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Thanksgiving Feast Planned at First U

Green bean casserole, sweet potatoes-mashed, glazed, whipped, turkey with homemade cornbread dressing, hummus, creamed corn, vegan offerings, ham, gluten-free stuffing, pumpkin pie, chocolate cake, and on and on and ...

Thanksgiving is a time when we gather with those we care about to share the bounty of the year. At First Unitarian, we have over the years offered an open Thanksgiving Day Dinner to share with our church family, friends, and relations.

This is a collective effort, organized by Interweave and made possible by your participation. Sign up sheets will be available starting Sunday Nov 5, in the social hall.

This year the meal will begin at 3:30pm. Doors open at 3pm. Contact **Debbie Silverman** for more information at xxxxxx@xxxx.com or xxx-xxx.

**The Religious Education Committee
of First Unitarian Church invites you to a**



**Family Folk Dance* and Potluck
Saturday, November 11**

Featuring our very special guests
Dance Caller: Randy Wilson

Musicians: Cari Norris, Jim McGee, and Terry White

Potluck at 6:00 Dancing to Follow at 7:30

Please bring your favorite potluck dish, your dancing shoes (optional!) and come on down to this multigenerational celebration!

* No previous dancing experience required!

Love is the spirit of this church...

From Your Interim Minister

I have been haunted by a story, told or retold by Marsha Sinetar, and collected in Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat's book, *Spiritual Literacy*. It goes like this:

"A king had a son whom he adored. The boy was bright and handsome—perfect in every way, except he had a hunched back. All the king could look at, when he gazed upon his son, was the deformation. The king was desperate for someone to fix his son, and offered a huge reward. Wise women and men traveled from near and far, to try to earn the reward. None succeeded, and the boy's back grew more and more deformed.

But one day, a tiny old woman, wrinkled as a prune, happened into the kingdom, and told the king, 'I don't need or want your reward, but I have your answer.' She told the king to have a sculptor create an exact replica of his son—except with a straight back.

The king did as she had asked. Every day as the little boy played, he studied the figure. He started to feel, 'Why, that's me!' And slowly, the boy's back straightened. The boy's identification with the marble sculpture had been so complete that he believed it represented him—straight back and all. Body obeyed belief."

The story disturbs me, because it implies that a false, idealized representation may be more healing than a true depiction. Surely denial and distortion are an unsound basis on which to rely, for transformation. Maybe the son needed to be loved and accepted as he was, and not for who he could be. Can it really be that rose-colored glasses are the answer?

And yet. And yet. There is truth in the story, too. More often than not, people and churches become what they think they are. More often than not, focusing on what is wrong, on what needs fixing, leads to more rather than less de-

formation. And transformation happens when people and churches internalize a nobler version of themselves. Tell a child, she is selfish, and she likely becomes more selfish. Tell a child she is generous, and she likely becomes more generous. Perception often does become reality.

In this season of harvest and thanksgiving, I invite you to see yourselves and the church as the warm, caring, inclusive, loving, generous community, that you truly are, already. If you haven't yet done so, participate in the Appreciative Inquiry process. You, and First, will reap the fruits.

Blessings,

Betsy



Appreciative Inquiry

from **Linette Lowe**

First Church is engaged in exploring what works well for us through the Appreciative Inquiry process. Small groups of congregants will be invited to gather in each others' homes for "cottage meetings" to interview each other and gather input through mid-November. Then our recorded comments will be sifted through to establish the themes that emerge from our conversations about why we come to First Church.

Thank you to those who are hosting, facilitating and recording our cottage meetings, and thank you, too, to those who are attending and sharing your perspectives. Stay tuned for more Appreciative Inquiry updates!

by **Linette Lowe**

The Board met Oct. 17 at 6:00pm. The Board will be holding a forum for discussion with congregants each quarter beginning in November; look for dates forthcoming. We are moving forward with our support of the 2007-08 Stewardship Campaign and the Appreciative Inquiry process that is part of our interim commitment; we encourage everyone to get involved in both efforts. In addition, the Board is planning a called congregational meeting in early January to give the congregation a financial update, as promised at the last Annual Meeting. The full minutes of this meeting will be available on the church website in a members-only page as well as on a kiosk in the social hall once they are approved at the Nov. 7 Board meeting.



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Council is answering the call, from a few church members and committee chairs, to try Committee Chair Meetings to provide communication among committees through their chairs. The Council goals reflect this, "Council will have three Committee Chair gatherings during the church year 2006 - 2007." The next Committee Chair gathering will occur on Tuesday evening, November 14, in the Social Hall. There will be a light supper, John Findling will give a short presentation, and then we will hear from the committee chairs and share information.

From past (about 15 or so years ago) history of First U these meetings work best if every committee is represented by the chair or the person who is designated to be the chair for the next church year or by a committee member. We hope all church committees (both program and board committees) will send a representative. Each representative will report on the committee's work toward their goals thus far in this church year.

If you have any questions please contact your committee's liaison or **Kathy Thackeray** or **Kathy Drehmel**. See you on November 14.



Service Auction: Another Great Year!

To everyone who participated in this year's great fundraising (with an emphasis on the FUNdraising) event, a huge thank-you! Whether you donated items or bought them, helped with food or just enjoyed eating it, you can pat yourself on the back for helping make the Service Auction a great success. The total amount raised was up -- preliminary count was more than **\$11,500**, with raffle and food and late sales still to be added.

Reviews

What a delight to see so many new faces in our 2nd floor R.E. classrooms and hallways! A very warm welcome to one and all. I hope you're finding your way around, and making sense of our program offerings.

Members of the R.E. Committee, teachers, and I love your questions, and are happy to talk with you on Sunday mornings. During the week, please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail with any questions, comments, or ideas you may have.

Please get out your calendars, and take a careful look at the R.E. Announcements. In addition to Sunday morning classes, I hope you'll join us this month for food, dancing, music, and general merrymaking!

Peace,

Lisa

R.E. Announcements

➔ It's time for our annual **Family Folk Dance and Potluck**. Please join us for food, fellowship, multigenerational dancing, and some great old-time music. November 11, 6:00 potluck and 7:30 dancing.

➔ The **Youth Adult Committee** will meet on November 5, 9:45 - 10:45 in the R.E. Library.

➔ The **Junior High Our Whole Lives** sexuality education class continues this month with sessions on November 4 (3:00 - 7:00 at Thomas Jefferson), November 11 (3:00 till 9:00 Sunday morning at First U), and November 18, (3:00 - 6:00 at TJ). There will be a parent/youth completion celebration on November 18 from 6:00 - 8:30. Congratulations to all of our OWL participants and instructors for their commitment to this important program.

➔ If you are an R.E. parent who was unable to attend either the Youth Adult Potluck or the R.E. Parent Breakfast, please contact our Director of Religious Education to discuss your and your child's participation in our programs.

➔ **R.E. Parents** - If you have not done so, please complete a 2006-2007 Registration form for your child(ren). Forms are available from the DRE, R.E. teachers, or on the R.E. pages of the First U website. We can also use donations of juice and boxed snacks for all our classrooms.

➔ **R.E. Teachers** - You are invited to a Teacher Appreciation and Support gathering on Sunday morning, November 12, 9:45 - 10:45 in the R.E. Library. Breakfast will be served. Please contact Lisa Willner if you are unable to attend.

➔ **Guest at Your Table collection boxes** to benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee will be distributed at the November 19 Multigenerational Celebration of Life. We hope that every First U family will participate in this social action project to support the ongoing humanitarian work of the UUSC.

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IMPORTANT HOLIDAY PREPARATIONS

The Religious Education Holiday Celebration of Life is scheduled on December 17. This year's theme is *A Season of Wonder*. Music preparation begins this month!

Please join our **Choir for All Ages** to prepare music for the Dec.17 service. This once-a-year, time-limited and inclusive choir is open to singers of all experience levels, ages, heights, vocal parts, etc. Neither talent nor experience is a requirement for participation! Rehearsals will be held 9:45-10:45 in the social hall on Sunday mornings, November 19, 26, and December 3 and 10. Contact Lisa Willner for more information.

Call for child and youth musicians!

We need plenty of talented young people to play (or sing) all music for the Dec.17 R.E. Holiday Celebration of Life. **Auditions will be held in the Choir Room immediately after church on November 19 and 26.** Winter holiday music only please! Contact Lisa for more information.

Sunday Morning Adult Round Table

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

- **Nov. 5--Responsibility: *The Difficult Art of Doing Good.*** How do the consequences of our actions affect our moral choices?
- **Nov. 12--Responsibility.** Principles and consequences can pull us in opposite directions. What are the pitfalls of trying to do good?
- **Nov. 19--Situation: *What Is Going On Here Morally?*** Which principles apply in a given situation?
- **Nov. 26--Situation.** When we consider a specific situation in selecting the appropriate moral action, how can we avoid slipping into rationalization?

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.



Festival of Faiths ~ Nov. 5-11

The Center for Interfaith Relations' 11th annual Festival of Faiths will take place from November 5-11. The theme of the 2006 Festival is *Death and Dying Through the Eyes of Faith*. Details about Festival events and event registration are available at the Center for Interfaith Relations' web page: www.interfaithrelations.org.

The mission of the Festival of Faiths is "To celebrate the diversity of our faiths, be grateful for our unity and strengthen the role of religion in society." First U is planning to have a booth at this festival and would like those interested in working the table to contact **Trish Packowski**. Also, there is an interfaith breakfast on Thursday morning and it would be nice to have a good turnout from our congregation.

News and Notes

Brownbaggers

Grampa Schreiber did not care for the fundamentalist funeral orations of his day, so he taped his own. The tape was ready when he died, but Jess's mom and dad made sure that it would not be heard at his funeral. It was too far to the left and too agnostic to suit them. After all, they did not want grampa to risk eternal damnation.

Jess has a printed copy of the words on that tape (the tape itself has vanished). Will you give an audience to his words? You don't have to agree with them, but please consider them. Come and be the first group ever to hear them.

Time: 12 noon, Nov. 20

Place: Library, First Unitarian Church
Bring: Brownbag lunch and pleasantries

Interweave

Upcoming Events

✓ **Co-Sponsorship** - Why is Interweave co-sponsoring discussions on polyamory? What does co-sponsorship mean? Please bring your comments, questions, and ideas. All are welcome. **Monday, November 13, 7pm**

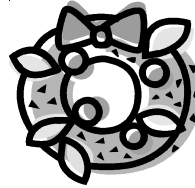
✓ **What Does It Mean to be an Ally?** - Potluck starts at 5:30, discussion starts at 6:30. **Bev Moore** will lead our discussion on what it means to be an ally to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals. All are welcome. **Friday, November 17, 5:30pm**

✓ **Thanksgiving Dinner** - Interweave's Annual First U Community Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23, 2006. Doors open at 3:30pm. Sign up lists be in the social hall starting November 5. All are welcome; it's all volunteer. You make it happen.

Contact **Debbie Silverman** for more information at xxxxxx@xxxx.com or xxx-xxxx.

Join the Fun of Yuletide Fare!

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, Dec. 9**, First Unitarian Church will host our **2nd annual Yuletide Fare**, opening the church to the commu-



nity and selling a wide variety of homemade foods and crafts, as well as serving an elegant luncheon. Last year, 100+ adults and youth worked together to make the Yuletide Fare a success, netting more than \$4,000 to benefit our church and its programs. We hope even more people will choose to help this year.

The Yuletide Fare planning group invites all First Unitarian individuals, committees, and groups to be a part of this church event. Volunteers have already begun sewing, shopping, and cooking. But we need **YOUR** help! The Yuletide Fare planning group will provide all the supplies and recipes, and we'll have someone there to help. Sign up in the social hall after the Celebration of Life or contact **Tiffany Taylor**, xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxx.com or xxx-xxxx, for specific times and ways that you can be part of this fun event.

Send Greetings to Romania

The **Partner Church Committee** is presenting a program on Chalice Night, November 8. We will be making Christmas cards using stamps and other colorful decorations. We're also planning to take digital pictures of families and small groups of people, identifying them and emailing them to our Partner Church. We're asking Elod, our minister's younger son, to do the same at our Partner Church. Please plan to come to send greetings to our friends in Nagyenyed. Contact **Carol Findling** or **Greg Gapsis** if you can write a letter to our Partner Church once this year.

Social Responsibility

Taking a Stand for Desegregation

from **Beverly Moore**

The future of school desegregation in Louisville and racial equity in the nation could depend on the outcome of the upcoming US Supreme Court case *Meredith vs Jefferson County Public Schools* that challenges the use of race in student assignment to schools. At the Community Forum presented at First Unitarian on Oct. 29, speakers spoke to the need to preserve diversity and desegregation of our schools and community.

You can help. A list of talking points is available in the Volunteers area for anyone who is willing to take a few minutes to write a letter to the editor or to the Supreme Court. Please help us convince the Supreme Court that Louisville does not want to return to the inequities of the segregated past. Although there is still much to be done to eliminate vestiges of segregation and Jim Crow laws, we must continue to move forward, not go backward.

Kroger Bucks: Looking Up!

from **Bob Reed**

Twenty-four members/friends of the congregation purchased \$5,340 from Kroger during the month of September, quite a bit more than we had been purchasing for several months. That's what happens when we remember regularly to use our Kroger Bucks gift cards.

Cards, already "loaded" for \$20, can be purchased for \$20 from Social Responsibility Committee members on any Sunday in the social hall during the coffee hour. They will be a featured item on November 5. If you don't already have one, or need another one, or new one, buy one, and if you have one, **use it, use it, use it**. Kroger rebates to us, as a congregation, 4% of everything we buy.

Global Warming Update

from **Roger Ohlman**

According to Safe Climate (www.safeclimate.net) every gallon of gasoline we can reduce in our cars is 20 pounds of CO2 less in our atmosphere, every kwh of electricity is 1.34 pounds and ccf (100 cubic ft.) of natural gas is 14 pounds less CO2 in our atmosphere. The SR Committee invites church members to join us in reducing the impact we have on our interconnected web of life.

We can simply add up these numbers, over the past 12 months, from our utility bills and miles on our cars; then set a goal to reduce those numbers by 10, 20 percent or more over the next 12 months. The safe climate web site suggest ways to do this. It also has a calculator to figure your carbon foot print: <http://www.safeclimate.net/calculator/>. It will take no more than 5 minutes to enter your numbers and get results. Note: The calculator figures natural gas in 1000 cubic feet and your gas bill is in 100 cubic feet. Let us know how you're coming.



"Thank You" from the SR Committee

from **Joan Johnson**

Social Responsibility is truly impressed with our church's commitment to social issues. Thanks to all who volunteered at the KyRCRC booth at the State Fair. One-third of the volunteers were UUs, including **Elena xxxxx** from our church school. Our thanks, too, to **Raymond Peart**, who organized a group to cleanup for Operation Brightside; to all who sent postcards to Metro Council members, who voted 14-9 to support HR 676; and to all who supported the cancer walk. We appreciate you, one and all!

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

November 1, 2006

Dinner: Couscous salad with corn & black-eyed peas, Sweet potato-cashew bake, Sour cream corn bread, Chocolate chip cookies

Centering Service: "The Persistence of Memories" - **Malcolm Turner**

Programs: Factory Farms -- why do those people stand out in front of KFC anyway?; UU Roots; Liberal Sew & Sews; Yuletide Fare Preparation, and Open Improvisational Music & Dance Jam - all ages welcome

November 8, 2006

Dinner: Fiesta Frittata Casserole, Confetti Salad, Biscuits, Caramel bars

Centering Service: "Mysticism" - **Gary Drehmel**

Programs: Making Christmas Cards for Partner Church; The Power of Words; Confusing food -- what the studies tell you and don't tell you about some foods; Being a UU Parent 4-Holidays and Celebrations; and Yuletide Fare Preparation

November 15, 2006

Dinner: Meatloaf or veggie loaf, Scalloped cauliflower gratin, Green Beans, Bread, Sour cream pound cake with fudge sauce

Centering Service: "Listening" - **Janice**

Molnar and Holly Hogue

Programs: Covenant Groups Sample; Being a UU Parent 5- Living Our Beliefs; Goal Setting with the Board; and Yuletide Fare Preparation

November 29, 2006

Dinner: Lentil vegetable soup, Cheesy biscuits, Green goddess salad, White chocolate brown sugar bars

Centering Service: "Candle Magic" - **Jozi xxxxxxxx**

Programs: Goal Setting with the Board and Yuletide Fare Preparation

The UU Christian Fellowship will meet at 7pm on Nov. 10 to discuss the Marcus Borg book *The Heart of Christianity*. We will be finishing up the chapter on "Faith," and beginning the chapter on "God." If you don't have a book, you are still welcome to attend and join in the discussion. UUCF will meet only once this month due to the holiday. Contact **Geneva Fry** for more information.



Music Notes

✓ The choir will be performing Mozart's *Missa Brevis in F* with orchestra for the **Vespers service this Christmas Eve**. Choir rehearsals for Vespers will start the first week of November on Thursday evenings from 7:15-8:15 p.m. All singers are welcome.

✓ **All singers, instrumentalists, and musicians!** If you are interested in participating in prelude music for the Vespers service, please contact **William Plummer** or place a note in the music mailbox in the office.

Church Matters

Our Unitarian Universalist Principles

(as written for children by the UUA, but also a handy statement for adults...)

We believe:

- That each and every person is important.
- That all people should be treated fairly and kindly.
- That we should accept one another and keep on learning together.
- That each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life.
- That all persons should have a vote about the things that concern them.
- In working for a peaceful, fair, and free world.
- In caring for our planet earth, the home we share with all living things.

Just among ourselves

Please keep **Audrey Schulz**, who will undergo hip replacement surgery on Nov. 8, in your thoughts. Audrey wants us to know that she is not dreading this ordeal but rather looking forward to an improvement in her quality of life.

Three of our First U 6th graders were selected to sing in this month's KY Choral Directors Association All-State Children's Choir. Congratulations to **Lydia xxxxxxxx**, **Zoe xxxxxxxx**, and **Eliza xxxxxxxx**!

Did You Know?

Did you know about some of the unique ways our church building is used?

- First, on Monday night, October 16, a group of UUs from Wooster, Ohio, UU Fellowship stopped at First U on their way to Biloxi to help with some rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina damage. They stayed overnight in the Choir Room and were treated to breakfast and coffee before they continued their trip the next morning.
- Second, First U provides monthly meeting space for Kids Against Global Warming and Greenhouse Gases. The Social Responsibility Committee approved KAGWAGG's application for money from the Tachau Fund to be used for their rental fees. (BTW- The Tachau Fund was set up several years ago for the purpose of underwriting rental fees for social service organizations in the community. If you would like to contribute to this fund, or if you would like more information about it, see or call either someone on Social Responsibility or **Linda Givens**.)



Linda Givens

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9:00am-noon on Weds.

Other times by appointment.

Denominational Relations

from Jasmine Walston

Heartland Happenings

- The Heartland District is bringing volunteer training to us! Please plan to sharpen your skills at an all day cluster seminar at Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, Louisville, covering three topics: Stewardship, Membership/Lay Leader Development, and Religious Education. The seminar will be held on Sat., Jan 13, from 9am to 4pm. The early bird registration fee through Jan 5 is \$25 and includes lunch. Child care may be reserved for \$10/child for those who reserve it no later than Jan 3. Onsite registration will be \$30 and will not include lunch or child care. Let's contribute to a good turnout and encourage the Heartland bring to us more cluster training opportunities in the future.
- The Heartland will elect a new UUA Trustee representing the District by mail ballot next Spring. Nominating petitions will be accepted through January 15, 2007. Nominating Petition Form and Rules of Procedure available in the church office or www.heartlanduu.org
- Workshop Requests are still being accepted for the Heartland Annual Meeting, March 30 through April 1 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. If you are interested in leading a workshop, contact the church office for the request form, or visit www.heartlanduu.org. Gini Courter, UUA Moderator, will be the Keynote Speaker, and the theme will be "Connect the Dots."
- The Heartland may sponsor two workshops, performances, or presentations at the 2007 General Assembly in Portland, OR. If you have a program you'd like present at GA, contact Rev. Lisa Presley, Interim District Executive, for details on how to apply; de@heartlanduu.org, xxx-xxx-xxxx or xxx-xxx-xxxx.
- For information about these Heartland Happenings, contact Jasmine Walston at xxx-xxxx or xxxxxxx@xxxx.com.

UUA Participation

- 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.
- The Round Table introductory conversation on Peacemaking will be rescheduled. The Denominational Relations Sub-Committee will collect comments and report them to the UUA Commission on Social Witness in Boston. Delegates to General Assembly 2010 will be asked to debate and vote on a Statement of Conscience on "Peacemaking."
- 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.
- For more information, pick up a handout from the volunteer area; visit www.uua.org/csw; or contact **Jasmine Walston** at xxx-xxxx or xxxxxxx@xxxx.com or **Beverly Moore**.

HELP Needs Our 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 the following: deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, toilet paper and soap.

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

Building Use Calendar for November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldm's Act 9:45a YAC 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30 New Mmbr Luncheon 12:30p MusicCmt 12:30p WrshpCmt 1p MS Yth	6 1p Bldg Use Cmt 6p Cong. Services Cmt	7 6:30p RE Cmte 6:30p SMART Curric. Team 6:30p SocResp Cmte.	8 2p Village Play Group 5:30p Chalice Night	9 5:30p Personnel Cmte. 6:30p PDR subcmt 7:15p Choir	10	11 8:30a *Private evt 3pm OWL 5p Family Potluck & Dance
12 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldm's Act 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 1p MS Yth 1p Goal Planning & Luncheon	13 7p Interweave	14 6p Activities Cmte 6:45p Council	15 2p Village Play Group 2:45p *Private evt 5:30p Chalice Night	16 11:45a *Private evt 7:15p Choir	17 6p Interweave	18 3p OWL - offsite 4:40p *Private evt 8p *Private evt 8:30p OWL family celebration
19 9:30a SMART 9:45a Goal Setting 9:45a Chldm's Ac 9:45a Choir for All Agest 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:15p Auditions 12:30p Chrch Tour 1p MS Yth 1p Yuletide Cookg	20 11:30a Brownbagggers 6:30p Public Rel	21 6p Board	22 2p Village Play Group 3p Thanksgiving Set Up 5:30p Chalice Night	23 3p Thanksgiving Dinner	24 11a Yuletide Cooking 7p UUCF	25 9a House & Grounds 10a Yuletide Cooking
26 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldm's Act 9:45a Choir for All Ages 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12p Yuletide Ckng 12:15p Auditions 1p MS Yth 6p *KAGWAGG	27 6:15p Shared Ministry Cmte	28 7p Finance Cmt	29 2p Village Play Group 5:30p Chalice Night	30 7:15p Choir		* 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.

November 5 *The Church, The State, and The Voting Booth.* **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman.** What is the relationship between church and state, religion and politics? What ought to be the relationship? How separate are they, anyway? Is it time for a divorce?

November 12 *Being Grace.* **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman.** Theologians have wrestled with the concept of grace for hundreds of years. But fools rush in where angels fear to tread....

November 19 *Giving Thanks.* **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman.** I have always regarded Thanksgiving with suspicion. So often the message seemed to be, "Be thankful that you are better off than some other person," which can easily translate into being thankful for someone else's misery. How do we give thanks appropriately? At this Celebration of Life, we will gather as a community, and practice giving thanks.

November 26 *Thanksgiving.* **Barbara Coles and Michael Wilding.** A giving of thanks, an expression of gratitude, a celebration of what we have received. Are we always aware of our good fortune? America is only one of many countries to set aside a special period of thanks giving. Hear about the common thread of gratitude we share.