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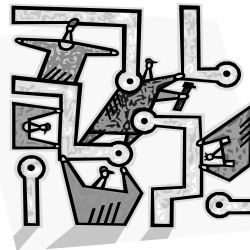
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We'll Build a Church--Together!

Save the Date: Members and friends of First Unitarian are invited to join the Pledge Drive Kick-off Extravaganza, called "We'll Build a Church." You will be getting an invitation in the mail for dinner and entertainment on

**Saturday, February 24, 7:00 pm, at
First Unitarian Church**

**Doors will open at 6:15 with wine
available for a donation.**



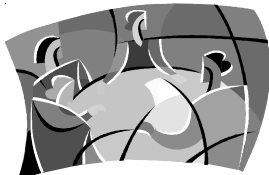
Once again, we'll cover the tables in white, line up for a buffet full of food, and settle in for some good old-fashioned entertainment. Be sure to turn in your RSVP card to the office by February 16 so we can reserve you a spot at the table. There will be a box in the volunteer area where you can put your RSVP card. You may also leave it in the Activities Group mail box. If you aren't planning to attend, please also return your card so that we can get an accurate count.

Join the fun....but watch out for all those people in hard hats.

Save the Date!

On **March 18, Nana' Kratochvil**, our new Heartland District Settlement officer, will be here to review the process and timeline for calling a settled minister. She will meet with the congregation after the Celebration of Life to outline the steps and answer questions. A potluck lunch will be coordinated by the Board. Childcare will be provided.

Bring a dish to share and plan to join us!



Love is the spirit of this church...

Last night I saw a performance of Wynton Marsallis's *All Rise*. The piece ranged from the depths of slavery to freedom, from crushing pain to playfulness; from sin to salvation, from hatred to love. Instruments ranged from priceless violins to a humble washboard. The piece was performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, four vocal soloists, and the 140 members of the Chicago Symphony Chorus. I wish I could describe what I felt—the power, the pain, the humor, the joy. I can't.

Hearing the interplay of diverse musical styles, seeing performers from such different backgrounds uniting to perform this epic work on the American story...words fail. Since my words fail, I will give you Marsallis's lyrics, from the last section which is titled *I AM (Don't You Run From Me)*:

"I say All Rise,
And be heard,
And now All Rise,
Choose to be....
All choose, all see, all rise, all be....
All Rise, All Rise, give thanks for all life...
Look beyond, look beyond, higher...
I am, Look beyond. All Rise....
Open your heart and see..

This is why First Unitarian *is*: to help people to see, to rise, to be, to look beyond. To give comfort and hope, to heal; to point to what is important; to work for justice and peace; to open people's hearts, to witness to love. The Pledge Drive begins February 24. Your gifts are needed in order for First Unitarian to continue to be, in the years to come.

Blessings,

Betsy

Consider Being an Usher

from Troy Jackson

During the Celebration of Life the people on the chancel and in the choir loft get all of the glory, but there's another group of people who are just as important to making the service happen. From handing out hymnals, helping people find seats, to taking up the offering, the ushers are crucial to the service each Sunday. If you're interested, usher training is available (and relatively painless). Please contact a member of the Worship Committee for details.

SRC Remembers Dr. Campbell

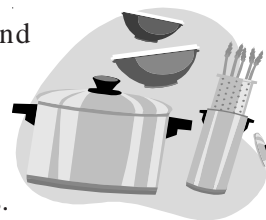
The Rev. Dr. Alexander Campbell, our friend from Plymouth Congregational, died Jan. 3. In honor of his friendship with our congregation, the Social Responsibility Committee voted to send a memorial to the Leukemia Society in his memory.

The Heart of Christianity

The UU Christian Fellowship will continue its discussion of the Marcus Borg book, *The Heart of Christianity*, on Fridays, Feb. 9 and Feb. 23 at 7pm in the library. Contact **Geneva Fry** for more information.



✓ The House and Grounds Committee reminds us to check the kitchen for dishes and to check the Lost and Found for missing items.



from **Kathy Thackeray** and **Kathy Drehmel**,

Co-Chairs of your Church Council

One of the Council goals for this church year (2006-2007) is to organize and facilitate three Committee Chair Gatherings. There was the Committee Chair Orientation on June 28, 2006, and the Committee Chair Gathering on November 14, 2006. The third Committee Chair Gathering will be on **Tuesday evening, March 13, 2007**. We always invite all committees chairs, both Board Committee and Program Committee Chairs and a representative of our Affiliate Groups: CUUPS, Interweave, and the Women's Alliance. Our hope is that these events will increase the flow of communication within our church community. Also as it turns out these events will prepare us all for one of the trial changes planned in our church structure during the next church year.

As we look toward the future, we encourage members of our congregation to participate in training and development opportunities. The Council sponsored six active members to participate in the Heartland District Cluster Training held at Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church on Saturday, January 13, 2007. **Ron Zorn, Jill Sampson, Grace Levitan, Rick Hogue, and Trish Packowski** attended the Stewardship session and **Seana Golder** attended the Member and Lay Leadership Development session. So be sure to ask them how they enjoyed it. These opportunities also allow participants to meet members of other Unitarian-Universal Churches.

The Stewardship Team has asked the Council to have the Committee Goals and Budget for the next church year (2007-2008) completed by February 1. So the Council Liaisons are working with their committees to make this a reality! Happy New Year to all!

by **Carol Tobe**

The Board of Trustees met on January 16 in the church library. We reviewed the January 14 congregational meeting and recognized the need for follow-up meetings with members who have questions and/or comments. We scheduled follow-up **Board Forums on Wednesday, January 31 (Chalice night)** for discussion of finances and **February 25 (9:30 a.m.)** for discussion of church reorganization.

Acting Treasurer, **Ron Zorn** reported that all of the 2006 contribution statements have been sent to pledging members. The board will take charge of the Drs. of Durability luncheon on February 4, for this year.

The visit by **Nana Kratochvil**, Heartland District Settlement Officer, has been scheduled for March 18 and will include a luncheon followed by a meeting with the congregation. Board members have been asked to evaluate the Interim Minister and will be sent evaluation forms to complete. The next board meeting will be on February 20.

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REviews

Coming up in Religious Education:

R.E. Curriculum Series for Adults and Older Youth

In Our Hands: A Peace and Social Justice Program

Wednesdays, March 7 through April 11, 6:30 – 8:30

According to the program authors, the overall goal of *In Our Hands* is “to engage participants in exploring their emotional, imaginative, and spiritual relationships with peace and justice issues within the context of constructive intellectual interaction. Such exploration can give participants a more thorough intellectual understanding of peace and justice issues, a more profound understanding of their own emotional and spiritual relationship with peace and justice issues, and a deeper commitment to working for peace and justice within themselves, in their relationships with others, and in the larger world.”

All are welcome, whether you are a long-time peace and justice activist, or if you are just beginning to explore the possibilities of how you might translate your Unitarian Universalist faith into action.

During sessions, participants will explore intellectual and spiritual aspects of peace and justice. Facilitators will encourage group members to put their values into action between sessions, and to report these experiences back to the group. The class will also explore the possibility of developing and implementing a group peace and justice project after the sessions have ended.

Participants are asked to commit to regular attendance for the duration of the course. Class size will be limited. To reserve a space, contact **Lisa Willner** (dre@firstulou.org or 585-5110).

About the facilitators:

Robert Reed is First Unitarian Church’s

Minister Emeritus, and served this congregation as our settled minister from 1968 – 1985. Bob is a long-time advocate and activist for a host of peace and justice issues. His commitment to social justice and to building structures for supporting ongoing congregational involvement in social responsibility have been central features of his ministerial career.

Kathy Kremer has actively participated as a member of First Unitarian Church for 10+ years. In addition to her involvement with a variety of social responsibility projects, she has served on or chaired numerous church committees. Kathy recently retired from the University of Louisville Women’s Center.

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R.E. Announcements

S.M.A.R.T.

- **February 4:** Youth Adult Committee meets 9:45 – 10:45 in the R.E. Library.
- February 4 is the first week of the **new R.E. semester**. Several teachers will be staying on for the remainder of the year. Welcome and thank you to our incoming volunteer teachers **Sarah Rudolph** (preschool); **Angela Klueber** (primary); **Tom Barron** and **Jim Schweickart** (intermediate), and **Jay Dolen** (high school). Many thanks to all our teachers for their commitment to our children and youth.
- **February 6: R.E. Committee meeting**, 6:30 – 8:30 in the Open Classroom.
- **February 11** will be a **multigenerational service**. Childcare will be provided for preschoolers. All other children and youth are invited to attend the Celebration of Life, seated with their families.
- **Senior High Youth Group** is planning to meet for an extended session and **field trip on February 18**. See **Seana Golder** or **Jo Ann Shumate** or contact Lisa Willner for more information.
- **February 25** is **Pledge Sunday**. Children (kindergarten and older), youth and R.E. teachers are invited to attend the first portion of the Celebration of Life before adjourning to their classes.
- Thanks and congratulations to **Suzanne Meeks** and our **Middle School Youth Group** for representing our congregation so well at CONservation, a Heartland District UU youth conference in Lexington. Our group had lots of fun meeting UU middle schoolers and adults from around the District, participating in recycling craft activities, and picking up some good conservation tips.

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Sunday Morning Adult Round Table Church Library Gather at 9:30am Program until 10:45am

- ➔ **Feb. 3: *Moral Values Statement of Conscience***. Discuss the UUA's draft Statement. Recommended revisions will be sent to Boston. Draft available at church and online. **UUA Study Action Issue**.
- ➔ **Feb. 11: *Peacemaking***. Should the UUA reject the use of any and all kinds of violence and war? Collected recommendations will be sent to Boston. **UUA Study Action Issue**
- ➔ **Feb. 18: *Talk About Stewardship***. All churches talk about money. Money makes things run. Come discuss our philosophy of giving. **Jane Martin Buckley, Beverly Moore, and the Stewardship Team**.
- ➔ **Feb. 25: *Board Forum***. What will our church look like after its next structural reorganization? What are we doing "right" and where we can improve? **Penny Nader and the Board of Trustees**. Reorganization task force: **Brian Daly, Beverly Moore, Rick Hogue and Betsy Scheurman**.

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.

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- **SAVE THE DATE! Coming of Age is coming up**. There will be an important **orientation session** for interested youth and parents on **Wednesday evening, March 21, 7 – 8:30**. The Coming of Age program is geared to youth who will be in 7th or 8th grade next school year (2007-2008). Older youth are also invited to participate.

News and Notes

Contribute to a Care Quilt

Since some readers may not be aware of this practice of our church, here's an update. The Congregational Services Committee (CS Com.) maintains Care Quilts, which are presented to members and friends who are experiencing a period of ill health or who are recovering from an illness or surgery. These quilts are meant to carry the well wishes of the church to these people and let them know that we care about them. When they are no longer needed by that person, they are returned to the church to be passed on to the next person with a need of this symbol of our support.

The CS Com. has decided it is time to add to the number of Care Quilts available. That is where each of you can participate. We will col-

lect contributed squares and put them together. There are some requirements for these squares. They must be machine washable. They should add to the "comfort" of a quilt (no clunky embellishments, please). They can be pieced fabric or solid squares with written well wishes and positive messages. Permanent markers would work for this or embroidery stitching. The finished square should measure 6 ½ by 6 ½ inches.

There is a deadline! Especially for those who like to procrastinate. It is the First Day of Spring, March 21. The squares can be left at the church c/o **Linda Parry** or you can hand deliver them. The finished quilt(s) should be available for distribution a few weeks later.



Goals for 2007-2008 Identified

At the recent Congregational Meeting, those assembled came to consensus about goals we should adopt for next year in addition to calling a minister and restructuring the church. Those are 1) Take steps during the 2007-08 church year to build community both within First Unitarian and outside the church by emphasizing the importance of diversity, being welcoming and inclusive, having fun, and creating opportunities for discourse.

2) Take steps during the 2007-08 church year to build up the church's resources by working towards a balanced budget, improving and maintaining our physical plant, emphasizing environmental and financial stewardship, and nurturing our membership.

These goals will be implemented through the work of the church's committees, who will develop strategies for the implementation of these

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Brownbaggers

Meeting Monday, Feb. 19, 12 noon,
church library

Show and Tell is not just for kids. At an average meeting of our group, our cumulative years total about 900. In those years there are many things that have touched us that have had a peculiarly significant influence; some everyday mundane things that we have hung on to because of their emotional value.

Bring your "peculiarly significant object" to our meeting, and tell us what it means to you. Suggestions: a picture, tool, poem, oddity, handiwork, gift, hand-me-down. And oh yes, bring a brown bag lunch!

goals and carry them out. We will measure and celebrate our successes at or before the Annual Meeting of 2008.

Church Matters

Redesigning Wheels While Moving

from **Brian Daly** and **Betsy Scheuerman**

In late October, **Lisa Presley**--the Interim District Executive--met with the Board for six hours to help the Board and the Interim Minister determine priorities for the interim year. Some of you saw Lisa's map of the organization at First. (That map was, as a Mastercard commercial might put it, priceless—with lines going every which way.) The map showed visually what people at First have experienced: the formal organizational structure of First is confused and murky. Lines of accountability are unclear and conflicting. Where authority for decisionmaking rests is at best opaque.

This confusion is both a symptom of jury-rigged efforts to navigate around past problems, and a cause of more confusion, lack of trust, and lack of transparency. The confused organizational structure invites or even requires people to operate totally outside the formal mechanisms, as they try to get things done—which then further undermines and muddies the formal structures. The confused structure generates friction between committees and individuals, and wastes a tremendous amount of energy.

Our interim minister agreed with Lisa Presley's assessment. The **Board of Trustees** and **Betsy Scheuerman** agreed that clarifying the organizational structure was a top priority for this interim year. Lisa Presley suggested that the church consider "trying out" an alternate church structure for six months or a year, to determine how the structure worked for First. The Board and Betsy agreed that such a trial revamping would be desirable. The Board asked **Brian Daly** to assemble an ad hoc Re-Organization Task Team to propose a trial structure

that would be simple, clear, and functional. Using research from a variety of professional sources and committee leadership experiences, the ad hoc group (which besides Brian, includes **Beverly Moore**, **Rick Hogue**, and, **ex officio**, **Betsy Scheuerman**) developed some draft recommendations. At the congregational meeting last month, Brian Daly reported on possible revisions that are under consideration.

Additional steps include:

- Preparing a summary draft report.
- Meeting with Church committees and leaders to discuss the draft recommendations.
- Bringing organizational recommendations to the Board for its consideration.
- The Board may then bring proposed constitutional changes to the congregation.

The intent is to have a streamlined way of accomplishing the important functions of the Church. Questions about the process and the initial results should be forwarded to Brian Daly at xxx-xxxx or by email at xxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx.

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.

Priscilla xxxxxx xxxxxx, daughter of **Agatha** and grandchild of **Jasmine** and **Rodney**, was born at 12:13am on Wednesday, January 11, weighing 8 lbs, 3 oz. Priscilla and Agatha are both doing fine. Our best wishes to Priscilla and her family!

Isabel Silverman has returned to her apartment at Treyton Oak Towers after an illness. She has one of the First U Care Quilts and is feeling much better. Calls and visits are welcome, but she still tires easily. She can be reached at xxx xx xxxx St., Louisville, and xxx-xxx-xxxx.

Doug Taylor's grandfather died January 14 in West Virginia. We send our deepest sympathy to Doug and his family.

Kathy and **Gary Drehmel** celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on January 9. We wish them many more years of happiness and health together!

Audrey Little is recuperating at home after a recent stay in the hospital. She says that she's feeling pretty good but won't be able to return to work for 5 or 6 weeks. She would welcome cards and phone calls. We send Audrey our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

At the writing of this article I have one Chalice Night "under my belt." Attendance and participation was a wonderful surprise. I continue to be impressed by the success of this program. So many talented members and friends put in much time and effort to contribute to its success. Thanks to you all.

For those of you wishing to offer sessions for Chalice Night, I encourage you to talk to me soon. There are scattered openings in February and a few in April and May, but other than that program slots have been taken. That means the leaders are putting lots of time and thought into preparations for Chalice Night sessions. A number of people are "trying their hands" at program development for the first time, so in that way CN is giving opportunity for leadership growth.

Chalice Night is not without its problems, however. The kitchen staff still struggles to maintain a list of volunteers who are willing to "assist the cook." **Tiffany Taylor** continues to provide delicious, low cost meals, but she needs regular help. Please let her know if you are willing to help with meal preparations. Also, I've been surprised to see how few people volunteer to clean up after the meal. Now come on, First UUs. It

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Interweave

- **Eleven Years Later: Is This Marriage Over?** First U made some specific commitments when it voted to become a Welcoming Congregation. Do we know what they were? Are we living up to our agreements? Can this marriage be saved? **February 28 at 7pm.**
- **Interweave and Polyamory: What is the Connection?** Open Topic. Bring your questions or comments about polyamory and its relationship with Interweave and UUism. All are wel-

come. **February 12 at 7pm.**

- The third Friday of each month, Interweave members are at the church to answer any questions about bisexual, gay, lesbian, or transgender issues or how our church responds to them. **February 16 at 6:30 pm.**

Join the conversation and stay tuned for some additional interesting opportunities coming this spring. For more information contact **Jo Ann Dale**, xxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx.

Chalice Night

Stewardship

Chalice Night Programs

(tentative schedule)

- **Feb. 7:** Book Discussion: Huston Smith's *World Religions* led by Betsy Scheuerman; CUUPS; DVD and discussion: "Race: The Power of an Illusion," Linda Givens facilitator; Sew and Sews
- **Feb. 14:** World Religions discussion, led by Betsy Scheuerman; Parent Group, Kathy Thackeray facilitator; Writer's Group, Kit Willihnganz facilitator; DVD and discussion: "Race: The Power of an Illusion," Linda Givens facilitator.
- **Feb. 21:** World Religions discussion led by Betsy Scheuerman; DVD: "Mountaintop Removal," Jill Harmer facilitator; CUUPS; DVD and discussion: "Race: The Power of an Illusion," Linda Givens facilitator.
- **Feb. 28:** World Religions discussion led by Betsy Scheuerman; Covenant Group Sampler, Kathy Drehmel and Janice Molnar facilitators; DVD and discussion: "Life and Liberty of All We Believe," Jill Harmer and Jesse Woodrow facilitators.

Chalice Night Schedule

Wednesdays

5:30 - 6:15 -- Dinner

6:30 - 6:50 -- Service

7:00 - 8:30 -- Programs



would be a shame to see Chalice Night fail because we weren't willing to take turns washing dishes!

As always I want to thank the many church members who are helping me make this shift in job responsibilities. This church community continues to be supportive of all that I do.

Linda

The Annual Pledge Drive Starts February 25

by Beverly Derington Moore

◆ **What?** Member and friends are asked to make a promise (pledge) to make regular contributions based on a fair share and their individual circumstances during the year from July 2007 through June 2008.

◆ **Why?** The church is dependent on financial pledges from all its congregants in order to make budget plans, hire staff, sign contracts, and keep the church functioning.

◆ **Where?** Volunteer Canvassers will contact members and friends to make plans to meet with them in homes, church, or other places to discuss church finances and pledging. Please welcome your Canvasser.

◆ **When?** Canvassers will try to meet with all members and friends between February 25 and March 11. Please help your canvasser get his/her job done.

◆ **Budgeting:** During March and April the Finance Committee and Board will work with the committees to create a budget based on the Annual Goals set by the congregation and the potential funds. In May, before the Annual Meeting, there will be a Budget Hearing to critique and recommend changes in the proposed 2007-2008 budget. At the Annual Meeting on June 4, 2007, the members of the church will approve a budget for next year.

New Church Office Hours

9:00am-3:00pm, Monday-Friday

Office Staff Hours

Cathy Kaiser: 10:00am-3:00pm, M-F

Linda Givens: 12:00noon-3:00pm, Mon. & Tues.

2:00pm-9:00pm, Wed. (Chalice Night)

Working from home - Thurs.

Other hours by appointment

Denominational Relations

from Jasmine Walston

Heartland Happenings

- ➔ **Acting District Executive appointment.** The Heartland UU District Board of Trustees has named **Nancy Combs-Morgan**, the District's current half-time Lifespan Religious Education Program Consultant, as Heartland's Acting District Executive, effective July 1, 2007, to serve until Heartland is ready to take the next step toward fulfillment of its potential - likely one or two years.
- ➔ **Annual Meeting.** The Heartland Annual Meeting will be here before you know it, **March 30-31 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.** UUA Moderator **Gini Courter** will be the keynote speaker. Please start planning now to attend, and possibly to serve as a delegate. If you plan to attend this meeting, please contact **Jasmine Walston, Troy Jackson, or Beverly Moore.**

Across the UUA

- ➔ **Principles and Purposes Review.** The UUA's Commission on Appraisal is in the process of reviewing the Principles and Purposes of the UUA, and is soliciting feedback from member congregations. This will be one of two chances for the members of your congregation to suggest what, if any, revisions are needed in the text of the Principles and Purposes. For more information, see www.uua.org/coa.
- ➔ The Reverend Douglass Morgan Strong has resigned from Ministerial Fellowship with the UUA.
- ➔ **General Assembly.** Start thinking about General Assembly in **Portland, Oregon, June 20-24** and about UU University on June 19 - 20. Registration opens March 1. www.uua.org/ga & www.uua.org/uuuniversity. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, contact Jasmine Walston at xxxxxxx@xxx.xxx or xxx-xxxx.

Treasurer's Recap

Here are the dollar amounts currently in our various Reserves:

- ➔ Endowment Fund -- \$657,226.38 as of December 31, 2006
- ➔ "Operating Reserve" Money Market -- \$88,663.19 as of November 30, 2006
- ➔ "Building Maintenance Reserve" Money Market -- \$128,542.11 as of November 30, 2006

I am working on clarifying the definitions of our funds to make it easier for us to discuss. I plan to have a copy on the counter at the church and possibly posted in the "Members only" section of the First U Web site.

By now you should have received your contribution statements for 2006 by email or post mail. I have six contributors who have asked for a clarification. Those are being researched. I do ask that checks written to the church be noted,

in the memo field, what the check is for. By writing "Pledge" or "Vespers Poinsettias" or "Partner Church Fund" or "Yuletide Fair," you will make proper posting clear for our office manager. Thank you in advance.

Speaking of pledges, I noticed there are a few of our pledging congregation contributing cash in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Please remember to use the blue envelopes, located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Writing your name on the outside of the envelop will insure that your pledge will be credited to you. I will send out Fiscal year-to-date pledge statements soon. This will show where you are "actual to pledge" for July 06 to current.

Thank you all.

Ron Zorn, Acting Treasurer

Building Use Calendar for February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldm's Act 9:45 YAC 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30pWorshpCm 12:30p MusicCmt 1p MS Yth 5:30 CUUPS	5 6p Cong. Services Cmte	6 6:30p RE Cmte 6:30p SMART Curric. Team 6:30p SocResp Cmte.	7 2p Village Play Group 4p Partner Church Cmt 5:30Chalice Night	8 5:30p Personnel Cmte 6:30p PDR Subcmte 7:15p Choir	9 7p UUCF	10 9a House & Grounds Cmte 1p *Creative Arts Expo
11 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldm's Act 10:55a Col- Intergenerational 12:30p Chill Cook Off 1p Canvasser Mtg 1p MS Yth 3p *Creative Arts Expo	12 5:30p Worship Cmte 7p Interweave	13 6p Activities Cmte 6:30p Social Resp Cmte 6:45p Church Council	14 2p Village Play Group 5:30p Chalice Night	15 7:15p Choir	16 6p Interweave	17 8p *PrivateEvt
18 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldm's Act 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30p Chch Tour 12:30p Yth Lunch 1p MS Yth	19 11:30a Brownbagggers 6:30p Public Relations Cmte	20 6p Board	21 2p Village Play Group 5:30p Chalice Night	22 7:15p Choir	23 7p UUCF	24 7p Fellowship Dinner -- Pledge Drive
25 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldm's Act 10a Pledge Drive Kickoff 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30p Shared Min Info Session 1p MS Yth 6p KAGWAGG	26	27 1p Village Play Group 7p Finance Cmt	28 5:30p chalice Night			* 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.

February 4 *On Joy.* **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman.** At this Celebration of Life, we will honor the elders in our church community. What does this have to do with joy? Come and see.

February 11 *Evolution Sunday.* **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman.** Charles Darwin war born on February 12, 1809. His theory of evolution posed a challenge to religious orthodoxy then; it continues to do so now. Beginning last year, liberal religious congregations throughout the country began dedicating the second Sunday in February to the relationship of science to religion.

February 18 *The Importance of Black History in the Post-Civil Rights Era.* **Dr. J. Blaine Hudson,** Dean of Arts and Sciences at U of L will present the sermon as part of our annual recognition and celebration of Black History Month. **Betty Mumford** will assist. **Troy K. Jackson,** worship associate.

February 25 *We'll Build a Church; We'll Build a Land.* **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman.** The foundation is love, but then what? Sisters and brothers, come together; build the community person by person, brick by brick.