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Interweave Homecoming and Civil Marriage Banner Rededication Planned for May 12

from **Debbie Silverman**

As part of the ongoing 175th Celebration, Interweave and Adult OWL are joining together to celebrate two wonderful events!

Starting at 7pm on May 12 we will rededicate our Civil Marriage Banner in a short ceremony. Then we will reconvene in the Social Hall to celebrate 10 Years of Interweave. We will share cake by **Tiffany Taylor**, munchies provided by church members, and partying and dancing to music DJ'd by the Righteous **Ralph Moss**.

Please contact **Debbie Silverman**, xxx-xxxx, or the church office, 589-6028/585-5110, for more information.

If you know past members or friends of the church that would enjoy this event, please let them know, or forward contact info. to Debbie.

UU Campout at O'Bannon Woods

from **Roger Ohlman**

Mark your calendars for this year's **UU campout June 9-11 at O'Bannon Woods** - formerly Wyandotte Woods. For those who have not been before, this is an opportunity to get away in a beautiful woodland setting in Southern Indiana with UUs. We have asked TJ and Clifton to join us. Activities and non-activities abound – relax, read, play games, relax, sit around the campfire, sing, relax, play music, engage in serious and fun discussions, hike, canoe and much more. We will continue the tradition of the nighttime children's shoebox parade. There is also a nature center. The facilities are clean and can accommodate over 100. More information to come. **Coordinators – John Nader and Roger Ohlman**



Celebrating 175 Years in Louisville

Notes from Norm

As we rapidly approach the end of the current church year, it is a good time to remember some of the highlights. It is difficult to remember everything. I apologize in advance if your personal favorite memories didn't get onto my no doubt incomplete list. Here are at least a few things I can remember in no particular order.

I want to acknowledge four successful years of our Wednesday Chalice Night dinners, worship and programming. Special kudos go to **Chef Tiffany** and her crew. The work, love and joy that go into making it all happen is shared ministry at its best. **Linda Givens** and I co-taught over 20 prospective new members in two UU Roots courses during Chalice Night this year.

Our young people and the Coming of Age programs have always been reason for pride at First Unitarian. The ten incredible young people in this year's group are an exceptional combination of unique gifts, personalities and chemistry. Plan to be at our Celebration of Life on June 4 to honor the completion of this year long program by our fabulous youth.

Three things this year have brought home the growing generosity of First Unitarian. The first of these was our response to flooding in the Gulf Coast and Transylvania. We earmarked about \$4,000 from your gifts and a matching grant from our Kroger Bucks for flood relief. Flood relief has been on-going as we have provided help for the Jacksons, a large extended family who have relocated here from New Orleans.

Further demonstrating your generosity is what may end up being the most successful canvass ever. The hard work of many people and a great canvass dinner have begun to move us in the direction of greater financial responsibility. The third thing I wanted to mention about your generosity was the observation from the accounting consultant with whom we have been work-

ing. In reviewing our finances he couldn't help but notice how generous we were in giving to help to those in need in our community and the larger world. Our outreach to others is noteworthy.

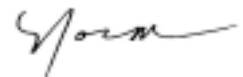
The Yuletide Fair, a reincarnation of the Food Fair of yesteryear, was both a communal and financial success that produced lots of yummy gifts for the holidays.

The 175th Anniversary celebrations added many memorable events to the church year. The way that the commemorative quilt and the service to unveil it came together was inspiring. And, I don't think I'll ever forget the passion with which **Jane Martin Buckley** and Susan B. Anthony (**Pat Allison**) spoke at the unveiling of the historic marker celebrating Ms. Anthony's visit to First Church at the end of the 19th century.

Despite the highs of the past year there are two regrets I must mention. They involve the loss of two key staff members. The first is **John Durham**, our Building Supervisor for over 3½ years. Medical considerations have forced John to end his employment relationship with our church. John put his heart and soul into caring for our building and hosting outsiders who used our facilities. He is already sorely missed by church members and co-workers.

The second key staff person we will be losing at the end of this church year is our Music Director, **Rebecca Johnson**. She has been awarded a Fellowship to the University of Illinois to pursue her Ph.D. in music. She has brought a level of joy, creativity, talent and fun to our music program that will be difficult to replace, and she too will be greatly missed.

Thanks to all of you who have helped make this church year memorable.



from **Beverly Moore**

The Pledge Drive Committee is proud to report pledges for the 2006-2007 year. At this point the actual pledges are \$157,681 with 147 families and individuals pledging. However, we have not been able to reach a few people, and we expect about 10 more pledges to bring our total to approximately \$165,500. That estimated figure is higher than our pledges have ever been (although it does not match the needed increase due to inflation).

Sometimes, we miss new people to the church or others. If you have not been contacted by a Pledge Drive Volunteer and would like to help support the church, please email **Beverly Moore**, (xxxxxx@xxx.xxx) or call xxx-xxxx.

A great thank you to everyone who has been so welcoming of our volunteer canvassers and who has pledged to support the life and ministry of First Unitarian Church.



Welcome New Members

from **Linda Givens**, Shared Ministry Coordinator

New members will be formally welcomed to First Unitarian on **Sunday, May 7**, during the Celebration of Life. While others may sign the membership book before then, we want to celebrate those who have signed at this point.

Welcome to **Robert and Katy Brown**, **Michael and Janice Molnar**, and **Michael Avery**. These new members already have made creative, positive contributions to First Unitarian. We hope that First U can do the same for them.

“Terquasquicentennial” Minutes

As part of the 175th anniversary of First Unitarian Church and as a service to its members and friends, Steepletalk will publish a series of important dates in the history of the church. (Note: “Terquasquicentennial” is the Latin-derived numerical name for the number 175.)

- * On April 27, 1941, The Rev. Mr. Carl Bihldorff gives a sermon supporting the *CourierJournal*'s controversial editorial in favor of birth control.
- * On April 30, 1967, the congregation holds a memorial service for the Rev. Mr. David Brown.
- * In May 1973, Metropolitan Community Church, a Christian church of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered communities, begins holding services at First Unitarian Church.
- * On May 14, 1854, the Western Conference of Unitarian Association meets in Louisville.
- * On May 11, 1961, the Unitarians and Universalists formally merge.
- * On May 19, 2002, the Rev. Mr. Norbert Stewart is called as settled minister.
- * On May 27, 1832, the First Unitarian church building at Fifth and Walnut Streets (now Muhammad Ali Boulevard) is dedicated.



Reviews

This is a hectic and exciting time in our Religious Education programming with many Big Events still ahead of us for this year, and lots of planning to be done for next. Still coming up as I write this is our annual Youth Celebration of Life on April 23, a Heartland District Middle School Youth Con (April 28-30); the final Quarterly Meeting for our Coming of Age program, as well as planning for the Coming of Age Celebration of Life on June 4, and a celebration for participants later that evening. And our annual R.E. Recognition Celebration of Life is scheduled for May 21.

Looking ahead to next year, we've been meeting with folks from Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church in preparation for next year's offering of the 7th/8th grade Our Whole Lives program. This comprehensive and UU-values based approach to sexuality education is, I think, among the most important elements of the ministry of our church and our denomination. Doing it well requires training and careful planning. Another important aspect of planning a smooth transition into the next church year is creating continuity between outgoing and incoming members of the Religious Education Committee -- those hard-working and committed volunteers who take on much of the hands-on responsibility for our excellent programs. A third piece of ensuring a quality religious education program for next year involves identifying future R.E. teachers -- folks with a demonstrated commitment to the whole church, an openness to discovery and learning, and a willingness to make a commitment to the future of Unitarian Universalism through making a personal connection with the children or youth of this congregation. If this describes you, I encourage you to talk with me for more information.

Amid this hectic season of transitions, I wish you moments of stillness and ...

Peace,

Lisa

R.E. Announcements

- ✓ The next meeting of the **R.E. Committee** will be **May 1**, 6:30 - 8:30 in the Open Classroom.
- ✓ The **Youth Adult Committee** will meet on **May 7**, 9:45 - 10:45 in the R.E. Library
- ✓ **"First Hour" children's activities** will continue through May, 9:45 - 10:45 in the Open Classroom. **Jill Sampson** will coordinate May's activities, including re-working the butterfly garden and assembling "worship activity packs."
- ✓ **Summer R.E. for children: Mary Griffin** will serve as our Summer Religious Education Coordinator during July and August. Please contact Mary if you are interested in learning more

about our summer programs, or in volunteering to help out for one or more weeks.

- ✓ Our annual **"Religious Education Recognition" Celebration of Life** will be on **May 21**. All children and youth will participate in the service. Please check with your child's R.E. teacher or with Lisa Willner for any special instructions about arrival times for that morning.
- ✓ **Congratulations and thanks** to our **Senior High Youth Group** for the delicious Easter breakfast and to our **Middle Schoolers** for leading the children's egg hunts.

S.M.A.R.T.

Sunday Morning Adult Round Table

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

- **April 30--*Re-Writing the Science.*** Are scientific facts of global warming subjected to political spin and revisions in order to support predetermined conclusions? UUA Study Action Issue. **Jasmine Walston**, leader.
- **May 7--*One Wedding and a... Revolution. The day San Francisco City Hall said "I do."*** A behind-the-scenes look at San Francisco's first same-sex wedding ceremony in February 2004, in which Del and Phyllis married in celebration of 51 years of committed partnership.
- **May 14--*Issues for Delegate Discussion.*** Share some good sound thinking on issues in our congregational life, and help First U delegates to General Assembly prepare for a new conversation among congregations.
- **May 21--*Where Reconciliation Begins.*** "Racism must be dealt with by individuals, wherever they are," says Dr. William Roy to First United Methodist Church, Topeka, Kansas, in 1968. **Betty Munford**, leader. **Great Sermons Series.**
- **May 28--*Here's Our Budget.*** In case you missed last week's Budget Hearing, the Finance Committee is pleased to offer you another chance to review the 2006-2007 proposed budget, ask questions, and offer comments.
- **June 4--*Mimosa Breakfast.*** Enjoy breakfast with the Round Table class, and provide the Curricula Team with comments on Round Table

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programs, to assist us with future planning. This is the last SMART until Ingathering in September.

Sunday Morning Adult Round Table will not meet during the summer. Have a wonderful, restful summertime, and plan to join the Round Table again in September. Please send program suggestions to smart@firstulou.org.

Lisa Willner Religious Education Director

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Thursday 11:00 - 2:00

Additional times available by appointment.

Stone Salad: Service Auction Event for Women from Kathy Thackeray

Rose, Marti, Evonda, Michael, Carol, Ava and I invite all women to attend our Service Auction Event - **Stone Salad** - on **Saturday, May 13**, at 11:30am in the Social Hall. Yes it is eatable! It is a take off on the Stone Soup story. And in fact, we expect you to bring something for the salads. We will provide the greens, the drinks, the bread and the dessert. Please let us know by May 8 if you would like to attend and give a \$10.00 check to the church office ("Stone Salad" in memo line). You can call me, Kathy Thackeray, at xxx-xxxx or e-mail me at xxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx with your RSVP or if you have questions.

Church Matters

Dear First U members and friends,

Each of us came to First U for our own reasons. Those reasons often lead us to have a great passion for some part of the church that especially speaks to us. All of those parts can lead to one huge number of announcements on Sunday morning.

But our time in Sunday's Celebration of Life is limited and is principally dedicated to being a time of centering and thought. For that reason, it was determined long ago that we would limit the number of Sunday announcements to 5. That is why you will find 5 numbered cards in the box designated for that purpose in the volunteer area. When those 5 cards are filled, it means that all available announcement spots have been taken for that Sunday's service.

Please remember that if more than 5 cards are filled out, some poor Board member has to decide which announcements to eliminate. Trust me, it's a job no one wants. So, please take pity on us. When you come in with an announcement you are burning to get before the congregation, remember that there are many others with that same burning need for some other announcement. Help us out by using FYI whenever possible, by respecting the 5 announcement limit, and by forgiving us if we can't fit your announcement in.

Your sometimes Pitiful Co-President asking for your help and understanding,
Sharon Leightty



**Bring your Mother
to the
First Unitarian**

Jewelry Sale Extravaganza
New and Used Jewelry
--all bright and clean--
May 14, in the Social Hall
12:15 to 1:15 pm

**Something for Everyone--Benefit for
our Partner Church.** In the meantime,
please bring in your jewelry that you are
ready to pass on to the next owner. Put it in
the specially marked box in the Volunteers'
Area before May 13.



Bible Study & Celebration

On May 12, the UU Christian Fellowship will be joining the Interweave Reunion and Banner Re-Dedication at 7pm. Also in May, UUCF will begin reading the *New Testament* book of "James." Discussion meetings are tentatively set for May 5 & 19, 7pm, in the library at church. Contact **Geneva Fry**, xxxxx@xxxx.xxx or xxx-xxxx to confirm these meetings or for more information. UUCF is open to all church members, friends, and visitors, whether Christian, non-Christian, or questioning Christian.



A Note About the Calendar

from **Linda Givens**

In evaluating office tasks, the staff has decided that perhaps calendar scheduling of church events is best done by the Shared Ministry Coordinator. I also will be working closely with the Office Manager to schedule outside events and rentals. So continue to email or put in my box calendar scheduling requests.

Having said that, I want to remind committees of a scheduling issue. Please consider next year's scheduling needs before your final committee meeting this year. Committees typically do not meet during the summer months, so ongoing events don't get on the calendar until September. If your committee sponsors events that are ongoing (i.e., New Member Sunday, Sunday Luncheons, even meeting dates and times), it would be good to turn in scheduling requests for those events before completing this year's work. It helps the office staff know what times and dates might be available when we receive requests for outside events.

Call if you need help determining dates for committee events.

Linda Givens
Shared Ministry Coordinator

502-585-5110
sharedministry@firsttulou.org

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
11am - 4pm
Friday off



Music Sunday

from **Rebecca Johnson**, Music Director

Music Sunday will be **May 14** this year, and there is still plenty of time for you to get involved! The choir and flute choir will both participate in what promises to be a fun service. This is a great time for you to join the choir for the last two months of the church year. If you like to sing, please come to a rehearsal and try us out, no matter what your level of experience.

Choristers please note: There will NOT be rehearsal on Thursday 5/4, due to the Derby Parade. There will be rehearsal at 7:15 all other Thursdays and on Sundays through Music Sunday! Rehearsals on 4/30 and 5/14 are at 10:00, and 5/7 at 9:30.

There will also be ways for others to get involved in the music Sunday service, so please let Rebecca Johnson know if you'd like to participate at music@firsttulou.org.

Brownbaggers

from **Jesse Schreiber**

Our next meeting will be on **May 8**. We will eat lunch at church; then go to the Thomas Edison House at 729 -731 East Washington Street. Our **Joan Johnson** (who volunteers there) will give us a tour. The exhibits have changed considerably in recent years, so come and learn more about Mr. Edison's achievements in science and technology. Cost of the tour is \$3 per person.



Plan to be at the church at 11:30 so we can eat and clean up before leaving for the tour.

Denomination

What is the Heartland?

from **Jasmine Walston**, Chair, Public and Denominational Relations Committee

The question “What is the Heartland?” was the focus of the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Heartland UU District (HUUD). Six years ago, the Ohio Valley UU District and the Michigan UU District merged into a brand new Heartland, created from a “big, audacious dream.” But what is this Heartland? What do we want to do with it? What support are we willing to give it? UUs tend to know about their own congregation and about the Unitarian Universalist Association, but districts tend to be invisible.

In terms of numbers, the Heartland includes 53 UU congregations in 4 states (KY, IN, OH, & MI), with approximately 8000 members, plus 3 emerging congregations. The 2006 HUUD Annual Meeting was attended by 107 delegates representing 33 congregations, including one delegate from First U. Eight annual reports were distributed, including those of the Interim District Executive, the Religious Education Program Consultant, and the Heartland UUA Trustee; these reports will be displayed through May at the Public and Denominational Relations table in the Social Hall. Six District Trustees were elected or re-elected, including First U’s Jasmine Walston, who will serve a one-year term as Secretary. Many thanks to First U’s Carol Uebelhoer, who served on the Heartland Nominating Committee.

Delegates adopted a balanced budget of \$241,000 for 2006-07. The current year budget projects a deficit of \$22,000. Encompassed within these dollar amounts is the actual work of the district, which has been curtailed in order to deal with budget challenges. A \$2 increase in district

dues was approved for 2007-08, and another \$2 increase for 2009-10, in the hopes that programs previously reduced can be restored. Just under 80% of Heartland congregations pay their full Fair Share dues to District, including First U.

What is the Heartland? The Heartland is what we bring to it, through participation in district gatherings, financial support via Friends of HUUD or Chalice Lighters, use of District Consultants, service to the Heartland, or daring to dream those “big, audacious dreams.” Visit www.heartlanduu.org to find out more about the work of the Heartland and upcoming opportunities.



UUA Updates

- **General Assembly** -- St. Louis, MO, is the 2006 site of the UUA General Assembly, during which thousands of UUs gather to worship, conduct business, enjoy performances, and share information and ideas. This is the last GA for several years that will be within easy driving distance. Please consider attending, whether full-time, June 21-25, or just for a day or two. Registration information is available online at www.uua.org/ga, or contact Jasmine Walston, pdr@firstulou.com or xxx-xxxx.
- **Congregational dialogue** -- First U’s Council responded to a UUA survey of congregational leaders, selecting issues in our congregational life that First U would like to “share some good sound thinking on.” Delegates to GA will engage these topics in St. Louis this June in

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An Easter Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters from Louisville!

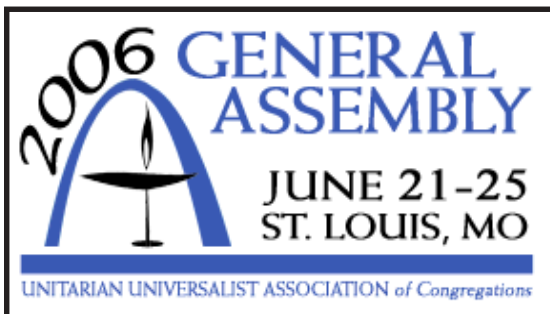
On spring's and altogether Christianity's most beautiful celebration, which fills our hearts with hope, we wish to all of you a peaceful and beautiful Easter!

Don't look for the living among the dead, don't look for what is from ash, but for what is spirit, what is living. Because the spirit is what makes us alive, the body serves us nothing.

With love and peace,

The congregations of Nagyenyed and Marosujvar, and

Rev. Sandor Botond and his family



UUA Updates

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a new initiative to promote congregational dialogue. Join a discussion of these topics to prepare our delegates at the May 14 Round Table, and look for Council's selections at the Public and Denominational Relations table in the Social Hall. Thank you to Council for participating in shaping this dialogue.

- **Parish Poll** -- First U participated in the Parish Poll, voting to present Peacemaking to the General Assembly delegates for consideration as the UUA's next Study Action Issue. Thank you to all who responded to the Parish Poll.

Open Mike Discussion

Please join an "open mike" discussion about bisexuality, polyamory, the marriage equality banner, or other BGLT concerns on **May 8, 7pm**. Co-sponsored by Interweave. All are welcome.

Chalice Night Schedule



Wednesdays

5:30 - 6:15 -- Dinner

6:30 - 6:50 -- Service

7:00 - 8:30 -- Programs

HELP Needs Our Help!

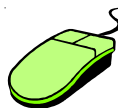
Our church is a partner in the downtown community ministries' support of the HELP office. HELP supplies the most essential needs for the minimum comfort of the **homeless and the poorest of the poor**. We urgently need the following: deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, toilet paper and soap.

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

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Social Responsibility

from Jill Harmer

➤ **Results of the Social Responsibility survey:** Social Concerns committee thanks the 62 people who responded to the survey stating that they wanted to contribute work as well as money to issues that relate to our liberal religious values. **Health Care** for all was the resounding first choice, **Fairness** second and **Separation of church and state**, involving freedom of speech and religion took third place. You may see the surveys and the results at the Social Responsibilities table.

➤ On the week of 6/7/06 **HR676 events** throughout the United States will educate Americans about that bill, which already has 68 sponsors from the US House of Representatives. You may help with Louisville's Citizen Congressional hearing on 676 by your presence at 10:30 – 12:30 on June 10 downtown Louisville and/or by distributing flyers, circulating petitions, contacting news media or places for possible presentations. You also may contribute your view and story about our current health care system for the DVD we will create for **health insurance for all-- HR676**.

➤ Social Responsibilities has a **social action listserv** for emails on timely actions on issues that inform and/or inflame the progressive liberal heart with passion. Most involve signing electronic petitions or emailing your additions and corrections to form letters sent to congress people or CEOs. Others give pertinent phone numbers. All emails will have a subject line so that you may know what is inside before you open it. If you want to receive these emails, please email me, xxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx, with the subject "fuusc list."

➤ **Cherokee Park volunteer work--** Nettelroth Bird Sanctuary, May 20, 9:00am - noon. We can take part in projects that will root out invasive plants, rebuild trails, and restore native plants--restoring health to woodlands, ponds, and meadows. Many people are first timers who have never done this type of work before and Conservancy staff is careful to work with each person on how to identify the plants to cut, how to cut them, and how to use the tools. For more information call Sarah at (502)xxx-xxxx and let Jill know if you plan to go. Directions--Park on right, along Scenic Loop, just past Maple Road. Meet near creek at corner of Scenic Loop and Maple Road.



Just among ourselves

Cassandra Culin and **Fran Weinstock** contributed their music to "Dissent through Performance" at Christ Church Cathedral and **xxxxx xxxxx** had a part in "The Golem of Prague." Their contributions were presented in conjunction with **Eyes Wide Open: The Human Cost of War**, which was on display at Christ Church in April

We are so pleased to welcome **xxxxxxxx xxxxxx xxxxx Dolen**, born April 18 to **Linette Lowe** and **Jay Dolen**, to our church family. **xxxxxxxx** has already attended church with his mom and dad, so we think that he's off to a good start! Congratulations to Grandma, **Peg Kesler**, are also in order.

Building Use Calendar for May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 30-Youth Con Ends 9:30a SMART 9:30a Plan tSale 9:45a Childrn's Activities 10a Choir 10:55a CoL & RE for Chld, Yth 1p MS Youth 7p Flute Choir	May 1 4p Personnel Cm 6p ConServ 6:30p Soc/Resp 6:30p RE Cmte	May 2 11a Village Playgroup 12p Staff mtg. 4p Personnel Cm	May 3 3:30p Partner Church Strg Cm 5:30p Chalice Night	May 4 No choir rehearsal	May 5 7p Drum Circle 7p Christian Fellowship	May 6 1:30p CUUPS choir rehearsal
7 9:30a SMART 9:30a Choir 9:45a YAC cmte 9:45a Childrn's Activities 10:55a CoL & RE for Chld, Yth 12p Luncheon 12:30p InfoSess. 12:30p WshpCie 12:30p FluteChir 1:00p MS Youth	8 11:30a Brown-baggers 7p Interweave	9 11a Village Playgroup 12p Staff mtg. 6p Activities Cm 7p Council	10 5:30p Chalice Night	11 4p Private Evt* 5:30p Personnel Cm 7p Finance Cm 7:15p Choir	12 3p Private Evt* 6p Interweave Reunion/Banner Rededication	13 10a Stone Salad Women's Event 1:30p CUUPS choir rehearsal 6p Private Evt* 8p Sienna*
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28 9:30a SMART 9:45a Childrn's Activities 10:55a CoL & RE for Chld, Yth 1p MS Youth	29 Memorial Day--Office Closed	30 11a Village Playgroup 12p Staff mtg	31 5:30p Chalice Night			<i>*Denotes outside group or activity not officially affiliated with First Unitarian</i>

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Celebrations of Life

Sunday services begin at 10:55 a.m.

May 7 *And So It Goes.* **Rev. Norm Stewart.** May 1st was the pagan holiday known as Beltane. If you happen to read this in time, you can join our local CUUPS Chapter on April 30 to celebrate this important day on the pagan wheel of the year. We'll continue to celebrate Beltane by dancing the May Pole in today's Derby Weekend Celebration of Life.

May 14 *Music Sunday.* Come join us as we take a walk down memory lane with music that might have been heard in our church during its long history. Celebrate the strong role that music has played in the 175 years that First Unitarian has been in Louisville.

May 21 *Religious Education Recognition Celebration of Life.* Join us for this annual Celebration of Life where we honor all R.E. participants, recognize our high school graduates, and celebrate our multigenerational village. The service will include some very special music.

May 28 *Beings of Service.* **Rev. Norm Stewart.** This Memorial Day Weekend we will honor those who are serving or have served our country and examine the service component of a spiritual life.