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STEEPLETALK

Yuletide Fare

We're making a list and checking it twice because we don't want anyone left out of the Yuletide Fare. Keep watching *Steepletalk*, the FYIs, the List Serve, and random message patterns in the snow on your television screen for ways you can help.

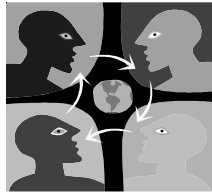


If you want to be part of the fun and belong to another committee (who's ever on enough?), contact **Tiffany Taylor**, **Debbie Silverman**, or **Jill Sampson**.

The Transition Team

from **John Findling**

The members of the **Transition Team** (as it seems to have been named)



will be working with Betsy and the church staff and committees to insure a smoothly running and productive year. Members of our team are **Mary Ballard**, **Katy Brown**, **Kyle Ellison**, **John Findling**, and **Debra Gilbert**, and any of us will be more than happy to hear your concerns, suggestions, or praise about how things are going. The

UUA notes five skills that interim ministers bring to the congregations they serve. These are 1) helping us claim and honor our past; 2) working with us to discover the uniqueness of both our strengths and our problems; 3) clarifying for us our complex and shifting layers of leadership; 4) assisting us in finding available resources from within and outside the UUA to do what we need to do; and 5) helping us prepare for a new settled minister with enthusiasm and zest. We'll be helping **Betsy** utilize these skills on our behalf.

The team will be meeting with Betsy on an "as needed" basis, but probably about once a month. We'll be inserting news about our work in *Steepletalk* on a regular basis, and we look forward to talking with many of you individually.

Love is the spirit of this church...

Service Auction

Saturday, October 21

— *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 20. Fill out a form at church, or contact **Tiffany Taylor** (xxxx.xxx@xxxxxx.com, 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 21!

Council Corner

Council -- Purpose and Function?

As stated in the Constitution and Bylaws of FUU: "Council....shall have the delegated responsibility of administering the programming activities of the church, for reviewing the effectiveness of church programs, initiating new programs/activities, to serve the needs and interests of the congregation, and to support Church Goals."

The First Unitarian Church 2006-2007 Church Council exists to support the ideas, activities, and the general well being of our Program Committees. We are proud of Council liaisons, who not only attend Council meetings but also commit to attending monthly Program Committee meetings. The written and verbal reports they bring back to Council are vital communication links between Committees, Council and Board.

We are committed to supporting and facilitating positive communication between members of Program Committees, to aid committees in working together as a team, and to foster new and innovative ideas. We are here to serve. To follow process.

Kathy Drehmel
Co-Chair, Council

Appreciative Inquiry - Coming Soon

from **Katy Brown**

What are you like at your best? What do you appreciate in others and at First U? Can a change in perspective be transformative? Let's talk about it.

Beginning in October the Board and Transition Team will host "cottage-style" meetings in members' homes to discuss questions from the **Appreciative Inquiry** process, which was adopted by the Board in September. Stay tuned, and don't miss this chance to shine!

November 14, 2006--Gathering of Program Committee Chairs and Council Members; conversation, sharing of ideas, enjoying a meal. **5:45---8:30. Mark your calendars!**

Brownbaggers

from **Jesse Schreiber**

It's midnight. A knock comes at your door. You are scared and apprehensive. You don't know whether it might be the police, a vigilante group, or a group of tired, trembling slaves seeking safety, shelter, and food.

This was a real occurrence along the Underground Railroad. We Brownbaggers will have a near-reality experience on Monday, October 16, during our tour of the Underground Railroad Exhibit at the Carnegie Center, 201 E Spring St, New Albany. The schedule follows:

- Tour of Exhibit: 11 am (New Albany Time)
- Brownbag lunch: 12 Noon at 201 E Spring St
- Added feature: Hooked Rug Folk Art Exhibit at Division Street School (nearby)

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Reviews

Research tells us that there is a strong positive relationship between school success and parent involvement. So it should come as no surprise that parent involvement is also a key to the success of our religious education programs for children and youth. In the “village” that is our collective church life, we really do rely (heavily, but not solely) on parents to provide the leadership and support that makes it possible for us to provide the programming that we do.

For a church as relatively small as ours (only 240 or so members) and with only one paid administrator, it really is astonishing that we are able to do what we do. In addition to our excellent age-graded Sunday morning religious education classes, we also provide first hour children’s activities, monthly children’s social action projects, Coming of Age rite of passage program for youth, a rotating schedule of Our Whole Lives sexuality education classes for kindergarten – senior high, multigenerational programs such as Artist-in-Residence and Choir for All Ages, family social events, and active youth groups for our middle school and senior high students. While these programs would certainly not be possible without the participation and support of our many non-parent volunteers – and we always have room for more! - I do want to take a moment to lift up the special role of our many parents in R.E. leadership roles. Special thanks to all those R.E. parents who serve on the R.E. Committee, teach R.E., serve as youth group advisors and as teachers of Our Whole Lives. I recognize and lift up that you often give up time with your own children and families in order to create a wonderful experience for *our* First Unitarian Church children and families.

Parents - the ongoing success of our programs depends on your involvement, and

there are many ways to ease into it. Here are ways you can help: bring your children to R.E. class regularly and talk with me and your child’s teachers about their R.E. experiences, talk with your child about their Sunday morning (and other church-related) experiences, bring a steady supply of snacks and drinks for your child’s classroom, volunteer to provide Sunday lunch for our youth and youth advisors, volunteer for two Sundays each semester to help provide childcare in the preschool classroom or to help supervise a First Hour project, make sure that registration and behavior expectation forms are completed and handed in promptly, ask your child’s teachers if there are ways you can help out in the classroom, volunteer to substitute on a Sunday when a teacher can’t be here. The time commitment is minimal, but the pay-off is huge: you’ll meet great people, you’ll learn something, you’ll contribute to a culture of cross-generational connections, and your active participation and support ensures that your children will receive all the benefits of a liberal religious education within a safe and supportive environment.

To celebrate *all* of the R.E. parents of children who have not yet graduated into our youth programs, members of the R.E. Committee and I invite you to a Breakfast Potluck on Sunday morning, October 22, 9:30 – 10:45 in the Social Hall. Whether you’re a newcomer or have been around for years, please bring a breakfast item to share and join us to connect with old friends, meet new ones, meet your R.E. Committee members, and learn more about our programs, goals, and expectations.

See you around the Village!

Peace,

Lisa

R.E. Announcements

S.M.A.R.T.

• **October 1**--The Youth Adult Committee will meet, 9:45 – 10:45 in the R.E. Library.

• **October 8**--Today's Celebration of Life will begin with a Story for All Ages. All children and youth Kindergarten and older, are invited to the Sanctuary seated with their families for the first portion of the service.

• **October First Hour Programs** (Sundays, 9:45 – 10:45 in the Open Classroom, ALLAGES, kindergarten and older): Join **Jill Sampson** and friends in preparing for **Day of the Dead**. Activities for October 1, 8, 15, and 22 include making shoebox memorials for beloved family members, friends, or pets who have died (*bring shoeboxes and special mementos*), baking bone sugar cookies for use in the 10/29 Celebration of Life, and decorating sugar skulls.

• **Monthly Children's Social Action Project:** Children will *Trick or Treat for UNICEF* during the Intergenerational Celebration of Life on October 29. Preparations for the children's presentation during that service will take place on 10/29 in the Open Classroom, 9:45 – 10:45. **Come in costume** and bring extra costumes for visitors. Children are also encouraged to collect funds for UNICEF on their own.

• **R.E. Parent Breakfast Potluck and Informational Gathering** - parents of children 5th grade and younger – please bring a dish to share and join members of your R.E. Committee as we gather in the Social Hall, Oct.22 at 9:30, for food, fellowship, and information.

• **If you are an R.E. parent who was unable to attend either the Youth Adult Potluck or the R.E. Parent Breakfast Potluck, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Lisa Willner, to set up a time for conversation about your child and our R.E. programs.**

Sunday Morning Adult Round Table

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

➔ **Oct. 1**--*A Taste of Small Group Ministry*. "The Covenant Group" experience at UUA General Assembly. **Kathy Thackeray** and **Janice Molnar**, speakers.

➔ **Oct. 8**--*Motivation - Doing the Right Thing for the Wrong Reason*. Can motivation serve as a component in a moral compass?

➔ **Oct. 15**--*Motivation*, cont'd. Is self-interest or personal honor the more effective motivation?

➔ **Oct. 22**--*Single Payer Healthcare - A Moral Solution*. Everyone deserves health care they need, but the current system turns away those who need it most — the poor and chronically sick. **Jill Harmer**, speaker.

➔ **Oct. 29**--*Peacemaking*. Should the UUA adopt a principle of nonviolence, rejecting all use of violence and war? UUA Study Action Issue; see the related article elsewhere in this issue.

Curricula meeting Oct 3, 6:30pm, library. For more information or to suggest a program, email the Curricula Team at smart@firstulou.org, or call Jasmine Walston at xxx-xxxx.

Mark Your Calenders!

Thursday, November 23, 2006.

Interweave's Annual

First U Community Thanksgiving

Doors open at 3:30pm. Sign up lists will magically appear soon, and you can contact **Debbie Silverman** with questions or offers of assistance: xxx-xxxx or xxx@xxxx.com. All are welcome; it's all volunteer. You make it happen.

News and Notes

Board Biz

- Board met and okayed the plan to begin Appreciative Inquiry as a whole church project, meeting in small groups in homes convenient to members in a geographic region
- Board decided that the Congregational Meeting which, by vote of the Annual Meeting, was to be held in the fall, will be broken up into two meetings: The first, dealing with budget issues to be scheduled, if possible, on October 29. Other issues (Constitutional Revisions, etc.) to be scheduled later in church year.
- For other Board business and decisions, please see the minutes, which will be available on the website or in hard copy in the Volunteer area.

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Monday 10:00 - 2:00

Tuesday 11:00 - 2:00

Thursday 11:00 - 2:00

Additional times available by appointment.

Racism and Classism

The General Assembly 2006 passed this Responsive Resolution: “Resolved, that the Delegates to General Assembly are charged to work with their congregations to hold at least one program over the next year to address racism or classism, and to report on that program at next year’s General Assembly.”

This resolution was a response to reports of

UUA officers at GA 2006 as well as events impacting UU communities of color, especially youth, at the 2005 and 2006 General Assemblies. This resolution invites us to reflect on how First Unitarian is dealing with racism and classism today. To get involved in planning these programs, contact Beverly Moore, xxxxxx@xxxx.com, xxx-xxxx.

Just among ourselves

The Partner Church Committee invites everyone to check www.firstulou.org or the PC kiosk in the social hall to access the most recent letter from **Sandor Botond**, the minister of our partner church in Nagyenyed, Romania.

Joe Hodge is continuing to make progress at home and is looking forward to the time when his doctor gives him permission to resume driving, so that he may attend services again. Meanwhile, he wants to be remembered to the church community.

Uwe Eickmann’s mother **Anita** died peacefully in her sleep in a nursing home in Kirchberg, Germany on August 31. She was 83 and had been ill for some time. Uwe and **Kathy** are so glad they were able to have a good visit with her when they traveled in Germany in July.



Social Responsibility

✓ Come to the social concerns table to speak out on issues and to get on a social action list serve so that your voice will be heard or write letters on current issues announced in the service. “If you think that you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito.” Bette Reese.

✓ For those interested in transforming the health care system, we are sending postcards to our metro council members to endorse HR676. Go to the Social Responsibilities bulletin board or www.pnhp.org for more information on this bill.



Special Breast Cancer Collection

from **Pat Allison**

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer will have its annual walk **October 22**. Our church members will be walking and carrying the Unitarian Universalist banner. We'll meet at the registration tent on Waterfront Park at 1:30 pm. Prior to that a special collection will be taken during one of our Celebration of Life services for October. The money collected will go to support the American Cancer Society's vital programs that fight breast cancer on all fronts: research, education, advocacy, and patient services. With our help, we will continue to make strides and change lives. I know we'll want to give generously to conquer a disease that has been a painful chapter in too many of our church members' lives.

Make Yourself a Part of the First Unitarian Welcome

from **Holly Hogue**

We are a “Welcoming Congregation.” The **Shared Ministry Committee** wants to share a few things with our fellow members about what is going on to help visitors feel more at home in our Church. When you see a blue name sticker on someone, it usually means that the person is a first-time visitor. If they sign the guest book, the visitor has a name tag waiting on the greeter desk for their next visit. If you see someone new, it would be wonderful if you would say, “hello” and see if you can answer any questions they may have. It is intimidating to walk into a room full of people chatting in their own little groups. Don't worry--if the visitors are shy or introverted, chances are slim that they will even walk into the social hall after a Celebration of Life.

Some of the things you can tell visitors about include:

➔ On the third Sunday of each month (except Nov. & Dec.) a tour of the Church will be given by **Anne Miller**.

➔ First U informational sessions will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month (except Nov. & Dec.) The Shared Ministry Committee prepares a light lunch for the attendees, so we like to know who is coming in advance. This also helps us know if we need to provide child care. Contact **Jay Dolen** or **Holly Hogue** if you know someone who will be interested in attending.

➔ The next UU Roots class will be led by our Interim Minister, **Betsy Scheuerman**, and our Shared Ministry Coordinator, **Linda Givens** on the following Chalice Nights: Oct. 11, 18, 25 & Nov. 1.

There are plenty of other things you can talk about with visitors. Please make the effort to do so. Who knows? You may be talking to a new true friend!

Chalice Night

Regular Wednesday Night Adult Religious Programming

from **Holly Hogue**

Each Wednesday night, Chalice Night presents an assortment of programming options open to all. Dinner is available (\$4, or \$2 for a small portion) 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.

October 4, 2006

- Dinner: Thai noodles, stir-fry vegetables, and General Tsao's chicken, Egg rolls, Baked rice pudding with orange sauce
- Centering Service: "Changes" - **Jane Martin Buckley**
- Programs: "Druidism" (Film and Open Discussion); Service Planning 101; and Those Liberal Sew & Sews.

October 11, 2006

- Dinner: Lentil vegetable soup, Cheesy biscuits, Green goddess salad, Triple chocolate brownies
- Centering Service: "Coming Out," **Beverly Moore**
- Programs: Coming Out Stories; UU Roots; Being a UU Parent 1 - What Values Are We Sharing with Our Children?; Public Ritual 101; Yuletide Fare Preparation; Open Improvisational Music & Dance Jam -- all ages welcome.

October 18, 2006

- Dinner: Chicken and dumplings or veggies and dumplings, Corn, Green beans, Cucumber salad, Frosted sugar cookies
- Centering Service: "A Taize Service UU Style" - **Carol Lehman**
- Programs: Factory Farms -- why do those people stand out in front of KFC anyway?; Thomas Merton - Community Dialogue, Local and Global - DVD and Discussion, 1st half, Guest Speaker **Mark Meade** (Merton Center,

Bellarmino); UU Roots; Being a UU Parent 2- Let's Talk About Family Life; and Yuletide Fare Preparation

October 25, 2006

- Dinner: West Indian Pumpkin Soup, Cheesy potato casserole, Mandarin salad, Chocolate monster cupcakes
- Centering Service: "Day of the Dead" - **Jill Sampson**
- Programs: Samhain: Then and Now; Thomas Merton- Community Dialogue, Local and Global - DVD and Discussion, 2nd half, **Mark Meade** (Merton Center, Bellarmino); Altar Building Workshop; UU Roots; Being a UU Parent 3- Resources for UUism in the Home; and Yuletide Fare Preparation.

Please check the web site <http://www.firstulou.org/re/chalicenight.html> for Chalice Night program changes, updates and more details.



Questions, Not Answers: I Wonder

I wonder how EVERYTHING really began.

I wonder if String Theory is right.

What is the meaning of life?

Is life a journey down from heaven?

Is life a never-ending dream?

I wonder if God is right.

I wonder if God is a boy or a girl.

I wonder if I wonder if I wonder.

(by the 3rd - 5th graders of First Unitarian Church)

Shared Ministry



At this time of the year I find myself “hunting” for school supply bargains in the sales papers on the Sunday. After awhile I realize this activity has no purpose in my life anymore, and I feel sad for a few seconds until I remember that fall now means a new kind of “hunting” for me. I am now involved in “hunting for” (or more appropriately “recruiting”) new office volunteers, “hunting” for updated member and friend information for the church database, and “hunting” for recent visitors to First U to let them know about UU Roots sessions that the church offers every year about this time.

As I begin my “hunt” this year, I seek your help. I ask that you consider volunteering your time for a few hours each week to help out in the church office. We could use additional help on Monday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons. I will be conducting a short training session soon. I also ask that you let me know about contact information changes so that I can make corrections in the database. You can either email cor-

Thanks to PRP Volunteers

from Roger Bradshaw

A big THANK YOU from the Denominational and Public Relations committee (DPR) to all of the volunteers for the Public Radio Partnership Fall 2006 Fund Drive. On Sunday, September 17, fifteen First Unitarian volunteers recorded phone pledges, bringing in much needed donations for the 3 Louisville public radio stations. Those who spent part of the day as volunteers included **Tom Barron, Joan Beal, Troy Jackson, Glenn Ellison, Jill Harmer, Jane Buckley, Tim Buckley, Kay Woodworth, Fran Fargen, Joe Kremer, John Scruton** and **danielle rogers-candee**.

rections to shared_ministry@bellsouth.net or you can leave them in my tray in the volunteer area of the church. Finally, if you know a visitor or new member who might be interested in attending the UU Roots class beginning on Chalice Night, October 11, and running for three weeks following that, please invite them or let me know about them so that I can send a written invitation.

And - totally unrelated to my fall “hunt” I want to thank the Board for finding Betsy! She brings a sensitive, professional leadership to the office, and already this has become a pleasant, energizing place to work. So thanks to those who worked long and hard to bring quality leadership to First U during our interim period.

And while I’m expressing gratitude, thanks to the Personnel Committee for filling the Office Manager position just in time for the new church year.

Linda

Linda Givens
Shared Ministry Coordinator
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9:00am-2:00pm on Mon., Tues, Thurs.

9:00am-noon on Weds.

Other times by appointment.

Interweave

from Angela Klueber

Interweave will be having a meeting on **Friday, October 20, at 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.com or xxx-xxxx.

Denominational Relations

from Jasmine Walston

Heartland Happenings

- The Heartland District will elect a new UUA Trustee representing the District by mail ballot next Spring. Nominating petitions will be accepted through January 15, 2007. For a copy of the Nominating Petition Form and Rules of Procedure, contact the church office or Jasmine Walston, xxxxxx@xxx.com or xxx-xxxx.
- Workshop Requests are being accepted through October 15 for the Heartland Annual Meeting, March 30 thru April 1 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. If you are interested in leading a workshop, contact the church office or Jasmine Walston for the request form. **Gini Courter**, UUA Moderator, will be the Keynote Speaker, and the theme will be "Connect the Dots."

Peacemaking

The newly adopted UUA Study Action Issue (SAI) is "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?" Handouts are available in the volunteer area.

Sunday Morning Adult Round Table, will host an introductory conversation on the question of Peacemaking on Oct 29 at 9:30am. Please plan to attend, and watch for additional opportunities throughout the coming months. The Denominational Relations Sub-Committee will collect comments and report them to the UUA Commission on Social Witness in Boston.

An SAI is an invitation for congregations and districts to take a topic of concern, confront it, reflect on it, learn about it, respond to it, comment on it, and take action - each in their own way. A SAI is NOT a statement -- it is a ques-

tion. The original text is intended to frame the issue, and a statement is developed over four years. Delegates to General Assembly 2010 will be asked to debate and vote on a Statement of Conscience on "Peacemaking."

For more information, pick up a handout from the volunteer area; visit www.uua.org/csw; or contact Jasmine Walston, xxxxxx@xxx.com or xxx-xxxx.

Moral Values for a Pluralistic Society

First U's work on the final year of the "Moral Values" UUA Study Action Issue (SAI) continues with the UUA "Ethics" Curriculum and critique of the draft Statement of Conscience. Check the Sunday Morning Adult Round Table schedule, and watch for additional opportunities.

The Denominational Relations Sub-Committee will collect comments on the "Moral Values" draft and report them to the UUA Commission on Social Witness in Boston. Delegates to General Assembly 2007 will be asked to debate and vote on a revised Statement of Conscience. For more information, pick up a copy of the draft from the volunteer area; visit www.uua.org/csw; or contact Jasmine Walston, xxxxxx@xxxx.com or xxx-xxxx.

Welcome, Cathy!

The Personnel Committee is happy to announce the addition of a new staff member, **Cathy Kaiser**, who will serve as office manager for First Unitarian. Cathy comes to us with many years of experience in business and looks forward to working with other members of our staff and with First U members and friends. Her office hours will be 12:00noon-4:00pm, Mon.-Fri. Please make it a point to welcome Cathy when you meet her in the office or speak to her on the phone.

Building Use Calendar for October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldm's Act 9:45a YAC 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30p MS Yth 12:30p MusicCmt 12:30p WshpCmt 2p *Private evt	2 7p Drum Circle	3 6:30 RE Cmt	4 2p Village Play Group 2p Partner Church Cmt 5:30p Chalice Night	5 7:15p Choir	6 3:30p *Private Evt 7p Drum Circle	7 4p *Private evt
8 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldm's Act 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30p MS Yth 12:30p Luncheon	9 6p Cong. Services Cmt 7pm Interweave	10 6p Activities Cmt 6:45 Council	11 2p Village Play Group 5:30p Chalice Night	12 6:30p PDR subcmt 7:15p Choir	13	14 9a House & Grounds Work Day 3p OWL
15 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldm's Act 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30p MS Yth 12:30p ChrchTour	16 11:00a Brown- baggers 6:30p Public Relations Cmt	17 6p Board 6:30p Social Resp Cmt	18 2p Village Play Group 5:30p Chalice Night	19 7:15p Choir	20 5p Service Auction set up 6p Interweave	21 9a -- evening Service Auction 3p OWL
22 9:30a SMART 9:30a RE Parent Breakfast Potluck 9:45a Chldm's Act 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30p MS Yth 12:30p SharedMin Info Session 6p Circle Suppers	23 6:15p Shared Ministry Cmt	24	25 2p Village Play Group 5:30p Chalice Night	26 7:15p Choir	27 7p UUCF	28 3p OWL 7p *Private evt
29 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldm's Act 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30p MS Yth 3p *Private evt 6p CUUPS	30	31 7p Finance Cmt				* 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.

October 1 *On Turning. The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman.* The Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is known as the Sabbath of Turning. This Celebration of Life focuses on themes of the Jewish Days of Awe.

October 8 *Shadow and Light. The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman.* Psychologist Carl Jung declared that every person has a shadow side. Ambrose Bierce defined a saint as a “dead sinner, revised and edited.” But Walt Whitman wrote, “In the faces of men and women I see God, and in my own face in the glass.” How do we get in touch with our inner saint? Can we acknowledge our shadow side? When we look at ourselves and those we encounter, do we see the shadow, or the light?

October 15 *Service Honoring National Coming Out Day. Troy Jackson,* worship leader; **Katy Brown,** worship associate. On October 11, 1987, half a million people marched on Washington, D.C. for gay and lesbian equality. Events of National Coming Out Day are aimed at expanding everyone’s awareness of the GLBTQ community.

October 22 *A Slice of Pi. The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman.* Think you are a universalist? A few years ago, Yann Martel wrote a novel called *The Life of Pi*, which tells the story of Pi (who else?). Pi can teach us a thing or two, about religion, love, and life.

October 29 *Dia De Los Muertos. Troy Jackson,* worship leader; **Fred Lehman,** worship associate. Our annual inter-generational celebration honoring our ancestors who dug the wells from which we drink. Our children will be trick-or-treating for UNICEF at this service, so please bring plenty of change.