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### Thanksgiving Feast Planned at First U

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

Interweave will provide one turkey and one tofurkey. This is a collective effort, organized by Interweave and made possible by your participation. Sign-up sheets will be available in the social hall. Dinner will be on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 22, starting at 2pm. If you have any questions, please contact **Jo Ann Dale** at [xxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx).

*You are cordially invited to a reception  
honoring*

*the Reverend Richard Beal,*

*on being named Minister Emeritus  
of First Unitarian Church.*

*Saturday Evening, November 24, 2007*

*6:00 -- 8:00 pm*

*First Unitarian Church*

*Childcare will be provided for children 5 years and  
under. Anyone needing childcare must RSVP to  
Kathy Drehmel, [xxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx).*

*Love is the spirit of this church...*

## From Your Interim Minister

About a month ago, I had a sort of mini-existential crisis: Where was my home? I felt, I suppose, a little like the baby bird protagonist of the children's book, *Are You My Mother?* That baby hatches while the mother is away, falls out of the nest, and knows that someone is missing. The baby goes searching for his mother, asking creatures and even machines, "Are you my mother?" Then, thanks to a literal *deus ex machina*, the baby bird is returned to the nest; his mother returns, and all is well.

Home is complicated for me: is it where I have been living for the past year (Louisville); where my husband lives (New Jersey); where I spent the majority of my adult life (Chicago); where I grew up (Wilmington, Delaware); or the landscape which shaped my parents and grandparents (northwest Kansas)? All of these places have some aspect of home; none are wholly home.

Because of our yearning for all that is represented by that word, Thanksgiving—the holiday most associated with home—is the busiest travel time of the year.

Sometimes I think of Unitarian Universalism as a sort of refuge, a home for the homeless. It is a tradition that does not require baptism or circumcision or creedal tests. It is a tradition that says, "Come, come, whoever you are..." The Universalist side of our tradition proclaimed, "All will be saved." The Unitarian side of our tradition reminded us "You need not think alike to love alike." Those two branches of our tradition are reflected in our seventh principle, which speaks of "the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part." This is a poetic and beautiful statement of an underlying Oneness, from which we cannot be estranged. No matter how far away we may feel from

home, our tradition reminds us that we are part of a whole.

Blessings,

*Betsy*

PS. One of the most remarkable happenings in Louisville is the annual Festival of Faiths. This year it runs November 4 - 10; the theme is Birth and Creation. Pick up a brochure at church, or go to [www.interfaithrelations.org](http://www.interfaithrelations.org), and check out all that is happening.



### Member Development Ministry

Greetings from your **Member Development Ministry** co-chairs – **Bev Daly** and **Julie Hiipakka**. With able assistance from team leaders **Gary Drehmel**, **Lois Allen**, **Monica Turner**, **Anne Miller**, **Holly Hogue**, **Barb Coles**, and **Phil Candee**, we are making progress toward our established goals and trying to brainstorm new ideas about how we can attract, retain, and involve more members in the life of the church.

Our first project was to collect information about the interests and activities our members and friends do both inside and outside of church. Thanks to everyone who participated! We're reviewing the information we collected and hope to start connecting those interested in getting more involved with the projects and ministries that need manpower. If you didn't turn in your survey yet, you still can – just give it to one of the Sunday greeters. Other projects in the works include planning more fun and family activities, working on a new member directory and identifying ways to get new members involved in the church quickly. If you have ideas, suggestions or want to help, contact us at [memberministry@firstulou.org](mailto:memberministry@firstulou.org).

# Search Committee



by Doug Taylor

## First Unitarian Search Committee Update – *Beyond Categorical Thinking*

“Will the new minister hear me? Will my concerns and needs be met? Will the minister understand what I’m living with? How will the community respond to our minister?”

In answering these questions, a picture of the “ideal minister” (categorized by age, gender, gender identity, nationality, physical ability, race, and sexual orientation) comes to mind. With this picture in place, it can be easy to unintentionally exclude ministers who fall into certain categories. At times, as we get caught up in comparing candidates to our “picture,” we can even forget what it is we hoped for in a minister.

On Sunday, November 11, First Unitarian Church will participate in the “**Beyond Categorical Thinking**” workshop offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) for congregations involved in the search for a new minister. The First Unitarian Search Committee invites all congregational leaders, members, and friends to participate in this workshop.

The Beyond Categorical Thinking program is designed to promote inclusive thinking and help prevent unfair discrimination in the search process for a new minister. This program includes a Sunday morning service with BCT workshop facilitators followed by a three hour workshop. In the workshop, First Unitarian Church members will:

- Consider the hopes, expectations, and concerns they have for a new minister
- Learn more about the ministerial search process, and
- Explore how thinking categorically about people sometimes interferes with choosing the best candidate.

Come on **Sunday, November 11, 2007** to participate in this UUA-sponsored workshop. The workshop is after church. A soup and sandwich luncheon will be provided.

The selection of a minister is important. The Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop is another opportunity for everyone in our congregation to be a part of that process. This experience will provide guidance for the search committee in our work.

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## Resources Ministry

The Resources Ministry is a support ministry. Its job is to support the Church’s mission by providing, maintaining, or securing the resources needed for the success of the many programs included in worship, religious education, member services, and outreach. We are a group of committees, task teams, and individuals whose functions include equipment, building, and grounds maintenance and improvement; financial accounting and development; securing and supporting staff; and other small support functions.

The ministry is still being formed; so far the members are **Trish Packowski, Kathy Kremer, Joe Kremer, Carol Uebelhoer, Rose Stevens, Ron Zorn, and Beverly Moore**, chair.

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## Reviews

*Show me your faith apart from your works,  
and I by my works will show you my faith.*

James 2:18

Our Unitarian Universalist tradition is a faith of action. Our UU Principles and Purposes, as well as our historical roots, underscore our denomination's commitment to working for justice and the common good. Several years ago, our First U Religious Education Committee set a goal for our children and youth to participate in one social action project each month. With very few exceptions, we have met and exceeded that goal month after month, year after year.

At the end of last month, our Senior High Youth Group participated in the AIDS Walk and raised \$471.70 from within and beyond our congregation. On November 4, both of our youth groups (Middle School and Senior High) will walk in the annual Kentuckiana Interfaith Council's Hunger Walk. We invite all in the congregation to walk with them and/or to lend financial support to this community cause. This week our senior high group will participate in an educational session to better understand issues of fair trade and the effects of the choices we make about how we spend our money.

After church on November 11, the senior high group will put their new knowledge into action by sponsoring and hosting a fair trade craft sale to benefit Esperanza in Accion, a grassroots Louisville-based organization dedicated to "economically empowering Nicaraguan families to lift themselves out of poverty through fair trade" (Esperanza en Accion website).

This year, our middle schoolers will continue their relationship with the Volunteers of America family shelter and Ronald McDonald House, and renew their commitment to our downtown Help Ministries. When our group learned that the Help office had lost funding to purchase personal care items, our youth responded by agreeing to spon-

sor a church-wide drive to collect needed items and to assist Help by assembling care kits to be distributed to homeless individuals. Items needed are disposable razors, toothbrushes, toilet paper, and travel size soaps, lotions, toothpaste, shampoo, and conditioner. Members of the Middle School Youth Group will collect items at our November 17 Family Dance and Potluck, or at any time prior to November 17.

And speaking of the dance, our special guest dance caller will be **Randy Wilson**. In addition to his talents as a folk musician, storyteller, dance caller, and songwriter, Randy is an active member of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. Randy will lead a session for the Sunday Morning Adult Round Table on November 18. Later that afternoon, both youth groups will participate in a special session with Randy to learn about mountain top removal and how they might get involved in the political process to bring this destructive practice to an end.

Meanwhile, our younger children participated in Trick or Treat for UNICEF, and will have the opportunity later this month to raise funds for the UU Service Committee through the Guest at Your Table program. Members of our 4th/5th grade class will also have a chance to become pen-pals with homebound members and friends of our congregation. And through our 4th/5th grade OWL program, participants have explored healthy relationships and challenged injustices such as heterosexism, stereotyping, and gender bias. Finally, members of our Coming of Age group will each complete a minimum of 8 hours of social service this year: that's 88 hours of volunteering!

Many thanks to our children and youth, and all the adults who support them, for showing us their faith through their good works.

Peace and action,

*Lisa*

## R.E. Announcements

## S.M.A.R.T.

- Every Sunday: Continental breakfast for sale in the Social Hall, 9:15 – 10:45 as a fundraiser for the Coming of Age UU Heritage Trip to Boston.
- November 4, 9:45 – 10:45, R.E. Library, Youth Adult Committee meeting.
- November 4 Middle School and Senior High Youth Groups will participate in the Hunger Walk. Your sponsorships/support will be much appreciated.
- November 5, 7:15 – 9:15, R.E. Ministry meeting, Open Classroom.
- November 11, 9:45 – 10:45, R.E. Library R.E. Teacher Appreciation Breakfast and Support Gathering
- November 11, after church. Fair Trade Craft Sale (alternative holiday shopping!) sponsored by the Senior High Youth Group to benefit Esperanza en Accion.
- 4th/5th Grade OWL class continues through November 11, 9:45 – 10:45. OWL Graduation Lunch, November 18 after church, for OWL participants and their parents.
- November 17 - It's time for our Annual Family Potluck and Folk Dance! 6:00 meal and 7:30 dance.
- November 18 – No R.E. Classes for children and youth today – come to our annual Multigenerational Thanksgiving Celebration of Life. Guest at Your Table boxes will be distributed.
- November 18 - Special Youth Group session with Randy Wilson, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, 1:00 – 2:30.
- November 18 – December 16 Time for the Holiday Choir for All Ages! Be a part of the multigenerational holiday tradition! Rehearsals on Sundays, 9:45 – 10:45, in the Social Hall. (We begin PROMPTLY at 9:45!)
- November 25 - Auditions for children and youth musicians to perform in the Religious Education Holiday Celebration of Life. Winter holiday music only please.

### Sunday Morning Adult Round Table

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

“Engaging Our Theological Diversity” will be Round Table’s focus throughout the coming year. This UUA report is available for purchase for \$10 from **Lisa Willner**, Director of Religious Education, or **Jasmine Walston**, Curricula Team Chair. It can be found online at [www.25.uua.org/coa/](http://www.25.uua.org/coa/).

Please join the Round Table at 9:30am each Sunday. Youth are invited to participate. For information about child care, contact Lisa or Jasmine.

➔ **Nov 4--Theology: How Do We Frame the World?** What do UUs believe about the Universe? Sin & Evil? Human Nature? God? Spirituality? Come with open minds and open hearts as we engage our theological diversity. **Jan Calvert**, facilitator. Chapter 5, *Engaging Our Theological Diversity*.

➔ **Nov 11--Theology**, continued. What are some theological challenges we face as UU’s? Where is our common ground? Come with open minds and open hearts as we engage our theological diversity. **Jan Calvert**, facilitator.

➔ **Nov 18--A View from the Kentucky Mountains.** Vast changes in thought and life are on the horizon for the energy century. Guest speaker **Randy Wilson** from Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.

➔ **Nov 25--Living Our Theological Diversity.** How can we continue to engage our theological diversity? Come with open minds and open hearts as we wrap up our sessions on our theological diversity. **Jan Calvert**, facilitator.

Curricula meeting to be arranged. For more information or to suggest a program, email the Curricula Team at [smart@firstulou.org](mailto:smart@firstulou.org) or call **Jasmine Walston** at xxx-xxxx.

## Visiting the Church?

If you've visited us a few times and want to know more about First Unitarian Church, please join us at the next **Information Session**. Bring your questions and your story. We'll cover the history of First Unitarian Church, discuss the activities and groups here and how to get involved, and you'll get to know other visitors, friends and members in the process. To let us know you're planning to attend, please email [xxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx).

**First Unitarian Church Information Session**  
**November 25, 2007**  
**12:30pm in the Church Library**

We look forward to getting to know you!

## Interweave



- ✓ Monday, November 12, at 6:30pm: Polyamory & Prospective Ministers. How are potential ministerial candidates affected by our history around this issue, including the April 2005 resolution?
- ✓ Friday, November 16 at 6:30pm: Planning meeting to prepare for Thanksgiving and our December Holiday party.
- ✓ Thursday, November 22 at 2pm: Thanksgiving dinner for the three local UU Churches at First Unitarian.
- ✓ Friday, December 21 at 6:30pm: Holiday Party! See December *Steepletalk* for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact **Jo Ann Dale** at [xxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx) or **Angela Klueber** at [xxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx).

from **Cathy Rogers**

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, the Board of Trustees:

1. Heard a report from Claudia Runge on the progress of stewardship.
2. Heard a report from Jill Sampson on the progress of the Search Committee including information about a DVD that the committee will be filming at different church events.
3. Heard the Minister's report.
4. Heard the RE Directors report and is considering providing a credit card to RE similar to the Search Committee's card for covering expenses.
5. Will be reviewing personnel contracts for Instrumentalist and Music Director.
6. Heard a report from Kathy Drehmel on the progress in planning for the Richard Beal Reception.
7. Reviewed a Draft of the Child Care Policy and Procedure.
8. Heard a report from John Grossman on the progress of the Reorganization Evaluation Team.
9. Agreed to hire Barbara Child to be the consultant for Right Relations work with the congregation which will begin in November.

Dates to remember:

- Nov 2 & 3, 2007 Power Church Training
- Nov 11, 2007 Beyond Categorical Thinking Service and Workshop
- Nov 24, 2007 Richard Beal Reception
- Feb 15-17, 2008 Leadership Development Con for Youth
- March 8, 2008 Fellowship Dinner
- March 9, 2008 Canvas Sunday

The next regular meeting of the Board is November 13 at 6 pm.

### From the Treasurer

September totals...	
Income	\$ 13,370
Expenses	\$ 20,462

# Yuletide Fare



Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, Dec. 8**, First Unitarian Church will host our 3rd annual Yuletide Fare, opening the church to the community and selling a wide variety of homemade foods and crafts, as well as serving an elegant luncheon. Last year, 100+ adults and youth worked together to make the Yuletide Fare a success, netting more than \$4,000 to benefit our church and its programs.

After considerable thought and discussion, the Yuletide Fare planning group has decided to make a couple of changes this year that will help us ensure safety and quality while also saving our volunteers a lot of time:

- ◆ This year, all food items will be made in the church kitchen, using the planning group's recipes and provided ingredients. This includes cookies, fudge, and other candies. We'll have plenty of cooking opportunities, and there will always be someone there to help. (Exception: We'll once again ask for homemade desserts for the luncheon.)

- ◆ After two years' experience, we've determined that making jams and other canned goods is neither a good use of our volunteers' time nor, unfortunately, always a guaranteeably safe process. However, our customers want to buy high-quality, homemade jams and jellies. To best serve both our interests and those of our customers, this year our canned goods will be made for us by Jill's Jams and Jellies (<http://www.jillsjam.com/>). Jill's products are made in small batches, exactly the way we would make them ourselves: no colors, flavorings, or filler ingredients. The jar labels will bear our name and a photo of the church, in addition to mentioning Jill's. We've tasted a wide variety of Jill's products, and they are extremely high quality and delicious!

Here's an important note to keep in mind as you plan your shopping trip to the Yuletide Fare:

This year we will not mark down prices the day after the Fare. We're adjusting our quantities and product mix, and we hope to sell out of nearly everything the day of the Fare. Items that are left will be sold at full price after church the following day. So, to be sure you get the items you want, come to the Fare on December 8!

We invite all First Unitarian individuals, committees, and groups to be a part of this church event. Volunteers have already begun sewing and shopping, and soon we'll begin cooking. And we need YOUR help! Sign up in the social hall after the Celebration of Life or contact **Tiffany Taylor**, [xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxx.xxx) or xxx-xxxx, for specific times and ways that you can be part of this fun event.

## Computer Training Available

First U is conducting training in Power Church (the church's software) on November 2 from 4-8 pm and November 3 from 8:30 to 4 pm. If you are interested in learning how to use this software and are willing to help with occasional data entry, please sign up for this training. Contact **Brian Daly** at [xxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx) or xxx-xxxx if you are interested.

## Eco-challenge!

The Sr High Youth group is again embracing environmental causes this year, and what location is closer to our hearts than our church home? In an effort to be good stewards of our church's financial resources and our Earth's resources, each Sunday the SHYG turns off our classroom lights and air conditioner during RE. We open the blinds to utilize natural lighting, and quite frankly, we've been just sweating it out with the warm temperatures! We feel very good about making these mindful choices, and we challenge all others who use the spaces in the church to be mindful as well.

# News and Notes

*It's time for our annual*

## **Family Potluck and Folk Dance!**

All ages, all levels of experience and ability are welcome. Our special guest dance caller is **Randy Wilson** from Leslie County, KY. Randy is an expert caller for novices as well as experienced dancers. Music provided by **Cari Norris, Jim McGee, and Jim Schweickart.**

**November 17 ~ Potluck at 6:00 ~ Dancing at 7:30.** Please bring a dish to share and your dancing shoes! (If you don't have dancing shoes, come anyway!)

Members of our Middle School Youth Group will be on hand to collect personal care items for Help Ministries. (For a complete list of items needed, see REviews on page 4.)

## **Winter Retreat for Young Adults**

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Owensboro, KY is hosting a Winter Retreat for UU Young Adults (18-25) on M.L. King, Jr. weekend of 2008, January 18-21. Programs during the retreat weekend will include "Grow Deeper in UU Identity," "Share the Work of Justice," and "Learn Lifelong Skills in Theological Reflection." **Registration deadline is November 15, 2007.**

Some registration/application materials are available in the R.E. Office, or contact (270) xxx-xxxx or [xxxxxxx@xxxxxx.net](mailto:xxxxxxx@xxxxxx.net) for more information. Cost for the weekend retreat is \$125.

## **Support the Coming of Age Graduates' Trip to Boston**

by **Patty Kannapel**

This year for the first time, those youth who complete the Coming of Age program will have the opportunity to visit Boston, MA, for four days as part of a UUA Heritage Tour. The cost of the trip is approximately \$600 per person. The youth and their families will be sponsoring various fund-raisers this year to defray the cost, and invite you to participate and help the youth make this trip. Here are two ways you can help now:

### **Sunday Breakfast in Social Hall**

Each Sunday from 9:15 to 10:50, the CoA candidates will offer a yummy, affordable continental breakfast featuring Nord's pastries, bagels and cream cheese, juice, and milk (coffee will be available, as always). Most items sell for \$1 or less. Stop in on your way to SMART sessions, meetings, choir practice, etc. and have a bite to eat to support our youth.

As a courtesy to others and for the care of our building, please enjoy your breakfast in the social hall or outside. **Please do not take food or drink into the Sanctuary.**

### **Donations for Financial Assistance**

We hope that all of the youth who wish to make this trip can do so, but the fundraisers are unlikely to cover the entire cost for all youth. In order to offer financial assistance to youth who qualify, we may need to raise up to \$1500 beyond the fundraisers. Church members who wish to donate to this cause may give their contributions to the Director of Religious Education, Lisa Willner, place donations in the RE Ministry mailbox in the volunteer area, or mail your contribution to First Unitarian Church, 809 South 4th St., Louisville, KY 40203. Please do so by Nov. 30

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# Chalice Night

from **Holly Hogue**

Join members, friends and visitors on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:15pm for a wonderful meal prepared by **Tiffany Taylor** (cost \$4 full meal; \$2 small portion; free for children under 10). Everyone joins in to clean up from 6:15 to 6:40. Child care is provided from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Stay for the Centering Service at 6:45pm in the sanctuary. At 7:10pm attend one of the programs and find community and growth through meeting with others who have similar interests. Program dates change from time to time. Check the web site - <http://www.firstulou.org/re/chalicenight.html> - and volunteer area for new classes yet to be scheduled.

## **November 7, 2007:**

**Menu:** tortellini in marinara sauce; confetti salad; garlic toast; chocolate chip cake

**Programs:** Those Liberal Sew and Sews; *A Holy Curiosity: Stories of a Liberal Religious Faith* - Facilitated by **Betsy Scheuerman**; *ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE, A Year of Food Life* by Barbara Kingsolver - An interactive book review facilitated by **Penny Nader**; and International Folk Dancing with **Rose and David Stevens**. The focus will be on Romanian dance.

## **November 14, 2007:**

**Menu:** meatloaf and veggie loaf; scalloped cauliflower gratin; green beans ; sour cream pound cake with fudge sauce

**Programs:** The Search Committee - a progress report; "American HerStory: Reading Women into the American Story." Historian and Archi-

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### **Supporting CoA Graduates** *(continued)*

so that we know how much assistance we can offer. Checks should be made out to First Unitarian Church; with the subject line indicating Coming of Age financial assistance.

vist **Kathie Johnson** will facilitate. November's book is *The Women of the House: How a Colonial She-Merchant Built a Mansion, a Fortune, and a Dynasty*, by Jean Zimmerman; CUUPs - Spiritual Living as a Pagan; and *A Holy Curiosity: Stories of a Liberal Religious Faith* - Facilitated by **Betsy Scheuerman**

## **November 28, 2007**

**Menu:** corn chowder; green goddess salad; homemade mac & cheese; peach cobbler

**Programs:** CUUPs - Stones and Gems; *A Holy Curiosity: Stories of a Liberal Religious Faith* - Facilitated by **Betsy Scheuerman**; *ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE, A Year of Food Life* by Barbara Kingsolver - An interactive book review facilitated by **Penny Nader**; and Go Solar? Fishbowl: A proposal to install solar panels on the First Unitarian roof for the production of electricity will be the topic for this fishbowl discussion. Long term savings, short term costs, and environmental impact are among the issues we'll explore. **Joe Kremer** and **Jasmine Walston**, leaders.

## **Women's Alliance**

On Wednesday, November 7, the Women's Alliance will meet during Chalice Night to make items for the table we'll sponsor at the Yuletide Fare. In addition to sewing and knitting, we will be making craft items that involve no sewing or knitting. They involve cutting and pasting and stamping and tying.

If you have been wanting to contribute to the construction of items for our table, but you don't knit or sew, please consider joining us for the construction of gift tags and bookmarks to sell. Everyone is welcome.

# Church Matters

## Access Directory on Website

We now have an updated Church Directory in the “Members Only” section of the website. If you do not know how to access this section, please call the Church office for the username and password. If you have access to the internet, please check your listing for accuracy and print the latest Directory.

Please send changes or corrections to [xxxx@xxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxx@xxxxx.xxx) as they occur. If you do not have access to the internet and would like an updated version of the Church Directory, please call the office and request a copy. The next step will be to get photographs of everyone. Our church software, Powerchurch, has the capability of producing church directories with photos and everything.

## Thank You Note

First U received a lovely note from the RE Committee Chair of Holston Valley Unitarian Church thanking our congregation for the \$25 we sent to help with rebuilding after a fire.

## Brownbaggers

Meet in the church library at **11:30 on 26 November (Note the change of time and date.)**. The term “The Remnant Trust” will have more meaning to you if you attend the next Brownbaggers meeting. After eating, we will carpool over the river to the 101-year-old Carnegie Library building on Court Avenue in downtown Jeffersonville.

This beautiful old building has been completely renovated. Thoughtful people have transformed it into a repository for rare historically important documents. These documents depict the struggle through the ages for democratic self rule of the world’s people. Come join us! We will be given a tour, and at no cost.

## Fair Trade Sale

On **November 11**, the **Sr. High Youth Group** is sponsoring a **fair trade sale at First U, from 12 - 1 pm**. The fair trade group Esperanza en Accion will have beautiful crafts from Nicaragua for sale - perfect for personal use or gifts, and to show our support for economic justice. Handmade baskets, jewelry, artwork and more will be available.



## Board Seeks Child Care Coordinator

The Board is currently in search of a member or friend of First Unitarian who has some knowledge of early childhood development and good organizational skills to fill a temporary, part-time, paid position as **Coordinator of Child Care**. If you, or someone you know, would be interested please contact **Brian Daly**, xxx-xxxx or [xxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx).

## New Keys!

The Library Lane door has been rekeyed in an effort to keep track of the keys to the building. Consequently, only the Office Manager may issue keys. A Key Policy that guides the distribution of keys is available on the First Unitarian Church website ([www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org)) or in the Church Volunteers Area. Please help us by turning in keys when they are no longer needed. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation.

## ~Steepletalk Deadline Changes~

Please note that deadline Fridays for *Steepletalk* will be moved forward a week in November and December as follows:

**November 16 - Deadline for Dec. edition**  
**December 14 - Deadline for Jan. edition**

# Building Use Calendar for November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9a Search Cmte 9:30a SMART 9:45a OWL 9:45a YAC 10:55a Col 10:55 RE for children 1p Youth	5 6p Congregational Services Cmte 7:15p RE Cmte	6 5:30p SMART Curriculum	7 10a DRE Cluster 2:30p Village Playgroup 5:30p Chalice Night	8 5:30p Personnel Cmte 7:15p Choir rehearsal	9 6:30p Coming of Age 5:30p UUCF	10 9a Yuletide prep 9a House and Grounds Cmte
11 9a Search Cmte 9:30a SMART 9:45a OWL 10:55a Col 10:55 RE for children 12:30p YltidePrep 1p Youth	12 6:30p Interweave	13 6p Board of Trustees	14 2:30p Village Playgroup 5:30p Chalice Night	15 7:15p Choir rehearsal	16 <b>12p Steepletalk deadline</b> 6:30p Interweave	17 9a Yuletide prep 6p Family Potluck, Dance 8p * Private Evt
18 9a Search Cmte 9:30a SMART 9:45a Choir for All Ages 10:55a Col 10:55 RE for children 12:30p YltidePrep 1p Youth	19	20 5:30p Patnrn Church	21 2:30p Village Playgroup 5:30p Chalice Night	22 OFFICE CLOSED 2pm Thanksgiving Dinner	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 9a Yuletide prep 6p Reception for Richard Beal
25 9a Search Cmte 9:30a SMART 9:45a Choir for All Ages 10:55a Col 10:55 RE for children 12:15p Info sess. 12:30p YltidePrep 1p Youth	26 11:30 Brownbaggers	27 7p Finance Cmte	28 2:30p Village Playgroup 5:30p Chalice Night	29 7:15p Choir	30 5:30p UUCF	* Denotes outside group or activity not officially affiliated with First Unitarian

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## Celebrations of Life

*Sunday services begin at 10:55 a.m.*

**November 4** *Precious Wisdom.* While all wisdom is precious, this Celebration of Life will explore the wisdom of a fictional character--Precious Ramotswa, founder and proprietor of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, in Botswana. **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman**

**November 11** *Beyond Categorical Thinking.* When encountering someone "other," what assumptions do we make? What stereotypes lurk? What barriers do we put up? What defenses? How do we become more fully welcoming? This Celebration of Life is sponsored by the Search Committee. Speakers and workshop leaders will be **Eddy Carroll** (from Denver, Colorado), and **Michael Takada** (from Evanston, IL). They come highly recommended by Keith Kron.

**November 18** *Practicing Praise: An Intergenerational Celebration of Life.* One of my favorite poems ("Praise Song," by Barbara Crocker) begins: "Praise the light of late November..." What happens when we learn to praise, not only the glowing and growing light of spring, but the weak and dwindling light of late November? When we learn to say "Thanks" not only for what is abundant, but also for what is meager? **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman.**

**November 25** *So You're Dead -- Now What?* For many of us, especially in this culture, the concept of an afterlife has been drilled into us for as long as we can remember. This exercise in thought control may have even had its beginnings before we were able to walk or talk in complete sentences. But what if there is no afterlife? What if the here and now is all that there is? **John Wiggins** will explore this question from the perspective of his own confrontation with this issue.