is Lisa's day off.

Calendar: August 8 - 25

August

8	Thursday		16 - 17	Friday/Saturday
6:30pm	Finance Committee - Library			Board/Council Retreat - Nazareth
11	Sunday		18	Sunday
10:55am	Celebration of Life		10:55am	Celebration of Life
12:20pm	Welcoming & Belonging Coalition - Library		19	Monday
12	Monday		6:30pm	Congregational Services - Parlor
6:30pm	Congregational Services - Library		7:00pm	Membership Committee - Library
14	Wednesday		20	Tuesday
7:00pm	Interweave - Social Hall		6:30pm	Board meeting - Library
7:30pm	Music Committee - Choir Room		22	Thursday
			7:00pm	Choir party & rehearsal – Social Hall
			25	Sunday
			10:55am	Celebration of Life

Just Among Ourselves

Please keep **Kathy** and **Joe Kremer** in your thoughts in the coming days. Kathy's father, **John Lynch**, who was 87 years old, died Friday, August 2. We extend our love and sympathy to Kathy, Joe, Kathy's mother, and other family members. At the time of this publication, arrangements for a memorial service had not been made.

Mike Watkins would like to thank everyone for the amazing support, well wishes, food, and calls when her appendix self-destructed. "Gall bladder last year... appendix this year... hope I'm out of rotten organs now. (I think I need the rest of them.) We have a truly wonderful group of folks in our congregation."

Partner Church Group Plans Trip

The Parner Church Committee is looking into planning a trip to our partner church in Transylvania in the summer of 2003. This would be about a 9-day trip, with an estimated cost of \$950 each for airfare and a similar amount each for costs in Romania. If you think you might be interested, please contact **John Findling** at xxx-xxxx.

Thank you, everyone, for a wonderful sendoff. The picnic at Brown Park was exactly what we would have chosen if we'd planned it ourselves! xxxx and I felt surrounded by love and good wishes; everyone should have an opportunity to feel like that. You guys are great.

Thanks also to **George Schuhmann** and the **Kannapel-Grossman family** who helped us load our (far too numerous) possessions onto the truck and trailer, and to **Jo Ann Dale** who then went home, got her horse trailer, and drove a load to Illinois for us! I am touched and amazed again, every time I think of it.

If any of you gets to the Champaign-Urbana area, our address is xxx xxxxxxxxx, Unit xxx, Champaign, IL xxxxx and phone is (xxx) xxx-xxxx. My email is still Ljsmc@juno.com. We would love to see you and hear from you. We will miss you all. Thanks again for your love and support.

Laura (Jennings) and xxxx

Many thanks to **Scott Borden**, a member of First U's "training program for editors," who prepared this edition of *Steepletalk*. -- CR, editor

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Celebrations of Life

Sunday services begin at 10:55 a.m.

The seven Sunday series **“Summer Church Circles To Celebrate Life”** concludes August 18.

Each Sunday takes a look at one of the seven UU principles.

August 11 *The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.* Diverse people center themselves around conflicting social, economic, and political agendas. What basis can we find to celebrate life together? **Jen Lavery** preaching, **Roger Ohlman**, worship associate, **Terry White**, guest musician. Featured song: Circle of the Sun.

August 18 *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.* The summer series “Summer Church Circles to Celebrate Life” concludes with a look at the 7th UU principle. What does “interdependent” mean? How is life interdependent? **Jen Lavery** preaching, **Carol Uebelhoer**, worship associate, acapella singing group **“The Last Notes,”** guest musicians. Song of the day “All the World’s a Circle.”

August 25 *T-Shirt Sunday.* Wear your t-shirt and come for a short service followed by our annual organized and effective “clean up” of the building. We will work together to prepare our shared space for the coming church year. A Worship Committee service.