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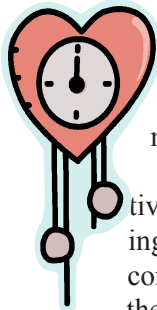
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# STEEPLETALK

## UU Spiritual Practice Workshop

On **Wednesday, February 1**, we will re-launch the *Living By Heart* sessions at Chalice Night. This is a workshop that was offered at General Assembly by **Laurel Hallman**, Minister of the First Unitarian Church of Dallas (formerly of Bloomington, IN). It is subtitled “Building your Own Personal Spiritual Practice.” It is very prescriptive and involves mentoring, meditations and reading.



We will begin meeting weekly. Then we will collectively decide the frequency, date and time of future meetings. After the first two or three meetings, the group becomes closed because of the connections formed among the participants.

Many of you have expressed an interest in this program. Please contact **Penny Nader** or **Linda Givens**, if you have questions.

## Save the Date: Pre-Canvass Kickoff Dinner and Show to be Held March 4

*First U's annual canvass campaign is reviving a church tradition!*

In the past First U's canvass to ask members and friends to make a pledge of financial support to the church began with a dinner before the official pledge drive kickoff.

This year, our hard working Activities Committee members **Debra Gilbert, Jill Sampson, and Kay Woodworth**, along with **Penny Nader** and **Rich Hogue**, are busy working out the details, but for now, they ask you to save **Saturday evening, March 4, 2006** for a traditional church canvass dinner and show. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., dinner will be served at 7:00, and the entertainment will begin at 8:00. More details to follow!

*Celebrating 175 Years in Louisville*

## Notes from Norm

Happy New Year!

Thanks to all of our choristers, musicians, decorators, light crew, young adult guest ushers, candle-lighters, Yule log elves, food preparers, servers and “cleaners-up,” and everyone else who helped make our 74th Christmas Eve Vespers a beautiful, festive, joy-filled addition to the winter holiday season. And an extra big THANK YOU! to everyone who contributed to our special Christmas Eve offering. Thanks to your generosity we will be sending a check for over \$1000 to the HELP Ministries of Central Louisville to assist our low-income and homeless neighbors.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER: Our talented and enthusiastic Music Director and flutist extraordinaire, **Rebecca Johnson**, will have her Master’s Recital at U of L’s Comstock Hall on January 20 at 7 p.m. You are all invited to attend to hear and support her.

For planning purposes we divide our church year up into four periods that roughly approximate the seasons. Winter (January, February and March) sometimes feels like a slower, quieter more reflective time of the church year. While this winter is shaping up that way in some aspects, it also feels like we will be particularly busy with many interesting opportunities coming our way.

Beginning January 18, I will be facilitating what I hope will be a very lively Chalice Night discussion group, entitled “Engaging Our Theological Diversity.” It is based on the new UUA Commission on Appraisal Report of that name. The report is available from the UUA Bookstore or online from the link at: <http://www.uua.org/coa/>.

Just in case your not sure what we mean by the word theology or whether or not UUs “do theology,” here is my unofficial adapted definition of theology. “Theology is the study of reli-

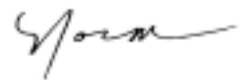
gious faith, practice, and experience; especially: the study of what is most intimate and ultimate in our lives and the relationship of those things to the world.”

Our winter Celebrations of Life will provide plenty of opportunities for you to explore, challenge, and expand your own personal theology. Unusual offerings include introductions to the Church of Christian Logic (1/22), Deism (1/29), and Thomas Merton (2/19). If you are not already familiar with Merton you may want to take a look at, *Thomas Merton, Essential Writings* from Orbis Books.

Another special Celebration of Life that I would like to remind you about is coming up on February 26 when Unitarian Universalist author and Kentucky Poet Laureate, **Sena Naslund** will speak to us about her latest book, *Four Spirits*. The book is a novel based upon her experience growing up in Birmingham, AL, during the Civil Rights Movement. Sena will be facilitating a Chalice Night follow-up discussion of the book on March 29. Add *Four Spirits* to your reading list (along with Merton and Engaging Theological Diversity).

Elsewhere in this issue of *Steepletalk* and on our website, [www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org), you will find many more opportunities to support your own personal free and responsible search for truth and meaning as well as plenty of activities for fun, food and community building. While we certainly appreciate having you at our Sunday morning services, we hope that some of the many offerings coming up will get more of you down to church more often for engaging discussions and getting to know one another better.

Cheers,



## “Terquasquicentennial” Minutes

As part of the 175th anniversary of First Unitarian Church and as a service to its members and friends, *Steepletalk* will publish a series of important dates in the history of the church. (Note: “Terquasquicentennial” is the Latin-derived numerical name for the number 175.)

- **On January 16, 1871**, the new Unitarian Church at the corner of Fourth and York Streets in Louisville, named “The Church of the Messiah,” was dedicated. To help pay the \$65,000 it cost to build the church, church members paid up to \$150 to rent pews.
- **On January 16, 1931**, the First Unitarian Church Layman’s League decided to pay \$66.40 for uniforms for the church league basketball team.
- **In January 1984**, after months of consideration and much debate, *Minority Prevails*: A clear majority of the congregation supported using facilities to provide “sanctuary” for Salvadoran refugees, but the vote fell short of the margin agreed to as being necessary for it to carry. As an alternative, another resolution, created on the spot, called for the Board to announce publicly that the congregation supported another local congregation (St. William’s) which was already committed to providing such sanctuary. Five months later, the Unitarian Universalist Association passed a resolution to “support actively those Unitarian Universalist societies and other religious communities which offer sanctuary” to refugees fleeing from civil war.



## Calling All Past Presidents of the Board of Trustees

from **Sharon Howerton Leighty**

The current Board of Trustees needs your help.

As you know, our church has struggled financially for the past several years. Each year we grapple with a deficit budget that brings us closer and closer to a financial crisis. You can help stop that trend by agreeing to work with other past Board Presidents in completing an in-house audit of our building usage and in developing plans and strategies for moving us toward a balanced budget. We are calling on you because you have a long-standing and deep connection to this church. Together you have a collective memory that will be invaluable to the process.

Please consider participating in this. I believe it can be a rewarding personal experience for you -- I know it will be an important step toward moving this church into the future.

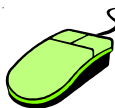
If you are willing to be a part of this, please contact **Bill Allison** at [xxxxx@xxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxx@xxx.xxx) or **Sharon Howerton Leighty** at [xxxxx@xxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxx@xxxxx.xxx). (We can also be reached by phone.)

Thanks in Advance,  
Your Board of Trustees

## STEEPLETALK

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## REviews

**M**y first newsletter article of the New Year is a thank you note to all the participants in our December 18 Religious Education Holiday Celebration of Life. What a great way to end the year!

Many, many thanks to all of our children and youth who brought such joy to the congregation during our "Celebration of Angels and Messengers." From our tiniest chalice-lighting cherubs to our UU message-spreading (with hilarity and social conscience, yet!) senior high "Phil's Angels;" from our youngest violinist to our most sophisticated dulcimer-, cello-, and piano-playing youth; to all the parents, teachers, R.E. Committee members, chair movers and other adults who support the children and youth of our congregation; and to all of you -- young and old and in-between -- who came in early on Sundays, donned those elegant tinsel haloes and raised spirited voices in song with our Choir for All Ages: I appreciate each one of you and the special gifts that you share with our congregation.

Thanks for the great holiday gift - it was just what I wanted! A very happy New Year, one and all.

Peace,

*Lisa*

### R.E. Announcements

✓ **Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education class for 4th and 5th Graders is coming up.** The first session for children will be Sunday morning, January 22, at 9:30 with a concurrent parent session in the R.E. Library. Beginning January 29, the class will meet weekly in the OWL classroom, 9:45 – 10:45 through March 5. **Carol Uebelhoer** and **John Grossman** will facilitate the course.

✓ **Coming of Age meetings:** The breakfast meeting for Coming of Age candidates, mentors, and parents will be Saturday, **January 21, 10:00 in the Social Hall.** The next Quarterly Meeting for candidates and mentors will be held at the Coach Gate Clubhouse on **Friday evening, February 3, 6:00 - 9:00.**

✓ **Social Action Update:** Thanks to everyone who brought in donations for patients at Central State Hospital. Our stockings were full to overflowing! And congratulations to all who supported our children's Project Warm fundraiser. We raised \$520 for this very worthwhile organization that has provided home heating assistance to low income families in the Louisville area for over 20 years.

✓ **R.E. Teacher Gathering:** The second semester of our religious education year begins on **Sunday February 5.** There will be a **light breakfast and orientation session for new R.E. teachers on Sunday, January 29**, 9:30 – 10:45 in the R.E. Library. Continuing R.E. teachers are invited to join us for breakfast and conversation at 10:00.

### **Lisa Willner** **Religious Education Director**

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Thursday 11:00 - 2:00

*Additional times available by appointment.*

# Chalice Night

# S.M.A.R.T.

## Church Wednesdays are Back!

Chalice Night is starting up again and you should think about participating! What is Chalice Night? It is possibly a meal, a service, and a choice from a selection of classes. Meals are prepared by **Tiffany Taylor** and run from 5:30-6:15pm. The services are 20 minutes long and are lay led. Classes vary from week to week, start at 7 pm and end at 8:30pm.

This month's class offerings include: Wheel of the Year: parts 1&2, "Engaging our Theological Diversity" with **Norm Stewart**, "Living by Heart" with **Penny Nader & Linda Givens**, Membership Issues: Fishbowl Conversation, A Women's Alliance Gathering, and games for all ages. See the church's website, [www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org), for more information.

Menus for this month are as follows:

**January 18:** Mexican pasta bake, confetti salad, biscuits, peach cobbler

**January 25:** White chili, sour cream corn bread, coleslaw, chocolate chip cake

## Sunday Morning

## Adult Round Table

Church Library

Sharing at 9:30am

Program - 9:40 until 10:45am

- **January 15--*Moral Values for a Pluralistic Society.*** How shall we draft a Statement of Conscience that describes and promotes the moral and ethical grounding of Unitarian Universalism? UUA Study Action Issue.
- **January 22--*Threat of Global Warming.*** Evaluate the draft Statement of Conscience. Copies available at church, or at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga). UUA Study Action Issue.
- **January 29--*Threat of Global Warming.*** Recommend revisions to the draft Statement of Conscience. The revised version will be considered for adoption at General Assembly 2006.  
*Please plan to join the Round Table on Feb 5 for a discussion with the Finance Committee.*

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## Chalice Night Team Seeks Ideas on Childcare Issues

from **Jo Ann Dale**, Chalice Night Team member

Since the inception of Chalice Night, the church has attempted to provide reliable childcare for the younger set. We are very grateful to both the young people and the adults who have cooperated in this project. Nonetheless, making the service consistently available has been a constant struggle, and we have finally been forced to an uncomfortable realization: Managing childcare is something the Chalice Night Team would very much like to do, but we continue to pour great time and energy into the project while achieving less than totally satisfactory results.

Recalling that "love is the spirit of this church and service is its law," we turn to you, trusting that your creativity and willingness to accept responsibility will rise to meet the challenge. On January 11, 2006, at 6:00, a Chalice Night Team member will lead a concerned adults' meeting. We will provide information regarding available staffing resources, church policies and financing challenges, and we will then ask the participants to craft a solution to the dilemma. **Attendance at this meeting is REQUIRED for parents/guardians who anticipate utilizing Chalice Night childcare.** On January 11, childcare will be available from 6:00 to 8:45.

# Social Responsibility

## First U Begins Relationship with New Orleans Evacuee Family

by Linda Givens, Shared Ministry Coordinator

The Social Responsibility Committee has been working with the Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) to determine how to best help former New Orleans residents who, following their evacuation from that city, have decided to relocate to Louisville. Just before Christmas KRM put us in touch with a multi-generational family from the lower ninth ward in New Orleans. This family, consisting of a mother, Gwen Jackson, and her four grown daughters and their children (14 family members), arrived on September 22 at the shelter provided by Highland Presbyterian Church. They left the shelter on October 1 when KRM found apartments for them. Our contact person has been Julie Hansen who works with KRM to help with the relocation of families from New Orleans.

The Social Responsibility Committee, along with Norm and Linda, had lunch with Gwen and her daughters, Demetrice, LaShorn, Trina, and Trisden during the week before Christmas. We found them to be a warm, resilient, loyal family who want to make Louisville their home - even though they were finding it a bit cold that week. It is their hope to become independent within their first year here, and everyone except the mother who has a serious heat condition will be returning to work or to school this spring. Demetrice, LaShorn and Trina were employed by Macy's and Walmart while in New Orleans, and those companies have secured jobs for them in their Louisville stores. Trisden and one of the granddaughters have enrolled in classes to prepare them for entrance into JCC.

In a conversation with Julie Hansen on Friday, January 6, Linda learned that another family member arrived in Louisville on Wednesday, January 4. They have beds, but nothing else. It

is likely that Furniture Liquidators will be donating large furniture items to them.

We think this is a family that will be an asset to this community. Having lost everything, they need some help successfully relocating and becoming productive, however. The Social Responsibility Committee, Norm, and Linda think they would be very worthy recipients of any help that First Unitarian can provide.

Below is a breakdown of the family units: Following that is a list of current needs that the family has expressed.

- Household #1--Gwen Jackson (58 yrs. Matriarch of the family), Trisdon Jackson (22 yr. old daughter. Attempting to enroll in JCC)
- Household #2--Demetrice Jackson (41 yr old. Will be working at Wal-mart), 12 yr.old daughter of Demetrice
- Household #3--Lashorn Jackson (38 yr. old. Will be working at Macy's), xxxxx (15 yr. old daughter), xxxxx (9 yr. old son)
- Household #4--Trina Jackson (daughter of Gwen; age not available), xxxxx (15 yr.old daughter), xxxxx (12 yr. old son), xxxx (7 yr.old daughter), xxxxx (6 yr.old niece)
- Household #5--Sada Jackson (daughter of Lashorn, attempting to enroll in JCC pre-nursing), xxxxx (infant son)
- Household #6--Letre Cooper (40 yr.old. Just arrived from Dallas), 15 yr. old son (likely going to a military school), 8 yr. old daughter

### NEEDS:

- ✓ computers (Trina's school-aged children, Sada for college)
- ✓ bed linens (full and queen size--Gwen and Demetrice; twin size--Letre)

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# Money Matters

## The Sermon on the Amount

After serving as Treasurer for six months, I have begun to form impressions about the income and expense picture here at our Church. The best news, it seems to me, is that we are responsible stewards with regard to spending. Our expenses at the half-year point are running below budgeted expectations. \$12,262.53 below, in fact; that is only 91.3% of expected. Notably, our Program Expenses (that's all the committees) are \$7,143.92 below budget, or 68.3% of their allowances. Way to go Committees! The only expense area above budget is Building and Grounds in which we have had some higher than expected routine maintenance costs.

The income side of the picture is less encouraging: income from Pledges is 93.7% of expectation; Fund Raising is at 94.3%; and Other Income is at 77.3%. The dollar amount below budget in these categories is \$10,296.89. By far the largest of these income categories is Pledge Income.

Thinking about Pledge Income brought me to consider historically how that component of our budget has fit into the overall picture. Norm furnished me with some figures from the UUA. Data from the last seven years is set forth here:

Year	Members	Pledge Units	Pledge % of Annual Budget
1998-1999	261	193	82%
1999-2000	251	187	79%
2000-2001	264	181	69%
2001-2002	246	189	75%
2002-2003	253	172	62%
2003-2004	257	162	63%
2004-2005	246	162	63%

The figures seem to show a decline in pledge income as a percent of the overall budget.

In dollar terms over the past fifteen years, our pledge income has been fairly flat in absolute dollars, although the average pledge increased by 51% during that period. During that same time our expenses rose by 65% as a result of inflation and our attempt to reach just compensation for our staff.

Simply stated, I believe that our pledge income has fallen behind. We have gotten away from balanced budgets ("pay as you go") and come to make up the deficits from our reserves and endowment. The current budget plans on drawing \$81,000 from those sources. We are paying some of our bills at the expense of our posterity.

What can we do to change? Ideas are in the air. The Board is asking the Past Presidents to explore how we can approach balancing our budget. Shared Ministry Committee has held a fishbowl on requiring a financial contribution to maintain active membership for those who do not face economic hardship.

What do you think? The Board, Finance Committee, and Treasurer welcome your positive suggestions.

**George Schuhmann**, Treasurer

## Steepletalk Change Starts Now

On January 20, the next deadline for *Steepletalk*, we will begin publishing our newsletter once per month. **The deadline will be the second to last Friday of each month, and events during the subsequent month will be covered.** We hope that this change will save money and time expended by the church, our staff, and our volunteers. We encourage those who find it difficult to provide news a month in advance to use the church listserve, the FYI section in the weekly Order of Service, and the church website.

# Denomination

## News from the Heartland

from **Jasmine Walston**, PDR chair

- **Sharing the Ministry, Sharing the Dream**--The 2006 Heartland District Annual Meeting & Spring Conference will be April 7-9, 2006 in Indianapolis. Register online at [www.heartlanduu.org](http://www.heartlanduu.org) beginning January 15th. To request exhibitor and workshop forms, contact the district office at 888-948-4883, or email [office@heartlanduu.org](mailto:office@heartlanduu.org). For more information or to volunteer to serve as a delegate from First U, contact Jasmine Walston at [pdr@firstulou.org](mailto:pdr@firstulou.org) or xxx-xxxx.

- **The District & You**, by **Rev. Lisa Presley**, HUUD Interim District Executive -- "...We need more volunteers to step up and help the work get done. I know you've all heard this in your congregations, I urge you to consider service on the District level. You get to share your best practices with more people and congregations, you get to learn more from other UUs around the District, and you have a chance to make us even better and healthier. If you're interested in serving on a committee: Leadership Development, Annual Meeting, Communications,

Extension; or if you're interested in being one of our consultants, or interested in being listed in our Speaker's Bureau, please get in touch with the District Office. We need your skills and enthusiasm in the Heartland..." [Read Rev. Presley's full column in the current issue of Heartline.](#)

- **One Man's Fight**--The current issue of *Heartline*, the newsletter of the Heartland UU District, includes an update by **Rev. Todd Eklof**, Clifton Unitarian Church, about his stand on marriage equality and consequences that followed.



*Heartline* is now available electronically via email or on the Heartland website at [www.heartlanduu.org](http://www.heartlanduu.org), as a .pdf file. Contact the district office at [office@heartlanduu.org](mailto:office@heartlanduu.org) to have an electronic version emailed to you. For a paper copy, contact **Jasmine Walston** at [pdr@firstulou.org](mailto:pdr@firstulou.org) or xxx-xxxx.

## Find Welcoming Accommodations in UU Bed and Breakfast Directory

Do you dream of inexpensive vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide directions and advice for their area?

The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*) can fulfill your dream. For 27 years, we've provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

Check out our website at [www.UUreHome.com](http://www.UUreHome.com), where entries are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added and you can charge a membership to your credit card. The 2006 edition of the annual paper directory will be available in April and can be ordered by sending a check for \$18 (or \$23, along with your e-mail address, for both the directory and a year's access to the website) to UU're Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806.

You can also become a host and be listed in the directory. Contact us at xxx-xxx-xxxx or at [info@uurehome.com](mailto:info@uurehome.com), and we will gladly send you information about listing your accommodations.

### Workshop Registration

You still have time to register for the **Non-Violent Communication Workshop** on Friday evening, January 27, and Saturday, Jan. 28. The registration fee is \$35.00, and those interested should contact Retha Justice, office manager for First U, at 585-5110 or [office@firstulou.org](mailto:office@firstulou.org).

Your Congregational Services Committee thanks all those who brought food to the Vespers service. Also, we want to thank **Natalie Schreiber, Mike Watkins, Mary Lou Frank** and **John Findling** for their help in the preparation and presenting of the refreshments. As usual, there was some leftover food which we distributed to members who couldn't attend.

### Women's Alliance Gathering

from **Kathy Thackeray**

The Women's Alliance will gather on Wednesday, January 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. All women (friends and members of First Unitarian) are invited to come for Tiffany's Chalice Night dinner between 5:30 and 6:15 p.m. and sit at a table(s) set aside for the Women's Alliance. There is a short service at 6:30 in the Sanctuary and then at 7:00 p.m. we will meet toward the back of the Social Hall. The agenda will include planning for the Susan B. Anthony Tea, and a possible Women's Retreat as well as renewing membership in UUWF. If you are coming for dinner, please call or e-mail me (xxx-xxxx or [xxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx)) so I can let Tiffany know how much food to prepare. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

### Special Service to Honor Our Elders

by **Linda Givens**, Shared Ministry Coordinator  
The Celebration of Life service on February 5 will be a special one in which we honor the elders of our church. In this service we will recognize people who are 70 years and older. Special recognition will be given to those who are 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, and 95.

Following the service there will be a luncheon for all people who are over the age of 70 along with their partners and caregivers.

I so appreciate the part that Shared Ministry plays in this service, because we recognize a special group of people in this church who have inspired so many of us. As we come together to celebrate their life experiences and their wisdom, we are further inspired.

If you are 70 or older but did not receive a personal invitation to the Doctors of Durability Service please phone Linda Givens at the church office (585-5110).

## Just among ourselves

**Doug Swanner** underwent spinal surgery recently and is recovering at his home in Columbia, KY. We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery!

### Kroger Gift Card Update

During the month of December, First U members and friends spent \$5700 using their Kroger cards. This resulted in a \$228 check being sent to the church. What an easy way to support the socially responsible programs here at First Unitarian! You may purchase a "loaded" card for \$20.00 from **Claudia Runge** or at the Social Responsibility table in the social hall after the Celebration of Life.

# Building Use Calendar: January 12 - 31

## January

- 12 Thursday**  
 5:30 pm Personnel Committee – Parlor  
 7:00 pm Finance Committee – Library  
 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 13 Friday**  
 7:00 pm Christian Fellowship – Choir Room
- 15 Sunday**  
 9:30 am SMART – Library  
 10:55 am Celebration of Life – Sanctuary  
 1:00 pm Middle School Youth Group – RE Classrooms
- 17 Tuesday**  
 12:00 pm Staff Meeting – Library
- 18 Wednesday**  
 5:30 pm Chalice Night – Sanctuary, Social Hall, Kitchen
- 19 Thursday**  
 6:30 pm Board Meeting – Library
- 20 Friday**  
 12:00pm *Steepletalk* deadline for month of Feb.  
 7:00 pm \*U of L Masters Recital (Rebecca Johnson) – Comstock Hall
- 21 Saturday**  
 9:00 am Coming of Age Breakfast – Social Hall  
 8:00 pm \*Sienna Group Choir – Choir Room
- 22 Sunday**  
 9:30 am SMART – Library  
 10:55 am Celebration of Life – Sanctuary  
 1:00 pm Middle School Youth Group – RE Classrooms  
 2:00 pm \*Flute Studio Winter Recital – Sanctuary
- 24 Tuesday**  
 6:00 pm Circle Supper – Outside Location – TBA
- 25 Wednesday**  
 12:00 pm Staff Meeting – Library
- 26 Thursday**  
 5:30 pm Chalice Night – Sanctuary, Social Hall, Kitchen
- 27 Friday**  
 5:00 pm Non-Violent Comm. Wkshp. (Facilitator Training) – Entire Church

- 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room.
- 27 Friday**  
 7:00 pm Non-Violent Comm. Wkshp. (Set-up) – Entire Church
- 7:00 pm Christian Fellowship – Library
- 28 Saturday**  
 9am-7pm Non-Violent Communication Workshop – Entire Church
- 29 Sunday**  
 9:30 am SMART – Library  
 10:55 am Celebration of Life – Sanctuary  
 1:00 pm Middle School Youth Group – RE Classrooms
- 30 Monday**  
 6:30 pm Shared Ministry Committee – Library
- 31 Tuesday**  
 12:00 pm Staff meeting - Library

*\* Denotes outside group or activity, not officially affiliated with First Unitarian Church.*

## January Birthdays

*Victoria xxxxxx	1/5
Harry Tobe	1/10
Benjamin Ensor	1/11
Pat Allison	1/12
*Abby xxxxxxxx	1/15
Ralph Moss	1/16
Marge Warden	1/17
*Anna xxxx xxxx	1/18
Retha Justice	1/18
Kent McDaniel	1/19
*Maren xxxxx	1/21
Cassandra Culin	1/22
*Ashley xxxxx	1/24
*Celia xxxxxx	1/25
Joe Kremer	1/26
Jason Klueber	1/29
Carol Findling	1/30
Michael Molnar	1/30
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### Celebrations of Life

*Sunday services begin at 10:55 a.m.*

**January 15** *Martin Luther King, Jr. & The Gandhi Team.* Rev. Norm Stewart, Worship Associate Pat Allison. With help from our First Unitarian Conflict Management Team today's service will focus on ways we might discover active non-violent paths of personal engagement for ourselves and our communities.

**January 22** *The Church of Christian Logic.* Rev. Norm Stewart with Special Guest, Bob Moore. Bob is a member of the Church of Christian Logic which claims to be "the largest faith group in the Louisville area" with some 45,000 members. They don't meet regularly and don't believe that absolute religious truths exist. Come, meet Bob, and hear more about his unusual "church."

**January 29** *Deism: Faith of Our Founders - Part II.* John Armstrong, Guest Speaker, Worship Associate Emil Roy. John Armstrong maintains [www.deism.org](http://www.deism.org), one of the premier Internet websites on Deism, the faith of many of our American founders and early Unitarians. Today John will share with us what he finds appealing about this approach to religious matters today. Rev. Norm Stewart will be the guest preacher in Lexington, KY, this morning.