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STEEPLETALK

Annual Easter Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

The **Senior High Youth Group** will serve a delicious and plentiful pancake breakfast on **Easter morning, April 8, 9:30 – 10:30**. Suggested donations are \$5.00/adult and \$3.00/child. 50% of proceeds will benefit the Sierra Club and the other half will support the Senior High group's upcoming educational/service trip to Pine Mountain Settlement School. We hope you'll come be part of this longstanding First U tradition.



Bring your family and friends!

The **Middle School Youth Group** will host an **Easter Egg Hunt**



for toddlers and preschoolers in the Courtyard beginning at 10:30. We encourage children to bring their own Easter baskets and to gather in the Social Hall just prior to 10:30. Following the preschool hunt, there will be an egg hunt for older children around the church grounds. School-age children should bring their baskets and begin gathering near the Greeters'

Table at 10:30.

The Easter morning Celebration of Life is multigenerational. Childcare will be provided for preschoolers, and all other children and youth are invited to attend the service. There will be special music, including singing by the Choir for All Ages.



To seek the truth in love...

From Your Interim Minister

I vaguely recalled a reading at the back of the hymnal that might serve as the basis for this column. I found it, and yet—it didn't stir me. Instead what resonated was a line from another reading. Actually it is a verse from the Gospel of Mark. Several women are going to the tomb of Jesus, in order to prepare the body for burial. But on their way, they suddenly realize that they face an obstacle: "Who will roll away the stone from the entrance to the tomb?"

I kept coming back to this verse, this question: "Who will roll away the stone?" If the women had thought this thought sooner, they likely would not even have set out. The problem dawns on them as they approach their destination. There will be a stone, a large stone, a stone they may not have the strength to move. How will they possibly be able to do what they have set out to do? Should they just turn back? And then they see: yes, there is a large stone. But it is not a problem. It has already been rolled away.


Strange as it may seem, I find this story true to life, true to my life anyway. There have been times when I was so clever that I anticipated all sorts of obstacles, and didn't even bother to get started. I may well have missed miracles. And there have been times when just as I approached my destination, I was sure I would be thwarted. Consciousness, reason, or maybe my inner critic suddenly made a rock seem real, huge, immovable. And yet when I continue on, anyway, somehow the stone is not a problem after all. Either my intention or someone's action or grace or mysterious energy or God has moved the stone.

As you embark on your search process for a settled minister, may you be careful about building up potential obstacles. And when a rock looms

large, may you continue on your path, trusting that somehow, the stone will be rolled away. This is a congregation full of life, full of generosity of spirit, full of wisdom, and full of people willing to do hard and difficult work.

Blessings,

Betsy



Did you know you can read *Steepletalk* **online**? You can access it from the church website www.firstulou.org. Check it out!

Flowers for a Special Occasion

If you want to celebrate a special person or occasion, consider giving a floral decoration for Sunday service. You don't have to pay the price of a store-bought florist arrangement; you can have flowers in one of our vases for as little as \$5. For an additional cost you can have flowers and a vase or basket that's yours to keep after the service. You can also bring in personal objects or pictures to add to an arrangement. To schedule a Sunday, **call Carol Tobe xxx-xxxx** or the church office.

Congregational Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the First Unitarian Church of Louisville is calling a congregational meeting for Sunday, **April 22, 2007**, to consider changes to the church's constitution and a recommendation from the Board regarding the membership and status of longtime friend, **Rev. Grayson Tucker**. The meeting will begin at 12:30 and is planned to last one hour. Below are the two recommendations from the Board as the two items of business for this meeting. **A detailed letter with the content of these recommendations will be sent through the mail.**

1. The Board of Trustees recommends that the congregation recognize and affirm the ordination of Grayson L. Tucker by the United Presbyterian Church, and welcome him as a retired minister member.

2. The Board recommends changing the constitution by streamlining the organization and reducing the size of the Board. The Nominating Committee would be re-established to determine candidates for the Board, Secretary and Treasurer.

See the article in the adjoining column for an explanation of proposed constitutional changes. **There will be a Board forum on Sunday, April 15 at 9:30am for those wishing to discuss the proposed items.**

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The Board recommends the following amendments to the First Unitarian Constitution:

- 1) Reducing the size of the Board from 11 (plus minister) to 8 (plus minister).
- 2) Removing the Council from the constitution.
- 3) Removing the Shared Ministry Committee from the constitution.
- 4) Providing for a 3-member nominating committee, which will make nominations for the Board of Trustees, including the Secretary and Treasurer.
- 5) There are also some small changes in language.

The rationale for these amendments includes the following:

- A smaller board would be better able to have more in depth conversations. Research shows that 5-9 people is optimal for this purpose. The change would also free up talent for other roles in the church.
- Removing the Council from the constitution gives the Board flexibility in determining what sort of Council is best suited to the needs of this church.
- Removing the Shared Ministry Committee from the constitution likewise gives the Board flexibility in determining how to best provide for attention to membership and the staffing of committees.
- The constitution does need to provide for nominations for the Board of Trustees, including the Secretary and Treasurer. The ad hoc committee on reorganization and the Board, recommend a return to past practice, in this regard.
- The changes in language are intended to correct grammar, to reflect more accurately the intent, and to adjust to changes such as the non-existence of third class mail and the development of the interim ministry by the UUA.

The proposed amendments in the Constitution are primarily permissive. They remove constitutional mandates as to the makeup and role of council and the shared ministry committee. However, under the amendments two changes are mandated: a reduction in the size of the board, and the creation of a nominating committee.

R.E. Announcements

April 1

➔ **Choir for All Ages rehearsal** in the Choir Room, 9:45 – 10:45.

➔ There will be a **Story for All Ages during the April 1 Celebration of Life** - all children and youth, kindergarten and older, are invited to attend the first portion of the service, and will be dismissed from there to their classrooms.

➔ Also on April 1, the **Youth Adult Committee (YAC)** will meet from 12:15 – 1:15 in the R.E. Library.

➔ Members of the **Intermediate Class** will deliver four dozen filled **Easter baskets to children at the Volunteers of America family shelter on April 1**. Your donations of goodies for the baskets are much appreciated.

• **April 4** -- The **SMART curricula planning team** will meet from 5:30 – 6:30 in the Library. Anyone interested in learning more about planning for the Sunday Morning Adult Round Table is welcome to attend. The R.E. Committee will meet from 6:30 – 8:30 in the Open Classroom. All are welcome.

• **April 8** -- **Easter festivities!** Come celebrate Easter with us! See page 1 for breakfast and egg hunt details. Your donations of treat-filled plastic Easter eggs are much appreciated.

• **April 15** -- R.E. Committee members are hosting an **appreciation and support gathering** for all children and youth **R.E. teachers**, 9:45 – 10:45 in the R.E. Library. Teachers, please join us to share food and stories.

• **April 20-22** -- And now for something completely different.... Our **Middle School Youth Group** will attend “Monty Py-CON” in Fort Wayne, IN, this year’s version of the Heartland UU District’s annual Junior High Election Conference. We know we can be proud of how our middle

schoolers will represent our congregation.

• **April 22** -- A very **special adult R.E. program** with special guest **Art Williams**, Director of the Air Pollution Control District for Louisville Metro. See SMART listings for more details.

• **April 29** -- Join us for our **annual youth-led Celebration of Life**. During this Multigenerational Service, there will be no regular R.E. classes for children or youth. Childcare will be provided for preschoolers.

✓ Applications are now in for **Marwood Youth Camp**, an annual UU gathering in Illinois. This year’s applications are for youth who will enter 7th grade in fall, 2007. See Lisa for more information.

✓ Nine First U youth have made a commitment to the **Coming of Age program for 2007-2008**. We’re excited for **Claire xxxxx, Lydia xxxxxxx, Elena xxxxx, Brian xxxxxx, Allison xxxxx, Zoe xxxxxx, Cliff xxxxxxx, Eliza xxxxx**, and **Hannah xxxxx** as they prepare for their journey. If you missed the Coming of Age orientation but are still interested in participating, contact Lisa Willner as soon as possible.

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Tuesday 11:00 - 2:00

Thursday 11:00 - 2:00

Additional times available by appointment.

S.M.A.R.T.

Sunday Morning Adult Round Table

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

➔ **Apr. 1--*Revising the UUA Principles?*** The Principles were designed to be reviewed regularly. Do they need to be changed? The first of three sessions will look closely at the current seven principles that UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote. www.uua.org/coa.

➔ **Apr. 8 --No Program.** Please join the Easter Breakfast provided by First U youth.

➔ **Apr. 15--*Revising the UUA Principles?*** The second of three sessions will look closely at the current six sources of our living tradition.

➔ **Apr. 22--*Climate Change: Truth or Dare.*** This presentation will discuss current science and the potential effects of climate change and will consider the issues of what type of response is necessary or appropriate. Guest speaker **Art Williams**, Director of the Air Pollution Control District for Louisville Metro.

➔ **Apr. 29--*Revising the UUA Principles?*** What changes would you recommend? In the last of three sessions, we will collect our comments to send to the UUA's Commission on Appraisal, who will draft a recommendation for the Association.

➔ **Curricula Team meeting April 3, 5:30pm.** For more information or to suggest a program, email the Curricula Team at smart@firstulou.org, or call Jasmine Walston at xxx-xxxx.

Rediscover your sense of connection with the natural world.

Reconnect with your place in the great story of our living planet Earth.

Recognize your larger Earth family.

All of Creation Is Sacred: Exploring the Spiritual Connections Between People and Planet

A special discussion series on eco-spirituality will be offered each Sunday morning in **May**. Focusing on the **Creation Spirituality** traditions of **Matthew Fox, Joanna Macy, Thomas Berry**, etc, we will explore how the stories we tell and hear impact our sense of connection with the nature world as well as how by choosing a better story we can create a better tomorrow. Guest speaker **Mark Steiner** is cofounder and director of Cultivating Connections, which offers practical support, education, and tools to develop a mutually enhancing relationship between people and planet.

Please join the Round Table in the library each Sunday in May for this special series. The program will begin promptly at 9:45am. Please arrive by 9:30 for conversation, check-in, and centering, to help us begin on time. For more information contact Mark at xxx-xxxx.



Music Notes

Music Sunday

April 22 ~ Celebration of Life

Plan to attend our annual celebration of music when many of the talented musicians in our church community share their gifts with the congregation. The theme is stewardship of the earth and environmental awareness.



by Carol Findling

On Sunday, April 8, First Unitarian Church will celebrate our partnership with the Congregation of Nagyenyed, Romania, as we have done for the past 15 years. Our congregation committed to send \$1000 each year to support our partnership. Those who have travelled there have reported how worthwhile to us our commitment has been. Non-pledge gifts at this service will be given to our Partner Church.

Besides the values that our church espouses in our support of Nagyenyed, the greater number of churches represented by the UU Partner Church Council has responded to feedback from many Partnerships. The changes made in how many Partners relate to each other demonstrates how our joint efforts are being rewarded. Some Unitarian ministers have learned how to apply Unitarian values in different ways that are energizing the lives of our compatriots who face the challenges both of poverty and being religious and often ethnic minorities.

We look forward to highlighting some of the opportunities available to us as a result of the many changes within our cultures, in modern cell and computer technology, and in visits now often referred to as pilgrimages.



The Heart of Christianity

The UU Christian Fellowship will continue its discussion of the Marcus Borg book, *The Heart of Christianity*, on Fridays, Apr. 13 and Apr. 27, at 7pm in the library. Contact Geneva Fry for more information.

Visiting the Church?

Been a few times and want to know more? Been here for a long time and want to share your stories and our food? The Shared Ministry Committee invites you to bring your questions, your appetite and your story to the next

First Unitarian Church Information Session on April 22, 2007

in the Church Library at 12:30 pm.

Can't make this one? The next information session will be held May 20.

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.**

Church Matters

New Career Club Begins

The Activities committee is hosting a Career Club group that will meet each Monday in April at 7:00pm. This group will meet at the church and is for anyone who is looking for a new job, trying to change jobs or careers, wanting to polish up search skills, or has abilities/connections to help others in their search. For questions or additional information, please contact Debra Gilbert at xxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx or (xxx) xxx-xxxx.

Interweave

Someone New. How do you bring someone new into your relationship? For child care, please contact Jasmine at xxxxxxx@xxx.xxx or xxx-xxxx. All are welcome. **Monday, April 9, 7pm**

Interweave will have a business meeting on Friday, April 20 at 6:30pm. If you have suggestions, ideas, or questions about Interweave events, please attend. Also, 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 xxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx or xxx-xxx-xxxx.

Plant Sale



The First UU annual plant sale will be held Sunday, April 29, from 12:30pm to 2:00pm at the church. So hold off on those plant purchases. Split those perennials and bring them in for sale. Proceeds will go to the general fund. Questions: Contact **Phil Candee** at xxx-xxxx.

Volunteer to Usher!

Are you interested and/or willing to invest in the smooth operations of the Church one Sunday morning every other month? If you currently are an usher or want to be an usher, please plan on joining us. Worship Committee will host a series of training sessions over the next two months. You can sign up ahead of time, or meet us at 10:15am on April 15 or 29, or May 13 or 27, in the sanctuary. We will set up a new schedule for ushers once training is complete. Please contact **Debbie Silverman**, xxx-xxx-xxxx or xxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx for more information

First U and Center for Interfaith Relations Co-Sponsor Events

The Center for Interfaith Relations and First Unitarian Church present author and artist **Eleanor Wiley** for a lecture/presentation, "Symbols-A Gift or a Curse," on April 19 at 7pm. The presentation is free and open to the public and will be held in the the First U sanctuary. On Sunday, April 22, from 2 to 6pm, the Center for Interfaith Relations and First U will present Ms. Wiley for a workshop, "A String and a Prayer." The \$35 cost includes a Sacred Wheel of Peace and a copy of Eleanor's book, *A String and a Prayer*. Please call the Center for Interfaith Relations, 502-583-3100, to make your reservation.

Social Responsibility

Public Education Success

by Bob Reed

Our meeting on “The Future of Public Education” in Louisville was a success. Though attended by only 24 persons overall, 13 from our congregation, there was much valuable discussion back and forth. Several high points were (1) a sharp divergence of views between the two Board staff members on the one hand and the teacher on the other, which softened as time went on; (2) a convincing statistical profile of our schools which showed that, compared with others nationwide, though the burdens of poverty affect a great many of our students, our rates of student achievement are high; (3) a general affirmation that early childhood learning, at home or in preschool, does make learning easier and surer later on; (4) a willingness, that was shared, not to call a halt to the current interviewing of a single candidate for Superintendent but to see it through and then decide for employment or renewing the search; and (5) an affirmation of the value of subjects like music and art which energize the learning process in some students as much as science does for others.

There was much discussion of “No Child Left Behind” which drew attention, not only to the damaging aspects of the excessive emphasis on testing that is embodied in that program, but also to the good effects of accountability and funding here and there that it provides. Letters to our Representative in Congress, John Yarmuth, urging reform of NCLB, are much needed, and should stress major reduction of the burden of testing, greater funding, and attention not just to the basics but to the needs of the whole child as a foundation for learning.

KROGER BUCKS, plus

by Bob Reed

January was a very good month for **Kroger Bucks**, maybe the best we’ve ever had. The total value of our purchases in that month was **\$6348**, which at 4% meant **\$254** for us as a congregation. For the several months preceding our purchases had been moving up. Although we slipped a bit in February, a short month, we are hoping that the upward trend meant that we are being more conscious in using our cards at Kroger, and that it will continue. We can buy these cards, \$20 each, already “loaded” for \$20, at the Social Responsibility table in the social hall on Sundays.

Fair Trade items (coffee - whole bean or ground, caf or decaf, teas, and dark chocolate), plus energy efficient light bulbs, are also available there. And, **remember**, our Kroger Bucks purchases are an important source of income for us, half for the SR committee and half for the work of the congregation as a whole.



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**12 noon - 3pm on Mon.&Tues.
2pm - 9pm on Weds. (Chalice Night)
Working from home on Thurs.
Other hours by appointment.**

by Carol Tobe

The highlight of the March 20 Board of Trustees meeting was the **Reverend Betsy Scheuerman's** acceptance of the board's invitation to serve a second year as our interim minister. Betsy distributed her interim ministry evaluation forms and will receive the board's evaluation within the next two weeks. We agreed to recommend to the congregation that the **Reverend Grayson Tucker** be recognized as a minister member of our church, and he will move his membership from Thomas Jefferson church. **Linette Lowe** presented the updated Building Use Policy for Rentals which was approved by the board with thanks for the committee's work. The board also approved training for users of the new software, PowerChurch, and sending representatives to Midwest Leadership School. Since there were uncompleted items on the agenda, a board meeting was scheduled for April 3.

Brownbaggers



Hey, you BB's! The Brownbaggers will meet on **Monday, April 23**, in the church library at **12 noon**. Our versatile interim minister, **Betsy Scheuerman**, will talk to us on a topic (as yet unannounced) which will stir our minds and hearts. We all have some sort of hearts and minds, so come and be stirred!

Chalice Night Schedule

Wednesdays

5:30 - 6:15 -- Dinner

6:30 - 6:50 -- Service

7:00 - 8:30 -- Programs

Sunday Morning Nursery Workers

In May our long-time Sunday morning nursery worker, **Cassidy Johnson**, will be leaving us. Her co-worker, **Julia Benton**, is also leaving the position. We will miss Cassidy's and Julia's loving attention to the youngest of our community, and we have begun our search for two new workers. If you are interested in Sunday morning employment (approx. 9:30 - 12:30), with the possibility of additional childcare employment opportunities at church, please contact **Cassandra Culin**, chair of the church personnel committee. Also, if you wish to recommend someone for the position, please submit the name to Cassandra.

Changes at Lake Geneva

Lake Geneva Unitarian Universalist Summer Assembly, often referred to LGSA, has moved about 40 miles north from Lake Geneva to the Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, which is just 2 miles north of I-94 along Wisconsin Highway 67. The owners of campus where we have held our summer assembly since 1946 changed their mission, greatly down sized their housing, and the camp is no longer available to us.

If you have wanted to go to LGSA during the Fourth of July week and couldn't because of the lack or quality of housing, too many hills and/ or non private bathrooms, this year is for you. LGSA is now Midwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Assembly (MUUSA) and will be held at the Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. MUUSA is held July 1-7, 2007. Only the name and location has changed; all of the wonderful programs and people will be at remain.

Your can access and down load the 2007 MUUSA brochure at www.muusa.org, or contact Susan Porter at xxxxxx@xxx.xxx or xxx-xxx-xxxx.

Denominational Relations

Across the UUA

from Jasmine Walston

◆ **Revising the UUA Principles?** Please join a discussion about whether the Principles need to be revised during Sunday Morning Adult Round Table at 9:30am on April 1, 15, and 29. Our comments will be sent to the UUA's Commission on Appraisal, who will draft a recommendation. For more information, see the COA's website, www.uua.org/coa.

◆ **Ministry Scholarship.** The 2007 Rev. Chuck and Nancy Thomas Scholarship will provide \$11,000 to one individual through his/her first year of seminary. Please submit your nomination with a letter of recommendation showing a connection between the person's ministry and their life goals along with examples of strong leadership skills **no later than** April 15. For eli-

gibility details and other information, contact the church office (585-5110), Jasmine Walston (xxxxxxx@xxx.xxx) or The Rev. David Pettee (xxxxxx@xxx.xxx or xxx-xxx-xxxx. To contribute to this scholarship's endowment, contact Larry Stritof at xxxxxx@xxx.xxx or xxx-xxx-xxxx.

◆ **General Assembly.** Start thinking about General Assembly in Portland, Oregon, June 20-24 and about UU University on June 19 - 20. Registration is now open at www.uua.org/ga & www.uua.org/uuuniversity. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, contact Jasmine Walston at xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx or xxx-xxxx.

◆ **The new and improved UUA website** will be unveiled on the afternoon of April 2. The new site will be user-friendly and comprehensive.

Just among ourselves

We have received word that **Jesse Woodrow's** sister has died. We send our condolences to Jesse and his family.

Rose Stevens's brother-in-law passed away in Iowa last February. We send our sympathy to Rose and her family.

Mike Watkins is in Audubon Hospital, where she had fluid removed from her knee. We wish you a complete and speedy recovery, Mike, and look forward to seeing you back in church soon!

Stefan Gearhart's grandmother has died. Stefan has recently been attending and participating in church activities, and our sympathy goes to him and his family.

A new member, **John Wiggins**, has let us know that his longtime friend and mentor, Rev. Dr. Jane V. Clark, was comatose with leukemia in St. Louis. We just learned that Jane died early Sunday morning. Our thoughts are with Jane's family and with you, John!

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 April

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| <p>1 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldrn's Act 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:15 YAC 12:30p MusicCmt 1p MS Yth</p> | <p>2 7p Career Club</p> | <p>3 5:30p SMART Curric. Team 6:30p RE Cmte 6:30p SocResp Cmte.</p> | <p>4 2p Village Play Group 3p KAGWAGG 4p Partner Church Cmt 5:30Chalice Night</p> | <p>5 7:15p Choir</p> | <p>6 7p Drum Circle</p> | <p>7 3p Sr. High Overnight</p> |
| <p>8 8a Pancake Brkfst 9:45a Chldrn's Act 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30p MS Yth</p> | <p>9 5:30p Worship Cmte 6:45p Interweave 7p Career Club</p> | <p>10 6p Activities Cmte 6:45p Church Council</p> | <p>11 2p Village Play Group 5:30Chalice Night</p> | <p>12 5:30p Personnel Cmte 6:30p PDR Subcmte 7:15p Choir</p> | <p>13 7p UUCF</p> | <p>14</p> |
| <p>15 9:30a SMART 9:30 Board Forum 9:45a Chldrn's Act 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30p MS Yth 12:39p Chrch Tour</p> | <p>16 6p Cong. Services Cmte 6:30p Public Relations Cmte 7p Career Club</p> | <p>17 6p Board</p> | <p>18 2p Village Play Group 5:30p Chalice Night</p> | <p>19 7p Eleanor Wiley lecture 7:15p Choir</p> | <p>20 6p Interweave 6:30 *Recital</p> | <p>21 8pm *Private Evt</p> |
| <p>22 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldrn's Act 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30pShared Min Info. Session 12:30p MS Yth 2p Eleanor Wiley Wkshp 6:30p Cir. Supper</p> | <p>23 12p Brown- baggers 6:15p Shared Ministry Cmte 7p OWL planning 7p Career Club</p> | <p>24 7p Finance Cmt</p> | <p>25 2p Village Play Group 5:30p Chalice Night</p> | <p>26 7:15p Choir</p> | <p>27 7p UUCF</p> | <p>28 4p *Private Evt</p> |
| <p>29 9:30a SMART 9:45a Chldrn's Act 10:55a Col 10:55a RE 12:30p MS Yth 6p CUUPS - Beltane</p> | <p>30 7p Career Club</p> | | <p>2p Village Play Group 5:30p chalice Night</p> | <p>7:15p Choir</p> | <p>7p UUCF 7p *Private Evt</p> | <p>5p *Private Evt</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>* Denotes outside group or activity not officially affiliated with First Unitarian</small></p> |

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Celebrations of Life

Sunday services begin at 10:55 a.m.

April 1 *Looking to Liberation. The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman, Fran Weinstock, and company.* The Ancient Jewish festival of Passover begins at sunset on April 2nd. It is a story of slavery and freedom, that has a power and meaning, still.

April 8 *Death, Life, and Love.* This Easter Sunday, celebrate this holy day along with your sisters and brothers in First U's partner church in Nagayenyed, Romania. This Celebration of Life will join together Kentucky and Transylvanian customs, including communion for those who wish to partake. Thanks to **Will Plummer, Lisa Willner,** and the **Choir for All Ages,** there will be some very special music at this intergenerational worship service.

April 15 *A Celebration of Books and Libraries.* Led by the **Worship Committee.**

April 22 *The Body of Earth. Will Plummer, the Rev. Betsy Scheuerman, the choir, and musical guests.* What happens when we take seriously the notion of Earth as a Body? What are the wounds we inflict on it? What are the pleasures we take from it? How does it heal us, and how do we heal it? This Celebration of Life will explore these themes through poetry (April is National Poetry Month) and music (today is Music Sunday). All your bodies are welcome.

April 29 *Art as Inspiration.* Join our **Middle School Youth Group** for our annual youth-led Celebration of Life. Drawing on the "You the Creator" curriculum series and other sources, worship leaders will explore the role that art plays in our lives.