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Special Congregational Meeting Called

A petition signed by 26 members calling for a Congregational Meeting to vote on the status of UUPA was presented to the Board of Trustees April 15. Pursuant to requirements in the church Constitution, the Board set the date of the meeting for **Sunday, April 24, at 12:30pm**. Voting at Congregational Meetings is open to active members of the church.

Interfaith Paths to Peace and Cultivating Connections

present

Cosmic Celebration

featuring **Matthew Fox**

Friday, April 15, 2005

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

First Unitarian Church

Free and open to the public -- donations welcomed.

Our Cosmic Celebration is an opportunity to dance and celebrate with a spiritual focus as we come together in community to honor the sacredness of all creation. The evening can be described as both rave and ritual, as both dance and spiritual celebration.

This event is part of "A Heart to Heart Talk with the Universe:
Three Days of Celebration, Exploration and Dialogue with Matthew Fox."
For more information (502) xxx-xxxx

Important Reminder: This Sunday, April 10, **Theresa Szczurek** will be our guest speaker at the Celebration of Life, 10:55am. (See topic on back page.) Following the service (1:00-3:00pm) Theresa will conduct a workshop sharing strategies from her recent book, *Pursuit of Passionate Purpose, Success Strategies for a Rewarding Personal and Business Life*. Please let Norm or Linda Givens know if you plan to attend.

"Love is the spirit of this church..."

Notes from Norm

. . . *they say Texas weather's always changin'*
And one thing change'll bring is somethin' new
- from "Ft. Worth Blues" by Steve Earle

The deck on the back of our condo overlooks a pond and some woods. A few days ago, from the vantage point of our deck about 15 feet above the water, I had occasion to observe a bit of what was going on in the pond. When I first stepped out onto the deck, the turtles and other critters I had hoped to observe quickly disappeared underwater. After I had been patient and still for a little while, turtles started to resurface, ignoring me and going about their business again. Soon, I counted eleven turtles of varying sizes apparently enjoying the spring weather.

The pond is also full of fish. Bluegills, bass and carp bigger than my arm call this place home. Frequently other residents fish from the edges of the pond. They know that there are fish in there but from their vantage point on the shore they can't see them as well as I can from my deck. Whenever the fisher folk come near our deck I resist the temptation to tell them where to cast their line if they want to catch some fish.

Across the pond on this particular morning there was a heron of some sort who seemed to be contemplating life in the pond much as I was. More likely, I suppose, he was contemplating how life in the pond might relate to his current plans for breakfast.

Spring has sprung in my backyard. Another change of seasons is upon us and as Steve Earle wrote, "one thing change'll bring is somethin' new." Steve is certainly right. Nonetheless, I find it comforting to think that some of those turtles are the same old ones that have been here for

years. They've just not been as visible and active for a little while as they are now. It is equally exciting to recognize smaller turtles who are newcomers to the congregation in the pond.

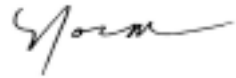
This is my third spring watching this pond. Along with the turtle, the ducks, the Canada geese, and the heron are back, as are a myriad of other creatures who live in and around ponds.

I like the perspective the view from my deck gives me of the pond. I am able to see a lot that lies below the surface that even the inhabitants of the pond don't always see. Nonetheless, even though it is from a different perspective, I, too, only see a small portion of the pond. There is way more going on in there than I will ever fully comprehend.

It gives me some personal solace to observe the pond and feel confident that as each season brings changes, the pond will still be there -- changed in some ways and staying the same in others.

Like my view of the pond, each of us has a different perspective on what is going on in our congregation. What it is and what it is becoming. Each of our perspectives, however, is limited to our own experience of the "pond." There are a lot of people in our 1st Unitarian religious community. While each of our perspectives is valid, no individual perspective can ever offer a complete view. Together we must figure out the "big pond" picture of our ever-changing future together.

Blessed be,





from **Rebecca Johnson**,
Music Director

If you have been at Sunday Celebration of Life services lately, you may have noticed a lot of interesting musical activity! We have had an active choir of 15-20 regular members, and would love to have a few more singers to fill those empty chairs in the choir section! If you have been in choir in the past or would like to try it for a short period of time, act now—the choir will sing five more times this season, between now and June 5. Also, thank you to the flute choir members, who have been dedicated in their rehearsal and practice schedule to bring us a different kind of beautiful music.

We have been fortunate in the last two months to be serenaded by several soloists at our services. Special thanks to **Pat Allison, Kyle Ellison, Hxxxx Sxxxx**, and **Emily Ensor** who have shared their music with us.

If you would like to join in as a part of our church music program as a choir member, a flute choir member, or to provide special music for Sunday services, please contact Rebecca Johnson at 812-944-6361, or e-mail music@firstulou.org.

One last announcement: On **April 17, FUU's music staff will be featured in the University of Louisville Orchestra's last concert** of the season. **Rebecca Johnson** will perform Otar Gordeli's *Concerto for Flute and Orchestra*, and **Jim Dersch** will perform the first movement of Grieg's *Piano Concerto in A minor*. The concert begins at **7:30 in Comstock Concert Hall** (at the U of L School of Music) and is free of charge! Please come and support your church musicians!

Don't Miss the Boat: Planning is "On Track" for a Year of Celebration!

In 1830,

.....Baltimore & Ohio (B&O) Railroad, the nation's first, was founded,

.....Portland Canal opened in Louisville, and

◆ First Unitarian Church, the first church so named west of the Appalachian Mountains, was established.

On the April 20 Chalice Night, the 175th Anniversary planning committee will bring the congregation up to date on the events and projects that will mark an exciting year of celebration of First Unitarian in Louisville. The celebration preview event will take place at our ingathering Celebration of Life on September 11 with the formal opening celebration on September 18. The 175th celebration will include a variety of events and projects that will involve the entire church and continue throughout the church year. The Susan B. Anthony historical marker and the commemorative quilt project are a few of the projects already underway and there will be numerous opportunities for everyone to get involved.

Please look for additional announcements and invitations throughout the rest of the year. For more information, please contact any of the 175th Anniversary Steering Committee chairs: **Rose Stevens, Susan Wilburn, and Kathy Kremer.**



REviews

It is my usual custom, any my pleasure, to use my allotted *Steepletalk* space to share aspects of our religious education programs that are working particularly well, that are new and exciting, or that offer glimpses into the meaningful experiences and interactions that take place in our classrooms each week. Pressing concerns about our Senior High Youth Group, however, dictate that I abandon that custom in order to inform you about some important decisions regarding that group. This week, I sent a letter to our Board, Council, members of the Senior High and Middle School Youth Groups and their parents/guardians. Copies of the full letter are available in the Volunteer Area, and excerpts are below:

Youth Groups Mission Statement:

The mission of the First Unitarian Church Youth Groups is to provide a religious community for Junior and Senior High youth that encourages fellowship, social action, worship, education, leadership development, and integration into the life of the church and denomination. The experiences of the Youth Groups are guided by the UUA principles and purposes. Our program provides an open and caring environment for youth to develop a personal statement of beliefs.

After careful consideration over the course of many months, together with attempts over several years to address concerns in many different ways, we have concluded that until there is evidence of radical positive change, the R.E. Committee and I will no longer take responsibility or provide sponsorship and staffing support for Senior High Youth Group. This means that unless the Group finds alternative sponsorship within the church structure, Senior High Youth Group will be discontinued effective immediately until an action plan is presented to and approved by the R.E. Committee.* Such an action plan would detail the steps needed to bring the Youth

Group in line with its Mission Statement and other expectations, as well as a description of how the plan would be implemented.

I hope you will read on with an open mind, and trust that we are taking this course of action out of care and concern for our youth and children, for the adults who serve them, and for our Unitarian Universalist values. I also hope you will participate in a **Youth Adult Forum on April 17, 1:00 - 2:30, in the Choir Room**. At this meeting, we will discuss R.E. Committee expectations for the Youth Group, address your questions and concerns, and create an opportunity to plan for positive change in our youth programming. The discussion will be co-facilitated by **Frank and Sue Slesnick**.

While recognizing the many gifts and the inherent worth and dignity of our youth, it is not apparent that the Group is satisfactorily [operating in line with its mission statement and meeting other R.E. Committee expectations]. Many of us in leadership positions feel that we have come to the end of what we are able to offer in our efforts to create a Youth Group culture that is safe, supportive, healthy and balanced, and we believe that it is a disservice to our religious community to continue to support a Youth Group that does not meet these standards. If our religious community has a need for a Senior High Youth Group, then we need your help to create a program that meets the needs of the youth and expresses the values of this congregation.

I hope you will participate in the April 17 Youth Adult Forum, and that we can find ways to work together for positive change that will better serve our youth, our congregation, and our denomination. I look forward to coming together in a spirit of respect and concern as we review the events that brought us to this point,

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R.E. Announcements

S.M.A.R.T.

and consider where we might go from here.

Peace, *Lisa*

*Note that Senior High R.E. Class, OWL Class, and the Middle School YoUUth Group will continue to meet as scheduled.

✓ In addition to religious education classes for children and youth (10:55- 12:15), children's activities are also offered during the "first hour" (9:45 - 10:45) in the Open Classroom. **Upcoming first hour programs** are: 4/10 -- Beading with **Cxxxx Wxxxx**; 4/17 -- Earth Day activities with **Carol Findling**; 4/24 -- Bracelet weaving with **Lxxx** and **Nxxx Gxxxxxx** 5/1 -- Making Derby Parade "mini floats" with **Barbara Schweickart**.

✓ **Congratulations to our Intermediate R.E. Class** on their "Read to Feed" project for Heifer Project International. Their diligent reading and your generous sponsorship raised enough money to purchase a water buffalo!

✓ Our classrooms are still low on **snacks**. If you have a child in R.E., please bring your bottles of juice to the preschool room refrigerator. Boxed snacks may go directly to your child's classroom.

✓ **R..E. Teacher Support Gathering**. Come share food, fellowship and stories, 9:45 - 10:45 in the R.E. Library.

✓ **Youth Adult Forum, April 17, 1:00 - 2:30 in the Choir Room** to discuss the "Youth Groups Mission Statement," the discontinuation of Senior High Youth Group, and possibilities for re-building. All are welcome to participate

✓ Our **Middle School YoUUth Group** has planned the **April 17 Celebration of Life**. This multigenerational service will focus on "Risk Taking." There will be no regular R.E. classes

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Sunday Morning Adult Round Table

Church Library
Sharing at 9:30am

Program - 9:40 until 10:45am

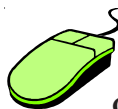
- **April 10 -- UU Church of the Philippines.** The incredible story of the UU Church of the Philippines, which is celebrating 50 years of liberal religion this month. **Rev. Norm Stewart**, speaker.
- **April 17 -- Polyamory and Ministry.** As a community of faith ministering to each other, how are we called to respond to polyamory as an issue and to polyamorous families in our midst?
- **April 24 -- History in the Hymnal.** **Jennifer Lavery**, speaker.

Next curricula meeting Tuesday, May 24, 6:15pm. For questions, comments, topic requests, or to offer a program, email the Curricula Team at smart@firstulou.org, or call Lisa Willner at 585-5110.

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on that date; nursery care and childcare for our youngest children (kindergarten and younger) will be available.

News and Notes

Brownbaggers

The next meeting is April 18 at the church at 12 noon. There we will eat our brown bag lunch before visiting the Mellwood Arts and Entertainment Center (remodeled old Fischer Packing Plant building). We can get in on the development of this important center for community artists of all ages and skills.

It is to become the home of the Bunbury Theater and will provide rehearsal space for the various disciplines of the performing arts. Clark Enterprises is developing the 350,000 sq ft complex with taste and vision. Transportation from the church to the Center will be provided by fellow Brownbaggers.

You're Invited to Earth Day Festivities

Church and Trash Force members **Geneva Fry**, **Carol Findling** and **Rose Stevens** want to invite you to come to **Earth Day** at the **Falls of the Ohio State Park** in Clarksville, Indiana on **Saturday, April 16** from 10-4.

Admission is free courtesy of Jamey Aebersold Jazz. -- 40 booths, displays and demonstrations -- Jamey Aebersold's jazz group -- Popular animal specialist Jungle John -- Staff-led hike at the park -- Bird-watching telescope and expert set up -- Movies about nature -- Crafts (including **Anne Miller** with an activity from the Science Museum) -- Face-painting -- Bees and honey -- Dinosaur bounce -- And food!

There are several prize giveaways, including 2 bicycles and a candy basket from Schimpf's in Jeffersonville. If you bike, walk or car-pool, you will receive a gift from Kentuckiana Air Education, who is one of our main sponsors. If you have questions, ask Geneva or Carol. See you there!

Partner Church Month Sparks Interest

by **Beverly Moore**

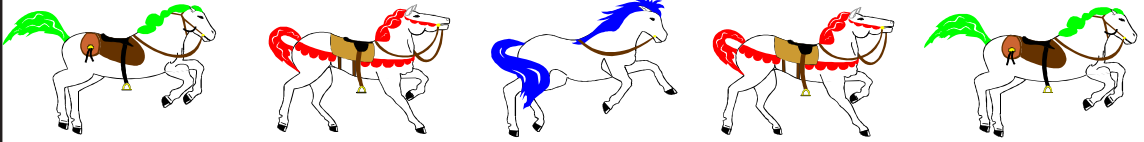
Our Easter Celebration seems to have made all of us feel closer to our Unitarian Partners in Nagyenyed, Transylvania. About 12 people have mentioned an interest in visiting our Partner Church in the future. Also, the amount raised through the special collection for partner church on Sunday was \$990.33, so we can confidently send our financial pledge to our Partner Church.

Everyone is invited to meet with our informal amalgam called "the Partner Church Group" on **Wednesday, April 20**, at Chalice Night. It will be a short meeting to

- 1) discuss possible trips in 2005 (fall), 2006, or thereafter;
- 2) decide on some contributions from our funds;
- 3) plan activities for next year;
- 4) consider our relationship with our Partner Church.

If you have any interest in possibly touring Transylvania and visiting our Partner Church and cannot attend the meeting, please e-mail (xxxxxxx@xxxxxx) or write me with your ideas and possible times you could travel to Europe. People who are interested in helping to develop our relationship with our Partner Church are encouraged to read "Guidelines For Review and/or Partnership Analysis Report" on the UU Partner Church Council Website at <http://www.uupcc.org/resources.htm#guidelines> before the meeting.

From the UU Partner Church Council: The **Youth Pilgrimage**, scheduled for late July, still has room but the deadline is approaching - April 15. Having a teen or two go from your church is a great way to connect with your partner!



All-Church Derby Party

Saturday, May 7, 2005

12:00 noon until after the last race

(come for a little while or stay all day!)

Hosted by Tiffany & Doug Taylor & Anne Miller

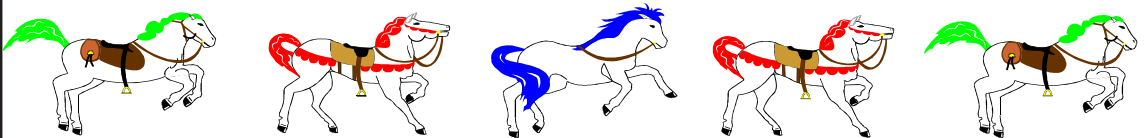
xxxx xxxxxxx Drive, New Albany, Indiana

You need to bring:

- Pot-luck dish to serve at least 12
- Your own alcoholic beverages if you want them
(coffee and soft drinks provided)
- Plenty of \$1 bills
(betting on all races straight \$1 per bet;
all money split among holders of winning tickets)

Don't miss this great annual event!

Directions: Take I-64 or I-65 to the I-265 bypass around New Albany. Exit at State Street; turn left (south) onto State. At McDonald's, turn right onto Capt. Frank Road. When the road ends in a T, turn right onto more of Capt. Frank. Take the first xxxx, xxxxxxx Drive (a steep hill). At the top of the hill, curve left and continue up. When the road starts back down, 1001 will be on your left. Lost? Call xxx-xxxx!



Shared Ministry



During yesterday's staff meeting Norm reminded me that I have been the shared Ministry Coordinator for one week. I replied, "No I haven't." Well, Norm's right; I have been here for a week, but time flies when one is having fun and keeping busy. Many of you have been very helpful during this week, and I am appreciative of both your assistance and patience.

I am from Louisiana, have been married to **Wayne** for 36 years, and have a son (age 34) who lives with his spouse and our three wonderful grandchildren in Indianapolis and a daughter (age 30) who lives with her spouse and our wonderful "grand-dog" in NYC.

About 20 years ago my family and I moved to the Louisville area so that I could complete my Dr. of Religious Education degree at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Note that this was the time when SBTS was a place that encouraged a free exploration of truth.

Following the completion of the doctoral program my family and I moved to a little town outside of Harrisburg, PA where I became the first woman on the religion faculty of a small Anabaptist liberal arts college with the unpretentious name of Messiah College. While there I taught Practical Theology and Church History. During my five years at Messiah I enrolled in post doctoral studies in Marriage and Family Therapy at Temple University. Upon completion of those studies I joined the staff of the Marriage and Family Counseling Center in the Harrisburg area.

About nine years after moving to Harrisburg, Wayne and I entered the empty nest stage of our marriage and decided to return to Baton

Rouge, Louisiana where our extended family lives. While there I worked in a medical arts related college as Dean of Students/Director of Counseling. Four years ago we decided to return to the best place we had ever lived, Louisville.

After arriving in Louisville it took awhile for us to find both an accessible house in the Highlands and First Unitarian, but we've been delighted with both discoveries. I look forward to working with you and with the wonderful staff here. If we have not yet become acquainted please drop by my office, stop me in the social hall or other areas of the church, or give me a call so that I get to know you.

Linda

Linda Givens

Shared Ministry Coordinator

Office hours

Monday - 9am-2pm

Tuesday - 11:30am-2pm

Wednesday - 9am-2pm

Thursday - 9am-2pm

Friday - 9am-2pm

502-585-5110

sharedministry@firstulou.org

Don't Forget the *Health Fair!*

Saturday, April 16, 12 - 4 pm.

First Unitarian Church

Sponsored by Interweave, A.R.E., and the AIDS Project, the fair will include many health and safety groups who will provide free information, screenings, and tests for various health-related issues.

UU Can Help

from **Jill Harmer** and **Isabel Silverman**

✓ **Action Alert:** The UU Service Committee, Association, and United Nations Office fervently urge you to contact President Bush and Secretary Rice and demand an effective Security Council resolution to prevent further genocide, violence and mass death in Darfur.

✓ **Conscientious Objector** refresher counselling training? We may need people prepared to do this as we have before. Call Mike Slaton, xxx-xxxx.

✓ **Earth Day at the Zoo:** Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

✓ **FOR lunch:** Thursday at Rudyard Kipling. Call Jean Edwards, xxx-xxxx for information and reservation. Learn about socially responsible investing from Rev. Andy Loving, CFP.

➡ Please look at the **Social Responsibilities** table in the social hall for current things about which you can write letters or call your US congressperson:

- What the Bush administration takes away, despite strong objections from state governments, sportsmen, and many in Congress, we can get back with the **Clean Water Authority Restoration Act**. This new bill restores protections to thousands of acres of wetlands and hundreds of miles of small streams across the U.S.

- **Social Security** – information vs privatization
- **Election Reform** - Voting and Integrity Act of 2005 (VIVA 2005): www.commoncause.org/VIVA2005

- We are selling very **dark chocolate candy bars**. **Equal Exchange** participates in Fair Trade and gives a higher than market price back to the farmers. Delicious....mmm...pure chocolate and less sugar than most candy bars. And you are supporting the church--60 cents of each candy bar goes to our church.

- **Judicial Nominations and Filibustering**

Dinner by Tiffany

(\$4 or \$2 small portion)

available from 5:30 to 6:15

Lay-led service -- 6:30 to 6:50

Programs -- 7:00 to 8:30

APRIL 13

Menu: Pepperoni and sausage stromboli marinara, cheese lasagna, tossed salad, oat bars

Programs:

- 12 Lessons in Personal Spirituality -- Led by **Jane Martin Buckley**

- World Religions Video Series -- “God and Buddha: A Dialogue” with Robert Thurman and Deepak Chopra

- Robert’s Rules Revisited -- Led by **Ralph Moss**

- UU Roots -- For “newish” UUs or those exploring UUism. -- Led by **Kathy Thackeray, Linda Givens and Norm Stewart**

- Witches’ Brew -- Basic Brewing and Mead-Making. -- Led by **Suzanne and Malcolm Turner**

- Drawing-- For all ages and abilities. -- Led by **Johanna Mehring and Katrina Brown**

APRIL 20

Menu: Chicken and dumplings or vegetables and dumpling, corn, green beans, cucumber salad, frosted sugar cookies

Programs:

- Paganism 102 -- “When, Why ... If: An Ethics Workbook.” Tonight’s topic is ethics.

- Partner Church Planning -- Plan next year’s Partner Church activities, including possible trips to Transylvania and see a slide show of previous trips -- Led by **Beverly Moore**

- World Religions Video Series -- “Zen: The Best of Alan Watts”

- UU Roots -- Led by **Norm Stewart**

- Common Grounds With UUPA -- Can we talk? -- Led by **Jasmine Walston**

- 175th Anniversary Quilters

- Let’s Cook! Scones and double berry jam. Especially for kids. -- Led by **Tiffany Taylor**

Church Members



Emil Roy

Looking for New Co-editor

by **Claudia Runge**, *Steepletalk* editor



The task of putting this bi-weekly newsletter together is never boring; however, it does require a substantial commitment of time when only one person is on the job. Many of you know that **Scott Borden**, my very able *Steepletalk* co-editor for more than two years, will no longer be able to continue in that position. If you are interested in learning PageMaker software, like to check and arrange copy, would enjoy getting church news first hand, and have extra time on some weekends, contact me at xxx-xxxx or editor@firstulou.org. I will be happy to teach you “the ropes” until you’re ready to take over every other issue—approximately once a month.

Emil Roy...

in his own words.

I’m retired twice, earlier from college teaching at the University of South Carolina-Aiken (English and Management Information Science). More recently, I retired from medical writing with a brain research group at the Medical College of Georgia and the Psychiatry Department, UofL Med School. I have a Master’s and a Ph.D. in English, a Master’s in Administration.

I moved to Louisville in November, 2003, from Augusta, Georgia, where I’d served on the Worship Committee of the UU Church there. Our work there involved evaluating past services, planning for the participation of speakers within and from outside the church, and, increasingly, coping with growth straining the capacity of our facilities.

I’m presently writing a novel. As for my interests, I like movies, wine tasting, good food, dancing, conversation, classical music, travel in the U.S. and Europe. My most recent trips were to Scandinavia (last summer) and Spain (a year ago in December). My most recent article, “Autistic Poetry as Therapy,” was recently published in *Journal of Poetry Therapy*.



There is Still Time to Participate!

The **crazy quilt for the 175th Celebration** is coming together - more than 40 participants including 5 male members. If you would like to help by making or embellishing a block, contact **Penny Nader** (xxx-xxxx or xxxxx@xxx.xxx) for topics and materials. She will be in the social hall after church or at Chalice Night. This may be an heirloom which survives for many years Don’t miss this opportunity to leave your creative mark.

Building Use Calendar: April 7 - 23

April 2005

7 Thursday
7:15pm Choir practice, choir rm

8 Friday
Heartland District Meeting-Cincinnati
7:00pm UU Christian Fellowship, library

9 Saturday
Heartland District Meeting-Cincinnati

10 Sunday
9:00am Learning Team, parlor
10:55am Celebration of Life
1:00pm Passionate Purpose Workshop, Scty
3:00pm *KY RCRC, library
4:00pm Drum Circle rehearsal, choir room
7:00pm Flute Choir practice, choir rm

11 Monday
6:30pm *Tai Chi, choir rm or social hall
7:00pm UUPA discussion, library

12 Tuesday
12:30pm All-staff
7:00pm Council Meeting, library

13 Wednesday
Chalice Night

14 Thursday
6:00pm *Jefferson Co. NOW, social hall
7:15pm Choir practice, choir room

15 Friday
12:00pm *Steepletalk* deadline
8:00pm Interfaith Paths to Peace event - Matthew Fox

16 Saturday
12:00pm Interweave Health Fair, sanc/sh/lib/ctyd/kitch
8:00pm *Sienna, choir room

17 Sunday
9:00am Learning Team, parlor
10:55am Celebration of Life
12:15pm Church Building Tour after service
12:30pm Social Responsibility Comm., library
12:30pm Learning Team Open Forum, sanct
1:00pm Youth Adult Forum, choir room
3:00pm *Lou Comm. for Israeli/Palestinian States, choir rm

18 Monday
12:00pm Brownbaggers, library
6:00pm Finance Committee, parlor
6:30pm *Tai Chi, choir rm or social hall
7:00pm Shared Ministry Comm., library

19 Tuesday
12:00pm *Steepletalk* Folding Party
12:30pm Administrative Staff
6:30pm Board of Trustees, library

20 Wednesday
Chalice Night

21 Thursday
7:15pm Choir practice, choir room

22 Friday
7:00-9:00pm UU Christian Fellowship, library

23 Saturday - Thunder Over Louisville
** Denotes outside group or activity, not affiliated with First Unitarian Church.*

Just among ourselves...

Congratulations to **Rosemary Bauman, Ted Spencer** and their son, **Patrick**, age 4, who welcome baby **Rebecca Amalia Spencer** into their family. Rosemary and Ted recently traveled to Guatemala to get their new baby girl. Rebecca is almost 7 months old, and we look forward to seeing her at church with her parents and big brother. Warm best wishes to them all!

At the time of this writing, **Jo Ann Dale's** mother was hospitalized in critical but stable condition with heart rhythm irregularities. Please keep Jo Ann and her family in your thoughts.

We extend our sympathy to the **Johnson family** on the loss of **Charles Johnson**, Ron's father, Kathie's father-in-law and Cassidy's grandfather. "Papa Nick," age 81, died March 23. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

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Celebrations of Life

Sunday services begin at 10:55 a.m.

April 10 *Pursuit of Passionate Purpose.* **Guest speaker, Theresa M. Szczyrek, Ph.D.**, a long-time UU and author of the new book, *Pursuit of Passionate Purpose*, offers a secular and spiritual approach to help you reap real rewards of life; meaning, satisfaction, and extraordinary results. A more in-depth workshop on this topic will follow the service from 1-3 p.m.

April 17 *Take A Chance.* **Worship Associate, Carol Edelen.** The **Middle School Youth Group** presents this service to inspire you to seize the day. Our fears, real and perceived, often hold us back from reaching our goals. This intergenerational service will challenge you to extend your reach just a little further.

April 24 *Hard Old Memories.* **Rev. Norm Stewart, Worship Associate Suzanne Meeks.** Growing up is a challenge for most of us. None of us gets to choose the home and family environment into which we are born. Some of those environments are much further from ideal than others. Some people survive, maybe even thrive, in less than optimal conditions. Others do not. Some who survive eventually become wounded healers. Today, on the first day of Passover, we lift up the survivors and acknowledge those who did not. In our Shared Ministry model at First Unitarian, I believe that many among you are, or may eventually become wounded healers.