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Annual Meeting to be Held June 4

from **Penny Nader, President & Jane Martin Buckley, Secretary**

The Annual Meeting of the First Unitarian Church of Louisville will be held on Monday, June 4, 2007, at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary. Members who signed the book on or before April 5, 2007, are eligible to vote. Proxy forms are available on the web site and in the volunteer area at church. They must be received by the President or the Secretary no later than 6:30 pm on June, 3, 2007.

At the meeting the following officers will be elected: two new Board members, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 members of the newly established Nominating Committee. A letter will be sent to members with the names of the candidates for these offices.

In addition, other orders of business are:

- 1) Electing 5 members of the 7 member ministerial search committee from the 17 candidates that have applied
- 2) Adopting the budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year
- 3) Selecting delegates to the 2007 General Assembly

There will be childcare and light refreshments available.

Campout Deadline Approaches

The UU Campout is scheduled for Friday, June 8, at 5 pm through Sunday, June 10, at 11 am at O'Bannon Woods in Indiana. Registration materials are available at the Church or by emailing **Brian Daly** at xxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx. A completed form and a \$10 reservation fee are due by June 4.

Activities include a GPS/nature/scavenger hunt, a Bunco party, other games, crafts and tie dye (BYO Shirt), ghost stories, music, and whatever sports we can muster. This is a fun way to enjoy nature and still have a relatively civilized camping adventure (with real beds, hot showers, and flush toilets). This is the way to enjoy camping with a great group of UUs.

To seek the truth in love...

Shared Ministry

To the Members and Friends of First U,

It was a little over 2 years ago that I became the Shared Ministry Coordinator at this church. Wayne and I had been members less than a month when I applied for the job. At that time Wayne had been home for about 3 months following a very lengthy hospital stay. I read in an FYI or Steepletalk about the availability of the SMC position. After weeks of conversation we agreed that my returning to work would be good for both of us, and the Shared Ministry position was one that was at least loosely related to my seminary training. We also agreed that we would evaluate the situation after I'd worked for a couple of years.

This March we began that evaluation. We included family, a few friends outside of the church, Betsy and Lisa in our conversations about our futures at First U. We immediately came to the conclusion that we want First U to be our church home for years to come. We joined the church before I became a staff member; we want to continue our membership after I resign.

We also looked at our life situation. Wayne's health has improved remarkably. He was able to be out of his chair 4 to 5 hours a day two years ago whereas now he remains in his chair from 8 to 12 hours daily (depending on the length of the church committee meeting that evening).

We have decided that it is time to take advantage our good health and to fulfill our "travel" dreams. Our plan is to be out of state at least 2 months of every year and to make lengthy trips to Louisiana a few times a year to attend (Do I even need to explain this?) LSU sporting events of every kind.

All of that is to say that after much "flip-flopping," crying, talking etc., I have decided that it is time for me to resign as Shared Ministry Coordinator at First Unitarian. Further, both

Wayne and I will likely stay away from active participation in the church for several months. You'll see us at the occasional Celebration of Life and at various Social Events, but by the end of July, I will not be working on staff at the church and we'll not be around very often.

You will likely hear several "interpretations" of my resignation. Before passing along a version of my resignation that differs from what is written in this article, please feel free to talk to me. I will be as candid as I think is appropriate.

Also, please know that First U has been one of my favorite work environments, and it certainly has provided me opportunity to learn what it is like to work with passionate, dedicated people who are committed to working for justice in their communities - local, regional, national, and international. This church is a wonderful presence in our lives, and we hold dear the friendships we have made since becoming members. We look forward to our continued work in this church.

Linda

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 June 24, 2007

in the Church Library at 12:30 pm.

Can't make this one? The next information session will be held July 22.

Search Committee Candidates

from Carol Uebelhoer

Pat Allison
Jane Martin Buckley
Kathy Drehmel
Debra Gilbert
Seana Golder
Holly Hogue
Joan S. Johnson
Angela Klueber

Lori Martin
Ralph A. Moss
John Nader
Kris Philipp
Jill Sampson
Doug Taylor
Kathy Thackery
Kit Willihnganz
Kay Woodworth

Candidate applications can be found in the “Members Only” section of the website (www.firstulou.org) or in the box labeled “Ministerial Search Committee Applications” in the volunteer area.

There are also two fora scheduled to meet and talk with the applicants. The first is on May 23 at 7:00pm and the second is May 27 after the Celebration of Life. You can also catch them at Coffee Hour; just look for the folks with the yellow armadillo on their nametags.

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from Brian Daly

The Board met on May 15 to discuss the Ministerial Search, Reorganization, and to review and work on the Church’s budget.

- **Ministerial Search:** A total of 17 candidates applied for the Ministerial Search Committee. Candidate materials are posted in the Members Only section of the First U website and paper copies are posted on a kiosk in the Social Hall and at the front counter of the office. Sessions to meet the candidates are scheduled for May 23 at Chalice night and May 27 before Church. A secret ballot will be distributed at the June 4 Board meeting where members will select their top five choices.

- **Reorganization efforts** are continuing. The Board approved the establishment of the 5 ministries and is asking Shared Ministry to select 5 lay ministry leaders for approval by the Board and from 6 (Worship) to 9 key members for each ministry. Over the summer, each ministry will work to develop by-law descriptions for their ministry.

- **The Church budget** is still being developed. The Treasurer and Finance Committee are meeting with the Congregation (May 16 and June 3) to gather additional input. The challenges are to meet our financial obligations, maintain essential activities, and move to strengthen our revenues. Various suggestions such as a supplemental pledge drive and creative fund raising efforts are under consideration.

The Board meets again on Monday, May 21.



Reviews

The great end in religious instruction is not to stamp our minds upon the young, but to stir up their own; Not to make them see with our eyes, but to look inquiringly and steadily with their own.... – William Ellery Channing

These lines by the great 19th Century Unitarian minister serve as a near-mantra for many liberal religious educators. I find myself returning to Channing's observations on many occasions: when I am preparing to orient/train a new group of R.E. volunteers, when I find myself in need of a reminder of our religious education mission, when I attempt to tell newcomers or non-UUs about our religious faith, when I pause to reflect and evaluate how we're doing.

If last month's youth Celebration of Life, "The Arts as Inspiration" presented by our First U Middle School Youth Group, is any indication, then it looks to me like our congregation is doing a fine job. The service – youth-conceived, youth-written, youth-implemented – featured original music, original poetry, an original play, original artwork and commentary, as well as performances demonstrating levels of skill that could only be achieved through disciplined study and practice. And, as one member of the congregation commented, the service "illuminated a consistent theme throughout." But I haven't even come to the best part yet. The best part (from your religious educator's point of view) is that we are a congregation that allows – no, encourages! – our young people to speak in their own authentic voices.

While this may sound simple, it is a rare and precious gift, and doesn't just happen. While I was stirred on many levels by our youth service,

I found myself especially moved by the experience of being part of a congregation where such a service could take place. Our young people were not handed a script, or a belief system, or even a set of rules. Instead, they were given many years of nurturing and skilled R.E. teachers/advisors, high levels of volunteer and professional participation in their religious education, high expectations for their behavior, respect, a congregation-wide interest in their well-being, and enough trust to offer them the pulpit. I'm grateful and humbled to be part of a community that nurtures the minds and spirits of its young people by allowing them to discover and express who they truly are -- that, in Channing's words, provides a religious education "not to form an outward regularity, but to touch inward springs." On behalf of our children and youth, thank you for the gift.

Peace,

Lisa

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Additional times available by appointment.

Thanks to all our children, youth, parents, teachers, advisors, and other R.E. volunteers for a wonderfully fulfilling 06-07 church year. The final Sunday for 06-07 youth groups, first hour children's programming, "regular" children and youth R.E. classes, and other special programming ends May 27th, and will resume in September. Throughout June, there are many opportunities for multigenerational worship (see schedule below), with our Summer Children's R.E. Programs to begin on Sunday, July 1st. For more information about Summer R.E. for children, or to volunteer to help out a Sunday in July or August, contact **Mary Griffin**, our **Summer Children's R.E. Coordinator**, at xxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.

June Sunday Morning Schedule:

- June 3--MULTIGENERATIONAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Flower Communion and New Member Recognition
- June 10--ALL CHURCH CAMPOUT WEEKEND. No children's programming today.
- June 17--ALTERNATE R.E. PROGRAMS for children, 10:55 – 12:00. Elementary-school age children in the Open Classroom. Preschoolers in the Preschool Room.
- June 24--MULTIGENERATIONAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Blessing of the Animals.

Note that **Nursery Care** will be provided each Sunday in June and throughout the summer.

The June **Religious Education Committee** meeting will be held off-site. Please contact Lisa Willner if you have any items of business for the R.E. Committee.

Summer SMART ~ Sunday Morning Adult Round Table ~Youth invited.

June 17 - Sept 2; 9:30 - 10:45 am.

Co-hosts/facilitators: Janice Molnar and Nancy Macphaerson.

Telling Our Stories: Journey Toward Each Other. This Summer SMART will follow the path of our converging families through religion and culture. We will notice the signposts of the Unitarians and the Universalists on our journey toward one other. Our collective stories may point to the seismic shifts that nudged us toward this gathering place.

Optional Resource Book: *A History of the 1st Unitarian Church of Louisville, KY 1830-2005* by John Findling and Jennifer Lavery. Members invited to contribute stories from UU history.

- June 17 -- Family Tap Roots: Religions of our Forefathers (and 4 Mothers). U&U Roots, Joan Johnson.
- June 24 -- Transplanted to America: UU & Us
- July 1 -- Cuttings: Separation of Church & State. Stories of Allegiance

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.

➔ **UUCF** is open to all church members, friends, and visitors, whether Christian, non-Christian, or questioning Christian. They meet on the second and last Friday of every month. They are currently reading Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity*. For more information contact **Geneva Fry** at xxx-xxxx.

➔ **The Worship Committee** is having a peculiar problem. Members and friends love our hymnals! We are so happy that so many people are eager to study and contemplate the many songs and readings the in hymnal, but... we need them here.

Please look around the house, and if you find any wandering hymnals, please bring them to church the next Sunday you attend. Thank you!

➔ **The Jewelry Sale** that is usually held in the spring will be held on Sunday, September 30 right after church. Hold onto those pieces of jewelry you thought of donating or contact Carol Findling if you can't wait that long.

➔ **Women's Alliance:** All are invited to attend our planning session on June 16, 2007, 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall, including a potluck brunch. **Joan Beal** will lead us through the goal setting process.

On April 28, the Women's Alliance gathered at **Linda Parry's** home bearing gifts for the women at the Center for Women and Families. It was a wonderful House Warming. We thank Linda for offering this House Warming idea of sharing and helping women who are trying to make that big step, starting their lives over, and also for opening her home to about thirty-five

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from **Jill Harmer**

Please save your hazardous waste products listed here, and in July (date to be announced in July *Steepletalk*) we will take them to the HAZ BIN for hazardous waste.

ITEMS ACCEPTED: Fluorescent light bulbs, batteries (auto, household and rechargeables) pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, fertilizers, lawn/garden chemicals, gasoline (including boat gas) kerosene, solvents and degreasers, mildew removers, mercury thermometers and thermostats, nail polish and removers, mothballs, furniture polishes and waxes, cleaners (bathroom, rug, upholstery, all-purpose spot removers), oven and drain cleaners, hearing aid/watch batteries, automotive fluids, mineral spirits/turpentine, varnishes and stains, wood preservatives, oil based paint or lead paint

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Items too big or heavy! Items from businesses, containers larger than 5 gallons or 40 pounds, radioactive materials, including smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, Freon®, latex paint. (While oil based paint or lead paint must be taken to HAZ BIN for disposal, water-based or latex paint is not a hazardous waste.)

women for this event. The day was beautiful, the food was great (thanks to the Women's Alliance Steering Committee) and we all enjoyed our time together.

We thank **Lois Allen** for doing the research and arranging a bank account for the Women's Alliance, a task not as easy as it sounds! Hope to see you on June 16; if you have any questions please contact **Kathy Thackeray** at xxx-xxxx or xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx

Social Responsibility

2006 Responsive Resolution

from **Bev Moore**

Resolved, that the Delegates to General Assembly are charged to work with their congregations to hold at least one program over the next year to address racism or classism, and to report on that program at next year's General Assembly.

This was the charge to every church from our General Assembly in June 2006. Below is a summary of our actions related to that resolution.

- Social Responsibility Committee sent **Audrey Little** to join in the NAACP's 50 years of Desegregation Conference and report back. Also, **Beverly Moore** presented research on the effects of desegregation.
- Social Responsibility and Denominational Relations Committees presented a community forum on October 29, 2006 on "Implications of the Supreme Court Case Meredith vs. Jefferson County Public Schools."
- The Social Responsibility Committee presented a March forum, "The Future of Our Public Schools," on the school systems plans for maintaining desegregation and diversity if the court ruling should go against the Louisville school system.
- In March and April 2007, the UUA Curriculum: "In Our Hands: A Peace and Social Justice Program," was presented at Chalice Night.
- On three other Chalice Night evenings another group led by **Linda Givens** viewed and discussed the video "Race: The Power of an Illusion," which looked at the cultural and social construct we call race.

- **Jasmine Walston** attended the "Now Is the Time" conference on creating multi-racial, multi-cultural congregations in Washington DC.
- A Sunday Morning Adult Round Table program called "Speaking of Race" was led by **Jasmine Walston** drawing on resources from the "Now Is the Time" conference and "DriveTime Essays 1".

Go to www.firstulou.org for the complete report to the UUA from First Unitarian, more complete descriptions, and commentary from participants.

Council Corner

from **Kathy Drehmel & Kathy Thackeray**
Co-Chairs, Council

On May 8 Council sponsored the last Committee Chair Gathering for the 2006--2007 church year. The purpose of the gathering was for Committee Chairs, present and future, and staff, to look at the church calendar for 2007---2008. Major church events that are known at this time were scheduled, as well as meeting dates for committees. All agreed that this was a "working" calendar, subject to change, but it did give everyone an idea of what was coming up. All committee chairs and staff received a copy of the calendar. We enjoyed fellowship and a pot luck salad and dessert before hand.

Council would like to thank all Program Committees Chairs, Affiliate Group Chairs, the Board of Trustees, and Staff for being so wonderfully supportive of the Chair Gatherings. They have been well attended and a great success!

Treasurer's Update

Pledge Drive Report

First Unitarian Church Operation and Building Maintenance Reserve April 30, 2007 Balance

Operation Reserve	\$ 62,721.66
Bldg Maintenance Reserve	\$115,313.98
Total Reserve	\$178,035.64

Interest Income July 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007
was \$ 8,986.18

First Unitarian Church Endowment Fund March 31, 2007 Balance

Money Market	\$129,137.62
Social Responsible Funds	\$534,337.05
Total Endowment Fund	\$663,474.67

Interest Income July 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007
was \$ 14,343.38

Interweave



How many is too many? Are partners like potato chips? We will be discussing relationship boundaries (such as emotional, spiritual and physical) in polyamorous relationships. All are welcome to attend. Monday June 11, 7pm

Interweave will have a meeting on Friday, June 15 at 6:30pm. If you have questions about bisexual, gay, lesbian or transgender issues or how this church responds to them, come join the conversation. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, contact **Debbie Silverman** at xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx or xxx-xxxx.

from **Bev Moore**

As of May 16, our Pledge Drive total is **\$171,475**. There were 163 pledging units (units=individuals, couples, or families) including 8 independent youth pledges. The pledges ranged from \$25 to \$5000. The average pledge of adult units was \$1104. (Average including youth was \$1052.)

Both the pledge total and the average pledge are higher in absolute numbers than our church has ever pledged. It is not our highest pledge total if the numbers are adjusted for inflation. As will become clear as we work on our budget for next year, that pledge total is not enough to create the kind of program we would like to have and to keep our endowment from dwindling.

We are very grateful to those who raised their pledges, those who are pledging "Fair Share," and those who are supporting the church as best they can in straitened circumstances. As we prepare for the Annual Meeting with the approval of next year's budget, let us all work together to find the best ways to fund our ministry to the congregation and our service to the community.

Don't Stop Celebrating Now; Summer is on its Way

As a year-round church, we will continue holding Celebrations of Life every Sunday. We will be having several talented guest musicians as well as gifted speakers from near and far. **Katy Brown** is our Summer Service Coordinator this year. If you wish to contact her regarding worship services in July and August, you may send email to xxxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx or call (xxx) xxx-xxxx.

Reorganization News

As part of the “kickoff” to this interim time, your board and interim minister met for six hours with the Interim District Executive, **Lisa Presley**. One of the priorities that emerged in that time was to come up with an alternate organizational structure: one with greater clarity about responsibilities and authority. Lisa Presley suggested that this could be done on a trial basis.

Meanwhile, Appreciative Inquiry groups revealed that one of the primary strengths at First was its religious education program. After much discussion, research, and input, the task force recommended to the Board an organizational model that involves forming five ministries in a format similar to the way RE functions now. The Board endorsed the recommendation.

The model that will be tried out this coming church year sets up five ministries:

- Resources (most of the financial and operational committees),
- Member Ministry (member services and development),
- Outreach Ministry (service to the community, both locally and globally),
- Worship (Sunday Services, Rites of Passage, etc), and
- RE.

Shared Ministry has been asked to help us staff the five ministries (generally with our existing committee folks). Throughout the summer we will work on revising bylaws.

Although we are starting now, the next church year will be experimental in nature, testing how well this organizational model functions. The hope is that there will be better coordination, communication, and common purpose; greater flexibility; less burnout and committee

fatigue; and more satisfying opportunities for involvement in the church’s ministries. Our goal is to make service to our church, and through our church, something that feeds souls and betters the world.

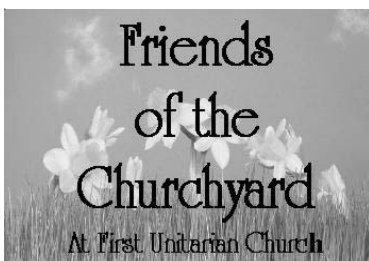
If you have questions and concerns, please feel free to contact our Reorg Group through **Brian Daly** at xxxxxxx@xxxxxxx.xxx or by leaving questions/statements in the Board mailbox. We will be providing regular updates for you.

Just among ourselves

Bob Ballard’s older brother, **Bill Ballard**, died on Tuesday, May 15, after a ten year battle with cancer. Bill was retired from St. Xavier High School, having taught German for many years. A memorial service for Bill is being held at Unity Church on May 26. We send our condolences to Bob and his family.

We made \$237 on the day of the plant sale. **Carol Findling** has several African violets, and day lilies and black-eyed Susans to be dug if anyone is interested.

Congratulations to **Kathy Thackeray** on her retirement from teaching! Kathy started teaching in 1970 in a Head Start program in Philadelphia, PA. Teaching positions over the years included a Kindergarten teacher assistant position at the American School in Warsaw, Poland. In Louisville, Kentucky she was a preschool/ kindergarten assistant at Hayfield Montessori (1985--1989) and preschool/kindergarten teacher at Hayfield Montessori (1989--2007). We wish Kathy the best in her retirement years, and know she will find many ways to keep busy!



“Friends of the Churchyard” Project Seeks Volunteers

*Imagine you wake up
with a second chance: The blue jay
hawks his pretty wares
and the oak still stands, spreading
glorious shade.*

Rita Dove

For those who like to work in the yard and help our church at the same time, First U’s house and grounds committee, along with **Carol Findling** and building supervisor **Earl Reynolds**, invites volunteers to “adopt” sections of plants and grassy areas in our church yard to care for. Each volunteer may choose which area to maintain and its size. Volunteers may work alone or with others. Everyone—from novice to expert gardener—is welcome!

An orientation session with refreshments for the volunteers will be held on Sunday, June 17 immediately after the church service. **Jeneen Wiche**, co-host of WFPL radio’s “Home Grown” gardening show, will lead a brief informational tour of the church yard.

To volunteer or for more information, please call Kathy Kremer at xxx-xxxx or email xxxxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx, or stop by an information table after church in the Social Hall in June.

Get Involved with the UUA

from **Bev Moore**

The Committee on Committees of the UUA Board of Trustees is now accepting applications to fill the following vacancies:

1. General Assembly Planning Committee: One board-appointed position, for a two-year term beginning June 25, 2007.
2. Commission on Appraisal: One vacancy, beginning June 25, 2007, to be appointed to complete the last two-years of a current elected term.
3. Committee on Socially Responsible Investing: One vacancy, beginning immediately.

More information and applications are available at: <http://www.uua.org/aboutus/governance/boardtrustees/committees/committee/index.shtml>



First Unitarian Church Members Participate in the UUA-wide Reconsideration of the UU Principles.

At the April SMART meetings, about 16 First U members discussed and considered what they wanted to keep and what to change in the UU principles. The group used a curriculum provided by the Commission on Appraisal, a UUA elected group that has taken on the task of updating the principles. The SMART group’s recommendations have been sent in as our church’s contribution to the UUA-wide study. The report to the Commission on Appraisal from First U can be read at www.firstulou.org.

Building Use Calendar for June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Denotes outside group or activity not officially affiliated with First Unitarian					1 7p Drum Circle	2 *1pm Private Evt
3 9:30a SMART 10:55a Multi-generational Col 12:30p MusicCmt	4 6p Annual Congregational Meeting	5 5:30p SMART Curric. Team 6:30p RE Cmte 6:30p SocResp Cmte.	6 2p Village Play Group 4p Partner Church Cmt 5:30Chalice Night	7	8 4:30 CHURCH CAMPOUT 7p UUCF	9 CHURCH CAMPOUT
10 CHURCH CAMPOUT 9:30a SMART 10:55a Col	11 4p Partner Church 5:30p Worship Cmte 7p Interweave	12 6p CongregSvcs 6p Activities Cmte 6:30p SocResp Cmte.	13 2p Village Play Group 5:30p Chalice Night	14 6:30p PDR Subcmtc	15	16 9a Women's Alliance 8p Private Evt*
17 9:30a SMART 10:55 RE for children 10:55a Col	18 11:30p Brown-baggers 6:30p Public Relations Cmte	19 6p Board of Trustees	20 2p Village Play Group 5:30p Chalice Night	21 *6p Private Evt	22	23 *6p Private Evt
24 9:30a SMART 10:55a Multi-generational Col	25 6:15p Shared Ministry Cmte	26 7p Finance Cmte	27 2p Village Play Group 5:30p chalice Night	28	29 7p UUCF	30

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Celebrations of Life

Sunday services begin at 10:55 a.m.

June 3 *Flower Communion; New Member Sunday.* Flower communion is the only uniquely Unitarian Universalist holiday, created by Norbert Capek. We will be celebrating that holiday today, on the anniversary of Capek's birth. We will also welcome new members. **Please bring a flower.** This Celebration of Life is intergenerational. **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman**

June 10 *Into the Wilderness.* What does the wilderness represent to us? What do we fear about it, what propels us toward it, what can we learn from it? Some members and friends will be at the annual campout, but for those who aren't, we can contemplate the wilderness from the vantage point of First's beautiful sanctuary. **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman**

June 17 *Common and Uncommon Bedfellows - Friends, Allies and the Sexual Minority.* Our annual Pride Service. **Jack Jackson** and **Debbie Silverman** leading.

June 24 *Blessing the Animals.* Today we will honor the pets and animal friends who are a part of our blessed community. You are invited to bring pets on leashes or in appropriate carriers to the Celebration of Life. They must have adult supervision at all times for the safety and enjoyment of everyone. We encourage you to bring pictures or mementos of pets living or gone to decorate the platform. The service will be led by **Tiffany** and **Doug Taylor**.