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Special Offering Planned for Flood Relief Drive

Several weeks ago the Flood Relief Task Force at First Unitarian was formed to determine the most effective way to offer assistance to victims of the flooding and devastation left by hurricane Katrina. During that time it came to our attention that areas of Transylvania have experienced recent flooding. Several Transylvania Unitarian churches sponsored by Unitarian churches in our country have suffered damage. Concern for those affected by both events led us to consider the possibility of offering assistance to both areas. After much discussion it was decided that funds from contributions collected during a Fund Raising Drive ending October 16 would be used in relief efforts for victims of flooding in the gulf coast area and in Transylvania. The Social Responsibility Committee is working to establish a matching contribution.

As a part of this Flood Relief Drive a special offering will be taken during the October 16 Celebration of Life service. Those who wish may also send contributions to the church by mail. However you choose to contribute, please note “flood relief fund” on the memo line of your check or in an enclosed note if sending cash.

Circle Your Suppers

Circle Supper Sign Ups continue until October 9. You may sign up as either a person who would be willing to host one of the suppers, or you can sign up as an alternate who would be willing to attend a dinner, but cannot host. Hosting requires deciding upon a main course you will prepare, and calling the people who are scheduled to attend to let them know what you are making and what they can bring. Give them directions to your abode and the time to arrive. An alternate is a person willing to fill in when a regularly scheduled person cannot attend. Prepare to have a good time. Get to know your fellow Unitarians in a most pleasant way! To sign up, contact **Kay Woodworth** at xxxxxxx@xxxxxx or call her in the evening at xxx-xxxx.

Celebrating 175 Years in Louisville

Notes from Norm

It was a great joy to see so many members, friends, former members and other guests at our 175th Anniversary Kick-off Service on September 18. We had table seating for about 225 in the sanctuary and it was mostly full. Except for our Christmas Eve Vespers it was probably the most we have had at any regular service in a while. An event of that magnitude takes an incredible amount of planning, coordination and dedication to our church. Kudos to the **175th Anniversary Committee** and all of your helper elves.

The gifts of our music program were particularly noteworthy that day. After only three regular rehearsals they did a wonderful and creative job with the music. The four-hand accompaniment by our Music Director, **Rebecca Johnson**, and Instrumentalist, **Jim Dersch**, on “We Laugh, We Cry” was an extra special treat. The choir is not only sounding good, but they seem to really be having fun. If you have been thinking about joining the choir or rejoining the choir, now may be the time to make room on your calendar to do something fun and fulfilling for yourself.

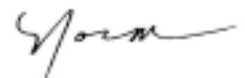
To keep our Anniversary celebratory spirit going in October, I would like to encourage all of you, to come to the big **Family Dance & Potluck on Saturday, October 22**. In true UU fashion, both the dancing and eating are optional. We just hope you will want to come and enjoy the pleasure of one another’s fine company that evening.

In the other news department, **Linda Givens**, our Shared Ministry Coordinator, and I will again be offering our **UU Roots class at Challice Night beginning Wednesday, October 5**. This four session class is especially informative if you are new, or relatively new to Unitarian Universalism. It would also be helpful if you

have been around for a while and would like a better understanding of who we are, where our particular strands of liberal religion began and how we got where we are today. If you would like a copy of the curricula to read before the first session, please contact Linda at church.

First Unitarian Flood Relief Update: As most of you know the situation with regard to relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina has been changing daily. As I write this, Hurricane Rita is heading toward the Texas Gulf Coast. As you read this Rita should be history and her impact upon the already disastrous situation will be being assessed. What many of you may not know is that some of our 300 or so Unitarian churches in Transylvania have also experienced serious flooding in the last month or two. One of the churches which sustained significant damage is a church that First U was previously partnered with in the 1920s. UU churches here in the states, working through the UU Partner Church Council (of which we are a member) have been contributing to a Transylvanian flood relief effort.

Our Social Responsibility Committee and our Flood Relief Task Force are planning a drive to raise at least \$2000 during October from First U members and friends for flood relief efforts to be used in the Gulf Coast region, here in Louisville with evacuees, and/or in Transylvania. The campaign will include an Outreach Offering on Sunday, October 16. The Social Responsibility Committee is planning to match some or all of the funds raised with money from our Kroger Bucks fund. Contributions can be made to First Unitarian with “flood relief” in your check memo line. Stay tuned for further details.



Service Auction

Saturday, October 8

— *New, family-friendly day and time!* —



- 5:00 p.m.** Doors open; snacks, sandwiches, and beverages available for a donation.
Silent Auction in the Social Hall!
- 6:00 p.m.** Service Auction begins!
- 7:00 p.m.** Silent Auction ends.
- 8:00 p.m. (or so)** Service Auction ends. Drawing for \$100 from among those who've stayed until the end!
(You must arrive by 6:30 and stay until the final bid.)

If you've been to the Service Auction—We don't have to tell you what a great event it is. Excitement, fun, conviviality, suspense, all combined in one enjoyable evening.

If you've never attended the Service Auction—Come and give it a try! The Auction is a lot of fun—and it generates thousands of dollars annually for our General Fund.

YOU CAN HELP by DONATING, by BIDDING, and by ASKING BUSINESSES FOR GIFT CERTIFICATES!

- Can you... ☺ Drive someone to the airport? ☺ Entertain at a party? ☺ Cook a meal? ☺ Repair a lamp? ☺
☺ Paint a portrait? ☺ Babysit? ☺ Teach a skill? ☺ Prepare a will? ☺
☺ Donate theatre tickets? ☺ Let someone use your cottage or timeshare? ☺ Rake leaves? ☺
☺ Get a gift certificate from a restaurant, hotel, or other business? ☺

Donations must be received by 8:00 p.m., Friday, October 7. Fill out a form at church, or contact **Tiffany Taylor** (xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx, xxx-xxxx) to make your contribution.

Can't be there? Leave absentee bids! Preliminary lists of items to be auctioned will be available at church, via email, and on the church's web site. For more information, contact Tiffany.

Outstanding buys, fun, and fellowship!

Child care provided!

See you October 8!

Reviews

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.

It's September, and we've now officially kicked off a new year of Youth Groups at First Unitarian Church. As of this writing, the Youth Adult Potluck is still a few days away, but both groups have met, advisors are ready to go, and by all indications this should be a great year for both our middle schoolers and our newly re-constituted high school groups. For those of you who missed the Potluck, here's a quick report.

Our Middle School YoUUtH Group is considered a model program by many in the Heartland UU District. This year, they have welcomed several incoming sixth graders into the group, and all are looking forward to an action-packed year of social action (shopping and packaging kits for the Help Office, participating in the Hunger Walk, volunteering at Ronald McDonald House, staffing the playroom at the VoA Family Shelter to name just a few projects), social events (bowling with friends from Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, a possible outing to the Freedom Center in Cincinnati, a sleepover or two, playing games), worship time, and a variety of leadership development and learning activities. In addition, our YoUUtH Group has been asked to host this year's Heartland UU District Middle School Youth Conference in the spring. This is a caring and supportive group of

youth and adults, and new members are always welcome. The group meets most Sunday afternoons, 1:00 - 2:30.

Our new Senior High Youth Group had its first meeting on September 18 when it initiated a new approach of integrating the high school religious education class with senior high youth group. The group will meet most Sundays from 10:55 - 12:15, with an additional afternoon program or activity planned about once monthly. The group is structured to operate on a "Small Group Ministry" model with weekly chalice lighting, readings, personal check-in, and study/discussion of various issues of the members' choosing. The group is also trying out the concept of "radical hospitality," which may mean including a symbolic empty chair at each meeting along with other strategies to maintain a group that is intentionally welcoming. Group members have been assigned as "pillar guards" to ensure focused attention to all "six components of a balanced youth group:" fellowship, worship, social action, leadership development, learning experiences, and youth/adult relations. At its first meeting, participating youth expressed as a primary goal their desire to create a group that is attractive and welcoming to our middle schoolers. The group looks forward to participating in the Hunger Walk and other social action activities, increasing its involvement with congregational life, and participating in District-sponsored youth events.

There's always room for one more in the circle of our youth/adult community, and I hope you'll help spread the good news about our programs for middle and high school youth. If you'd like more information, or are interested in ways you can help support these programs, I encourage you to come in and meet with me.

Peace, *Lisa*

R.E. Announcements

✓ If you have not yet filled out a **2005-2006 registration form** for your child, we encourage you to do so as promptly as possible. **Forms are available each Sunday at the Greeters' Table, and on the long table in the 2nd floor hallway.** Remember that all parents are required to register their child(ren) and to volunteer time each semester. For more information about ways you can fulfill your parent co-op responsibilities, please contact our Director of Religious Education.

✓ Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education class update: **4th/5th grade OWL** will be offered after the winter holidays, with a parent information/orientation session to be offered in the fall. In addition, a parent information/support session will be offered for K/1 parents later this fall. Contact **Carol Uebelhoer** for more information (xxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxxx), or stay tuned to *Steepletalk* and the First U listserv for details as they develop.

✓ **October 2: R.E. Teacher Support Gathering**, 9:30 - 10:45 in the R.E. Library. Breakfast provided.

✓ **October 22:** All ages are invited to our church-wide celebration. Please join us for a fun-filled **Family Folk Dance and Potluck. Dinner** at 6:00 (bring a dish to share) followed by dancing for all experience levels at 7:30.

✓ **October 23: Randy Wilson**, our very special guest dance caller/teacher from the previous night's Family Folk Dance, returns to our **Open Classroom** on Sunday morning to lead a song circle. Come hear some great stories and sing along with Randy. All ages are welcome. 9:45 - 10:45

✓ **October 30:** This morning's Celebration of Life will be multigenerational. (There will be no regular R.E. classes this morning. Childcare will be provided for very young children.) ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME IN COSTUME AND TO PARTICIPATE IN TRICK-OR-TREATING FOR UNICEF DURING THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE.

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Additional times available by appointment.

Join the UU Coaching Network!



UUCN is growing and invites you to join! This non-profit association is a community of professionally trained life coaches anchored in the UU principles of compassion, integrity and inclusion. To learn of its mission and how you can benefit from membership, please visit www.uucoachingnetwork.org. Feel free to contact a board member to learn of upcoming benefits as well. If you are considering hiring a coach, UUCN is also a resource to find the right coach for you.



by **Rebecca Johnson**, Music Director

Have you noticed the pre-service music emanating from the piano in recent weeks at FUU? You can get involved in providing “mood music” as people arrive on Sunday mornings! If you play piano, guitar, dulcimer, or another similar instrument, we would love to have you provide some light music from about 10:45 to 10:55 on an occasional Sunday morning.

The call is out for you to submit your favorite hymn or hymns! There will be a sign up sheet in the social hall in the coming weeks after the Celebration of Life on which you can indicate which songs from our living tradition that you would like to sing. They might then show up in upcoming services! One stipulation—all submissions must be signed.

If you have a musical ability and you would like to share with the congregation in coming weeks, please tell Rebecca or Norm of your interest. We are always looking for variety in personnel and musical styles.

For all of the above, contact **Rebecca Johnson** at music@firstulou.org or xxx-xxx-xxxx.

Brownbaggers

October 10 -- No brown bags. We will meet at Ann’s On The River, 149 Spring St, Jeffersonville at 11:30 for lunch, then, at 12:20 go north exactly 3 blocks to Schimpff’s Confectionery, 347 Spring Street, for a tour of sweet antiquity.

Sweet people should come, of course. And those of us who are old, mean, sour, or grumpy should come; it’s therapeutic. Schimpff’s is an authentic historical candy museum; some century-old equipment is still in use today. On display there are thousands of pieces of American candy memorabilia. See you there!!

from **Trish Packowski**

The Board of Trustees met in September to discuss several important issues. A complete copy of the Minutes is posted for your reading. Please feel free to address any questions or concerns to any Board member at any time.

- Stewardship and how to coordinate the Pledge Drive with the Finance Committee.
- The Communications Policy, after three years of drafting, was passed. It is important for Church Leaders, Committee Chairs, Program Leaders, and Activities Leaders to acquire and read a copy to begin implementing this policy.
- Discussion of Staff contracts. We will be addressing an Employee Bill of Rights in the future.
- Learning Team Quarterly reports and communication vehicles to use.
- The importance of providing Committee Chairs with regular updates of their budget and expenditures.
- By Laws change to make the Partner Church a Standing Committee.
- By Laws change to add the Visual Aesthetics Committee.
- Discussion of the Gift and Bequest Distribution Policy. An Ad Hoc group led by George Schuhmann will address questions and concerns with the recent proposal.
- Discussion of the Craig Kaviar contract. Sharon Leightty will pursue information to clarify certain aspects of the contract, making it very specific.

Interweave



Bisexuality and Polyamory

Co-sponsored by **Interweave**

What, if anything, do they have to do with each other? Please join the conversation. All are welcome **Monday, Oct. 10, at 7pm**, in the parlor.

Chalice Night

Regular Wednesday Night Adult Religious Programming

- ➔ **Dinner** available for purchase (\$4 or \$2 small portion) from **5:30 to 6:15**.
- ➔ **Lay-led centering service at 6:30**
- ➔ **Programs**, open to all, **7:00 to 8:30**

October 5

Dinner: Thai noodles, stir-fry vegetables, chicken skewers, egg rolls (pork or veggie), baked rice pudding with orange sauce

Programs:

- Edgar Cayce's Practical Spirituality: An Introduction
- Circle-Casting 101: Why and How
- Living the Welcoming Congregation
- UU Roots: The Questions of Free Religion
- Those Liberal Sew & Sews
- Conversation and Games

October 12

Dinner: Lentil vegetable soup, cheese biscuits, green goddess salad, triple chocolate brownies

Programs:

- Paganism: An Introduction to Earth-Centered Spirituality, Chapter 2
- Buddhism: Elementary Explorations
- Prosperity: Life, Love and the Pursuit of Happiness
- UU Roots: Ideas of Unitarianism and Universalism
- Conversation and Games

October 19

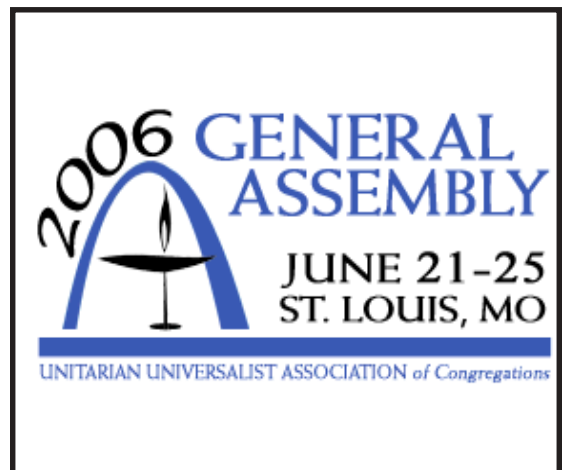
Dinner: Chicken (or vegetables) and dumplings, corn and green beans, cucumber salad, triple chocolate brownies

Programs:

- Paganism: An Introduction to Earth-Centered Spirituality, Chapter 3
- Prosperity: Life, Love and the Pursuit of Happiness
- UU Roots: Where Did the Free Church Come From?
- Partner Church Report
- Conversation and Games

GA Returns to Middle-America

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 21 through Sunday, June 25, and plan to join thousands of UUs from across the U.S. and around the world in a celebration of our liberal religion. **General Assembly 2006** in St. Louis is an excellent opportunity to attend while it is so close to home. GA offers a vast array of worship services, workshops, music programs, and more. Information is available at www.uua.org/ga, including links to information about St. Louis itself. Contact **Jasmine Walston** at pdr@firstulou.org or xxx-xxxx for more information.



Sunday Morning Adult Round Table

Church Library
Sharing at 9:30am

Program - 9:40 until 10:45am

- **Oct. 2 -- *Power of Words.*** Learn how words and the moral stance behind them are used to influence people more than facts and issues. Based on the work of George Lakoff. **Jill Harmer**, leader.
- **Oct. 9 -- *Building Power for Justice: An Introduction to the Work of CLOUT.*** An organization of religious congregations and neighborhood groups working for a greater degree of justice in our community. **Noelle Gulden**, speaker.
- **Oct. 16 -- *Moral Values for a Pluralistic Society.*** How might the moral and ethical grounding of Unitarian Universalism be given greater voice in the public square? **UUA Study Action Issue.**

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



Over the last month I have been exploring the devotional practice “Living by Heart.” This is a practice developed by Unitarian Laurel Hallman based on the teachings of her mentor Harry Scholefield. Later this fall **Penny Nader** and I will begin facilitating a group whose members are interested in following this devotional practice.

The beginning of the practice teaches about being attentive and watchful. I have been practicing that still watchfulness for about a month and find myself welcoming the creation of a time during which I am not required to act, solve problems, or even think about anything. So often I am tempted to jump onto the next “bandwagon” that promises to solve my problem, to get busier hoping that I will stumble into the solution, or to get so busy that I can ignore the problem entirely. It is good to be reminded that taking time to let things happen and to let things come to me is often the best course of action.

Linda

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from the **First Unitarian
175th Anniversary Committee**

☛ **A BIT OF HISTORY:** First Unitarian Church held Wednesday Night dances during World War II for the soldiers stationed at Fort Knox. (The ladies from the church who danced with the soldiers were cautioned to be “well behaved.”)

☛ **A BIT OF NEWS:** The Religious Education Committee would like to remind you of their invitation to attend this year’s **Family “Homecoming” Fall Dance and Potluck***:

☛ **TO WIT:** Do you like to dance? & Do you Like to sing? & Do you like to eat?

Then grab your dancing shoes and a potluck dish and join us at the **Family “Homecoming” Fall Dance and Potluck*** to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of First Unitarian Church.



Family “Homecoming” Fall Dance

Saturday, October 22, 2005

First Unitarian Church

809 S. Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky

Supper: 6:00 p.m.-- Dancing: 7:30 p.m.

with Randy Wilson, Jim McGee and

Cari Norris

*For more information, check out First U’s web site at www.firstulou.org, call 585-5110, or consult the **175th Anniversary Kiosk** in the Social Hall.



Eugenia Willner

by **Linda Givens**

This month’s volunteer, **Eugenia Willner**, has been a member of First Unitarian for about 3 years. She has been a church office volunteer for almost 2 ½ years of that time. Eugenia worked for about 40 years as a medical lab technician in her husband’s medical practice and at Clark Co. and old Louisville General Hospitals.

Eugenia told me that one of the things she likes about volunteering in the office is the opportunity it gives her to get to know so many church members. She enjoys the opportunity to chat with office staff and other church members when not answering the phone, making copies, sorting mail, and cleaning. Which brings me to Eugenia’s specialty – cleaning. As a volunteer she constantly works at bringing some order to the volunteer area of the office. Be careful about leaving things in the office area, because sometimes I hear her threaten to throw everything out and start all over.

Thank you, Eugenia, for your willingness to help and for the nurturing, supportive, and good-natured presence you bring to the church office environment.

*Each issue of the *Steepletalk* will focus on one of the many people who volunteer for work in the church office. These are such valuable people to the staff as well as to the church as a whole. I encourage you to thank the person who is the focus of each article.



The Social Responsibility Committee will make our Fall 2005 contribution of \$862.50 to the **Help Office** earlier than planned to support their Hurricane Relief efforts, a contribution to the First Unitarian Katrina Task force, and a \$100 contribution to Louisville Peace Action Committee (LPAC) to sponsor one person to join the peace march to Washington on September 24.



Tingley House Service to Begin

by Janet Rink

“and service is its law.....to help one another.....”

These phrases from our church’s covenant bear directly on a volunteer opportunity for members and friends. This is the Volunteers of America Family Emergency Shelter (Tingley House). **Our service project will resume October 4.**

Tingley House provides emergency shelter for up to 21 families. We open a play room for children ages 3 to 6 on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** and provide nurturing play. We use Playdoh, puzzles, Lego, trucks, and other toys. We pretend in a play kitchen and read books. This is a chance for children to be children. Their parents are usually too overwhelmed by their own problems to nurture their children through play.

In addition to the play room, tutoring for school-age children is offered in a Study Buddy room under the supervision of a teacher from Jefferson County Public Schools. The tutoring program is four nights a week, and we have the opportunity to participate in this program as well.

For more information or to volunteer, please call **Janet Rink** at xxx-xxxx or speak to me after the Celebration of Life.

New Scheduling Request Guidelines

from **Retha Justice**, Office Manager

With the regular church season beginning again, things will be very busy around here, so the church Office has a special notice to send to everyone.

If anyone has a scheduling request for the Church Calendar, it needs to be submitted on hard copy and left in the office manager’s mail tray on the volunteer desk. You will find the blank request forms in the file folders, next to the mail trays.

Calls and emails will no longer be accepted as schedule requests. Once the office manager processes your request, you will be notified by either e-mail or phone call (whichever means is specified on the request). This procedure helps to manage the workflow better and prevents any unnecessary confusion. Thank you for your cooperation.

Movie Nights at First?

A task force headed up by **Jill Sampson** is exploring the prospect of instituting regular potluck and movie nights -- possibly for grown-ups, possibly for families, or both. For information or to share ideas, contact Jill. At the same time, some members and friends are informally exploring ways of securing a large screen television to be used for this and other church events. For information or to share ideas, contact **Jo Ann Dale**, xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx.

Dig Them UU Roots

New members, friends of the Church, and all others are invited to “**UU Roots**,” an introductory course to Unitarian Universalism offered on Chalice night the **four Wednesdays in October (5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th)**. Materials are available in advance for those who want them. See **Linda Givens** for materials, or if you have questions.

Building Use Calendar: September 29 - October 22

September

29 Thursday
 1:00pm Flood Relief Task Force -- Library
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm.

October

2 Sunday
 9:30 am RE Teacher Orientation – Open Classroom
 9:30 am Shared Ministry “Our Chosen Faith” – Parlor
 9:30 am SMART – Library
 10:55 am RE Classes
 10:55 am Celebration of Life
 12:15 pm Worship Committee – Choir Room

3 Monday
 6:00 pm Congregational Services -- Library
 6:30 pm RE Committee – RE Library

5 Wednesday
 5:30 pm Chalice Night
 6:45 pm UU Roots – Library

6 Thursday
 2:30pm Georgia Gillespie Memorial
 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm.

7 Friday
 5:30pm Set-up for Service Auction
 7:00 pm Drum Circle – Choir Rm.

8 Saturday
All Day Service Auction (See ad, p. 3)

9 Sunday
 10:00am Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm.
 9:30 am SMART – Library
 9:30 am Shared Ministry, “Our Chosen Faith” – Parlor

12 noon Service Auction Leftovers - Social Hall

12:15 pm Activities Committee/Council Luncheon – Social Hall
 12:30 pm Flute Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm.

10 Monday
 11:30 am Brownbaggers – Ann’s on the River, Jeffersonville (See article, p.10)



6:00 pm Congregational Services – Library
 7:00 pm Interweave – Social Hall

11 Tuesday
 6:00 pm Activities Committee – Parlor
 7:00 pm Church Council – Library

12 Wednesday
 5:30 pm Chalice Night
 6:45 pm UURoots – Open Classroom

13 Thursday
 5:30 pm Personnel Committee – Parlor
 6:15 pm NOW – Social Hall
 7:00 pm Finance Committee – Library
 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm.

14 Friday
 2:00pm *Private event – Sanctuary
 7:00 pm Christian Fellowship – Library

15 Saturday
 10 am *Kentuckiana Negro Music Association – Sanctuary

3 pm * Private event -- Sanctuary

16 Sunday
 9:30 am SMART – Library
 9:30 am Shared Ministry, “Our Chosen Faith” – Parlor

10:55am Celebration of life

17 Monday
 10:00am Partner Church Steering Committee – Library

19 Wednesday
 5:30 pm Chalice Night
 6:45 pm UU Roots – Library

20 Thursday
 6:30 pm Board Meeting – Library
 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm.

22 Saturday
ALL DAY RE Homecoming/Family Dance – Social Hall/Sanctuary (See article, p. 9, for details.)

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Celebrations of Life

Sunday services begin at 10:55 a.m.

October 2 *The Faith of Our Founders and the Separation of Church and State.* Rev. Norm Stewart and Worship Associate **Emil Roy**. It is no accident that the founders of our country, many of whom we decidedly Christian, decided that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." We'll explore why freedom of and from religion are core values that most Unitarian Universalists consider a *sine qua non* of our spiritual essence.

October 9 *Faith of the Atheist. Worship Associate Joe Edmiston & Friends.* For those of us from a Christian background, the concept of an atheist as an active church member seems a little incongruous. Have atheists found something to replace god? Where do they find solace and comfort in times of crisis? Are they all alone in the universe, and if they are, how do they feel about that? Are all humanists atheists, and vice versa? Come explore this thought-provoking facet of UUsism.

October 16 *Both Sides Now: Evolution and Creationism.* Rev. Norm Stewart, Worship Associate **Katy Brown**. Another chapter in the continuing saga of the relationship between science and religion.

October 23 *Boundaries and Free Thinkers: "Does Anything go in a UU Church?"* Rev. Norm Stewart, Worship Associate **Kathie Johnson**. It is common for non-UUs to think that we can believe anything we want. Most everything in life has boundaries. How do we view boundaries - as good? or bad? or both? How do we as a faith community negotiate our shared boundaries?