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Vespers ~ Sunday, December 24
Preludes at 4:30pm ~ Service begins at 5pm

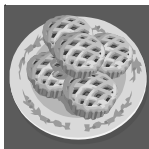
The Birth of the Holy. Rev. Betsy Scheuerman, Will Plummer,
Choir, Orchestra, and many others.

As UUs, we understand that it is not just Mary who gives birth to new life. We understand that it is not only the Baby Jesus who is Holy. All of us, women and men, old and young, carry the holy within; all of us can give birth to something new, something wonderful, something holy.

The music will be a highlight of this service: This year the choir and a small orchestra will be performing Mozart's *Missa Brevis in F*. There will also be much wonderful music during the preludes. Join in singing carols, join in the celebration of new life, join in the joy of the growing light.

STEEPLETALK

Join us at First Unitarian's
2nd Annual Yuletide Fare



Saturday, Dec. 9,
10-4 ~ luncheon 11-3



The Yuletide Fare planning group invites all First Unitarian individuals, committees, and groups to be a part of this church event. **We need YOUR help!** Sign up in the social hall after the Celebration of Life or contact **Tiffany Taylor**, at xxx-xxxx xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxx.com for specific times and ways that you can be a part of this fun event.

Love is the spirit of this church...

From Your Interim Minister

It is customary for ministers at this time of year to decry the commercialization of the winter holidays. “Slow down,” we often preach, or “The most important gifts we give and receive are not material ones.” Which, while true, is beside the point if you have a child who desperately wants one and only one toy—the one that all the other children want that year; the one that even with plotting and patience and days of scouring stores and a friend who passes along a rumor about when and where it might be sighted, will elude you, as the Holy Grail eluded the Knights of the Round Table.

Fortunately for my sanity, I have been spoiled. For many years I lived with someone (my daughter, bless her) who was happy to be the family’s personal shopper. She loved buying gifts for everyone in the family, from everyone in the family. This meant that unlike many in this culture, I was freed from the need to spend hours in the mall, picking out presents—I could delegate all that to Katie, who regarded this not as an imposition or a chore to be done, but as a delight.

Still, I make it a practice to go to the mall once or twice, in the week before Christmas. I become a part of the horde: searching for a parking spot, entering this store, and that one. I hope for something like the Holy Spirit to lead me to the perfect present, yet know that, most likely, I will wind up settling for something imperfect, something mundane.

In the midst of all the tacky decorations, the blaring of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer or Chestnuts Roasting On an Open Fire for the hundredth time (Shouldn’t that be illegal? A violation of the Geneva Convention?), the lines of children growing cranky as they wait to sit on Santa’s lap, the weary cashiers and the frazzled customers—in the midst of all that, a deep joy

springs up in me. The experience of all these people, frantically trying to find gifts that will bring joy to others, palpably reminds me of just how much love there is in this world. While we are searching for the Holy Grail of the perfect gift, that very searching is the gift. Love and Joy are here, now—even, or especially, in this crazy-making season of excess and bad taste and materialism run rampant.

Blessings to you all,

Betsy

Please Respect Our Church Space

We must all work together to keep our building safe and welcoming. **When your committee or group meets in the building, you’re responsible for leaving the space in good order.** When you leave, please be sure to check the doors, even if you think someone else is in the building. If there are others in the building when you leave, you may even remind them to lock doors and turn out lights.

Closing Checklist

Upon Leaving the Building

- ✓ Turn coffeemaker OFF.
- ✓ Lock courtyard doors from social hall and kitchen.
- ✓ Pick up belongings.
- ✓ Replace furniture as you found it.
- ✓ Set heating/AC control to night setting.
- ✓ Turn lights OFF, including restrooms and hallways.
- ✓ Close all doors.



by **Brian Daly**

The Board of Trustees met on November 7 in the Church Library. We discussed ways to improve our meetings and Church operations, Board member responsibilities, and ideas and recommendations brought to the Board by Church committees. Specific actions taken include the following:

- ➔ Insurance coverage on Church buildings replacement will be increased from \$2.8 million to \$3.5 million. This equates to a \$1,200 annual insurance increase.
- ➔ The executive committee will study audit options for a review of our finances.
- ➔ Our accounting records will be updated (conversion) and reconciled through the use of a consultant so our new office manager can focus on records maintenance.
- ➔ An ad hoc reorganization team will address Church structure and governance and recommend changes to the Board in December.
- ➔ The agenda for the January Congregational meeting will be finalized at the December Board meeting.

The Board reluctantly received the resignation of Treasurer **George Schuhmann** and thanked him for his 18 months of outstanding service to the Church. The Board will meet again on December 19. Board minutes will be available online through the website.



Interweave upcoming events:

- **A Discussion About Trust:** How can partners build and maintain trust in a polyamorous relationship? How can members build and maintain trust in a poly-theological church? Please bring your comments, questions, and ideas. All are welcome. **Monday, Dec 11, 7pm**
- Interweave will be having a meeting on **Friday, December 15 @ 6:30pm**. If you have questions about bisexual, gay, lesbian or transgender issues or how this church responds to them, come join the conversation. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, contact **Debbie Silverman** at xxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx or xxx-xxxx.



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Reviews

What a delight it has been to welcome so many visitors to our children and youth religious education classes this fall! We're glad to see you here. If you're a newcomer, I hope that you're finding First Unitarian Church to be a warm and welcoming place. Most of you who are beginning to explore Unitarian Universalism come to us by way of more orthodox church traditions, or have no or limited prior church affiliation. In either case, I know that we can be a little tricky to figure out, so here are a few tips:

Ask questions! Statistically speaking, UUs tend to be a bit more reserved than the general population, but we do love to answer your questions about Unitarian Universalism and religious education at First U. Look for me on Sunday mornings or contact me by phone or e-mail during the week. Members of our religious education committee are also available on Sunday mornings - you'll always find one of them serving as a 2nd floor greeter in the upstairs foyer. Our religious education teachers, too, are a dedicated bunch who will be happy for you to sit on their classes, or to answer your questions about curricula or other aspects of programming. And while you're learning more about our offerings for your children, remember to ask us about adult religious education opportunities.

Be sure to check out the First U website: www.firstulou.org. Under the "Education" link, you'll find information about schedules and religious education offerings beyond Sunday morning classes, including Our Whole Lives sexuality education, Coming of Age, Youth Groups, first hour programs, and more. While you're visiting the website, subscribe to the First U listserv. This list is for official church announcements only, and religious education announcements and updates are generally posted weekly. In addition to reading *Steepletalk*, this is the best way to

stay on top of our R.E. schedule, including dates of multigenerational worship services, special events, first hour children's activities, etc.

Volunteer! While long-term volunteer positions -- such as R.E. teachers and youth advisors -- are reserved for members and friends who have been with us for a while, there are many, many opportunities for short-term and one-time commitments. Getting involved is a great way to meet others and to learn more about our programs. For more information, talk to me or any member of the R.E. Committee. You can also speak with your child's teachers about ways you might be able to contribute to the class on Sunday mornings.

Ask more questions! In addition to talking with professional and volunteer staff, be sure to ask your children about their experiences. In our classes, we share a lot of great stories, games, meditations, songs, and explorations, and we'd love to tell you about them.

I look forward to talking with you soon -- I'm eager to discuss your questions, and to hear about your impressions and experiences here at First U.

Peace, *Lisa*

R.E. Announcements

✓ **Social Action update:** Our children will be sponsoring the collection of stocking stuffers for residential patients at Central State Hospital. Please donate generously - these are likely the only gifts these adult patients will receive this Christmas. Warm hats, socks, small games, cards, individually wrapped candies, small arts and crafts items, inexpensive wristwatches, gloves or mittens are all appreciated. (Thanks to all who participated in our October and November activities: we raised \$365.43 for

R.E. Announcements

S.M.A.R.T.

UNICEF and \$455 for the Kentuckiana Inter-faith Council Hunger Walk!)

✓ **There is no regular Youth Adult Committee (YAC) meeting this month.** Members will have a “virtual” meeting in cyberspace, and will reconvene on January 7.

✓ **Choir for All Ages continues.** The choir will rehearse every Sunday morning, 9:45 – 10:45 in the Choir Room through December 10. The CFAA will sing in the R.E. Holiday Celebration of Life on December 17.

✓ **R.E. Holiday Celebration of Life** -- All children and youth R.E. classes have an important role in this service on December 17. Part of each R.E. class between now and the 17th will involve service preparations, so please have your children attend regularly! We want everyone to be involved. On December 17, all children and youth, kindergarten and older, should arrive at church by 9:30 for a complete run-through of the service.

✓ **R.E. Winter Break:** There will be no classes or other programs for children or youth on December 24 or December 31. Classes resume on January 7.

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Thursday 11:00 - 2:00

Additional times available by appointment.

Sunday Morning Adult Round Table

Church Library
Gather at 9:30am
Program until 10:45am

- **Dec. 3--Ethics – Intention: Does the End Justify the Means?** “Our means are always implicated in our ends; they cause a great chain of cause and effect.”
- **Dec. 10--Relationships: In a Different Voice.** An ethic of care emphasizes the connection between relationship and responsibility.
- **Dec. 17--Relationships.** “An ethic of care rests on the premise of nonviolence - that no one should be hurt.”
- **Dec. 24--No Round Table.** Happy Holidays!
- **Dec. 31--Peacemaking.** (Tentative.) Should the Unitarian Universalist Association reject the use of any and all kinds of violence and war to resolve disputes between peoples and nations and adopt a principle of seeking just peace through nonviolent means? UUA Study Action Issue

Curricula meeting to be arranged. For more information or to suggest a program, email the Curricula Team at smart@firstulou.org, or call Jasmine Walston at xxx-xxxx.

Childcare for Vespers

4:00 until the end of Service
For children 5 years and under

Questions? Call Kathy Drehmel
or Kathy Thackeray.

News and Notes

*Did you
brush your teeth
this morning?*



But what if you didn't have toothpaste—
or a toothbrush?

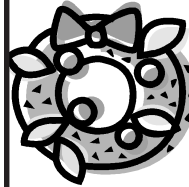
*If you're homeless, you lack basic
personal hygiene items like a tooth-
brush or toilet paper.*

That's why HELP needs help! Our church is a partner in the downtown community ministries' support of the HELP office. HELP supplies the **most essential needs** for the minimum comfort of the **homeless and the poorest of the poor**. We urgently need:

deodorants toothbrushes tooth-
paste tissues toilet paper soap

**Please leave donations in the special
box in the entrance hall off Library
Lane.**

Thank You!



Join us at our

Wreath-making Workshop

First Unitarian Church
December 3, 2006
1-3pm

**\$15 if pre-registered,
\$17 at the door**

Includes a variety of greens, cones,
berries & dried materials, new wreath
form & ribbon

Bring clippers, gloves

Make checks payable to First Unitarian Church. Mail with payment to: First Unitarian Church, 809 South 4th St., Louisville, KY 40203. Please register by November 29, 2006.

For more information, call **Carol**, xxx-xxx-xxxx or xxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx.

Stay in Touch via the List Server

Do you subscribe to the church list server? It's an email announcement list for members and friends of First U to share announcements of church activities, church-related business, and church news. It's different from the "chat" list, which is more informal, free flowing, and can cover a variety of topics. If you haven't joined the list server, go to our church web site, www.firstulou.org, and click on "List Server." You'll find easy instructions there.

History

Hot Off the Press: Latest Edition of First U Church History Now on Sale

If you've been curious about any of the interesting items displayed at church—such as the imposing Heywood bronze bas relief hanging over the stairwell, or the photographs and images on display in the Library—or the historical tidbits you've heard this year during the year-long celebration of the 175th anniversary of First Unitarian Church, there's plenty of information about these items and many others in the *History of the First Unitarian Church of Louisville, Kentucky: 1830-2005*, now in print and available for sale.

Written by church archivist **John Findling** and **Jennifer Lavery**, the 95-page, spiral bound paperback consists of nine chapters:

1. Beginnings in Boston and Louisville
2. James Freeman Clark Looks to the West
3. The Unitarians at Fifth and Walnut, 1840-1870; John Healy Heywood Provides Stability
4. The Universalists at Two Locations, 1840-1865?
5. The Church of the Messiah, 1870-1879
6. The First Unitarian Church at the Turn of the Twentieth Century, 1880-1920
7. The First Church at Mid-Century, 1930-1960
8. The Years of Activism and Change, 1960-1985
9. Fire, Rebirth, and New Challenges, 1985-2006

It also contains 34 images and photographs, an introduction, a timeline of important events, suggestions for further reading, and brief biographies of the authors.

This latest edition of First U's history is avail-

able for purchase for \$10.00. (A charge of \$2.00 will be added to send it by regular mail.) It will be on sale for the first time on Sunday, November 19, in the Social Hall during coffee hour after the Celebration of Life service. Stay tuned for more opportunities to purchase this wonderful publication.

For more information or to purchase a copy, please call **Kathy Kremer** at xxx-xxxx or email xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxx.xxx.

Place Nametags Here!



The **Shared Ministry Committee** has placed a basket on a small table near the door at the Library Lane entrance/exit. The purpose of this basket is to allow you to **place your nametag in it BEFORE you leave our church.**

Church Fire

Honor the generous outpouring of support our church received 21 years ago when First Unitarian burned. Make a donation to a UU congregation in Tavern Rock, NY, that lost its buildings to fire on September 12, 2006. Both of their buildings were totally destroyed. Make donations to First Unitarian; mark them for Tavern Rock; send or drop them to the church office. We will send a check to Tavern Rock on December 15. Thank you for your generosity.

Chalice Night



Regular Wednesday Night Adult Religious Programming

from **Holly Hogue**

Chalice Night presents an assortment of programming options open to all each Wednesday night. Dinner is from 5:30 to 6:15. At 6:30, choose between helping with cleanup or attending a lay-led centering service. Programs run from 7:00 to 8:30. Please check the web site <http://www.firstulou.org/re/chalicenight.html> for Chalice Night program changes, updates and more details.

December 6, 2006

Potluck Dinner: Please bring a dish for 8-12 people.

6:30-8:30 Program: Decorating the Church for the holidays

December 13, 2006

Dinner: Tortellini in marinara sauce, Confetti Salad, Garlic toast, Chocolate chip cake

Programs: “Buddhism III - The Sangha” video and discussion; Confusing food - what the studies tell you and don’t tell you about some foods; and Peacemaking - Should the Unitarian Universalist Association reject the use of any and all kinds of violence and war to resolve disputes between peoples and nations and adopt a principle of seeking just peace through nonviolent means? UUA Study Action Issue

December 20, 2006

Potluck Dinner: Please bring a dish for 8-12 people.

Programs: Yule Holiday Party; and Covenant Groups Sample “Coping with the holidays”

Vespers Preparations Underway

To prepare Mozart’s beautiful *Missa Brevis*, for Vespers on December 24, choir practice will follow this schedule:

- ➔ Regular choir practice: Thursdays at 7:15pm in the choir room, 2nd floor.
- ➔ Extra choir practice: Sundays, December 3 and 17, at 10am in the choir room.



Stewardship Considerations

from **Beverly Derington Moore**

All of us members and friends of First Unitarian Church are Stewards--care-takers, maintainers, creators, and promoters of its life and well-being--whether we are cleaning up the kitchen, organizing activities, teaching, ushering, making important decisions, or any of the thousand of other things that make church life meaningful.

One essential aspect of stewardship that needs the participation of all of us is the Annual Pledge Drive. To plan for next year, to hire staff and minister so that worship, community building, religious education, and religious education are most effective, requires funding.

Soon, a volunteer may ask you to be a canvasser, a captain, a performer, a writer, a speaker, a dinner helper, a clean up crew member, an organizer, a host. Please give it every consideration, and find the way that you would like to help conduct the Pledge Drive as well as joining us in the fun of the Fellowship Dinner and in making your own pledge.

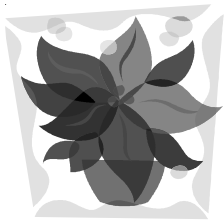
Church Matters

Christmas Eve Vespers Reception

This year our annual Christmas Eve Vespers, followed by a reception, will be on Sunday, December 24. The Congregational Services Committee is again asking for finger foods, cookies, etc. [without nuts] to share with others. Please tell either co-chair, **Grace Levitan** [xxx-xxxx or xxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx] or **Joyce Schweickart** [xxx-xxxx or xxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx], what you will bring. Thank you very much!

It's Poinsettia Time Again!

It's time to start thinking about ordering your poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuary for Vespers. By ordering a poinsettia, you can commemorate, honor, or celebrate someone special while sharing that thought with those who attend Vespers. Remember that you may take your poinsettia home after the Vesper service to decorate your own home dinner table or give it to a loved one for the holiday. Just \$10.00 will get you one of these beautiful plants, so please make your purchase.



The deadline for ordering is December 19. **Barbara Coles** will have order forms in the social hall after church beginning November 19, or fill out an order form and mail to church.

Just among ourselves

Audrey Schulz is at home, recovering well from hip replacement surgery. She is able to walk with the assistance of a cane, and she is looking forward to returning to church soon.

Staff Bill of Rights

As part of our on-going effort to support church staff, the **Personnel Committee** has drafted and the Board has voted to support a Staff Bill of Rights. We invite you to read a copy of this document in the Volunteer Area and to do all that you can to show support and appreciation for our employees.

9th Annual Festival of Faiths a Success!

from **Trish Packowski**

A special thank you to everyone who volunteered to staff our exhibit during the week-long event: **Linette Lowe, Jay Dolen, Pat Triplett, Troy Jackson, Ron Zorn, Deb Gilbert, Kathy Kremer, Jill Harmer, Rose Stevens, Beverly Moore, Joan Beal, and Betsy Scheurman.** Contributing materials for our exhibit and providing support services were: **Lisa Willner, Linda Givens, Jasmine Walston, Holly Hogue, Ron Zorn, Suzi and George Schuhmann.**



Linda Givens

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9:00am-2:00pm on Mon., Tues, Thurs.

9:00am-noon on Weds.

Other times by appointment.

Denominational Relations

from Jasmine Walston

Heartland Update

Regional "Cluster" Training Seminars

You said you wanted more information and help on stewardship, membership and lay leadership, and religious education. We heard you and are bringing a seminar covering all three topics to a congregation near you.

- Kentucky - January 13, 2007 - Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, Louisville
- Indiana- March 17, 2007 - All Souls Unitarian Church, Indianapolis

Each seminar will include training tracks on the following topics:

- ➔ Stewardship
- ➔ Membership/Lay Leader Development
- ➔ Religious Education

Each day runs from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm (ET). Lunch and breaks are included in the registration fee. Childcare will be provided. See registration brochure for details, available for printing at www.heartlandu.org, or contact Jasmine Walston, xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx or xxx-xxxx.

Heartland Search Committee Created

The search for the new District Executive is underway! The Search Committee consists of The Rev. Elwood Sturtevant (Louisville, KY); Teresa Putnam (East Lansing, MI); Kyle Bagnall (Midland, MI); Larry Miller (Indianapolis, IN); and Karen McCarthy (.). Please feel free to be in touch with the Search Committee with your comments and suggestions. Their email addresses and the Charge for the Committee are available at www.heartlanduu.org.

Serve the Heartland on the District Board

The Nominating Committee of the Heartland UU District is searching for committed and talented lay leaders to serve as members of the Heartland Board of Trustees. To be considered as a

candidate for the HUUD Board, or for more information, please contact Kyle Bagnall, Nominating Committee member, at xxx-xxx-xxxx or xxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx. Additional information is available at www.heartlandu.org.

Across the UUA UU Congregation Loses Lease Over Gay Speaker

The Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, leased space for three years to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Jersey Shore. Now, the congregation has been forced out of their leased space without warning because they refused to cancel scheduled speaker Marc Adams, the director of HeartStrong, which provides outreach and support to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered students from religious educational institutions. Press release available.

UUA Conference on Multiracial, Multicultural Future

Ten years ago the UUA General Assembly made a commitment to move toward becoming an antiracist, anti-oppressive, multicultural UUA. Join congregational and district leaders from throughout the United States as we explore together what we can do to lead congregations into a multiracial and multicultural future.

Now Is the Time!

UUA National Conference in Arlington, VA, February 16-18, 2007

Online registration now open: <http://www.uua.org/cde/nowisthetime2007/index.html>



Building Use Calendar for December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 31 9:30a SMART 10:55a Col 6p *KAGWAGG	4 6p Cong. Services Cmt 6p Yuletide Ckng	5 6p Yuletide Ckng 6:30p RE Cmte 6:30p SMART Curric. Team 6:30p SocResp Cmte.	6 2p Village Play Group 2p Partner Church Cmt 6p RE Potluck, decorate church	7 6p Yuletide Ckng 7:15p Choir	8 9a Yuletide Ckng 7p UUCF	9 10a Yuletide Fare
3 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldrn's Act 9:45 Choir/AllAges 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30p MusicCmt 12:30p WrshpCmt 1p MS Yth 1p WreathMkg 6p *Onwood/ Avery Recital	4 6p Cong. Services Cmt 6p Yuletide Ckng	5 6p Yuletide Ckng 6:30p RE Cmte 6:30p SMART Curric. Team 6:30p SocResp Cmte.	6 2p Village Play Group 2p Partner Church Cmt 6p RE Potluck, decorate church	7 6p Yuletide Ckng 7:15p Choir	8 9a Yuletide Ckng 7p UUCF	9 10a Yuletide Fare
10 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldrn's Act 9:45 Choir/AllAges 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30p Chrch Tour 1p MS Yth	11 7p Interweave	12 6p Activities Cmte 6:45p Council	13 2p Village Play Group 5:30p Chalice Night	14 6:30p PDR Cmte 7:15p Choir	15 6p Interweave	16 RE Set up for Holiday Service 9a House & Grounds Cmte 8p *Private Evt
17 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldrn's Act 10:55a Col-R.E. Holiday Service 1p MS Yth 6p CUUPS	18 11:30a Brownbaggers 5:30p Personnel 6:30p Public Rel	19 6p Board	20 2p Village Play Group 5:30p Chalice Night - Potluck & Holiday Party	21 7:15p Choir	22	23
24 10:55a Col 4:30p Vesper Preludes 5p Vesper Servi	25 Christmas Day	26 7p Finance Cmt	27 2p Village Play Group	28	29 7p UUCF (off site)	30 * Denotes outside group or activity not officially affiliated with First Unitarian

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Celebrations of Life

Sunday services begin at 10:55 a.m.

December 3 *Kwanza.* This service will focus on the principle of Kuumba, or Creativity. We are delighted to welcome as our guest speaker, **Mr Harry Pickens**, who uses the power of sound, story and song to help communities and organizations get in tune with their greatest possibilities. Also, the **River City Drum Corps** will make a return appearance.

December 10 *Waiting. The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman.* At this time of year, the hours of daylight are shrinking, the trees are mostly bare, and spring seems very far away. It is easy to lose hope. The Christians linked the birth of Jesus to the winter Solstice, and designated the four weeks before Advent, reminding their followers that in spite of the growing darkness, new life will be coming. It is a season of waiting. What are we waiting for? Is our waiting passive, or active? Are we bringing an attitude of despair, or hope?

December 17 *A Season of Wonder.* Join us for our annual **Religious Education Celebration of Life**, planned and presented by the children and youth R.E. classes. Special music by the Choir for All Ages and many of our talented young musicians.

December 24 (am) *The Poetry of the Season.* **Rev. Betsy Scheuerman.** This time of year has inspired many wonderful poems. Let the music of the spoken word pour over you, in this quiet and meditative service.

December 24 (pm) *Vespers.* (See page 1)